

Friday 11h September 2026

Fortnightly Newsletter



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Welcome

It has been wonderful to have everyone back together at Brereton Primary School - even if the weather is demonstrating the end of summer! The children have made such a positive start to the new school year and it has been great to see them settling so happily into their new year groups and classrooms.

I would also like to say a huge thank you for the very kind cards and gifts received at the end of the summer term. Your thoughtfulness and generosity were incredibly appreciated, and it was a very special way to end the year. Thank you!

A particular highlight of the start of term has been welcoming our new Reception children and getting to know them and their families better through our home visits. It has been incredible to see the children growing in confidence and beginning to feel at home in their new school.

Our school vision is 'Flourishing Together', inspired by Paul's letters to the Corinthians and his message that we are all part of one body, with different gifts and an important part to play. This has been a lovely theme for our worship at the beginning of term.

The children were particularly excited by our cola and Mentos experiment! As the cola erupted, we talked about how, individually, we are all special and unique and have our own gifts and talents. But when we bring those gifts together and work as a team, amazing things can happen! It was a great way to re-introduce our vision and remind us that everyone has something important to contribute to our school family.

We would like to extend a very special welcome to Eliana, Arlo, Edith, Hendrix, Albie, Rufus, Otilie, Albie, Mollie, Lilia, Ivy, Theodore, Holly, Lennon, Isla, Brody, Sophie, Serge, Elsie, Zachary, Theodore, Noah, Elijah, Liberty, Maeve, Jenson, Maeve, Polly, Olivia and Thomas, who have joined our Brereton Primary family. We are delighted to have you with us and look forward to watching you flourish!

The children have already been enjoying time in their new classrooms, getting to know their new teachers and reconnecting with friends. They have completed their first KiVa lessons, helping to reinforce our strong anti-bullying approach, as well as SCARF lessons focusing on safety, caring, achievement, resilience and friendship.

You may also have heard your children talking about their baseline assessments. These give teachers a helpful picture of what children already know and can do when they join their new year group. This information helps us to carefully shape our curriculum and teaching so that every child can make progress from their own starting point.

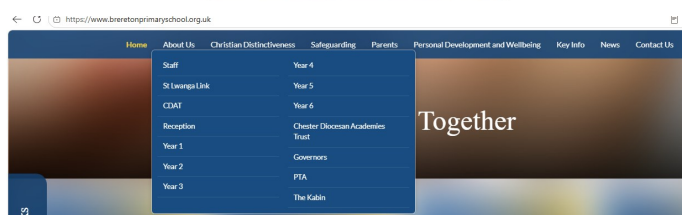
We are incredibly excited about the year ahead and about continuing to build on the many successes of last year. There is already such a lovely buzz around school, and it is a joy to see the children learning, laughing, making new friendships and beginning another year of their Brereton journey.

Here's to another year of flourishing together!

Year Group Welcome Information

We hope you enjoy keeping up to date with class life through our group blogs. Each week, we will share a little snapshot of what the children have been learning and enjoying in school.

You can also now find our "Welcome to Your Year Group" information on the year group pages, where you'll find useful information to help your child settle into the year ahead.



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Assessment Results

We are incredibly proud to celebrate the fantastic assessment results achieved by our pupils at the end of last academic year. **Our children achieved significantly above the national average in all assessed subjects**, which is a wonderful achievement and reflects the hard work, determination and commitment of our pupils and staff over many years.

In **Writing**, **82%** of our children achieved the expected standard, compared with **73% nationally**. In **Reading**, an **exceptional 96%** achieved the expected standard, compared with **75% nationally**, while in **Maths**, **86%** achieved the standard, compared with **75% nationally**.

Most impressively, **75% of our children achieved the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths combined**, compared with **63% nationally**.

These results are a fantastic reflection of the high expectations we have for every child at Brereton and the dedication of our staff to helping every pupil achieve their very best. They also reflect the children's own commitment to learning, their resilience and their determination to succeed.

We are particularly proud that these results sit alongside our wider commitment to developing the **whole child**. Academic success is important, but so too are confidence, creativity, kindness, resilience and a love of learning.

A huge **well done to our children**, and a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful staff and families for the support, encouragement and hard work that have contributed to these achievements.

We are incredibly proud of everyone — this is Flourishing Together in action!



High school open days:



Headteacher's talk - 5.30pm

We look forward to welcoming you to Sandbach School on 17th September. There will be a range of activities on offer from each of our departments throughout the evening and we will be happy to answer any questions you may have.



