

Summer Term 3 Newsletter

July 19th 2024



**BROOKTHORPE
HALL SCHOOL**

Message from the Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an end to the academic year! I would like to thank our Parent and Teacher Association for organising this week's BBQ. It was wonderful to see so many families, pupils and staff at the school enjoying the unusually warm weather. I must say that the inflatable assault course was a huge crowd pleaser with pupils and adults alike.



I must also thank Tom and Nathaniel from Forest Green Rovers for organising our very first Sports Day at Brookthorpe Hall. Despite the sweltering heat, nearly all of our pupils enjoyed throwing, jumping and the scarecrow relay. It really does show how much progress our pupils have made when everyone is enjoying the sports day events, taking turns and listening carefully to our coaches.

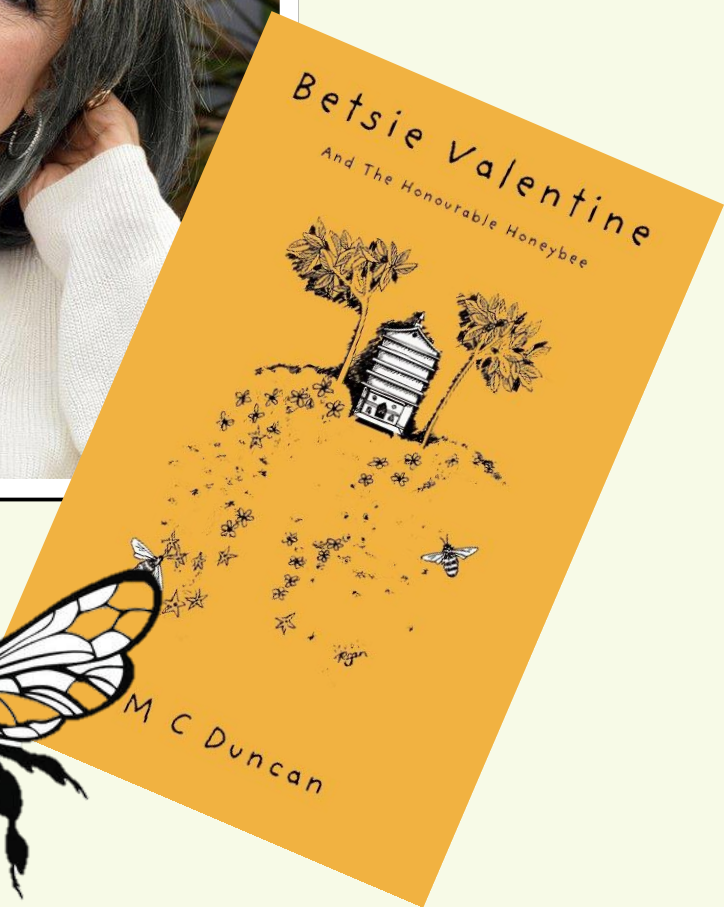


Finally, I would like to thank all of our staff, parents and families for their continued support. It was very special to see us all come together as an inclusive community at the recent BBQ. I am also proud to confirm that I have recently been appointed as Headteacher at Brookthorpe Hall and relinquish my Executive Headteacher role from September. I am very proud to lead Brookthorpe Hall and look forward to continuing our recent progress and improvements in September. I wish you all a fantastic summer with families, friends and loved ones.

Kind Regards,

Jon Bell
Executive Headteacher





On Monday 8, July we had a visit from Meriet Duncan, a beekeeper and author. Our Young People had a fabulous time, learned lots and came away thoroughly enthused about nature and wildlife and the importance of biodiversity.

As can be seen on the following pages, they had loads of fun, got to dress as beekeepers and even got to see how honey is collected.

Thanks to Meriet for such an interesting and interactive talk and to our Young People for behaving so nicely and for involving themselves in all aspects of the presentation.

Well done Brookthorpe Hall for another successful enrichment day.









