

Training video for BrightBooks New Users in Community & Comprehensive schools

Presenter – Martha Murphy



Agenda

1. Getting started - Settings

2. Purchases Module

3. Banking Module

4. General ledger Module

5. Reports

& More help

1. Getting started & Settings

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Demonstration Company

Use your Demonstration Company to try out features and get familiar with BrightBooks

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No.	Business ▲	Year End	Plan	Bureau	Last Accessed	su.ie
1	C&C Demo School	31 Aug 2024	Enterprise	Yes	Martha Murphy - marthamurphy@ 05 Jul 2024 01:00 PM	su.ie

Open

Details

Remove

Getting familiar with screen layouts

The screenshot displays the BrightBooks software interface. At the top, there is a green header with the BrightBooks logo and a navigation menu icon. Below the header, a sidebar on the left contains several menu items: Overview, Customers, Purchases, Banking, and General Ledger. The main content area is titled "Overview" and features two summary cards: "SALES - JUL" and "ORDERS", both showing a value of €0.00. Below these cards, there are buttons for "Dashboard", "Print", and "New". At the bottom, a section titled "Sales Analysis by Product Category - 2024" is visible, showing a partial pie chart.

BrightBooks

Overview

€0.00
SALES - JUL

€0.00
ORDERS

Dashboard Print New

Sales Analysis by Product Category - 2024

Overview
Customers
Purchases
Banking
General Ledger

Getting familiar with screen layouts

The screenshot displays the BrightBooks software interface. At the top left, the logo consists of a 3x3 grid of dots followed by the text "BrightBooks". At the top right, there is a "Need Help?" button with a question mark icon. A sidebar on the left contains three menu items: "Overview" with a grid icon, "Customers" with a camera icon, and "Purchases" with a document icon. The main content area is titled "Purchases" and is highlighted with a red rounded rectangle. Below the title, there are five tabs: "Suppliers" (highlighted in green), "Payees", "Orders", "Invoices & Credit Notes", and "Opening Supplier Balances". Below the tabs, there are two summary cards. The first card shows a calendar icon, "€0.00", and "MONTH TO DATE". The second card shows a calendar icon, "€5,787.00", and "YEAR TO DATE".

BrightBooks

Need Help?