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School Uniform – Working Together to Maintain High Standards

We would like to take this opportunity to gently remind families about our **school uniform expectations**. We know that parents and carers have invested both time and money in purchasing new uniform over the summer, and we really appreciate this. We also recognise that some families may have purchased items based on information that was previously unclear on our website. This information has now been **checked and corrected**, and we hope the guidance below will make things much clearer for everyone going forward.

Maintaining high standards of uniform is something we can only achieve **with your support**. When children arrive at school looking smart and ready to learn, it helps to create a strong sense of pride and belonging across our school community.

Jewellery

Please remember that children are **not permitted to wear jewellery** in school, other than:

- Plain stud earrings
- A watch – this must be a traditional watch and not a smartwatch

Summer Uniform

Summer uniform is worn **from the Easter break until October half term**:

- Grey skirt or grey shorts
- Blue polo shirt – branded or non-branded
- Dark blue checked summer dress
- Plain grey, black or white socks
- Black school shoes

PE Uniform

Reception children wear their PE uniform as their **full-time school uniform**. All other children wear it for PE:

- Branded school PE T-shirt
- Navy shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings
- Plain blue or black trainers
- Plain socks
- Optional branded PE zip jacket, or a **plain navy hoodie**

Winter Uniform

Winter uniform is worn from **October half term until the Easter break**:

- Grey skirt or grey trousers
- White shirt
- School tie
- Branded or non-branded navy cardigan or jumper
- Black school shoes

We understand that uniform can be an additional expense for families, and we will always approach this with understanding and sensitivity. We are **not asking families to replace uniform that has already been purchased unnecessarily**. However, at the next opportunity to purchase or replace items, please could we ask that uniform is bought in line with the requirements above.

Thank you for helping us to maintain the high standards we are proud of at Brereton Primary. We hope that having clear and consistent information on our website will make this easier for everyone in the future.

Most importantly, thank you for your continued support in helping our children to **look smart, feel proud and flourish** together.

Free School Meal Expansion

You may have seen the news that the government has expanded the provision of free school meals to all children who receive any amount of universal credit.

Children receiving free school meals now fall into 3 categories:

Universal free school meals—for all children until the end of Y2

Expanded free school meals—for families receiving any amount of universal credit.

Targeted free school meals— for children living in households receiving universal credit and with a household income of less than £7400. The number of children receiving targeted free school meals is used to determine a school's pupil premium budget. If you believe you qualify (even if your child is in KS1), please speak to Mrs Sant as you may be eligible for support with school trips etc.

Our current understanding is that children previously eligible for pupil premium (KS2 free school meals) will fall under the targeted free school meals and will receive pupil premium funding.

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Sporting Success

Cricket

The CDAT trust held an all day year 5/6 Cricket event at Warrington Cricket Club. It was a brilliant day of Cricket and our team were fantastic. We were winners of our league in the morning which set us up for an exciting final. We narrowly missed out on the winners trophy as it was an extremely close game. I was so proud of how the team represented our school and showed such great sportsmanship. Well done to Amy and Orla in Year 4 for playing up in a 5/6 tournament.



Cross Country Event

It was so great to see so many of our pupils attending the first sporting event in our Holmes Chapel cluster. It was a great afternoon and I was so proud of the resilience of the pupils for running such a challenging course. We had individual success with Rosie winning the Year 4 girls race. Ruby won the Year 5 girls race and Elsie came second



Achievements outside of school



Dougie and Amy both received awards at their co-op band awards ceremony back in July.

Dougie - Most improved junior band member.

Amy - Most promising beginner band member.

Afterschool club—Big Bears and Speedy Bears

We are so pleased to welcome the year ones to 'Big Bears Afterschool Club'. We aim to provide a safe and caring environment with games, crafts, free play outdoors and the occasional movie night. We also provide a light snack and fruit to tide the children over until they have their evening meal at home. We can cater for all dietary requirements and tastes. For those attending Speedy Bears there is free access to fresh fruit.

If you would like to book a place please do so on Compass.

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St.Oswald's Outdoor Church

St Oswald's Outdoor Church Programme of events 2026/27

An all-age service in the churchyard (in church if the weather is bad) based around the outdoors and God's creation. Activities, songs, games and family fellowship. On the third Sunday of the month. Arrival from 11.40am for Tea, coffee, juice and refreshments then activities from 12.00-12.30pm. Bring coats and wellies.

20th September – Nature hunt and making bookmarks.

18th October – Harvest activities and bring along any donations for the food bank – tins, non-perishables.

15th November – Hibernating animal activities and spotting minibeasts

December – no outdoor church

17th January – Bird spotting and bird feeders.

21st February – Love – Valentines, Mother's Day and God's Love.

