

May 2026



School Volunteers

As financial pressures continue to increase on all schools, we find ourselves relying more and more on volunteers. They truly are unsung heroes who assist the day to day life within our school by attending trips, supporting reading and generally making life a lot easier.

We are extremely lucky to have a number of regular volunteers such as Tee Emery, Sophie Steans, Georgia Walker, Kate Worrall, Teresa Bruce, Janice White, Georgia Edge, Ava Ireland, Marie Saunders and Phoenix Collins. Also a special mention to Sue the Gardener who makes our school garden such a special place. Apologies if we have overlooked anyone. On behalf of myself and the team at Battling Brook, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude for all that they do to support our school community!

This is also a perfect opportunity to thank our amazing PTFA who work tirelessly for our school community to raise funds that enable such wonderful opportunities – without their support our school would be a very different place.

We are also very fortunate to have such a dedicated Trustee Board who support the unseen side of school life and give a lot of their time to ensure that Battling Brook functions as it should.

And last but certainly not least, our school staff who regularly go above and beyond to facilitate clubs, trips, residential and performances all in their own time (unpaid) to enable our children to thrive. I am sure that you will agree that we are very fortunate to have all of this wonderful support!

Staff Updates

Mrs Sheppard from our admin team will be leaving at half term to support the family business - We wish her well and thank her for her commitment to Battling Brook during her seven years with us.

Mrs Richardson, one of our lovely midday supervisors will also be leaving BB to focus on her family commitments – we send our thanks and best wishes.

Mini Marathon

I am sure that your children came home and told you what a great event this was and hoped that you enjoyed seeing any clips on Class Dojo. It was lovely to see all children participating and completing laps around the school grounds as they did during our Gilbert's Globetrotters fundraiser.

The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves, as did the staff, and it got me thinking about how we could harness this energy in a positive way during the summer term. We are currently looking into possibilities so watch this space!

Message from Mrs Mathie

It's halfway through May – how did we get here?!

This time of year is always a busy yet exciting time in school. Our Year 6 children have taken part in their SATs this week and I commend their attitude. I would also like to say a huge thank you to all those who helped with invigilation. Next week, some of our children will set off to London for their residential trip and as always, they will be fantastic ambassadors for our school.

We also have many trips taking place such as Ulverscroft Grange and Bosworth Battlefield along with visitors coming into school for theme days. In addition, we will have our fabulous sports days and assemblies, so lots of opportunities for parents and carers to come in to see us!

I am sure that many of you will remember that we used some of the Gilbert's Globetrotters funds to buy ponds in memory of Miss Gilbert (she was our science lead). You may have noticed that our 2 ponds located near to the year 6 classrooms have become a real haven with lots of pondlife including newts. The children are loving this and learning about our visitors. Please feel free to pop by and have a look when you are on site.

Finally, a polite reminder not to use school equipment before and after school to allow us to ensure the health and safety of everyone on site.

I look forward to seeing you over the next few weeks!

Best wishes
Mrs Mathie

Important Information

- We have recently transferred 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 in future. It will also be used to pay for trips/clubs and book Parents Evening appointments. We will be sending home instructions in the coming weeks to enable you to download the app and access your account. We believe that this will help 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.
- There is a large amount of lost property in the main school entrance. If your child has recently lost any of their belongings, please come and have a look. Please also help us with this matter by ensuring that all belongings are clearly labelled.
- **Just a quick reminder that to celebrate children's birthdays, they are allowed to wear non-uniform to school if their birthday falls on a school day. If their birthday falls on a weekend, this does not carry to a school day as they are already allowed to wear their own clothes on their birthday. Thank you to all parents who support us with this little treat.**
- We have loved sharing details of our BB Alumni and what they are up to since leaving us but sadly we have received very few responses. If you or your child would like to share details, please send an email to the office email address with a few lines (and a photo if possible) that we can publish.

School Meals

Leicestershire Traded Services who currently provide us with our school meals have informed us that from the start of the new academic year, they are no longer able to do so.

As a school, we have spent a lot of time researching and sampling alternative providers and we are delighted to inform you that from September, our meals will be provided by Stir who already work with many schools nationally.

Our team are busy arranging the transfer and working closely with them to design our new menu (which looks amazing!). Stir are hoping to be able to provide opportunities during the term for parents/carers and children to taste their offerings. We will of course, keep you updated and share the menu with you as soon as it is available.

Key Dates

MAY

19th-22nd:

Friday 22nd:

25th-29th:

London Residential
School Closes for Half Term
May Half Term

JUNE

Thursday 4th:

Tuesday 9th:

Wednesday 10th:

Thursday 11th:

Friday 12th:

Tuesday 16th:

Wednesday 17th:

Thursday 18th:

Friday 19th:

Wednesday 24th:

Thursday 25th:

Saturday 27th:

Tuesday 30th:

Year 1 Grand Bulb Bake Off
New Reception (Sept 26) Parents Intake Meeting (6pm)
Book Swap Café (3.15-4.00)
Choir to perform at DeMontfort Hall
Area Sports
Year 2 Animal Visitors
PTFA Non-uniform Day (Further details to follow)
Year 3 & 4 Sports Day (time to be confirmed)
Reception Sports Day (time to be confirmed)
Preschool Fathers' Day Stay and Play (1.30-3.00)
Year 1 & 2 Sports Day (time to be confirmed)
Year 5 & 6 Sports Day (time to be confirmed)
Year 1 Ulverscroft Trip
Music Concert for Parents (Full details to follow)
PTFA Summer Fayre (Full details to follow)
Preschool Sports Day (2.00-3.00)

JULY

Thursday 2nd:

Friday 3rd:

Wednesday 8th:

Thursday 9th:

Friday 10th:

Year 6 High School Transition Day
Choir to perform at Hollycroft Park (5.00-7.00)
Bosworth Battlefield Trip
Year 6 High School Transition Day
Year 6 Leavers' performances (afternoon and evening)
PTFA Discos
School Closes