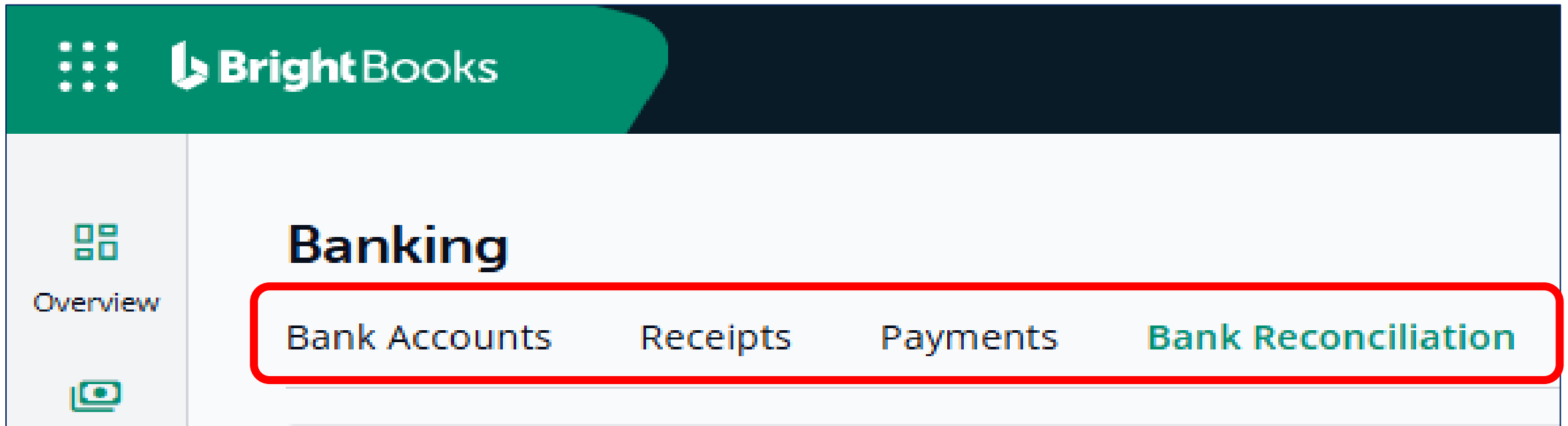
Purchases

Suppliers Payees Orders Invoices & Credit Notes Opening Supplier Balances

€0.00
MONTH TO DATE

€5,787.00
YEAR TO DATE

Getting familiar with screen layouts



The screenshot shows the BrightBooks interface. At the top left, there is a green header with a grid icon and the text "BrightBooks". Below this is a sidebar with an "Overview" section containing a grid icon and a "Banking" section containing a bank icon. The main content area is titled "Banking" and features a horizontal menu with four items: "Bank Accounts", "Receipts", "Payments", and "Bank Reconciliation". The "Bank Reconciliation" item is highlighted in green and is enclosed in a red rounded rectangular border.

BrightBooks

Banking

Bank Accounts Receipts Payments **Bank Reconciliation**

Getting familiar with screen layouts

The screenshot shows the BrightBooks interface. At the top left is the BrightBooks logo. A 'Need Help?' button is in the top right. A left sidebar contains navigation icons for Overview, Customers, Purchases, Banking, General Ledger, and CRM. The main content area is titled 'Banking' and has sub-tabs for 'Bank Accounts', 'Receipts', 'Payments', 'Bank Reconciliation', and 'Bank Feeds'. The 'Bank Accounts' tab is active, showing a table with one entry: 'DSP School Meal Bank Account', reconciled on 30th June 2024, with a balance of €8,731.61 and a 'Connect to my Bank' button. A red box highlights the account name, the balance, and the button. A red arrow points from the account name to a dropdown menu that is open, showing options: 'Open', 'Statement', 'Reconcile', 'Connect to my Bank', and 'Delete'. Another red box highlights this menu. A link 'How to add Bank Accounts & Connect for Automatic Feeds?' is also visible.

Getting familiar with screen layouts

The screenshot displays the BrightBooks software interface. At the top left, the BrightBooks logo is visible. In the top right corner, there is a 'Need Help?' button. The main navigation area includes a sidebar with 'Overview', 'Customers', and 'Purchases' options. The central content area is titled 'General Ledger' and is highlighted with a red rounded rectangle. Below this title are several menu items: 'Chart of Accounts', 'Journals', 'VAT Returns', 'VIES', and 'INTRASTAT'. At the bottom of the interface, there is a row of action buttons: 'Chart of Accounts', 'Print', 'New', 'View' (with a dropdown arrow), 'Budget' (with a dropdown arrow), and 'This Year' (with a dropdown arrow).



Settings

Settings	
ⓘ General Setup	ⓘ Contacts
Business Details	Setup
Users	Categories
Manage Currency	Other Information
Manage Time Recording	Credit Terms

Settings – General Tab

Settings

General Setup

Business Details

Users

Manage Currency

Manage Time Recording

Accounts

Setup

Accounting Periods

Departments

Contacts

Setup

Categories

Other Information

Credit Terms

VAT

VAT Basis

VAT Rates

VAT Codes

Data

Imports

Exports

Year-End

Nominal Only Recalculation

E-Mail

Basic Settings

Advanced Settings

E-Mail Templates

Settings – General Tab - Users

General Setup

Business Details

Users

User Access

Back

Invite Accountant

Invite User

Support

Email	Forename	Surname	External User	Status
marthamurphy@fssu.ie	Martha	Murphy	No	Active

1 - 1 of 1 Records

- Items per page
- Open
- Show Help Panel
- Close
- Remove



Settings – General Tab – Add a new user

Invite User marthamurphy@fssu.ie

***E-MAIL**

***FORENAME** ***SURNAME**

Customer Setup

- Open a business
- Delete a business
- Access dashboard
- Access contacts
- Access the Diary
- Access Activities

Cancel **Save**

Invite Accountant marthamurphy@fssu.ie

***E-MAIL**

***FORENAME** ***SURNAME**

Customer Setup

- Open a business
- Delete a business
- Access dashboard
- Access contacts
- Access the Diary
- Access Activities