And finally, some thoughts about the day from our Young People.

“I really liked it. The objects were cool, especially the beekeeper suits which I tried on”



“Really interesting, great artefacts. I liked the way you built the hive in front of us”

***“I THOUGHT THE WHOLE THING WAS
VERY FASCINATING”***

“My mum loved the beautiful books which you kindly signed. Every time I buy a jar of honey, I will remember the 55000 each bee has travelled to make it”

“I enjoyed trying on the beekeeper suits”.

And finally, some thoughts about the day from our Young People.

“It was fun, entertaining and interesting. I enjoyed learning more about bees. I loved it – it was amazing!”



“I didn’t know bees were so amazing and really important”

“IT WAS REALLY GOOD.”

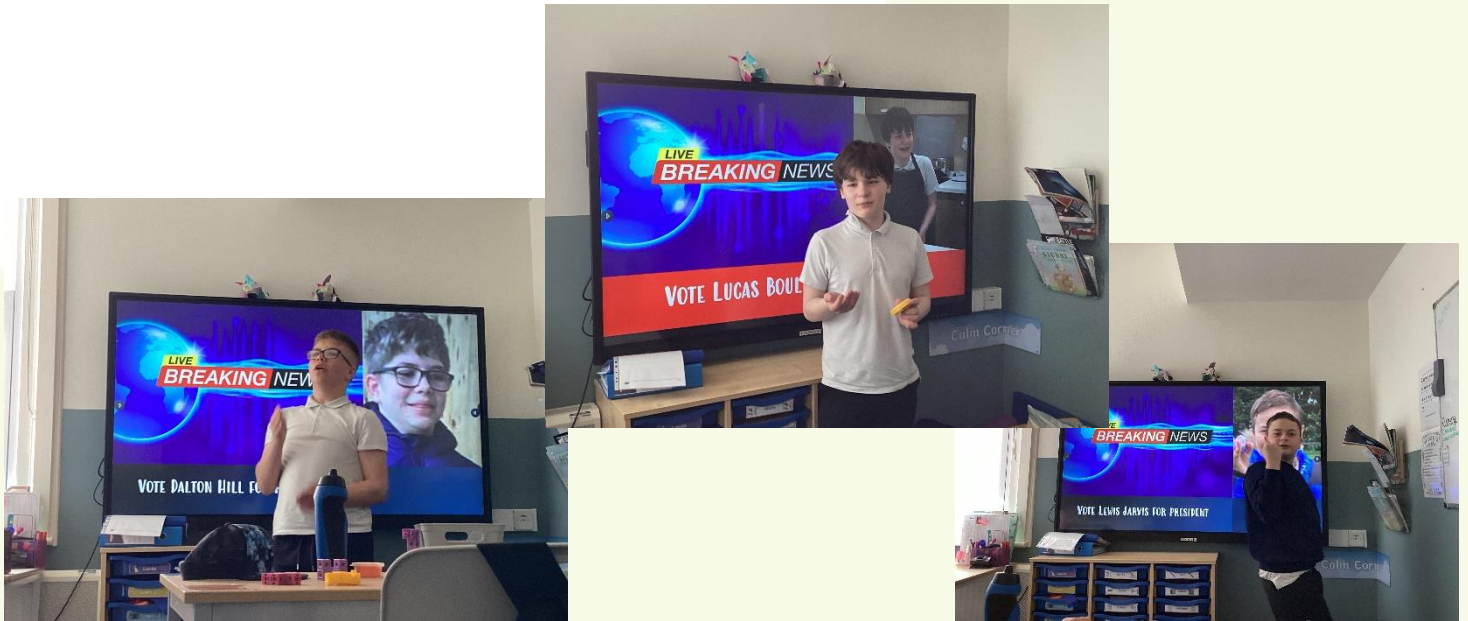
“she was really interesting, we learnt about the collector bee, honeybee, fanning bee, etc.,”

““Amazing, we learnt that honeybees are really small”.

