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Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

A very warm welcome back to Broomlands Primary School for the start of another school year. We hope that all our families enjoyed a restful, sunny summer and are looking forward to the opportunities and experiences ahead. It has been great to see our pupils return to school ready to learn. We would also like to extend a special welcome to all our new pupils and families who are joining the Broomlands family this session.

Welcoming New Staff

We are delighted to welcome Mr Lee, who joins our teaching team in P1/2 this year. Mr Lee brings enthusiasm, commitment and a passion for helping children achieve their very best, and we know he will quickly become a valued member of our school family.

We are also pleased to welcome Mrs J Hastie, who joins us as a Pupil Support Assistant. She will play an important role in supporting our children to feel successful, included and confident in their learning and wider school experiences. We wish both Mr Lee and Mrs Hastie every success as they begin their journeys at Broomlands.



Mr Lee



Mrs Hastie

Looking Ahead

As we begin a new session, there is much to look forward to. Across the school we will continue to build on our strong sense of community and create opportunities for every child to thrive. Our three core values remain at the heart of everything we do:

Courage – encouraging pupils to be confident learners, to embrace challenges and believe in themselves.

Compassion – supporting children to show kindness, empathy and respect for others in all that they do.

Connection – strengthening relationships across our school, with families and within the wider community, so that everyone feels they belong.

By working together and living these values each day, we are confident that 2026-27 will be a year filled with achievement, growth and memorable experiences for all our children.

The Owl Room

We wanted to share with you some development work that has been done over the summer in creating a new area in the school:

The Owl Room: A Safe Space to Learn, Grow & Belong



The Owl Room at Broomlands Primary School is a bespoke learning space designed to support children with additional needs. More than just a classroom, it provides a safe, nurturing environment where children feel valued, supported and at home. Through focused, personalised support, the Owl Room helps our children develop key skills in:

- Communication and language
- Social skills and friendships
- Literacy and numeracy
- Independence and life skills
- Emotional regulation and wellbeing



The Owl Room also offers a calm and welcoming space where children can regulate their emotions, build confidence and develop resilience, helping them engage more successfully in learning and school life. At the heart of the Owl Room is a commitment to inclusion, ensuring every child can thrive, achieve their potential and feel a genuine sense of belonging within our school.



Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year ahead.

Best wishes, Adam Lindsay (Headteacher)

Road Safety

We have been made aware that some children are exiting vehicles on the road side rather than the pavement side. Please ensure children always exit the car on the pavement side to keep everyone safe. Likewise, please do not park on the zig-zag markings or close to the junction with Ednam Road. Thank you. Our children have a reminder for you here:

<https://vimeo.com/1178485666?share=copy&fl=sv&fe=ci>

Request

If you are dropping your children in the playground in the morning, or collecting them after school, please keep them off the grass banking and ensure they are not swinging on the trees as they leave school. We have children coming into school wet and dirty before the school day, and our trees were planted to enhance the school grounds. Unfortunately, we have had a number of branches broken off. Thank you for your support with this.

Make Up / Aerosols / Body Spray / Jewellery

No make up should be worn in school. (The only exceptions are for school shows or specific reasons discussed and agreed with school in advance.)

Aerosol deodorants and body sprays are not permitted in school. These can cause difficulty for anyone with asthma related conditions and can affect our fire safety system. Roll-on or stick deodorants may be used appropriately by older pupils, e.g., after PE.

Jewellery should be kept to a minimum and should not be a distraction in school. We may ask children to tuck necklaces away under their top for safety. Earrings should be studs or safety earrings. We will ask children to remove jewellery items if we deem them unsafe, e.g. during PE lessons or if wearing long or hooped earrings.

School Improvement Report

The School Improvement Report for Session 2025-26 is complete and is available to view on the school website. A hard copy can be made available from the school office should any wish to have one.

<https://broomlandsprimaryschool.com/learning>

School Lunches

Please order school lunches online via ParentPay. Meals can be ordered weekly, monthly or up to a term at a time. If you order weekly, please do so at the weekend to help save administration time on Monday mornings. That would be greatly appreciated.

Holidays

A copy of the school holidays for the coming year can be found below. They are also available on the SBC website at:

[School term dates for 2026-27 | Term, holiday and closure dates | Scottish Borders Council](#)

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 17 th Sept	Flu Immunisations
Week beginning 22 nd Sept	Swimming begins for P3-P6
Tuesday 6 th October	Individual and family photographs

School term dates for Session 2026-27

Autumn term

- Monday 17 Aug 2026 - Staff resume, In-service day
- Tuesday 18 Aug 2026 - In-service day
- Wednesday 19 Aug 2026 - Pupils resume
- Friday 9 Oct 2026 - Last day of term for pupils and staff, mid-term holiday
- Monday 19 Oct 2026 - Staff resume, In-service day
- Tuesday 20 Oct 2026 - Pupils resume
- Monday 30 Nov 2026 - St Andrew's Day holiday, school closed
- **Tuesday 1 December 2026 - Casual Holiday**
- Wednesday 2 Dec 2026 - All resume
- Tuesday 22 Dec 2026 - Last day of term for pupils and staff

Winter term

- Wednesday 6 Jan 2027 - All resume
- Friday 5 Feb 2027 - Last day of term for pupils, February holiday
- Monday 15 Feb 2027 - Staff resume, In-service day
- Tuesday 16 Feb 2027 - Pupils resume
- Friday 26 March 2027 - Good Friday, School closed

- Friday 2 April 2027 – Last day of term for pupils and staff

Summer term

- Monday 19 Apr 2027 – All resume
- Monday 3 May 2027 – May Day holiday, school closed
- Tuesday 4 May 2027 – Staff resume, In-service day
- Wednesday 5 May 2027 – Pupils resume
- Thursday 1 July 2027 – Last day of term for pupils and staff