

BROADHURST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER | JULY 4TH, 2025

Message from the Headmistress

Dear Families,

If you can believe it, we've already come to the end of the children's third week at school, how quickly the time has flown! It has been such a joy to see how well the children have settled. They have embraced new routines with enthusiasm, built new friendships, and thrown themselves into their learning with such curiosity and energy. It really does feel as though they have been part of our school family forever.



Beyond the classroom, there has been a real buzz of activity with our after-school clubs and wraparound care with Let's Leap. The children have loved the wide variety of activities on offer, from sport and movement to creative arts, and there are still spaces available for others who would like to join in. Our Breakfast Club has also been a great success, giving children a calm and happy start to their day and supporting them to settle into school with ease.

Looking ahead, please keep an eye out for information about our upcoming parent webinars. We'll be joined by leaders from a number of the schools many of you are considering for your children, and I am sure these sessions will prove incredibly informative as you start to think about the next stage in your child's journey.

Please remember, my door is always open if you'd like to drop by for a coffee and a chat, sometimes those informal conversations are the most helpful. Wishing you and your families a restful weekend,

Warm regards,

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Headmistress

Pre-Nursery

This week, our Pre-Nursery children have been exploring **2D shapes** – learning to identify and name them and talking about their different features. They then put their knowledge into practice by creating some wonderful **shape pictures and pieces of art** to consolidate their learning. The children also enjoyed **exploring sensory trays**, engaging their curiosity and imagination through touch and play. To finish the week, they had great fun with the **musical instruments**, listening carefully to the different sounds they made and experimenting with creating their own music.

















Nursery

This week, the Nursery children have been enjoying the story *What I Like About Me*, sparking thoughtful discussions about what makes each of us unique and special. The children shared their own ideas with pride, celebrating the different qualities that make them who they are.

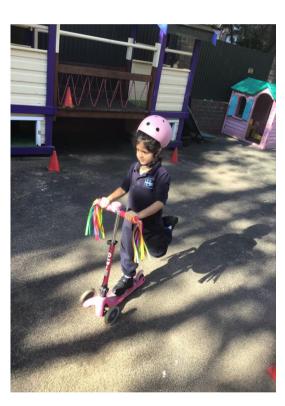
They have also been exploring 2D shapes, learning to name and describe them, and using this knowledge in creative activities. Alongside this, the children have been diving into their phonics, listening carefully to initial sounds and beginning to make links between sounds and letters.

To support their preparation for the upcoming 4+ assessments, the children have been practising their 'good listening' skills through fun listening games, which encourage them to follow simple instructions carefully. These activities are helping them to build confidence, independence, and readiness for the next stage of their learning.



SPOTLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

Our Nursery children took part in a Scootability session this week, learning all about scooter safety. They practised how to ride carefully, watch out for pedestrians, and cross roads safely, as well as how to look after their scooters responsibly. The children loved the session and came away with important skills to help keep them safe while having fun.











Parent Webinar with Dr Zoe Dunn, Headteacher at UCS

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on

Friday 26th September from 11.00am – 12.00pm.

Dr Dunn will share insights into UCS's educational philosophy and approach, as well as what families can expect from the **4+ entry process**. This is a wonderful opportunity to hear directly from the Head about how UCS supports children's learning and development, and to ask any questions you may have about the school and its ethos.

In advance of the session, Larisa Nesterova, our Marketing & Admissions Manager, will be in touch to collect your questions and ensure these are put to Dr Dunn during the webinar. Larisa will also send you the joining link closer to the date.

We look forward to seeing many of you there for what promises to be an informative and engaging session.

Have a great weekend from all at Broadhurst School!

