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Brundall Primary School Newsletter



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Head of School News

Dear Families,

As we reach the end of another fantastic half-term, I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who was able to attend our recent parents' evening. It was wonderful for our staff to be able to share your child's achievements and progress.

If you were unable to make it, please don't worry—just reach out to your child's class teacher to arrange another appropriate time to catch up.

The children have all worked incredibly hard this term, and there has been some fantastic learning going on across all of our classes. We are immensely proud of everything they have accomplished!

Wishing you all a wonderful, restful, and fantastic half-term break.

Warm regards,

Cat Barnard
Head of School, Brundall Primary School

Little Learners, Big Adventures!







Bright Class have been enjoying all things Gingerbread this half term! Our learning journey has taken us from starting school together, to exploring The Snail and the Whale, and finally following the adventures of The Gingerbread Man.

We have been working hard in phonics, learning our Phase 2 sounds, and developing our mathematical skills through careful counting, matching numbers to quantities, understanding that the last number counted tells us how many there are altogether, and practising subitising.

In PE, we have loved learning with Mrs George, taking part in multi-sports and team games while developing our balance, listening skills and ability to follow instructions.

We are so proud of how well everyone has settled into school life, grown in confidence and become part of our Bright Class family.

Exploring Brundall and Creating Masterpieces









What a fabulous first half term we have had in Year 1 and 2! The children have worked so hard, and we are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved.

Over the last few weeks, we have been exploring why people choose to live in Brundall. The children thoroughly enjoyed our trip into the village, where they discovered the attractions and facilities Brundall has to offer both residents and visitors. Back in the classroom, we used our experience to write recounts of our trip, practising our use of time connectives and past tense.

We have also been getting creative! Last week, we explored the work of the famous artist Pablo Picasso and had great fun creating our own portraits inspired by his unique style. We think you will agree that the finished pieces are true masterpieces!

Well done, Year 1 and 2, for such a brilliant start to the school year. We are looking forward to seeing what you achieve next half term!

Exploring Ancient Egypt and the Wonders of Science

It has been another busy and exciting time in Haddow, Rai and Shireen classes, with lots of fantastic learning taking place across English, History and Science!

In English, the children have been diving into the world of Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx, using the story as inspiration to write their own diary entries. They really put themselves into character, writing in the first person and thinking carefully about their character's inner thoughts and feelings. It was wonderful to see them bringing their writing to life with plenty of descriptive detail, particularly as they incorporated what they have learnt about Ancient Egypt in their History topic. Their diary entries were full of imagination and showed just how well they can combine their learning across different subjects.

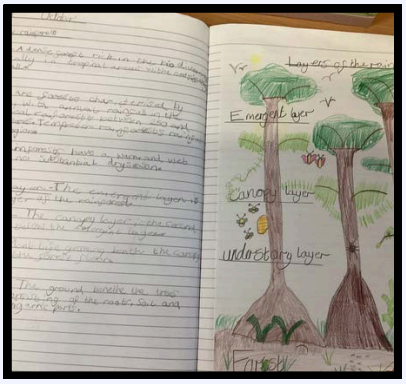
Science has also been rather memorable this term as we explored the fascinating world of the digestive system! There were plenty of "yucks" and "ewwws" as the teachers brought the journey of food to life using some rather unusual classroom equipment, including bread, orange juice, tights and a masher. The children discovered how food travels through our bodies and how each part of the digestive system plays an important role in helping us digest what we eat. It certainly made for a hands-on lesson that the children won't forget in a hurry!

To round off their learning about looking after our bodies, the children then put their creativity to the test by designing and making pop-up information leaflets about how to clean your teeth. They thought carefully about the important steps involved in good oral hygiene and presented their information in an engaging and eye-catching way.



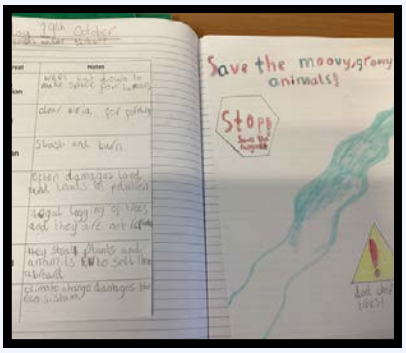


Curiosity, Creativity and Capybaras!



