Broadbent Fold Primary School and Nursery

Headteacher's Newsletter October 2026

WHAT LEARNING HAS BEEN HAPPENING THIS HALF TERM?

At Broadbent Fold, we continue to provide a rich, broad career-led curriculum that meets the needs of all our pupils and prepares them for their future. This half-term:



EYFS – Welcome to our new pupils, who have been incredible this half term. They all started Broadbent Fold, so well and making lots of progress in their learning.

Year 1 –Pupils have thoroughly enjoyed their superhero themed work this half term, creating their own hero potatoes and photographs of them being a superhero. Such a fun topic.

Year 2 – Have started their Forest Schools sessions and are having the best time. Outdoor learning is so important to us at Broadbent Fold and a time to learn in the fresh air.



Year 3 – Pupils have been reading and writing lots of poetry. They have also been part of workshops with the legend Michael Rosen.



Year 4 – Have loved the Roman themed topic this half term and enjoyed marching around Chester as soldiers. What an experience!

Year 5 – James Bond has taken over the Year 5 class. They have been reading about Alex Rider's spy adventures and investigating staff to find a spy at school. They have been fully engrossed in this subject.

Year 6 – Our Year 6 have started so well. They have impressed our Sports Coaches in lessons and have been investigating light in science. Along with early morning boosters. Well done Year 6.

CURRICULUM AND SPORT

'Leaders have developed an ambitious curriculum. This helps pupils, including those with SEND, to acquire and develop the knowledge that they need to succeed.' Ofsted 2023

Space Week – Mrs Higham our Science Leader organised an out of this world week, including a visit from the planetarium. You could hear the awe and wonder from our pupils as they learned about our universe.

Black History Month – Thank you to our Diversity Governor Mrs Fough for taking the time to talk in classes about key figures in black history. Our pupils were fascinating to hear her read some stories too.



Cross Country – We had three weekends of running action, with our pupils trying to beat their place each week. Thank you for doing this during your weekend and representing Broadbent Fold.

Awards – We have been recognised for a number of awards including our Music Mark and Platinum Games Mark. Well done to all our pupils and staff for providing such a brilliant curriculum for our pupils.



Bikeability – Our Year 5 got to achieved their Level 1 and 2 for road safety. The children thrive in these sessions and enable to them to cycle on the road safely. Remember your reflector Year 5 as the dark nights draw in.

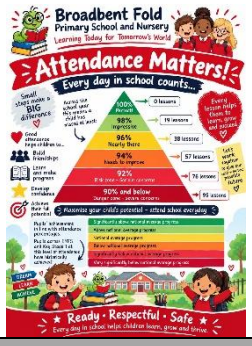


Violin Lessons and School Choir – We are proud to offer violin lessons to our Year 4 pupils, who can now take them home and practice. We also have a new school choir run by Tameside Music Service, each Thursday. If you are interested in joining (years 1-6) please see Mrs Parker.



Sporting Competitions – We have had plenty of competitions at Astley including Futsal and Pokémon tournaments. Well done to all our pupils and their teamwork, skills and excellent attitude.

ATTENDANCE UPDATE



We are currently 97%

Holidays and illness had a significant impact this half term on our attendance. We are monitoring absences alongside the local authority. If it drops below 93% you will receive reminder letter. As a school we aim for 98% attendance, which is above the national average each year. Well done everyone!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to our staff and community for a superb half term. You really are incredible!

Coming up: Halloween Disco for EYFS, Years 1-3. 3rd November

Poland Day 11th November **Pantomime 26th November**

Christmas Fair 8th December **We shall see you all on Monday 2nd November 2026.**