Tuffley News

BROOKTHORPE HALL SCHOOL

We are thrilled to share the exciting activities and achievements of Tuffley Class this summer term.



As can be seen, we have been incredibly busy honing our public speaking skills in a unique and engaging way – by 'running for President'!

One standout moment was Lucas's speech, where he proposed the creation of a Technology Club. Lucas envisioned a space where tech enthusiasts could come together to explore and learn, using donated products like iPods, iPads, and other gadgets, which was an amazing idea.

Tuffley News

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Our group reading sessions are still going strong! We have finally finished reading and watching *The Secret Garden* and we have even finished our wall display. This has been a wonderful journey for the students, as they were able to make comparisons between the book and the film, highlighting the differences and discussing their interpretations.



Tuffley Class Teacher
Serena

Tuffley News

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Tuffley Class loves the opportunity to get creative and this term they had a blast designing their own t-shirts. The results were amazing, showcasing their unique artistic talents and personal styles. #catwalkqueen

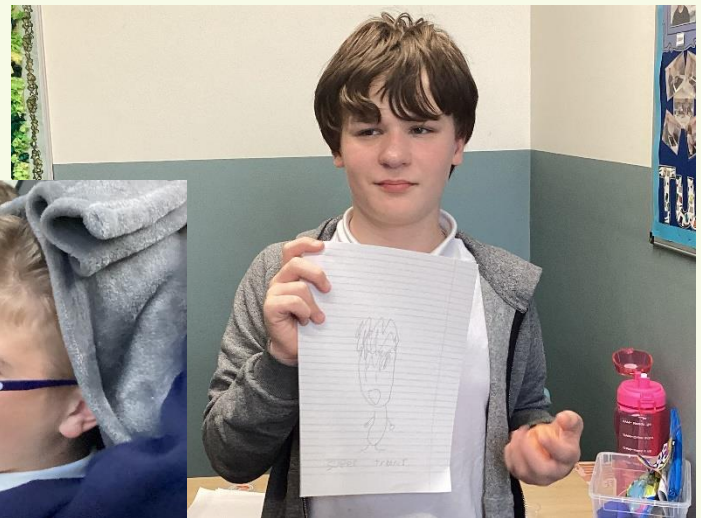
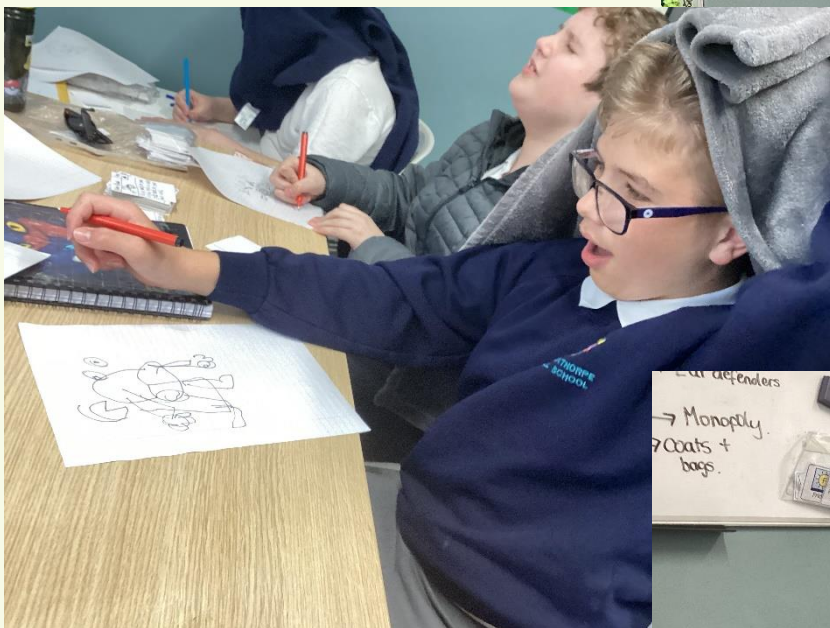


Tuffley Class Teacher
Serena

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In Art class, the students participated in a hilarious team-building activity. The boys from Tuffley tried to draw an image they had seen but they were blind-folded. The lesson was filled with giggles as the students tried their best to recreate the drawings without peeking.