Cancel **Save**

Settings – Accounts tab – accounting period

Accounts

Setup ←

Accounting Periods

Departments

Year ended 31 Aug 2023

Period	From	To	Locked
Sep-2022	01 Sep 2022	30 Sep 2022	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oct-2022	01 Oct 2022	31 Oct 2022	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nov-2022	01 Nov 2022	30 Nov 2022	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dec-2022	01 Dec 2022	31 Dec 2022	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jan-2023	01 Jan 2023	31 Jan 2023	<input type="checkbox"/>
Feb-2023	01 Feb 2023	28 Feb 2023	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mar-2023	01 Mar 2023	31 Mar 2023	<input type="checkbox"/>
Apr-2023	01 Apr 2023	30 Apr 2023	<input type="checkbox"/>
May-2023	01 May 2023	31 May 2023	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jun-2023	01 Jun 2023	30 Jun 2023	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jul-2023	01 Jul 2023	31 Jul 2023	<input type="checkbox"/>
-----	-----	-----	<input type="checkbox"/>

Close Save Edit Change Financial Year

Settings – Accounts tab – departments

Departments

Departments

Sub Departments

Use Departments

TITLE	SHORT	LONG
	<input type="text" value="DEP"/>	<input type="text" value="Department"/>

	CODE	DESCRIPTION	DEFAULT	
DEPARTMENT 10	<input type="text" value="DEIS"/>	<input type="text" value="DEIS"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>
DEPARTMENT 11	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="button" value="Delete"/>



Add


Order Divisions

Cancel

Save

Settings – Data tab

ⓘ Data

Imports 

Exports

Year-End

Nominal Only Recalculation

Data Import

Select the type of the file you wish to import

- BrightBooks Standard Import File
- Contacts - Customer/Supplier/Prospects/Business
- Product List
- Detailed Customer Invoices and Credit Notes
- Customer and Non Customer Receipts
- Summary Supplier Invoices and Credit Notes
- Journals
- Monthly Budget Import

Settings – Data tab

➤ **Data**

Imports

Exports

Year-End

Nominal Only Recalculation

<https://www.fssu.ie/app/uploads/2024/01/BrightBooks-Accounts-Quick-reference-guide-closing-out-year-end-22-23-Jan-24.pdf>

Year-End

Current Financial Year : 01/09/2022 to 31/08/2023



You are about to run the year-end on your business.
This will close the current financial year [From: 01/09/2022 To: 31/08/2023] meaning no further changes or additions will be possible.

You should only run this option if you are certain that no further changes or additions are required in the current financial year.

We strongly recommend that you run off all relevant reports in advance and discuss the procedure with your accountant beforehand.

This will roll your Financial Year forward by 12 months.

- Copy this year's Budget figures to next year
- Lacknowledge the above information and understand this operation cannot be reversed

Cancel

OK

2. Purchases Module

The screenshot shows the BrightBooks Purchases Module interface. The top navigation bar is dark blue with the BrightBooks logo on the left and a 'Need Help?' button on the right. The main content area has a white background. On the left, there is a sidebar with icons for Overview, Customers, and Purchases. The main area is titled 'Purchases' and features a horizontal menu with five items: 'Suppliers', 'Payees', 'Orders', 'Invoices & Credit Notes', and 'Opening Supplier Balances'. The 'Suppliers' item is highlighted with a red border. Below the menu, there are two summary cards: one for 'MONTH TO DATE' showing '€0.00' and another for 'YEAR TO DATE' showing '€5,787.00'. Both cards feature a calendar icon.

BrightBooks

Need Help?

Purchases

[Suppliers](#) [Payees](#) [Orders](#) [Invoices & Credit Notes](#) [Opening Supplier Balances](#)

€0.00
MONTH TO DATE

€5,787.00
YEAR TO DATE

Adding a new Supplier

New Supplier

General Info Invoice Settings Company Info

General Info Invoice Settings Company Info

ACCOUNT INFORMATION

CREDIT TERMS
C.O.D.(0)

VAT NO.

