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Good Afternoon,

Bruche does not slow down as we approach a well-deserved half term rest.

On Wednesday, our school hall was transformed into a haunted haven of lights, laughter, and legendary dance moves as the PTA hosted our annual Halloween Discos! (Thankfully, I was on door duty, as I dance like my dad!)

From creepy costumes to fang-tastic fun, the night was a huge success! £668.44 was made to go towards school funds.

More than just a disco, the events were a wonderful reminder of the power of community. These celebrations couldn't happen without the support of our dedicated PTA and school staff, who gave up their time to decorate, supervise, and help everything run smoothly – from the music and decorations to the clean-up crew - your time, creativity, and enthusiasm helped create magical memories for our children.

This week in Early Years, we were once again delighted by the incredible turnout of parents and carers at our Halloween craft events in Nursery and Reception. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who came along and helped make the events such a wonderful success! The hall was full of smiles, laughter, and creativity as children proudly crafted their spooky wands. A big thank you also goes to the staff and volunteers involved.

And a massive pumpkin-sized thank you also goes to our amazing PTA for organising this year's Pumpkin Competition! The creativity on display was truly spook-tacular, and it was wonderful to see so many imaginative entries from our children.

Your hard work in planning and running the event brought a lot of autumn fun to our school — thank you for making it such a success!

Also big thanks go to Mr and Mrs Blaney and Millie for organising the Halloween best dressed competitions – the prizes from both competitions helped to brighten up many faces on Friday morning!

A reminder that Parents' Evening will take place this Monday. Please ensure you have booked your appointments with your child's teacher. This is a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and for you to ask any questions you may have.

On Friday, Bruche joined with schools around the globe in recognising World Mental Health Day. The day was a wonderful opportunity to help children learn about the importance of looking after their mental wellbeing. Throughout the day, classes took part in a range of fun and thoughtful activities designed to help children feel calm, connected, cared. Many classes looked at how kindness and gratitude and staying positive and setting goals can make you happy.

On Tuesday next week at 5pm, there is a further opportunity for Bruche parents to come into school and discuss next years through-school. We hope to see as many 'Bruchees' there as possible to keep up our tradition of 'success nothing less' as we enter an exciting moment in our school history.

There will be a Robinwood residential meeting for Year 6 parents, prior to through-school meeting starting at 4:30pm, meaning that you do not need to make arrangements to come into school on two separate occasions.

Also, mark your calendars for next week – our Lower Key Stage 2 Coffee Morning is just around the corner, and you won't want to miss it!

 Thursday @ 9am

 Where? School Hall

Here's what's brewing:

✦✦ Fresh coffee (and maybe a cheeky biscuit or two!)

👂 A chance to chat with Mrs Melia and give us some feedback on what we are doing well and what we can do to continue to improve to make Bruche the best it can be – success nothing less!

Have a great weekend,

Mr Ghoul - ha, ha, ha, ha! (Your Head is clearly in need of sleep and half-term!).

Diary Dates

Autumn Term 1

~~08.09.2025 15.30~~ Parent drop in to children's classrooms

~~18.09.2025 9.00~~ EYFS Coffee morning – parents invited in for a coffee and a chat to share feedback

~~22.09.2025 17.00 – 17.00~~ KS3 Year 7 Open evening – for parents of current year 6

~~30.09.2025~~ Y1 Hearing screening

~~02.10.2025 9.00~~ KS1 (Y1 and Y2) Coffee morning – parents invited in for a coffee and a chat to share feedback

~~07.10.2025~~ Reception vision screening

~~08.10.2025~~ Warrington Guardian Reception photograph

~~08.10.2025~~ PTA Halloween Event KS1 16.15 – 17.15

~~08.10.2025~~ PTA Halloween Event KS2 17.30 – 18.30

~~09.10.2025 14.00~~ Nursery Halloween parent and pupil craft workshop (Letter to follow)

~~09.10.2025 09.15~~ Reception Halloween parent and pupil craft workshop (Letter to follow)