21st March – Palm Sunday activities.

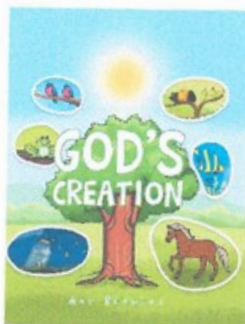
18th April – Springtime activities – pond dipping and signs of spring.

16th May – Planting seeds and plants around church and to take home.

20th June – Father's Day – Activities about the wind and weather – design a paper sailboat or kite - bring your dad or grandad to help.

18th July – Teddy Bears Picnic – bring a picnic and your favourite teddy to listen to a story.

August – no outdoor church.



Come along and join in the fun.



Confirmation

We are delighted to share that there will be a confirmation service with the Bishop at St Oswald's in January.

This is a service for children in Y5 or Y6 and above (adults too) who have been baptised and now wish to make their own commitment to Christianity. Services do not take place regularly so if you or your child would like to know more, then please contact Revd Sandi or Mrs Wood.

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Starting School in 2027?



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OPEN EVENING

7TH OCTOBER | 5-6.30PM



'a joyful place in which to learn'
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Parent Council

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Year 1—repy1@breretonprimary.org.uk

Year 2— repy2@breretonprimary.org.uk

Year 3—repy3@breretonprimary.org.uk

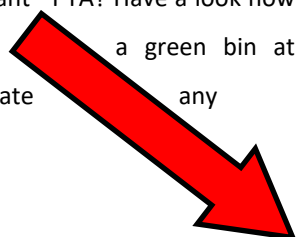
Year 4—repy4@breretonprimary.org.uk

Year 5—repy5@breretonprimary.org.uk

Year 6—repy6@breretonprimary.org.uk

Uniform

Did you know that there is a pre-loved uniform shop on our website ran by our brilliant PTA? Have a look now to grab a bargain. There is also a green bin at the entrance to school to donate any unwanted school uniform.



Uniform

We are very proud of our uniform at Brereton. Our main (or winter) uniform can be worn throughout the year. For the Summer term (following the Easter break) and the first half term in Autumn (September - October half-term break), children are welcome to wear the alternative summer uniform if it is more comfortable in warmer weather.

In addition we have a PE uniform which children should wear to school on their PE day.

Uniform is available from:

Sam Dales in Holmes Chapel - <https://www.samdaleandson.co.uk/>

Badged - <https://www.badged.co.uk/>

Many items of nearly new uniform are also available for as little as £1.50 from the PTA uniform shop -

<https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/brereton-c-of-e-primary-school>



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Dates for your diaries

Tuesday 22nd September—AGM and first PTA meeting

Monday 28th September—Individual and sibling Photographs

Wednesday 7th October—Open Evening for children starting in 2027 5-6.30pm

Thursday 8th October—KS1 Harvest Service 9:30am

Wednesday 14th October—Year 4 Bikeability

PTFA meeting to arrange Bonfire night. 6pm, online

Year 5 Chester Pilgrim Day

Thursday 15th October—Y6 Bikeability

Friday 16th October—Y6 Bikeability

W.B. 19th October - Parent consultations

Thursday 22nd October—Break up for half term

Friday 23rd October—INSET DAY

Monday 2nd October—Back to school

Wednesday 4th November—Fireworks
5-8pm

Tuesday 10th November—Autumn Learning Exhibition 2-3pm

Wednesday 11th November—KS2 Remembrance TBC

Thursday 12th November—PTFA meeting to arrange Elfridges and Christmas Fair, in school 6pm

Tuesday 17th November—Flu Vaccination Programme

Friday 20th November—Non-uniform day (donations for Elfridges)

Tuesday 24th November—PTFA meeting to arrange Elfridges and Christmas Fair, online 6pm

Wednesday 2nd December—Reception's Nativity 9.30am

Friday 4th December—Christmas Fair 5-8pm

Tuesday 8th December—Y2-6 New Vic Theatre 'The Borrowers'

KS1 Nativity 2-3pm

Wednesday 9th December—KS1 Nativity 6-7pm

Thursday 17th December—Christmas Church Service TBC

Friday 18th December—Break up for Christmas

Monday 4th January—Back to School

Tuesday 2nd February—PTFA meeting to arrange Valentine's Disco and Mother's Day shop) Online 6pm

W.b. 8th February—Parent consultations

Thursday 11th February—Non-uniform day (donation for Mother's Day shop)

