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Fortnightly Newsletter



Please remember to follow us on Facebook and X for more news and pictures, and also the weekly blogs for each year group which can be found on our website.



David Coleman—Royal Marines Public Speaker

Last week we invited David Coleman, an ex-marine who almost lost his life on the job. He spoke to us about building resilience and trying new things in order to achieve our full potential. He told us of all the choices he has had to make in order to get where he is today and many of the things he has done, he didn't want to but knew he had to challenge himself in order to learn and grow. During one of his tours of Afghanistan, he was hit by a grenade, leading to him needing life-saving surgery. He was given the chance to go home once he had recovered, but refused as he knew his team were depending on him and he wanted to continue to help people safely escape the war zone. He could have taken the "easy option" but never did. He wanted us to all challenge ourselves in order to achieve as things worth having often don't come easily. What a truly inspiring story!



Worship—Love God and Love One Another

In worship this week we looked at Jesus being baptised. We thought about baptism and why people are baptised. We wondered why Jesus would need to be baptised. We decided that it was His way to show us who he was and how we should live.

He also showed support for John—that God believed in him.

In class reflection areas we had a bowl of water to run our fingers through to think about anything we wish we could start again - or how we could start again. We then held a picture of a dove and asked or prayed for the strength to be the best version of ourselves.

Mrs Lindersen

Today is Mrs Lindersen's last day as she leaves us to begin her maternity leave. We would like to wish Mrs Lindersen lots of luck for her new adventure with her newest bundle of joy and may her days be filled with beautiful moments. We will update you all when the baby arrives.

Class Church Visits

Reception, years 1 and 2 —Thursday 13th February.



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Parent Council Constitution

We are setting up a new Parent Council Constitution—Do you have the time to represent your child's year group? Do you want to get more involved in school life? Could you liaise with parents in your year group, collate any celebrations and thanks and any constructive ideas and attend a termly meeting at school?

NB The use of the term 'parents' in this constitution is respectfully deemed to include all carers of pupils at the school.

OBJECTIVES:

The objectives of the Parent Council are:

To work in partnership with the school to create a welcoming school which is inclusive for all parents, children and staff.

To promote partnership between the school, its staff, its pupils, PTA, Governors and all parents.

To identify and represent the views of parents on the education provided by the school and other matters affecting the education and welfare of the pupils.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership will be a minimum of 7 and a maximum of 14 parents of children attending the school. The Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher are also members of the Parent Council.

Any parent of a child at the school can volunteer to be a member of the Parent Council. In the event that the number of volunteers exceeds the number of places set out in the constitution, members will be selected by a parent vote. The vote count will be supervised by an independent person.

Members of the Parent Council will be selected for a period of one year, after which they may put themselves forward for re-selection if they wish. If a member of the Parent Council ceases to have a child at the school within their period of membership, they will cease to be a parent member of the Parent Council and a new member will be elected.

Parents of Children in Reception will be eligible to join the parent council from the summer term of their Child's Reception year.

The Chair and Clerk will be agreed by Parent Council members immediately following its formation. A Vice

Chair will also be agreed. The Vice Chair should be willing to step in for the Chair if need be but need not necessarily become Chair when that position becomes vacant.

ACCOUNTABILITY

The Parent Council is accountable to the Governing Body of Brereton Primary School and will make a report to it at least once each term on its activities on behalf of all the parents.

MEETINGS

An Annual General Meeting of the Parent Council will be held at a time to be agreed. A notice of the meeting including date, time and place will be sent to all parents at least two weeks in advance. The meeting will include: a report on the work of the Parent Council and any sub-groups discussion of issues that members of the Parent Forum may wish to raise

the appointment of a Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary Should a vote be necessary to make a decision, each Parent Council member at the meeting will have one vote, with the Chair having a casting vote in the event of a tie. A quorum of 7 parents, from a minimum of 4 year groups will apply. Any two members of the Parent Council can request that an additional meeting be held and all members of the Parent Council will be given at least one week's notice of the meeting.

If a Parent Council member acts in a way that is considered by other members to undermine the objectives of the Parent Council, their membership of the Parent Council shall be terminated if the majority of members agree. Termination of membership would be confirmed in writing to the member.

Copies of the minutes of all meetings will be available to parents of children and to teachers at the school. Copies will be available on the school website.

CONSTITUTION

The Parent Council may change its constitution after obtaining consent from members of the Parent Council. Members of the Parent Council will be sent a copy of any proposed amendment and given reasonable time (minimum two weeks) to respond to the proposal. The Constitution will be reviewed annually.

The Parent Council will meet at least once every term.

To nominate yourself as a class rep please email:

eforrester@breretonprimary.org.uk before Friday 1st March. We will then confirm by school emails representatives for each cohort along with the need for any class votes.