13.10.2025 13.00 – 18.30 Parent's Evening (Nursery – Year 6)

14.10.2025 17.00 – Open evening for the new High School (current year 5 & 6 Bruche parent and pupils)

16.10.2025 9.00 LKS2 (Y3 and Y4) Coffee morning- parents invited in for a coffee and a chat to share feedback

17.10.2025 School closes for half term break

Autumn Term 2

03.11.2025 School opens

13.11.2025 9.00 UKS2 (Y5 and Y6) Coffee morning- parents invited in for a coffee and a chat to share feedback

14.11.2025 Children in Need

20.11.2025 Tempest individual photographs

26.11.2025 17.00 Reception open evening for September 2026 starters

27.11.2025 Flu immunisations R-Year 6

04.12.2025 9.00 SEND Coffee morning - parents invited in for a coffee and a chat to share feedback

10.12.2025 14.00 EYFS dress rehearsal

11.12.2025 14.00 EYFS Performance 1

12.12.2025 9.30 EYFS Performance 2

15.12.2025 9.30 KS1 Dress Rehearsal

15.12.2025 14.00 KS2 Dress Rehearsal

16.12.2025 9.30 KS1 Performance 1

16.12.2025 15.30 KS1 Performance 2

17.12.2025 9.30 KS2 Performance 1

17.12.2025 15.30 KS2 Performance 2

19.12.2025 Toy day/ Party day/ Jumper day

19.12.2025 15.30 Parent's drop in to children's classrooms

19.12.2025 School closes for Christmas

Spring Term 1

09.01.2026 Reception - Year 6 Parr Hall Pantomime Beauty and the Beast (Details to follow)

Parent's attendance

PTA Events

Addition/ changes to the dates

Special Mentions

Nursery - Daisy Wardman for demonstrating such a lovely polite and kind manner towards others.
Well Done Daisy!

Reception - Ellen Millen for some excellent independent writing and beautiful manners.

Year 1 - Lois Renee Dennis for amazing written work and giving 100% in everything that she does. So proud of you!

Year 2 - Esme Brierley for getting really stuck into the forest school day this week and working well with others!

Year 3 - Georgie Dickenson for fantastic effort and trying hard to be independent in all of his work this week.

Year 4 - Daisy Jones for her hard work in writing and great intonation when reading it to the class.

Year 5 - Jacob Sinclair for his amazing effort in engaging in lessons!

Year 6 – Paige Reeson for simply being Paige Reeson

PE Stars - The Bruche football team for demonstrating Bruche values and behaviours.

Early Years News

Nursery

Following on from last week we have all enjoyed reading the story "Pete the Cat and his Four Groovy Buttons." The children have been sorting, counting and comparing buttons as well as designing and making their own.

We have created collages of Pete the Cat and his four groovy buttons as well as using shapes to print our own cats.

The children have been sequencing the story using images and have then enjoyed retelling it to one another, singing the repeating song throughout.

The children have also been using their detective skills to match up the correct cat to its shadow, including turning and flipping images until they matched up correctly.

I would like to say a huge thank you to all of our parents, carers and children for making our Halloween craft event on Thursday so fabulous.

Another wonderful week.

Well Done Nursery.

Mrs Wallace, Miss Taylor & Mrs Bromwell

Reception

This week Zibbo has got up to all sorts of mischief. He snuck into Mrs Fairhurst's bag at the weekend and played hide and seek in Mrs Fairhurst house. Luckily Mrs Fairhurst took pictures of his hiding places and we had to read some speech bubbles that he had left for us. The children's favourite place Zibbo hid was in the bin.

The children then had to write their own sentences in a speech bubble for Zibbo and we had to remember our finger spaces and full stops.

The children have been preparing a special feast for a party in the playdough we used sprinkles to make our cakes even more delicious, our classroom smelt delightful. In the construction area we have been designing a way for Zibbo to travel. The children came up with their own ideas and they built boats, cars and scooters for Zibbo.