Tuffley Class Teacher
Serena

Tuffley News

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We are incredibly proud of Tuffley Class for their hard work, creativity, and enthusiasm this term. As the school year comes to a close, we want to wish all our students and their families a wonderful summer holiday. May your break be filled with joy, relaxation, and plenty of memorable moments.



Tuffley Class Teacher
Serena

Class News: Hardwicke Class

The Secret Garden theme this term has been hugely successful. Hardwicke Class harnessed their creativity through activities including fashioning clay bird, flower and fossil models, assembling a bug house, sowing parsley seeds, repotting our seedlings, building 3D models and executing a fantastic mural.

Hardwicke Class Teacher

Amanda Parker



Class News: Hardwicke Class

We appreciated two trips out to Bankside School to learn about horticulture: planting tomato and broccoli plants, picking broad beans for the kitchen and watering crops with a hose in the greenhouse. Sam had fun watering Saria... then we all had a lovely picnic on the lawn. Thanks, Chef Paul! We had such fun choosing our favourite songs to which we sang along in the car on the journey home and spotting items from our road trip scavenger hunt

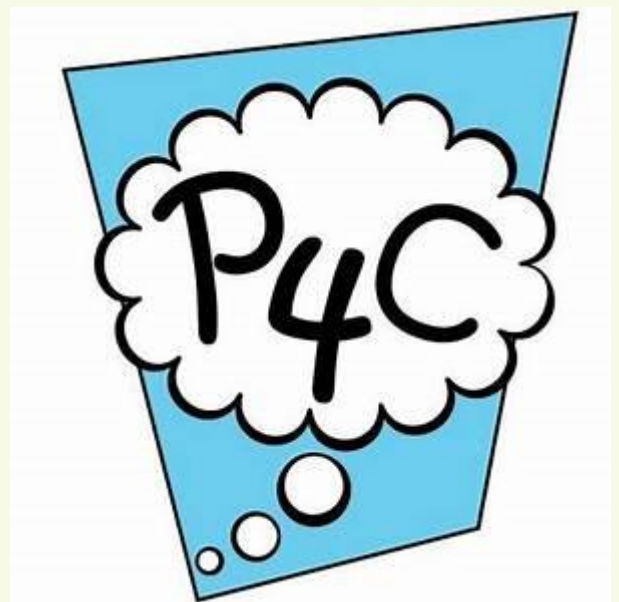
Hardwicke Class Teacher

Amanda Parker



In Upton we have been using the Philosophy 4 Children [P4C] approach to learning and have been deep in thought. Discussing the meaning of life has been incredibly interesting for those involved and we all look forward to many P4C sessions in the future. #Plato #Nietzsche

Upton Class Teacher
Hazel Loveridge



Class News: Painswick Class



In Painswick Class this term, we have been really busy. This term we have focused on Reading Eggs and Mathseeds and have found the students have really progressed using the program.

As can be seen in the images above, the students have had so much fun with their learning in Science; taking part in activities such as tie dye t-shirts, Skittles experiments, even pollination activities, using crushed crisps on pictures of flowers to represent pollen.

Painswick Class Teacher

Kathryne

Class News: Painswick Class



We had a great time on our Bankside School visit for the Horticultural activity, where we learned all about the different types of vegetables they grow for use in the school kitchen. The students also had a go at planting and picking broad beans that were ready to harvest.

Painswick Class Teacher

Kathryne



Class News: Painswick Class

As part of our cross-curriculum Teaching and Learning approach, linking with Science and English, we have been looking at Minibeasts/nature, and decided to purchase our own caterpillars to show the students the cycle from egg to chrysalis, through to emerging as a beautiful butterfly.