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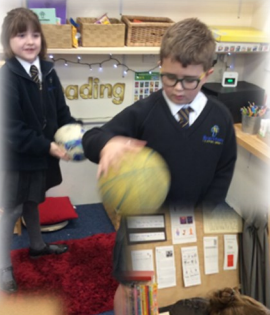
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Learning Exhibition

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Spring Term Learning Exhibition. The children are so very proud of their learning and this Exhibition is a wonderful opportunity for you to come into the classrooms and see for yourselves the marvellous opportunities and learning that is going on. We have shared your lovely, positive comments with the children which they enjoyed hearing. Thank you!



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Netball



Year 6 were the winners of their league in the School Partnership netball tournament. We are so proud of this team as they played so well as a team and showed such resilience against strong opposition. They were also commended by other schools about the attitude and sportsmanship of some of our players. A special mention to Josh in Year 5, who stepped in last minute to help the Year 6. Thank you also to Mrs Warren for her dedication and support to this team and all of our school sports teams.

Toddler and Baby Group:

BRERETON TEDDY BEARS
BABY AND TODDLER GROUP

School hall
Brereton Primary
School
School Lane
CW11 1RN

ONCE A MONTH:

27TH FEB
20TH MARCH
24TH APRIL
15TH MAY

9.45am - 11.30am

£2 per child
please pay cash on arrival

Children's Mental Health Week

We have celebrated Children's Mental Health week. Our theme is, 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'. Mrs Field launched the weeks with a presentation and all classes have taken part in sessions.



Place2Be's
CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

THE GRUFFALO WILL BE JOINING IN WITH THE FUN ON THE 27TH OF FEBRUARY!



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PTA—Valentine Disco



PTA Fundraising Update:

PLEASE HELP THE PTA REACH OUR FUNDRAISING GOAL...

WHICH SUPPORTS THE NEW EQUIPMENT FOR THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND

GOAL £10,000

£7000 RAISED SO FAR!

We have lots of fun events planned to help us reach our target, including:

- Valentines Disco – Fri 14th February**
- Family Quiz night – Fri 16th May**
- Summer Fair – Sat 5th July**

Thank you for all your support so far...

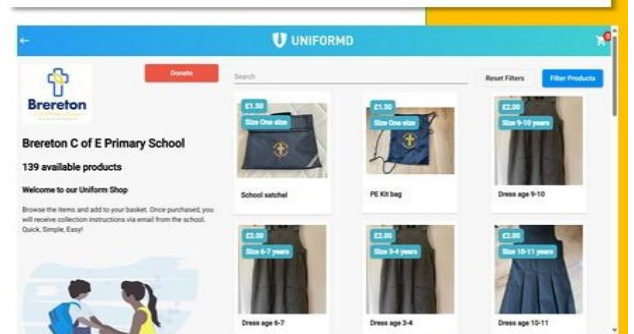
If you have any fundraising ideas or time to contribute, please contact school reception or speak to a member of the PTA committee.

The school disco is back! On Friday 14th of February there will be a school disco for all pupils.

Please come dressed in playground wear and bring your disco outfit in a named bag if you want to change after school.



BRERETON
Parent & Teacher Association



Please remember about the PTA's brilliant uniform shop for all of your uniform needs.



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Achievements outside of school:

Well done to Elliot, Arthur and George from Year 3 who scored 9 goals between them in their matches for Congleton Town FC at the weekend.



Florence , year 1, passed her first ballet exam, what an amazing achievement! We are very proud of you Florence, as is your family!

Isla-Rose in year 2 has been enjoying her gymnastics and has passed her Level 2 in 'Explore Core Skills'. Fabulous work Isla-Rose.



New Playground Equipment

We are thrilled with the new playground equipment that is situated outside year 1 and year 2 doors. The children have loved exploring and playing with it and it has made a brilliant addition to our outdoor play areas.

Issy and Esmae in Year 5 competed in their first Street Dance competition last weekend in Sheffield with their team, Jewelz. They did amazingly and were awarded first place in their category. Well done!



Exciting new play equipment has arrived today!



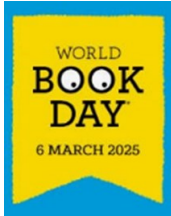
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World Book Day



On Thursday 6th March 2025 it is World Book Day!

We will be completing a range of activities in school with the children based on Traditional Tales for Reception and KS1. As part of our commitment to promoting Diversity and Racial Justice KS2 books will have main characters that break stereotypes or feature key characters from global majority backgrounds.

To add to the excitement, Reception and KS1 are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character and we would like the KS2 children to enter into the spirit of being 'word collectors' by taking part in a dress up day with a difference. Instead of coming to school dressed as a book character, we would like the children to come to school dressed as a word that is new or interesting to them. For example, this could be a word that they have found in their reading book that they did not know the meaning of; a word they have recently heard that they did not know the meaning of; a word they have used in the classroom. We are looking forward to celebrating the

power of vocabulary at Brereton and can not wait to see some of the amazing costumes!