In the creative area we have continued to develop our dragons and talked about our new word scaly. We used bubble wrap to make scaly skin for our dragons. Also in our creative area this week we have been completing the most beautiful observational drawings of sunflowers after some of our friends brought them in for us to look at.

In our investigation station we have been placing a vote for the question 'are dragons real?' We have been exploring photographs and deciding whether the creature could be a dragon or not.

In Maths we have focused our learning on recognising numbers to 5 and beyond and counting out special dragon eggs to match to the numbers. We have also been reasoning with numbers by looking more closely at that number and spotting other numbers inside.

Thank you for a fabulous week reception

Mrs Fairhurst

Key Stage 1 News

Year 1

This week Year 1 have continued to learn all about friendship and love in our PSHE lessons. We gave lots of examples about how to treat people and discussed how we want to be treated. We also discussed healthy and unhealthy snacks and commented on some foods that would help us concentrate in class and some foods that may make us feel a bit giddy!

In Maths, we continued to count in ones and tens whilst learning how to count in fives. We consolidated our knowledge of finding more and less and began discussing how we can compare different objects. We used words such as more than, less than, fewer than and greater than. Later on in the week we started to look at numbers lines and commented on how each numberline starts with 0. We completed missing number problems using number lines too!

In Writing, we talked about our senses and when we use our senses throughout the day. We listed 5 things we can see, hear, taste, touch and smell.

In RE, we talked about what RE is and what religions there are. We were introduced to Christianity and talked about how Christians call God, the father. We listed what Christians may do to show their love for God and drew some beautiful pictures involving people giving to charity, praying and people going to church.

In Geography we looked at some more aerial maps and began to construct our own map of our school! We really enjoyed this!

In Computing we looked at what a laptop looks like and started to talk about its features. We labelled parts of a laptop and we are looking forward to using the laptops next week.

Miss Kerrigan

Year 2

In maths this week, we have looked at identifying numbers on a marked number line. Although a tricky concept for them, we worked so hard to learn vocabulary like 'intervals' to help us deduce numbers where arrows were pointing.

We finished our next shared reading story and completed our end of unit quiz which the children worked hard at finding the answers together.

On Wednesday the children took part in their forest school day with Mr Cooney where they did autumnal scavenger hunts and created hedgehog houses. All children had a blast!

In science, we looked at properties of different materials and how we could describe them. We came up with a good bank of vocabulary like 'hard, durable, flexible, stiff, rough, smooth and shiny', to describe certain things.

In spelling we have started to look at different rules. The ones we have looked at so far is having the -ck sound that follows a single vowel e.g. sock, sick, clip. We have also looked at doubling up on a letter following a single vowel e.g. glass, class, miss.

In RHE, we looked at working together as a team to make sure we can make each other happy in school. We discussed different scenarios that can occasionally occur on the playground and we discussed whether it would be something the children should try and solve on their own, or whether they would need help from an adult. This lesson was great in trying to help grow the children's independence.

Homework

English- adjectives to describe a setting.

Maths- Number lines

Mrs Hogan & Mrs Floyd

Key Stage 2 News

Year 3

Our maths learning this week has focused on partitioning and labelling number lines. We know we count the intervals on a number line to help us work out what the number line is counting up in. We also used our understanding of place value to order 3-digit numbers.

In English we have carried on reading 'The Iron Man', discovering that the Iron Man escaped his trap and the mayor needs help making a new one! We designed our own traps for the Iron Man, thinking carefully about how we are going to lure, trap and secure the Iron Man. In our reading lessons we have been enjoying reading poetry this week, finding clues in a variety of poems to help us work out the hidden meanings behind the poems.

In RE we discussed why Christians choose to serve God. We looked at different prominent Christians and focused on the Salvation Army, looking at the activities they do to support others and spread God's word.

In Science we identified the properties of different igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rocks, discussing why different rocks are chosen for different purposes.

In geography we carried on our learning about the UK by using the atlas to locate key British cities and labelling them on our own maps.

On Friday we celebrated world mental health day by thinking about how we could spread kindness. We thought of all the ways we bring light to each other's lives, before jotting down kind words about our friends to show all the ways we appreciate them.