RCT Subcontractor

DEFAULT INFORMATION

View A/c History

SEND STATEMENTS
Always

DEFAULT NOMINAL CODE
Search

DEFAULT VAT CODE
RCT 0.00% (RCT VAT CODE)

GENERAL INFORMATION

SUPPLIER NAME

SUPPLIER CODE
AUTO

TIP

Purchases Banki Create New
Supplier Receipt
Invoice Payment
Order

Set-up a new Payee (Non-Supplier)

Purchases

Suppliers

Payees

Orders

Invoices & Credit Notes

New

New Payee

General Info

Invoice Settings

GENERAL INFORMATION

PAYEE NAME

Bank Charges BOI

General Info

Invoice Settings

DEFAULT INFORMATION

DEFAULT NOMINAL CODE

7450 Bank Charges Expense

DEFAULT VAT CODE

Z 0.00% (Zero)

DEPARTMENT

AOD - All other departments

Cancel

Save

Recording Supplier Invoice or Credit Note

Purchases

Suppliers Payees Orders **Invoices & Credit Notes** Opening Supplier Balances

 €0.00
MONTH TO DATE

 €14,034.39
YEAR TO DATE

 €10,818.39
UNPAID

 6 INVOICES
INVOICES DUE

Purchase Invoices

Current (9) ▾

Email

Delete

Search



New Invoice

New Credit Note

Quick ▾

Recording Supplier Invoice

Quick Purchase Invoice




Date	Ref.No.	Inv. No.	Supplier	Supplier Name	Gross	VAT Code	VAT	Net	Code
20/12/2023	Inv	987857	EGA001	Egan Bus Co	500.00	Z 0.00% (Zero)	0.00	500.00	4690

Cancel

Save

Recording Supplier Invoice RCT Supplier

Quick Purchase Invoice

Date	Ref.No.	Inv. No.	Supplier	Supplier Name	Gross	VAT Code	VAT	Net	Code
20/12/2023 	Inv	987321	DUN001 	Dunne Electrical Ltd	500.00	RCT 0.00% (RCT VA 	0.00	500.00	5310

Cancel

Save

Recording Supplier Credit Note

Quick Purchase Credit Note

New Credit Note Quick ▾

Gross	Code	Quick Invoice
0.00	4740	Quick Credit Note

Date	Ref.No.	Crn. No.	Supplier	Supplier Name	Gross	VAT Code	VAT	Net	Code	Notes
06/12/2023	CR	987	EGA001	Egan Bus Co	45.00	Z 0.00% (Zero)	0.00	45.00	4690	Overcharge



- Add
- Split
- Allocation
- Notes
- Attachments

Cancel Save

Allocating a Supplier Credit Note

Purchase Invoices

Current (11)

Email

Delete

Search



New Invoice

New Credit Note

Quick

<input type="checkbox"/>	Date ▾	Doc. No.	Supplier	Net	VAT	Gross	Code	Due Date	Paid
<input type="checkbox"/>	06 Dec 2023	CRN 987*	Egan Bus Co EGA001	45.00	0.00	45.00	4690		No
<input type="checkbox"/>	05 Dec 2023	INV 51203*	Egan Bus Co EGA001	560.00	0.00	560.00	4690	05 Dec 2023	Open
<input type="checkbox"/>	10 Nov 2023	INV 789*	Dunne Electrical Ltd DUN001	3,753.39	0.00	3,753.39	5310	10 Nov 2023	Print
<input type="checkbox"/>	05 Nov 2023	INV 1245*	Marshalls Supermarket MAR001	456.00	0.00	456.00	4912	0	Email
<input type="checkbox"/>	18 Jul 2023	INV SI654987*	Stacked Office Supplies STA001	465.00	0.00	465.00	Split	18 Jul 2023	Allocation
									Delete

Allocating a Supplier Credit Note

Allocate Credit Note

Date	Type	Doc No.	Notes	Amount	Paid to-date	Unpaid	Discount	Pay	✓
15/07/2023	Invoice	INV 4569	Bus to Galway	600.00	0.00	600.00	0.00	0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
05/12/2023	Invoice	51203	Bus Hire Expense	560.00	0.00	515.00	0.00	45.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				1,160.00	0.00	1,160.00	0.00	0.00	

Auto Reverse

Amount Left to Allocate 0.00

Cancel

Save

Recording VAT for RCT Supplier

Journals

JOURNALS DETAILS

DATE: 05/05/2023 REF NO.: FILE: Journal [Add Attachment](#)
Max file size 4 MB.

