

# September 2025



## Message from Mrs Mathie

A very warm welcome to Battling Brook to our new families joining us this year and welcome back to everyone returning to us. I look forward to seeing you all and working with you over the coming academic year.

It is always lovely to catch up with the children and hear all about their summer adventures as well as seeing their readiness to learn and return to school.

We will also be hosting an open evening for prospective parents of children who are due to start school in September 2026. If you have a child or know someone who this affects, please come and join us on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 5:00pm.

Thank you to those parents who took the time to complete and return the report feedback forms in July, these are extremely valuable to us in seeing what matters to you. We will be reviewing these over the coming weeks and will implement any necessary changes as a result.

As always, if you would like to discuss anything, myself and other members of the School Leadership and Pastoral Team are available at the school gates each day.

Kind regards  
Mrs Mathie

## New Staff

We have 5 new members of staff joining us this year – Miss Cook and Miss Hutton who join us as teachers in Year 1 and Reception respectively. Miss Smith and Mrs Markley will be working as classroom support and Mr Farrell joins our premises team. I am sure that you will join me in welcoming them to our school.

## School Applications

Applications are open with Leicestershire County Council for First Time Admissions (children starting school in September 2025) and high school transfers. Please visit their website for further information and to make your application prior to the deadlines (FTA is 15/1/26 and High School is 31/10/25).

We are also accepting application for pre-school places for September 2026. If you wish to apply for a place, you can collect an application form from the school entrance or download one from the school website. Please note that we only offer full time (30 hour) placements.

## Site Updates

As some of you may have seen, we have installed 2 outdoor ponds in the area outside the year 6 classrooms along with the tables that were delivered at the end of last year. These were purchased using the money raised in our Gilbert's Globetrotters event. The decision has been made to rename this outdoor learning area 6JG in memory of our beloved Miss Gilbert.

We have also had extensive repairs to the roof in our Reception classrooms that we hope will improve the natural light and working environment.

## Uniform Reminders

I am sure that you will agree that the children all look very smart in their new uniform. Thank you to all parents/carers who support us in following our uniform policy. Here are a few reminders in case you were unsure:

- P.E. Kits can only be worn on the relevant P.E. days
- Earrings should only be small, unobtrusive studs and must be removed prior to P.E.
- No make-up/un-natural hair colours.
- No large hair accessories and only school colours
- Boots can be worn to/from school but must be changed prior to entering the classroom
- Trainers only to be worn on PE days.

If you are unsure, please refer to the school website or call the school office.

## Class/Year Group Assemblies

Dates for this year's class assemblies can be found below. All assemblies start at 9:00am unless otherwise stated. **Please enter via the main school office.**

1/10/2025 - 5VJD Class Assembly  
8/10/2025 - 5OE Class Assembly  
15/10/2025 - 5BD Class Assembly  
12/11/2025 - 3TK Class Assembly  
19/11/2025 - 3GJ Class Assembly  
26/11/2025 - 3TN Class Assembly  
02/12/2025 - Y4 Christmas Performance (pm)  
04/12/2025 - Y4 Christmas Performance (am)  
16/12/2025 - RKV Nativity Performance  
17/12/2025 - RJS Nativity Performance  
18/12/2025 - RLB Nativity Performance  
11/2/2026 - 2AF Class Assembly  
4/3/2026 - 2HS Class Assembly  
11/3/2026 - 2LS Class Assembly  
24/3/2026 - Y1 Easter Performance - ISI  
25/3/2026 - Y1 Easter Performance - 1PF  
26/3/2026 - Y1 Easter Performance - 1TC  
8/7/2026 - Y6 Leaver's Performance

## Tesco Stronger Starts

We are delighted to inform you that our fabulous school garden has been selected by Tesco Stronger Starts for the customer vote in Tesco stores in the local area.

Voting will commence from the first week in October until mid January 2026. Further details of this will be shared closer to the start date.

## BB Alumni

As previously advised, we are dedicating a section of our newsletter to our past pupils and their life after Battling Brook. This half term, we are celebrating Ella Ruby Moore who left BB in September 2023.

Ella Ruby recently had some writing published as part of the Young Writers competition. We have attached her piece and I am sure that you will agree it is fantastic!

Thank you for sharing this with us. We are always proud to hear what our past pupils are up to and hope that are current pupils will be inspired by their achievements.

If you or someone you know would like to feature, please send the details to [vcropper@battlingbrook.uk](mailto:vcropper@battlingbrook.uk)

## In The Soft Autumn Colours

Eyes stare accusingly, judgmentally.  
I want to scream my anger,  
But just anger? No.  
Sadness and rage and the unjustness of it all.  
I hide behind my sheet of hair  
To stop the world from seeing me,  
To stop the world from judging me.  
And the tears fall.  
I hear cruel laughter  
Ringing in my head.  
A siren.  
"You are weak," it says.  
"You are stupid."  
"You are worthless and pointless and no one!"  
"You will always be no one!"  
"No," says another voice, quiet and fearful.  
"You are stupid, not me."  
"You are worthless because you live in pain."  
"You enjoy it. You are lonely."  
"You don't know me. To you I am a mystery."  
"So leave. You are not wanted. You are not wanted."  
I know the voice,  
Join it as it says,  
"You are not me."  
And like that, I am free.  
I fly up and up  
And the soft autumn colours hold me in peace.  
I glare at those who judge me,  
I show them I'm not ashamed,  
And I tell the world,  
"I am me."

## Key Dates

### September

**Wednesday 17th:** Individual School Photos

**Tuesday 30th :** Reception Open Evening (2026 intake)

### October

**Wednesday 15th:** Early Parents' Evening

**Thursday 16th:** Later Parent's Evening

**20th - 24th:** Half Term

**Monday 24th:** School Opens

**Wednesday 29th-Friday 31st:** Kingswood Residential

### November

**Friday 14th:** Whole School Pantomime

**Wednesday 26th - Friday 28th:** Y2 Triumph Factory Trip  
(1 class per day - TBA)

### December

**Friday 5th:** Y4 Warner Bros Trip

**Thursday 11th:** Y1/Y2 Christingle Service

**Friday 12th:** Christmas Jumper/Christmas Lunch Day

**Friday 19th:** School Closes