

March 2026



Gilbert's Globetrotters

This time last year we were in the final planning stages of our monumental Gilbert's Globetrotters event! I genuinely cannot believe that it has been nearly a year since our whole community came together to remember our beautiful Jade Gilbert and raise such a phenomenal amount of money to enable us to create Jade's Gym – the most fitting legacy in her name.

I still get extremely emotional when I remember those three days, the way everyone came together to achieve our goal and the shared pride in our achievement. They are certainly memories that I know both myself and our staff will always treasure as I am sure lots of our children do too.

During the event, the children particularly loved taking part in the school laps and still talk about it now and ask if it is possible to do them again at lunch/break. Therefore, we are looking at how we can make this possible regardless of weather or condition of our school field.

Once we have explored all of our options, we will be in touch as we would love to link this to Jade's Gym and hopefully extend her legacy with the help of all of our friends and families by creating another fundraising/sponsored event.

Staff Updates

Mr Dadley will be leaving us at Easter to take up a position of Head Teacher at a school in Warwickshire. I am sure that you will join with me in thanking him for his contribution to our Battling Brook community during his three years with us and wish him well in his new role.

Tesco Funding

As a result of the recent blue token nominations in local Tesco stores , I am delighted to inform you that our fabulous school garden has won!

We will shortly be receiving £1500 to spend on improving the facilities and buying further resources to enable our children to make the most of our amazing learning area.

We will of course, keep you posted on the developments or you can follow our 'Battling Brook Garden' on their dedicated Facebook page.

Message from Mrs Mathie

Easter is almost upon us and it is lovely to see the longer days finally arriving – spring is (at long last) in the air!

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our upcoming Parents' Evening taking place on Tuesday and Thursday next week. These appointments are a great opportunity for us to share in your children's achievements and share their learning. If you are unable to make your appointment, please contact the school office to let our staff know.

Again, I would like to thank all of our parents who supported the recent road safety event provided by HBBC, Hinckley Police and other local agencies. They have assured me that they will continue to make further ad hoc visits to help to ensure the safety of everyone around our school. However, should you experience any incidents that concern you, I would urge you to report them to the relevant authority.

On a personal note, I would like to wish Mr Dadley well as he starts his new post as Head Teacher. He leaves us with fond memories, even if some of these are related to Coventry City Football Club; I hope he takes fond memories with him of his time at Battling Brook.

Best wishes to you all for an enjoyable Easter break!
Mrs Mathie

Important Information

- **Please note that children are only allowed to bring water to school to drink during lesson time, they are welcome to bring juice/squash to enjoy with their lunch.**
- **Please ensure that your child's lunch account has sufficient funds prior to them placing their order at morning registration. Our admin team are spending increasing amount of time chasing monies owed.**
- **We will soon be transferring our school database over to a new provider called Arbor. This will be used to store all of our important information/pupil records as well as allow us to communicate with each other, for you to pay for trips/clubs and book Parents Evening appointments. We will send home instructions in the coming weeks to enable you to download the app and access your account. We believe that this will help to streamline our communications into one place and allow you to better manage the information that we hold for you and your children. Please help us to make the transition as easy as possible by activating your account when you receive the relevant information.**

BB Alumni

Ollie Welford who is now 15, is a former pupil at Battling Brook. Since joining Dynamix Martial Arts 5 years ago, he has been learning the art of kick boxing.

As a result of Ollie's hard work, determination and dedication to the sport, he was given the opportunity to try out for Team GB in the upcoming European Championships. Amazingly, Ollie qualified and will be heading to Germany this summer to represent his country – what an incredible achievement Ollie, we are very proud of you and look forward to following your progress!

If you or anyone you know is a past pupil of Battling Brook and wish to share your success story with us, we would love to hear from you.

Please email vcropper@battlingbrook.uk

Key Dates

MARCH

Tuesday 17th:	Parents' Evening (Y1-6)
Thursday 19th:	Year 2 Theme Day
	Parents' Evening (Y1-6)
23rd-26th:	Year 5 Bikeability Event
Tuesday 24th:	1SI Easter Performance to parents (9am)
Wednesday 25th:	1PF Easter Performance
Thursday 26th:	1TC Easter Performance
Friday 27th:	School Closes for Easter Holidays

APRIL

Monday 13th:	INSET Day/School closed to pupils
Tuesday 14th:	School opens to pupils
Friday 17th:	PTFA Chocolate donations day
20th-23rd:	Year 5 Bikeability
Wednesday 29th:	Class Photos
Thursday 30th:	PTFA Discos

MAY

Monday 4th:	Bank holiday (school closed)
Thursday 7th:	PTFA Chocolate Bingo Event (full details to follow)
11th-14th :	Year 6 SATs
13th & 14th:	Reception Parents' Evening
Thursday 14th:	Year 1 Animal Visitors
19th-22nd:	London Residential
Friday 22nd:	School Closes for Half Term
25th-29th:	May Half Term