It has been a busy and exciting time in Pullman, Gold and Zephaniah classes, with lots of fantastic learning taking place both inside and outside the classroom!

In Maths, the children have been working hard to develop their rounding skills and have been exploring a range of strategies to help them solve addition and subtraction problems. They have been encouraged to explain their thinking, choose appropriate methods and build confidence when tackling different challenges. It has been lovely to see them persevering and putting their skills into practice!



In English, we have begun exploring Rashomon-style recounts using our class reader, The Explorer. This exciting style of writing allows us to retell the same event from different characters' points of view. The children will be getting into character, thinking carefully about what each person might have seen, felt and experienced, before adding their own creative twists to retell a particular event from the story. We are looking forward to seeing how they bring their characters to life and how differently the same moment can be described!



Our Geography learning about rainforests was brought to life with a fantastic visit to Amazona Zoo. The children had an incredible time discovering more about the fascinating animals of South America and finding out about their habitats and the environments they live in. It was a wonderful opportunity to build on what we have been learning in the classroom and see some of these amazing creatures up close.

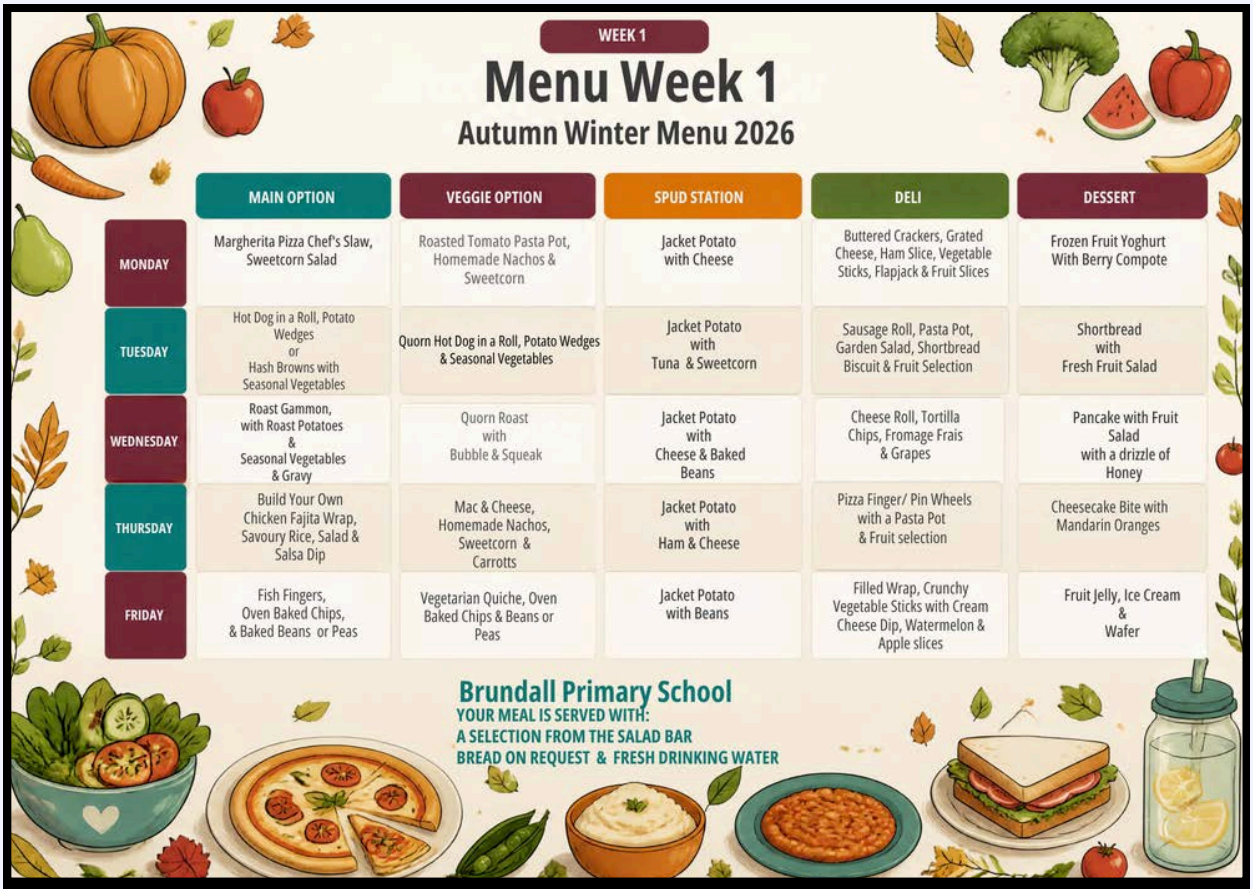
Of course, the stars of the show were our much-loved capybaras, Paz, Gertie, Ivy and Parsnip! They were a firm favourite with the children and certainly brought plenty of smiles to the day. The visit was a brilliant opportunity for everyone to explore, ask questions and develop an even greater appreciation for the wonderful wildlife found in South American rainforests.