Valentine's Disco: R/1/2 3.30-4.30, 3/4/5/6 4.30-6pm

Friday 12th February—Break up for half term

Monday 22nd February—Back to school

Friday 5th March—Mother's Day shop

Thursday 18th March—Spring Learning Exhibition 9.30-10.30

Monday 22nd—Thursday 25th March—Y6 Residential

Thursday 25th March—KS2 Easter Service TBC

Break up for Easter

Monday 12th April—Back to school

Thursday 15h April—Class Photographs

Tuesday 27th—Friday 30th April—Y5 Residential

Monday 3rd May—Bank Holiday

Wednesday 5th—Friday 7th May—Y4 Residential

W.B. 10th May—Y6 SATs week

Wednesday 19th May—PTFA meeting (summer disco and Father's day shop) in school 6pm

Friday 28th May—Sports day 1-3pm

Break up for half term

Monday 7th June—Back to school

Wednesday 9th June—New starter meeting 5.30-6.30pm

Thursday 10th June—Non-uniform day (donate to Father's day shop)

Summer Disco

Friday 11th June—Reserve Sports Day 1-3pm

Thursday 17th June—PTFA and community meeting for Garden Party and Rose King/Queen, in school 6pm

Friday 18th June—Father's Day shop

Tuesday 22nd June—New Starter session

Wednesday 23rd June—Parent Consultations

Thursday 29th June—PTFA and community meeting for Garden Party and Rose King/Queen, online 6pm

Wednesday 30th June—Parent Consultations

Thursday 1st July—New Starter session 4.30-5.30

Friday 2nd July—Y6 Prom

Saturday 3rd July—Garden Party

Tuesday 6th—Wednesday 7th July—Y2 Residential

Thursday 15th July—Y6 leavers service 9.30

Friday 16th July—Break up for Summer



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Clubs—Autumn 1 2026

Maypole dancing	Mrs Taylor / Mrs Hartley	Tuesday	Y2-6	4pm	£2
Spanish	Milena	Friday	KS1	Lunch time starts 18/09/26	Direct Booking
Spanish	Milena	Tuesday	KS2	4pm starts 15/09/26	Direct Booking
KS1 Net-ball	Mrs Warren	Monday	KS1	4.15pm	£2
KS2 Net-ball	Mrs Warren	Tuesday	KS2	4.15pm	£2
Writing club	Mrs Mitton	Monday	Y4/5/6	4.15	£2
Mini-Sports	Multisport coaching	Wednesday	Reception	4.15pm	Direct Booking
More Than Sports	Multisport coaching	Wednesday	KS1	4.15pm	Direct Booking
KS2 Foot-ball	Thrive	Friday	KS2	4.15pm	£2
KS1 Foot-ball	UK Football Academy	Tuesday	KS1	4.15pm	
Minecraft	Miss Simons	Wednesday	KS2	7.45-8.45am	Direct booking
Kids with Bricks	Mrs Pirie	Tuesday	Y2-6	4.15pm	Direct Booking



Dear Parents,

re: Minecraft After School Club at Brereton Primary School

We are delighted to be able to offer our very popular **Minecraft** themed after school club, running from 07:45am-8:45am every **Wednesday** for 8 weeks from **2nd September 2026**. The club is open for **Years 3-6**. The club is organised, administered, and supported by **Mi Little Pad Ltd**, an external ICT provider who deliver amazing clubs for children that love **Minecraft** across the whole of England and Wales.

As well as completing a range of exciting educational challenges, students will have the chance to work both individually and 'join the same world' to work in teams.

As an added bit of fun, students from the club will also take part in a weekly **Minecraft** themed competition where parents can vote for their favourites and points are won for the national leaderboard.

15 devices with **Minecraft** on will be available for the children to use as well as a wifi router to facilitate team activities.

BOOK ONLINE!

The club costs **£4.50** per child per session and is paid for half termly in advance. All club places are reserved and paid for online. Just go to www.milittlepad.com to book your child's place.

*** Ticket sales go live on Wed 8th July at 12:00 midday!**

Any problems please contact us on support@milittlepad.com

Minecraft is a trademark of Microsoft Corporation. This after-school club is independently run and is not affiliated with or endorsed by Microsoft.



Dear Parents,

Kids With Bricks After School Club at Brereton Primary School

We are pleased to be able to offer our **Kids With Bricks** after school club running from 3:15-4:15 every **Tuesday** for 7 weeks from **8th September 2026**. This club is open for **Years 2-6** and there are a maximum of 20 places available. The club is organised, administered and supported by **Kids With Bricks Ltd**, an external provider who deliver after school clubs across the whole of the UK.

As well as completing a range of exciting educational challenges, students will have the chance to work both individually and to work in teams.