We also had a lovely visit from an author and Beekeeper, Meriet Duncan, who gave the students an in depth and informative talk about bee keeping, the different types of bees and the roles they play within the hive. Meriet also had a display of items including wax, honey and even a hive for the students to see. The students were so engaged with the visit and answered lots of questions.

Painswick Class Teacher

Kathryne



And finally, the students in Painswick Class have really grown in confidence in their learning this year and we are so proud of every one of them.

We hope you all have a great summer break, and we very much look forward to seeing you all in September.



All the best from Kathryne, Ellie, Cat, Elena and Paisley.



Upton celebrations.

It's been a busy year at Brookthorpe Hall School. There have been lots of changes and our pupils have continued to build their resilience, so here is a shout out for all Upton pupils...

Shay: You work in a focused way. Each week you have had moments of being brilliant. Your football skills are incredible, and you are a good role model to younger pupils. Your honesty and sense of humour have been appreciated.

Andrzej: You are so creative. You have a talent for thinking from a different point of view. You joined Brookthorpe on the day we opened, way back in 2022. You have grown in so many ways. Keep doing what you have been doing.

Jess: You have been on a fantastic journey. You work hard and you are keen to please and help others. Your work with Painswick class has been fantastic. You are kind, caring and so thoughtful.

Theo: Wow, your academic and personal achievements have been superb. You are so polite and have the best manners in the school. The way you have been conducting yourself in professional meetings with Jo (the author) has been mind-blowing. Continue to be you.

Zeph: You are kind and funny. You always stand by what you believe in. You have only been in Upton for the last part of the year, but you have made a huge effort to do everything well. Keep up with your beautiful artwork.

Turner: You have amazed everyone with your wealth of general knowledge. Your geographic skills are second to none. You have worked with determination, and you have paid great attention to detail.

Well done to everyone in Upton class. You have all been on an incredible journey. Have a wonderful and safe summer break and good luck in upper school.

Best wishes

Hazel and the team



Upton

Upton class have continued to work hard in all subjects. On 4th July, the class spent the day learning about the history of American Independence Day. Pupils worked as a team and together they took on a challenge... of turning our big class table into the American flag!

After a massive effort of nearly two hours, the Upton pupils were successful. During the task, they listened to each other, communicated clearly and shared out the work.

In line with The Boston Tea Party in America, the following day Upton were treated to a traditional tea party. They cooked their own scones and made a delicious jam to have with clotted cream. The event had a lovely atmosphere, and everyone's efforts were appreciated.

Next week's challenge will involve: Making, painting and decorating mini models in order to turn the room into The Secret Garden.

Have a fantastic summer break and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school in September.

Best wishes

Hazel and the Upton team.

Upton Class Teacher

Hazel



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Upton



On Monday the 8th of July an author came into Brookthorpe Hall School to talk about her new book and beekeeping. Brockworth class thoroughly enjoyed the visit and she had their undivided attention the entire time she was speaking.

They looked at all of the different kind of bees there are and even Katie and Jenna were surprised with all the facts she shared.

Our Young People got to see how to construct a hive and how to remove honey from the shelves. They enjoyed looking at the honeycomb that the author had brought in to show and one of our students even volunteered to try on the bee protective suit.

They all asked many questions and were all satisfied with the answers given. I think it was fair to say that Brockworth class gave a big thumbs up to the Queen Bee author and they all purchased her books.

Brockworth Class Teacher

Jenna

Class News: Quedgeley Class

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Quedgeley Class have enjoyed their new topic, Tourism, as a basis for their learning in English. They have been looking at holiday destinations across the world, advantages and disadvantages of tourism and planning their own holiday based on reviews from Tripadvisor.