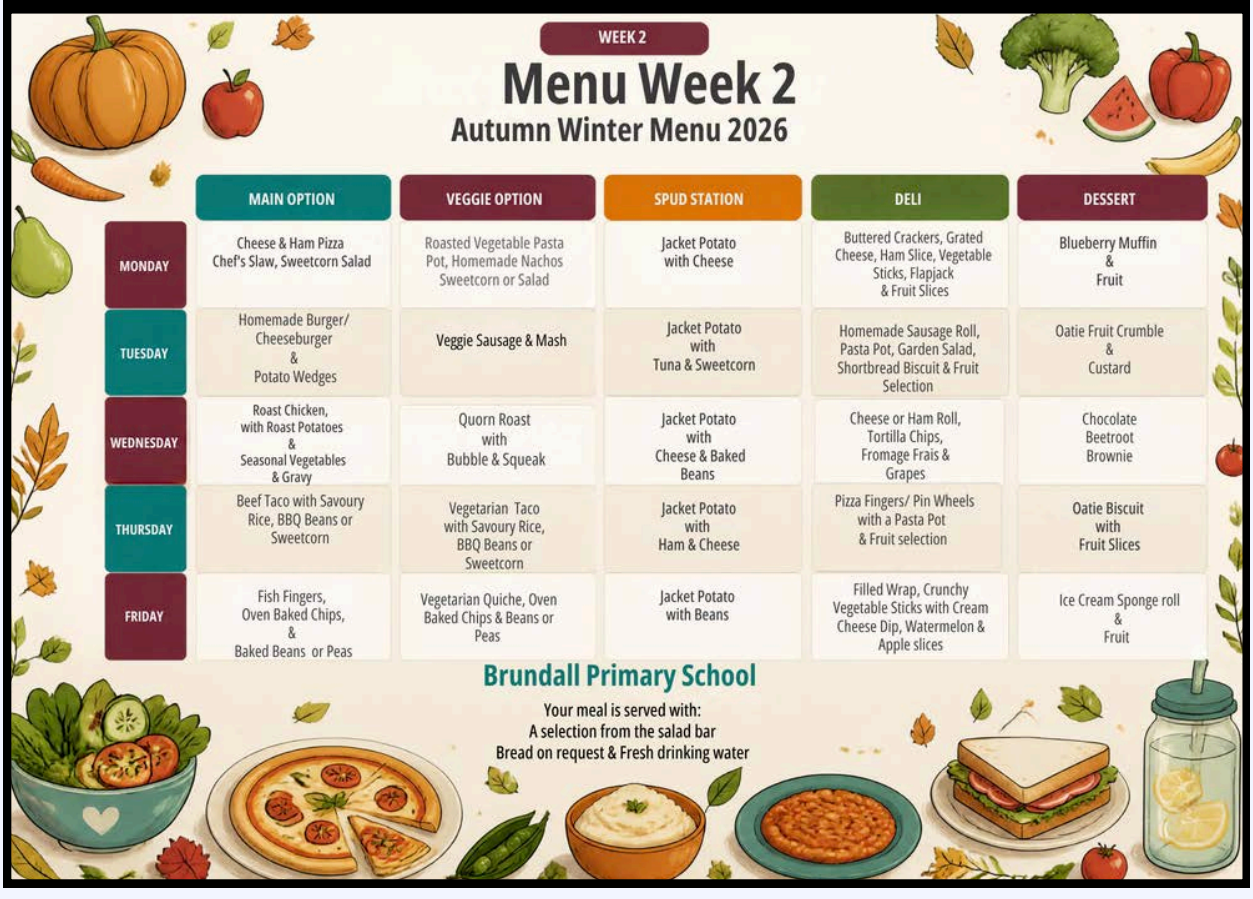
Introducing Our New School Lunch Menu!