As an added bit of fun, students from the club will also take part in a weekly inter-school competition where parents can vote for their favourites and points are won for the national leader board.

BOOK ONLINE!

The club costs **£3.99+VAT** per child per session and is paid for termly in advance. All club places are reserved and paid for online. Just go to www.kidswithbricks.com to book your child's place.

*** Tickets go live on Wed 8th July at 12:00 midday!**

Any problems please contact us on bookings@kidswithbricks.com

Kind regards,

John Gallacher

🌟 EL CLUB ESPAÑOL – CHESHIRE IS RETURNING TO BRERETON! 🌟

Bringing another year of fun, engaging and confidence-boosting Spanish lessons to our school

🎟️ **FREE TASTER SESSIONS** *Limited spaces – only 10 places per session!*

KS1 Taster Session 📅 **Tuesday 8th September – Lunchtime** 🕒 ⚡ Up to 10 children

KS2 Taster Session 📅 **Friday 11th September – Lunchtime** 🕒 ⚡ Up to 10 children

These first sessions are **FREE** and offered on a **first-come, first-served** basis — once the spaces are gone, they're gone. Fun, relaxed and no obligation. Children will enjoy songs, games, crafts and much more — perfect for building confidence and curiosity.

🎉 **AFTER THE TASTER SESSIONS... THE CLUB BEGINS!**

🕒 📅 **KS1 Spanish Club – Fridays at Lunchtime**

Fun, interactive sessions exploring colours, greetings, numbers, songs and simple phrases. Includes crafts, games, and our mascot **Pepe el Caracol!** Perfect for building strong foundations early on.

🕒 📅 **KS2 Spanish Club – Tuesdays After School**

A lively, engaging club designed to support and extend **KS2 Spanish**. Ideal for enthusiastic learners who want to deepen their skills, practise speaking and grow confidence in a creative environment.

🗨️ WHY JOIN SPANISH CLUB?

• Builds confidence in speaking • Strengthens memory and pronunciation • Encourages cultural awareness • Supports **KS2 curriculum learning** • Fun, friendly and motivating sessions • Children already attending can name **10 colours**, use **basic greetings**, and recognise early vocabulary — and they **LOVE** it! • Parents love it too — check our Facebook page for genuine feedback

🌈 A FUN, FRIENDLY WAY TO LEARN SPANISH

All sessions delivered by a **native, experienced tutor**.

📅 **Book your child's place:**

elclubespanol@gmail.com

📞 **Contact:**

07776 254492

Spaces for the **FREE** tasters are limited — don't delay, book today!



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Brereton Primary School Attendance Policy on a Page



Brereton Attendance Goals
We attend school **REGULARLY**
We attend school **PUNCTUALLY**
We attend school **READY** to learn

School Attendance Target is:

96%

4 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR

7 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR

9 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR

11 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR

20 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR

30 SCHOOL DAYS OFF EACH YEAR



Ready



Respectful



Safe



Brereton Primary School Morning Routine

Pupils are expected to be in school by 8.50am.

Registers are taken at 8.55am. Pupils will receive a late mark 'L' in the register if they are not in school by 8:55am.

Children arriving after 8:50am are required to sign in via the school office providing a reason for their lateness. This is then monitored by the attendance lead and parent's will be contacted by phone / letter if a pattern starts to form.

The registers will be closed at 9.30am. Any pupils arriving after that time will be marked as 'U - late after the registers have closed' in the register for that session. This is classed as an unauthorised absence

At Brereton, we know that it is vital that our school attend school regularly and punctually to achieve the best outcomes. We want children to become the best version of themselves: academically, socially and morally as they grow into the next generation of our community. Good school attendance is the foundation to this.

School staff will follow up absent pupils with phone calls and home visits if absence is not reported by parents or school have a concern.

Absence from school MAY be authorised for:

- Unavoidable medical appointments (with evidence)
- Days of religious observance
- Exceptional family circumstances (with evidence)
- Illness - although please do not keep children absent with minor ailments.

Absence from school WILL NOT be authorised for:

- Having to stay at home due to an unwell parent or carer or sibling.
- Day trips
- Birthdays
- Holidays
- Rest days after a poor nights sleep

If attendance falls below 92% you may be invited into school for a school attendance meeting, which may also be attended by members of the LA attendance team.

At this meeting we will look at things that are working well for your child, things that need to improve and to put a plan in place to help their attendance to improve, involving other supporting agencies if necessary, e/g, Health, Home Start, Early Help, SEND services etc...

REPORT IT FIRST and EVERY DAY
If your child is going to be absent from school, please report this ASAP via the school office

Our attendance
this week is

94%



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