Book Recommendations:

Is your child stuck in a rut reading the same books over and over again? Or maybe they've finished a series they loved and aren't sure what to read next? Mrs Winward, our Patron of Reading, recommends these wonderful Branching Out resources which suggest books based on others that your child has enjoyed. Take a look: <https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/branching-out/>



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IN CINEMAS FEBRUARY 2025

£12.99 **£9.99**

Date:
 Friday 28th March—Afterschool
 Tuesday 1st April—8.30am

In the school hall.

Scan the QR code to pay online!



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Clubs:

Club and Staff Member	Day	Year Groups	Cost	Pick up Point and time
KS1 Dance Mrs Warren	Monday	KS1		4.15pm Front Office
Writing Group Mrs Mitton	Monday	Years 4/5/6		4.15pm Front Office
KS2 Netball Mrs Warren	Tuesday	KS2		4:15pm Front Office
Junior Task-master Miss Moran	Wednesday	Years 3/4		4.15pm Front Office
Reception Mini-Sports	Wednesday	Reception		4.30pm Front Office
KS1 More than Sports	Wednesday	Year 1 and 2		4.30pm Front Office
KS2 Hockey Thrive	Wednesday	KS2		4:15pm Front Office
KS1 Craft Club Mrs Forrest-er/ Mrs Linsen-ers	Thursday	Year 1 and 2		4.15 Front Office
Forest School Mr Simmons	Friday	Y3-6	£20	4.30pm Front Office

Dates for upcoming events:

- Tuesday 4th February** - Year 1 Detective dress up day
- Thursday 6th February**—Learning Exhibition 9am-10.30am
- Friday 7th February**—Whole school non-uniform for the Valentine’s Day gift shop. Please donate one small gift to treat a loved one or special friend such as stationery, confectionery, small toys...please no alcohol.
- Tuesday 11th February**—Safer Internet Day
- Thursday 13th February**—Year 6 parents/Carers Information meeting for Pensarn, 3.30pm
- Friday 14th February**—Last day in school and Valentines Disco, time afterschool to 5pm for year s 1-6.
- Monday 24th February**—Pupils back to school.



Play Leader Vacancy

We have a temporary vacancy for a play leader in our after school club. The position is for 15 hours each week, 3-6pm, Mon-Fri.

More information is available on the school website or from the school office.



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Brereton Primary School Attendance Policy on a Page



Brereton Attendance Goals
We attend school **REGULARLY**
We attend school **PUNCTUALLY**
We attend school **READY** to learn

School Attendance Target is:

96%

4 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR

7 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR

9 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR

11 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR

20 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR

30 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR

100%

98%

96%

95%

94%

90%

85%

PERFECTION

IMPRESSIVE

GOOD

NEARLY THERE

NEEDS TO IMPROVE

CONCERNS

SERIOUS CONCERNS



Ready



Respectful



Safe

Brereton Primary School Morning Routine

Pupils are expected to be in school by 8.50am.

Registers are taken at 8.55am. Pupils will receive a late mark 'L' in the register if they are not in school by 8:55am.

Children arriving after 8:50am are required to sign in via the school office providing a reason for their lateness. This is then monitored by the attendance lead and parent's will be contacted by phone / letter if a pattern starts to form.

The registers will be closed at 9.30am. Any pupils arriving after that time will be marked as 'U - late after the registers have closed' in the register for that session. This is classed as an unauthorised absence

At Brereton, we know that it is vital that our school attend school regularly and punctually to achieve the best outcomes. We want children to become the best version of themselves: academically, socially and morally as they grow into the next generation of our community. Good school attendance is the foundation to this.

School staff will follow up absent pupils with phone calls and home visits if absence is not reported by parents or school have a concern.

Absence from school MAY be authorised for:

- Unavoidable medical appointments (with evidence)
- Days of religious observance
- Exceptional family circumstances (with evidence)
- Illness - although please do not keep children absent with minor ailments.

Absence from school WILL NOT be authorised for:

- Having to stay at home due to an unwell parent or carer or sibling.
- Day trips
- Birthdays
- Holidays
- Rest days after a poor nights sleep

If attendance falls below 92% you may be invited into school for a school attendance meeting, which may also be attended by members of the LA attendance team.

At this meeting we will look at things that are working well for your child, things that need to improve and to put a plan in place to help their attendance to improve, involving other supporting agencies if necessary, e/g, Health, Home Start, Early Help, SEND services etc...

REPORT IT FIRST and EVERY DAY

If your child is going to be absent from school, please report this ASAP via the school office

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#youvebeenmised

Our attendance this week is

95.84%

Cheshire East monitor attendance and punctuality at our school and look at the actions we take to help improve it. To keep you informed, teachers will provide you with a record of your child's attendance at your parent's consultation. Mrs Field will be contacting families with persistent absence to look at how we can support you.

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