Homework

2 x Learning by Questions

1 x reading plus

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Johnson, Mrs Charles and Mrs Worthington

Year 4

This week, in English, we have planned our paragraphs for our setting description narrative. We have then written our final pieces and worked hard at editing our work ourselves.

In Maths, we have been counting in 25s, 50s and 100s and looking at recognising the patterns these create. This then came in very handy for our next step of blank number lines. We thought about finding the midpoint and what value this would have on a number line from 0 to 1000 and 0 to 10000. We then thought about the quarter and three quarter points and our knowledge of 25s to help us to work them out.

In RE, we have been looking at our overarching question How should we live our lives? Which we will apply to all the religions we will be looking at. We have begun by looking at Hindu dharma and 'What might a Hindu learn from celebrating Diwali?'. We discussed about how in books and films we see good overcoming evil and we thought about the different examples of this. We then thought about if good always wins and where we have seen personally good in the world. We then moved on to learning the story of Rama and Sita and why this story is important to Hindus.

In reading, we have learnt about common octopuses and how they are similar and different to sea dragons.

Homework,

3 x reads in reading diaries

2 x Reading plus

5 minutes TT rockstars

Mrs Shone

Year 5

This week in Year 5, we have been looking at Roman numerals. We interpreted Roman numerals into numbers and also turned numbers into Roman numerals. We found it was like cracking a code and needed to spot tricky numbers like 4 and 9 which switch numerals round e.g. IV and IX.

In writing, we have been using modal verbs to show the certainty of something to happen e.g. Miss Ratcliffe will go to the shop vs Miss Ratcliffe might go to the shop. We also looked at the difference between facts and opinions and sorted statements into the correct categories.

For our geography topic, we looked at the 5 imaginary lines of the World: the equator, Tropic of Cancer, Tropic of Capricorn, Arctic Circle and Antarctic Circle. We labelled these onto a World map.

In Spanish, we have been learning about emotions and wrote sentences about how we were feeling. We also moved on to looking at school subjects and learnt how to say key subjects in our curriculum.

Friday marked World Mental Health Day! We looked at a poem all about how special it feels to think about all of the people that are impacted by our kindness. We then created kindness tokens for someone close to us, to help brighten their day!

Miss Ratcliffe

Year 6

Warrington Council's Community Safety Team delivered a 'Would You Risk It?' workshop to Year 6 this week - 'Would You Risk It?' is a highly successful program delivered by youth workers and community safety and a police officers, focusing on the risks and challenges your year 6 pupils will face as they begin to transition into High School.

In Science, the children learnt about the evolution of finches at the Galapagos – learning more deeply about natural selection, the children looked at how the finches adapted and evolved different characteristics based on what type of environment they were exposed to – this linked with last week's experiment.

They then went on to look the completely different and contrasting biome of the Atacama Desert in Chile to emphasise the point the South America has many biomes, is diverse and is extremely vast. They examined how animals and plants at the Atacama have characteristics that help them be successful in their environment.

In Geography and Computing, the children began to focus more closely on Brazil, understanding how vast and diverse it is. The children analysed and manipulated climate data from a range of cities across Brazil, which highlighted how climate is significantly varied across the country and how Brazil is made up of multiple biomes. The children created combo line and bar graphs which illustrated just how diverse the country is.

Further in Computing, the children investigated spreadsheets, where they looked closely at the elements that make up a spreadsheet and how to collect and format data.

In Maths, the children carried out BIDMAS problems and revised finding percentages of number using the percentage decimal equivalents, as well as carrying out further practise of applying the four operations of fractions.

For Mental Health Awareness Day, the children began to look at what makes them happy, how they can make others happy and how they can set themselves goals for the future.

Homework

LBQ
2 Reading Plus Greens
Spellings
TTR Practise

Mr Gould and Mrs Blackledge

PE

This week we have been working on our fundamental skills of object manipulation, we have looked at the difference between the Cooper test and the bleep test and its benefits to assessing health and fitness. During outdoor education year 2 have used charcoal to create art, been on a nature walk and built a range of hedgehog houses.