We're excited to introduce our new school lunch menu from Monday 2nd November! With a refreshed selection of tasty meals and plenty of choice, we hope there will be something for everyone to enjoy. When we return after half term, we will begin with Week 1, followed by Week 2, and continue alternating between the two menus throughout the term.

Please take a look at the menu below before booking your child's meals on ParentPay, as the daily meal choices will no longer be displayed on ParentPay itself. For Week 1, the Friday Deli option will be a Chicken BBQ filled wrap.

We're looking forward to sharing our new menu with the children and hope they enjoy trying the delicious choices on offer!





Half-Term Family Reminders

Working together to keep our children happy,
healthy and ready to learn!

Head Lice Check

We kindlyask all families to take a few minutes over the half-term break to check their child's hair for head lice.

A small number of cases have recently been reported in school, and checking now can help prevent further spread when we return after the holiday.

Top Tips

- Check all family members.
- Treat any live lice found.
- Repeat checks regularly.
- Ask your pharmacist for treatment advice if needed.

Please remember:
Head lice are common among children and are not a sign of poor hygiene.

Action for Families

Please check your child's hair during the half-term break and treat any cases before returning to school.

Name Everything!

As the colder weather arrives, children are bringing more items into school and our lost property collection is growing quickly!

Please make sure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name, including:

- Coats
- Jumpers and cardigans
- Water bottles
- Lunch boxes



A name label makes it much easier for us to reunite lost items with their owners.

Action for Families

Take a few minutes over half term to check that all clothing and belongings are clearly named.

Thank You

Thank you for your continued support. Small actions at home make a big difference in helping us keep our school community healthy, organised and ready to learn.

We wish all of our families a happy, safe and restful half-term break!

BRUNDALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER 2026

KEY DATES

- School Photographs
  19 November
- Flu Vaccinations
  26 November
- Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day
  17 December
- Half Term
  23 to 30 October
- Christmas Performances
  14 & 15 December
- End of Autumn Term
  18 December

OCTOBER

23–30 Oct Half Term Holiday

NOVEMBER

13 Nov Children in Need
19 Nov School Photographs
25 Nov Seuss Class to Bridewell Museum
26 Nov Flu Vaccinations

DECEMBER

01 Dec Percival Class to Bridewell Museum
11 Dec Years 2/3 & 3/4 to visit Brundall Church
14 Dec KS1 Christmas Performance (Y1 Families)
15 Dec KS1 Christmas Performance (Y2 Families)
15 Dec Reception Christmas Performance
16 Dec Sing-A-Long KS2 2.30pm
17 Dec Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day
18 Dec End of Term

JANUARY

05 Jan Children return to school

TERM DATES AT A GLANCE

October Half Term	23–30 October
Spring Half Term	15–19 February
End of Spring Term	25 March
Children Return	13 April
May Day	3 May
Summer Half Term	31 May–4 June
End of Academic Year	21 July

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OPEN CLASSROOMS

16 November	Seuss Open Classroom
17 November	Percival Open Classroom
18 November	Bright Open Classroom
20 November	Haddow Open Classroom
23 November	Shireen Open Classroom
24 November	Rai Open Classroom
27 November	Pullman Open Classroom
30 November	Zephaniah Open Classroom
1 December	Gold Open Classroom

Straight after morning drop-off