

NEWSLETTER, June 2026



Dear Carers and Parents

As we move towards the end of the school year, June has been a busy month across the school, with learners continuing to develop their skills, confidence and independence in a wide range of activities.

A particular highlight in our Academic strand, has been our 14–19 learners completing their accredited examinations. We are incredibly proud of all those who have taken part, and especially of two learners who have completed their GCSE Art examinations this summer. Their dedication, creativity and perseverance has been wonderful to see.

We are also looking forward to the start of our Enrichment Week on 6th July, which this year will focus on Total Communication. Throughout the week, learners will take part in a carousel of exciting experiences designed to encourage communication, engagement and enjoyment. Activities will include circus workshops, a visiting farm, a Mariachi band, a performance from the inspirational pianist Derek Paravicini, Zoo Lab animal encounters and an immersive experience from a theatre company performing The Secret Garden.

We hope you enjoy reading about some of the many activities and achievements that have taken place this month. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for being such an important part of our school community.

Best wishes

Jenny Baker
Headteacher

Horticulture

Learners from the Horticulture pathway were invited to explore the variety of jobs on offer at the Hall Hunter Fruit Farm. Learners were allowed to pick their own punnets of strawberries before having a tour of the farm.

Back at school, these wonderful containers have added some interest to the playground near the MUGA. Each container features plants that have a different theme or sense, such as smell, sound, and pollination.



'Summer Safety' advice from the Safeguarding Team

As the summer holidays begin, we hope all of our families have a wonderful break filled with fun and adventure. Whether you're visiting the beach, spending time in the garden or exploring new places, it's important to stay safe in the sunshine.

Water can be lots of fun, but it is important to always stay with a trusted adult when you are near water. Only swim in safe places and never play near rivers, lakes or canals without adult supervision. If someone gets into difficulty in the water, tell an adult straight away and never try to rescue them yourself.

During hot weather, remember to drink plenty of water throughout the day to help your body stay healthy and cool. Taking a water bottle with you when you're out and enjoying juicy fruits like watermelon or oranges can help you stay hydrated.

Many families will travel by train over the summer. Always stay behind the yellow line on the platform, hold an adult's hand if needed, and never go onto the railway tracks or try to pick up anything that has fallen onto them.

There are lots of ways to enjoy water safely at home too. Splashing in a paddling pool with adult supervision, playing with sprinklers, washing toys or painting fences with water are all great ways to cool down and have fun together.

We wish all of our families a safe, happy and relaxing summer holiday, and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school in September!

Ruby's Ramblings



As you will know, Ruby is hanging up her lead and "School Dog" bib and retiring in July. Ruby has been working with Michelle at the school for 6 years and has enjoyed every moment. She loved to dress up for the various events at school, but her best times were when she was working with young people. Happy retirement, Ruby, enjoy those beaches and long walks – we'll miss you!



KS5 Transport Applications

16-19 learners

If you would like your young person to be escorted via Bracknell Forest Council, please remember to apply for transport. If your young person is in receipt of free school meals school will cover the cost of transport through the 16-19 bursary, however please check your eligibility as this has changed (see below). Please note that Bracknell Forest Council do not have a legal duty to provide transport and applications will be reviewed on an individual basis.

Please read the guidance here:

<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2025-06/post-16-education-transport-policy-2025-26.pdf>

Please apply here:

<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-transport-support/apply-post-16-transport-support>

Free School Meals Guidance

The Free School Meals (FSM) eligibility has changed. The two categories from September will be:

1. Universal Credit targeted FSM eligibility - children from households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household income of £7,400 or less;
2. Universal Credit expanded FSM eligibility – children from households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household income exceeding £7400. These young people will be eligible for FSM only.

Parking

As the end of term events are fast approaching, this is a friendly reminder to take extra care when parking along Kennel Lane, being mindful of residents' driveways, junctions, pavements and double yellow lines. Thank you for your co-operation.



Dates for the Diary



Our term dates are also available on our website.

Monday 6th to Friday 10th July	Enrichment Week	
Wednesday 8th July	FOKLS Summer Disco <i>Ticketed event – no tickets sold on the night</i>	5.00pm – 6.30pm
Thursday 9th July	KS5 Prom	5.00pm – 7.00pm
Friday 17th July	Leavers' Assembly <i>(by invitation)</i>	10.00am
Friday 17th July	End of Summer Term Primary & Woodlands Hub 12.45pm finish Secondary 1.00pm finish	