Well done to our year 3/4 football team who competed valiantly against Penketh.

Mr Cooney

Lunch Menu w/c 13.10.2025

Week 1

SCHOOL MEALS

Available daily as an alternative - Filled jacket potatoes served with vegetables, a dessert and drink. An alternative dessert from a selection of seasonal fresh fruit, yoghurt, soren and cheese & biscuits
Available daily - Unlimited fresh salad and wholemeal bread, drinking water or fresh milk.




Week One	Week Two	Week Three
Meat Free Monday Vegetarian Sausage Roll Herby Diced Potatoes and Baked Beans Vanilla Ice Cream Tuesday V Pork Sausage with Yorkshire Pudding Creamed Potatoes, served with Carrots and Peas Fresh Fruit Segments or Yoghurt Wednesday V Beef Burger in a Bun served with Herby Diced Potato and Fresh Side Salad Vegetables Fajitas served with Savoury Rice and Sweetcorn. V Orange Jelly and Fruit Thursday V BBQ Chicken served with Baked Wedged Potatoes, and Sweetcorn Homemade Blueberry Cake/Muffin Friday Crumb Coated Chicken served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas, or Baked Beans Oven Baked Fish Fingers Served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Peas, or Baked Beans Homemade Cooks Choice Biscuit	Meat Free Monday Margarita Pizza Rounds Served with Baked Jacket Wedges and Sweetcorn Doughnut Tuesday V Roast Turkey with Creamed Potato, Roast Potato, Carrot and Broccoli Fresh Fruit Salad or Yoghurt Wednesday V Spaghetti Bolognese Served with Garden Peas Garlic and Herb Chicken Pitta served with Vegetable Rice and Broccoli. Arctic or Chocolate Ice Cream Thursday V Brunch Lunch (Sausage, Beans, Hash Brown, Omelette) V Raspberry Jelly and Fruit Friday Crumb Coated Chicken Served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Peas or Baked Beans Oven baked Battered Salmon served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Peas or Baked Beans Homemade Cooks Choice Biscuit	Meat Free Monday Tomato and Mascarpone Pasta Bake Served with Seasonal Vegetables Strawberry Ice Cream Tuesday V Chicken Katsu Curry served with Rice Fresh Fruit Segments or Yoghurt Wednesday V Selection of Pizza (pepperoni/cheese) Served with Jacket Wedges, Salad Sweet and Sour Chicken/Quorn Served with Rice/Noodle V Jelly and Fruit Thursday V Pork Meatballs in Tomato and Basil Sauce Served with Pasta and Garden Peas Vanilla and Chocolate Marble Cake Friday Oven Baked Chicken Poppers Served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas or Baked Beans Oven Baked Fish Stars Served with Chunky Chipped Potatoes, Garden Peas, or Baked Beans Homemade Cooks Choice Biscuit

Menu Cycle Week One: 17th June, 8th July, 2nd Sept, 23rd Sept, 14th Oct, 4th Nov, 25th Nov

Menu Cycle Week Two: 24th June, 15th July, 9th Sept, 30th Sept, 21st Oct, 11th Nov, 2nd Dec

Menu Cycle Week Three: 1st July, 22nd July, 16th Sept, 7th Oct, 28th Oct, 18th Nov, 9th Dec

Menu: 2024

 = Vegetarian  = Vegetarian substitute available
Lunch will be served with fresh milk or drinking water.
All homemade dishes contain additional vegetables.