They have enjoyed their topic on Shape, in maths, and are nearing completion. They have developed huge confidence in measuring angles using a protractor and lines using a ruler. They have been calculating the missing angles within a triangle, using the 180 degrees rule of thumb and finding out the missing lengths on shapes, as well as calculating the perimeter. They have also enjoyed comparing regular and irregular polygons.



We have almost completed our Unit Award in making a music award to the soundtrack, 'Another one bites the dust'. The class have had huge success and amusement in completing the task.

Science has brought us a topic on Sound, learning about vibrations and how sounds travel. The class enjoyed using rice as a medium to measure how sound can cause vibrations and water, too. They later moved onto studying the components of the Electromagnetic Spectrum and the harmful effects of radiation.

Cooking lessons have become more adventurous, including making lasagne bites and cinnamon swirls. The skills obtained during these sessions have been extensive, including following recipes, accurate measuring and clearing up. The class are starting to take leadership over their roles within the lessons.

Quedgeley Class Teacher

Emma P



Heading towards the end of the academic year, the whole Haresfield team have had time to reflect and look back at the progress our Young People have made. We have covered a range of topics which the pupils have loved participating in and have done lots of practical opportunities across the curriculum. We have seen all our pupils develop their confidence and wellbeing.

They have particularly enjoyed learning about animal habitats and had great fun building homes for creatures using different materials that they could find in nature. They have loved being able to make use of the outside garden space since it was reopened, and this has led them on to learning about the life cycle of the frog and butterfly and the metamorphosis that takes place.

We are all very proud of all the students, and we wish them all the best with their new classes in the academic year, we know they will all thrive in the next chapter of their academic lives.

Haresfield Class Teacher

Toby

Messages from our Clinical Team

It has been another busy half term for the clinical team at Brookthorpe Hall School. Fiona and Ruby have continued to offer a range of Psychotherapy, Speech and Language Therapy and Occupational Therapy themed sessions. The team have also delivered training which links in with the company's neurodiversity and trauma informed practice strategies.

We are pleased to inform you that Jasmine will be joining the team on the 15th July as Brookthorpe's Lead Clinician. Jasmine is an experienced Occupational Therapist and is very much looking forward to meeting all the students. We are also looking forward to welcoming Hollie back from her maternity leave on the 8th July.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a happy and 'sunny' summer break.

Hayley

Clinical Locality Lead

Hi everyone.

After a short maternity leave, I returned at the start of this week. It has been lovely to see our students again and hear about their successes over the last three months. I am amazed at how grown up many of our students are now looking!

A big thank you to the wider staff team for continuing to implement our students' OT programmes in my absence.

On a more personal note - if you have any top tips for managing sleepless nights, please let me know!

Look forward to seeing you all and, as always, please let me know if you have any concerns or queries regarding Occupational Therapy.

Occupational Therapy

Hollie Blunt



**Occupational
Therapist**

Hello! I'm Ed Farrow, I've been at Brookthorpe since the start of September 2023 and have been the class teacher of Stroud. As of September 2024 I will be taking on a new role as Head of Outdoor Education.

In this role I'm really excited to be bringing a wide range of new and exciting opportunities for the students of Brookthorpe. Each week, every class will have a day off-site with me. The vast majority of these days will take place at The Wilderness Centre in the Forest of Dean, a really beautiful location that has been providing Outdoor Education and residential experiences for over 40 years. While there I will be running a very varied curriculum of outdoor activities such as Orienteering, Forest School, Bushcraft, Rock Climbing, Archery, Horticulture and many others! Each day will be tailored to the needs and abilities of the classes attending and throughout the year I hope they will gain some new skills, have some new experiences and have a lot of fun!





INSET Days

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Christmas Bank Holidays	25th December 2024 Bank Holiday 26th December 2024
New Year Bank Holiday	1st January 2025
Good Friday	18th April 2025
Easter Monday	21st April 2025
Early May Bank Holiday	5th May 2025
Spring Bank Holiday	26th May 2025
Summer Bank Holiday	25th August 2025



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