



BROOKFIELD NEWS 4th September

Welcome to our Weekly Newsletter

Friday 4th September 2026

Welcome back!

I hope everyone managed a break over the summer, and enjoyed some of the sunshine.

It has been wonderful to welcome in all our pupils - and lots of new faces. Miss Haile has sent out links to SeeSaw for our younger classes - this is a brilliant way of sharing information and photos without social media as it is closed system and much more secure. I encourage everyone to sign up if you aren't already. We also have the Arbor app where updates and information is shared. If you have any problems, please do call or email the office and we will try to help. Likewise any issues around payments for lunches/ trips etc. The rules around free school meals have changed; please make sure you have completed the online form if you think you are entitled to free school meals (even if your child is Y1/Y2).

We will be sending out data collection returns soon, please do update us with any changes to contact details, addresses, doctors or if family circumstances change.

Reminder re parking. please do try and park offsite and walk over wherever possible, we have larger than ever numbers of pupils, and more taxis/ parents and carers transporting children, and it is quite tight. I will be reviewing this over the coming weeks to make sure it is safe.

This week it has been wonderful to see the children in their new spaces - a special shout out to Incredibles and Defenders who are loving their new play area. KS3 and KS4 have been wonderful and are getting their heads around new subject specialist teachers and moving around more. It is tricky, but it means they are even better prepared for college when they leave us, and we can offer more specialist teaching and eventually qualifications. In the main primary classes, they have come back brilliantly - I saw some wonderful maths in Mr Ross' class and it

was lovely to see them all using the new play and sensory equipment. We ran out of time in the summer because there was so much to do, but we will be getting a new playground and MUGA fence in the next few months hopefully. At Arrow, all spaces have been painted, with new flooring and furniture - it looks great and it was amazing to see everyone.

A wonderful September start - keep it up!

With best wishes

Michelle Parkes, Headteacher







Attendance 96/2 % Whole School

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!			
ATTENDANCE DURING ONE SCHOOL YEAR	EQUALS APPROXIMATE DAYS ABSENCE	WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY WEEKS ABSENCE	WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY LESSONS MISSED
95%	9 days	2 weeks	40 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	80 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	120 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	160 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	200 lessons
70%	57 days	11 ½ weeks	230 lessons
65%	67 days	13 ½ weeks	270 lessons



What Happens on an INSET Day?

INSET Days provide school staff with valuable opportunities to develop their knowledge, skills and professional practice.

During the first INSET Day of the new academic year, staff from across our Mercian Educational Trust schools came together to take part in safeguarding training. The informative and engaging session was led by our Director of Safeguarding, Nikki Stevens, and prompted many valuable, child-focused discussions.

Bringing colleagues together in this way helps us to share knowledge, reflect on our practice and ensure that we continue to provide the very best support, care and education for every child across our Trust.

Vacancies

To view the latest vacancies across Mercian Educational Trust please visit our website here:

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