For allergen and dietary help please contact school meals helpdesk on 01925.443082 or visit our website www.warrington.gov.uk/schoolmeals



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BRUCHE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term Dates 2025-2026

	Closing Date	Opening Date
Autumn		03.09.25
Autumn Half Term	17.10.25	03.11.25
Christmas	19.12.25	05.01.26
Spring Half Term	13.02.26	23.02.26
Easter	02.04.26	13.04.26
Bank Holidays (Good Friday and Easter Monday)	03.04.26 and 06.04.26	
Bank Holiday (May Day)	04.05.26	
Summer Half Term	22.05.26	01.06.26
Summer	17.07.26	(TBC)

INSET (Training days for staff – children not in school)

INSET 1	01.09.25
INSET 2	02.09.25
INSET 3	03.07.26
INSET 4	20.07.26
INSET 5	21.07.26

Holiday Dates	
October Half Term	20.10.25 - 31.10.25
Christmas Holiday	22.12.25 – 02.01.26
February Half Term	16.02.26 – 20.02.26
Easter Holiday	03.04.26 – 10.04.26
May Half Term (Whit)	25.05.26 – 29.05.26
Summer Holiday	20.07.26 - TBC

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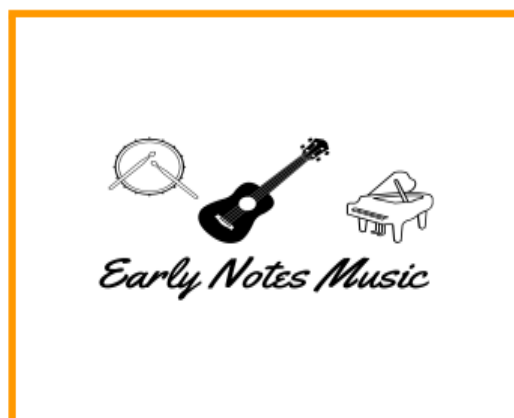
Term Dates 2026-2027

	Closing Date	Opening Date
Autumn 2026		02.09.2026
Autumn Half Term	16.10.2025	02.11.2026
Christmas 2026	18.12.2026	04.01.2027
Spring Half Term 2026	12.02.2027	22.02.2027
Easter	25.03.2027	05.04.2027
Bank Holidays (Good Friday and Easter Monday)	26.03.2027 / 29.03.2027	
Bank Holiday (May Day)	03.05.2027	
Summer Half Term	28.05.2027	07.06.2027
Summer 2027	16.07.2027	(TBC)

INSET (Training days for staff – children not in school)

INSET 1	01.09.2026
INSET 2	02.07.2027
INSET 3	19.07.2027
INSET 4	20.07.2027
INSET 5	21.07.2027

Holiday Dates	
October Half Term	19.10.2026 – 30.10.2026
Christmas Holiday	21.12.2026 – 01.01.2027
February Half Term	15.02.2026 – 19.02.2027
Easter Holiday	26.03.2027 – 02.04.2027
May Half Term (Whit)	31.05.2027 – 04.06.2027
Summer Holiday	19.07.2027- TBC



Music is a compulsory and important part of the National Curriculum. The national curriculum for music aims to ensure that all pupils: perform, listen to, review and evaluate music.

From September 2022 Early Notes Music Education will be able to offer support to students with small group and one to one instrumental tuition for the following...

Ukulele For KS1 & KS2 students

Guitar For KS2 students

Keyboard For KS1 & KS2 students **(all students will learn to read notation)**

Flute For KS2 students **(all students will learn to read notation)**

Recorder (all ranges) For KS2 students **(all students will learn to read notation)**

Violin For KS2 students **(all students will learn to read notation)**

Drum Kit For KS1 & KS2 students

Tuition prices start from £65 for 12 sessions, all lessons are held within school during lesson time. The 12 sessions will usually fit into a school term and lessons will be carried over should a term be less than 12 weeks.

For further information about Early Notes Music, details about specific instrumental lessons or to enroll for September, you can do this direct via our website

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Saturday Superstars



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Saturday 13th September – Trampolining Academy & Dodgeball

Saturday 20th September – Trampolining Academy & crafts

Saturday 27th September – Trampolining Academy & Team building

Saturday 4th October – Trampolining Academy & crafts

Saturday 11th October – Trampolining Academy & Football/netball

Saturday 18th October – Padgate Academy Cinema

We will return on 15th November



Primary years 4, 5 and 6
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