



Broadhurst Weekly Newsletter

15th May 2026



Dear Families,

It has been a particularly exciting week in school, full of awe, wonder and plenty of animal adventures!

The children have thoroughly enjoyed watching our ducklings, who seem to have grown at an alarming rate over the course of just a few days. Seeing them take their very first swim was a definite highlight of the week - very cute indeed, and such a lovely learning experience for the children.

Alongside the ducklings, we have also been closely observing our caterpillars as they continue to grow. The children are now eagerly awaiting the next stage of their transformation as they become chrysalises. There is something very special about seeing the children's curiosity and excitement as they witness these little changes and life cycles unfolding before them.

Next week marks the final week of what has been a very fast half term, before we move into the final half term of the academic year. As you will see from the reminders page, there is certainly a great deal coming up, so please do make sure key dates are added to your diaries.

In the meantime, I hope you all have a lovely weekend. I am also keeping my fingers firmly crossed that we have seen the last of the hailstones for now - hail in May really does feel like madness!

With very best wishes,

Eilish Sleator - **Headmistress**

Picasso and Monet Class trip to Forest School



Ducklings at Broadhurst School



Mondrian Class

What Kept Us Busy This Week?

This week, we had fun exploring the story *Bears Love Squares*! The children enjoyed joining Bear on his adventures while learning through play, movement, and creativity.

Physical Development and Fine Motor Skills

The children stomped around square lines like big bears and then “froze” at the corners! This helped develop balance, coordination, and spatial awareness — with lots of giggles too.

The children also went on a colourful yoga adventure! Through puddle stomping, sunshine stretches, and rainbow ribbon movements, they explored how movement can help us notice and express different feelings. The session encouraged mindfulness, confidence, and happy smiles.

Maths

We practised counting by asking questions such as, “How many bears are in the square box?” The children enjoyed counting together and spotting hidden bears.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We talked about Bear’s feelings throughout the story. Was Bear feeling grumpy or happy? The children confidently shared their own ideas and emotions.

Literacy

Our little learners enjoyed mark making and square tracing activities. We worked on pencil control while creating patterns and shapes.

Phonics

This week we focused on the sounds ‘b’ for Bear and ‘s’ for Square. The children enjoyed saying the sounds aloud and finding matching words. It was a wonderful week full of learning, creativity, movement, and bear-sized fun!



Nursery Classes- Van Gogh, Matisse, Monet and Picasso

What Kept Us Busy This Week?

This week, we were very excited watching the ducks grow and change over time! The children loved observing the ducks each day, talking about the changes they noticed and watching them waddle and explore their surroundings.

Communication and Language

We listened to the story of **Jack and the Beanstalk** and talked about the right and wrong choices Jack made throughout the story. The children shared thoughtful ideas and enjoyed discussing what they would have done differently.

Understanding the World

The children explored the life cycle of a bean and learned how plants grow and change over time. We talked about what seeds need to help them grow strong and healthy.

Physical Development and Fine Motor Skills

We began preparing for Sports Day! The children practised running, balancing, and moving in different ways while building confidence, coordination, and teamwork skills.

Mathematics

This week we focused on subitising up to 5. The children practised recognising small groups of objects without needing to count each one individually.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We talked about how our choices can affect ourselves and others. The children discussed how it feels to make right and wrong choices and shared their own experiences and emotions.

Literacy

The children listened carefully to the story of *Jack and the Beanstalk* and began retelling parts of the story using simple language and sequencing. They enjoyed recalling key events and characters from the tale.

Phonics

This week we introduced the letter 'O'. The children practised saying the sound and thinking of words beginning with 'O'.

Expressive Arts and Design

We planted our own beans and talked about how to care for them over time. The children enjoyed getting hands-on with planting and are excited to watch their beans grow!

It was another busy and exciting week full of storytelling, planting, learning, and discovery!







Pre-Reception – Warhol and Kusama classes

What Kept Us Busy This Week?

This week, we explored how people grow and change throughout their lives. The children enjoyed learning about the human lifecycle through stories, movement, discussions, and creative activities.

Phonics

We practised reading simple sentences and writing words and short sentences using the sounds we have already learned. The children worked hard on using their phonics knowledge independently.

Communication and Language

The children interviewed a friend to find out what they liked doing at different stages of their life. They enjoyed asking questions, listening carefully, and sharing their ideas with one another.

Maths

This week we revisited patterns and created repeating numerical patterns. The children enjoyed spotting patterns and making their own repeating sequences.

Science Experiment

We watched gummy bears grow in water and learned why drinking water is important for our bodies. The children were fascinated by the changes they observed during the experiment.

Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We talked about how to care for babies, older people, and animals. The children shared thoughtful ideas about kindness, helping others, and showing care and respect.

Expressive Arts and Design

Using baby photographs, the children created timelines showing the journey of their life so far. They loved looking at the photographs and talking about special memories.

Music and Movement

We moved like babies, toddlers, and grown-ups to music by crawling, waddling, and dancing in different ways. There were lots of smiles and laughter as the children explored movement and expression.





Monday May 25th – Friday 29th May - Half Term

Wednesday 3rd June – Warhol and Kusama trip to Hampstead Heath

Thursday 18th June – Father's Day Event – PM – details to follow

Friday 19th June – Sports Day @ Paddington Recreation Ground

Friday 26th June – Nursery Summer Concerts and Graduation – times and details to follow

Thursday 2nd July – transition day – all remaining children spend time with their new teacher

Friday 3rd July – Pre-Nursery and Mondrian Class end of year performance – in the morning – specific times to follow

Friday 10th July – end of term – children finish at 12pm

Friday 10th July @ 12.15pm - Summer Fete