



# BROAD SQUARE NEWSLETTER

30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Overall Attendance: 93.6%**  
**Early Years Winning Class: RD - 89.4%**  
**Years 1 & 2 Winning Class 1H - 98.7%**  
**Years 3 & 4 Winning Class 4E - 96.3%**  
**Years 5 & 6 Winning Class 5M - 96.6%**



## Dates for the Diary:

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February** - Break up for half term at 3:20pm (normal time)

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February** - Half term

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** - Children return to school

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March** - Parents evenings

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** - Break up for Easter Holidays @1:30pm

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April** - Children return to school.

\*other dates will be added as the term goes on  
- always refer to the calendar of events on the school website.

Dear parents and carers,

These Friday's are coming around very quickly. It has been another great week at Broad Square with lots to celebrate. In assembly this morning we celebrated our Value Award winners, Super Star readers as well as our Kin Ball players from this weeks competition.

Class 5M enjoyed their Wellbeing trip this week, staff comented on how much they enjoyed taking the children out and how they were, as always, a credit to Broad Square.

Don't forget to look at **Instagram** for photographs of our school events.

Now reception 2026 applications are done we ask for anyone who would like a **Nursery** place for September 2026 (their child would be 3) please apply directly at the school office.

**Free school meals;** we encourage anyone who thinks they could be entitled to free school meals to apply - again contact the school office for support with this. Even if your child stays packed lunches, it is still important as you could be entitled to holiday vouchers also unlock additional school funding.

Again I mention the **Norris Green Park Run** that happens every Sunday at 9am - a 2km course and a great FREE event. Get involved - we have a year 6 who ran, realised she was awesome and is now in the school cross country team!!

Have a lovely weekend,

Thank you,

*Mrs Foden*, Headteacher



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## Broad Square Reading



We are excited to announce that **2026 has officially been named the Year of Reading at our school** – a whole year dedicated to celebrating books, building a love of reading, and helping every child grow as a confident, enthusiastic reader.

Reading is at the heart of everything we do. It opens up new worlds, builds imagination, strengthens vocabulary, and supports children across every area of the curriculum. This year, we are placing an even greater focus on reading by offering a wide range of fun, engaging and meaningful opportunities for all pupils. Look out for further updates!



### **Spotlight on curriculum**

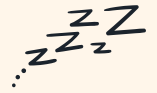
Sports at Broad Square:

Our pupils recently took part in a Kin-Ball experience, a fast-paced and inclusive sport that encourages cooperation and communication. With a giant 1.2m ball to manoeuvre, children worked in teams to keep the ball moving and prevent it from touching the ground. It was great fun!

A special mention goes to one of our talented pupils who has been selected to run in the City Championships this weekend. This is a huge achievement and a reflection of their dedication, effort and passion for athletics. We wish them the very best of luck—we know they will do Broad Square proud - Go Mila!

We'd also like to remind all families about the free Parkrun at Norris Green Park every Sunday at 9am.

It's a fantastic way to stay active together as a family, enjoy the outdoors and build fitness in a supportive community setting. Everyone is welcome –children, parents and even buggies!



### **Sleep**

A good night's sleep helps children feel calmer, happier and ready to learn.

#### Keep bedtime predictable

Try to aim for the same bedtime each night. A regular routine helps children's bodies know when it's time to wind down.

#### Create a calm wind-down routine

The last 30–45 minutes before bed should be quiet and relaxing. This might include a bath, pyjamas, a story, or some calm music.

#### Switch screens off early.

Bright screens can wake the brain up. Turning tablets, TVs and phones off at least one hour before bed can help children settle more easily.

#### Make the bedroom sleep-friendly.

A cool, quiet, dark room is best for sleep. Soft lighting, favourite cuddly toys and familiar bedding can help children feel safe and relaxed.

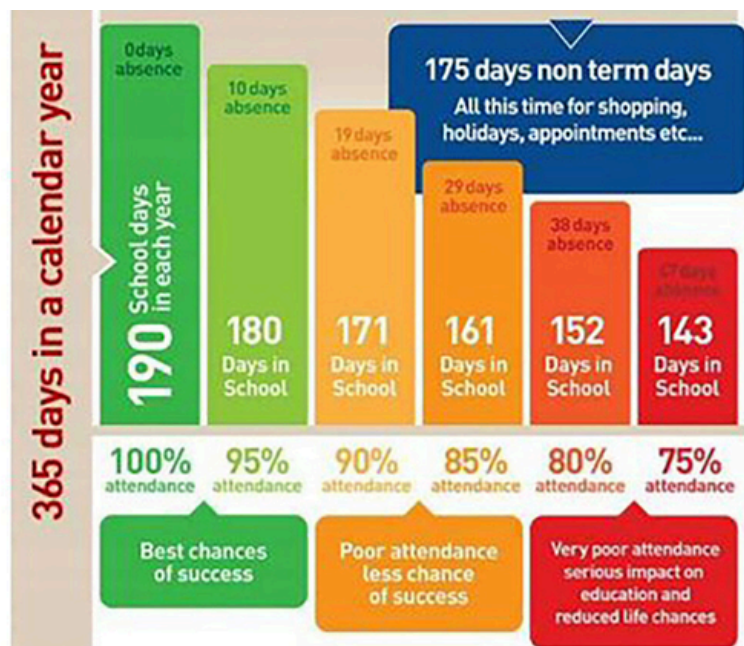
#### Talk about worries earlier in the evening

#### Remember: bad nights happen

Not every night will be perfect – and that's okay. A calm routine and reassurance will help children feel secure, even after a restless night.

# Attendance Matters:

This week we have made reference to an image that is on our school website. This highlights the importance of good attendance and punctuality.



**DID YOU KNOW?** A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance you can achieve is **94.7%**



**DID YOU KNOW?** If you are 15 minutes late each day you will have missed a full 2 weeks of school in one year?

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Picture News

Talk about why you believe this story became news across the UK this week.

How is the FA improving behaviour in football?

What activities do you take part in (in or out of school)?  
What activities do you like to watch on TV?

Why is it important to follow the rules?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qe9v0lj-XI>

## Let's look at this week's story

The Football Association (FA) has published a review looking at behaviour in football across England. It wants to ensure football practice and matches are safe, fair, and enjoyable for everyone, including players, referees, and fans. The review encourages all involved in the sport to play their part in supporting and following values of positive behaviour.



**UN Rights of the Child**

Every child has the right to rest, play, and join in with art and culture. Adults should ensure children have opportunities to play sports and access cultural activities.



**British Values**



### Rules of Law

Rules keep us safe and help us get along, whether we are playing a game of football or living together in our community. When we follow the law, we create a kinder and safer place for everyone.

### Protected Characteristics

Sport should be a fair and fun space where everyone feels welcome. When we follow rules and treat each person with kindness and respect, we make sure that everyone is included.