Code	Description	Notes	Debit	Credit	DEP
5310	Repairs to Buildings and Grounds Expense	VAT on Dunne Electric May Invoice	162.00	0.00	AOD
2260	<input type="text"/> Reverse VAT Control Account	VAT on Dunne Electric May Inv	0.00	162.00	AOD

Total Debit Amount	162.00
Total Credit Amount	162.00
Balance	0.00

RCT VAT overview training and the capital project webinar

<https://www.fssu.ie/post-primary/topics/surf-accounts/training-videos/capital-projects/>

Webinar Recording



3. Banking Module

 BrightBooks

Banking

Bank Accounts

Receipts

Payments

Bank Reconciliation

Add a new bank account

Banking

New

Bank Accounts

Receipts

Payments

Bank Reconciliation



Add Bank Account

Simply Enter in the Details Below and Press Save

BANK NAME

BANK ACCOUNT NAME

ACCOUNT NUMBER

BIC

IBAN

Add a new bank account

▲ ADVANCED

DEFAULT IMPORT FILE

Select option

BANK REFERENCE

NOMINAL CODE

1901



Cancel

Save

Banking Menu

Banking

Bank Accounts

Receipts

Payments

Banking

Bank Accounts

Receipts

Payments

Bank Reconciliation

Bank Feeds

€0.00
MONTH TO DATE

€1,052.00
YEAR TO DATE

€5,920.39
UNALLOCATED

Payments

Filter

Email

Delete

Search

New

Quick Payment

Recording Supplier Payment – Option 1

Quick Payment

BANK ACCOUNT

1800 Current Account 1

Date	Payment Type	DEP	Ref. No.	Supplier	Notes/Payee	Amount
15/12/2023	EFT	AOD	1875401232	EGA001	Egan Bus Co	1115

Add

Split

Allocation

Notes

Attachments

Recording Supplier Payment – Option 1

Allocations

Date	Type	Doc No.	Notes	Amount	Paid to-date	Unpaid	Discount	Paid	✓
15/07/2023	Invoice	INV 4569	Bus to Galway	600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
05/12/2023	Invoice	51203	Bus Hire Expe	560.00	45.00	0.00	0.00	515.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Totals				1,160.00	45.00	515.00	0.00	600.00	

Auto Reverse

Amount Left to Allocate 0.00

Recording Supplier Payment – Option 2

Purchases

Suppliers Payees Orders **Invoices & Credit Notes** Opening Supplier Balances

€515.00
MONTH TO DATE

€14,549.39
YEAR TO DATE

€11,333.39
UNPAID

7 INVOICES
INVOICES DUE

Purchase Invoices

Current (11) ▾

Email

Delete

Search



New Invoice

New Credit Note

<input type="checkbox"/>	Date ▾	Doc. No.	Supplier	Net	VAT	Gross	Code	Due Date
<input type="checkbox"/>	06 Dec 2023	CRN 987*	Egan Bus Co EGA001	45.00	0.00	45.00	4690	
<input type="checkbox"/>	05 Dec 2023	INV 51203*	Egan Bus Co EGA001	560.00	0.00	560.00	4690	05 Dec 2023

Open

Print

Email

Copy

Pay

Recording Supplier Payment – Option 2

Supplier Payment

PAYMENT DETAILS DUN001 - Dunne Electrical Ltd

SUPPLIER
 DUN001 ⓘ

PAYEE

DATE
 22/12/2023 📅

PAYMENT TYPE
 Cash ⌵

DEP
 AOD - All other departments ⌵

BANK DETAILS

BANK ACCOUNT
 1803 DEASP School Meal Bank Account ⌵

RCT
 RCT20 20.00 ⌵

[Add Attachment](#)
 Max file size 4 MB.

Date	Type	Doc No.	Notes	Amount	Paid to-date	Unpaid	Discount	Paid	RCT	✓
22/06/2023	Invoice	324		4,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,200.00	800.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
29/06/2023	Invoice	327		2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,600.00	400.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10/11/2023	Invoice	789		3,753.39	0.00	3,753.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
23/11/2023	Payment	6	Dunne Electrical Ltd	3,753.39	0.00	3,753.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
				13,506.78	0.00	7,506.78	0.00	4,800.00	750.68	

Auto Reverse

Amount Left to Allocate:




Banking Menu

Banking

[Bank Accounts](#) [Receipts](#) **[Payments](#)**

Banking

[Bank Accounts](#) [Receipts](#) **[Payments](#)** [Bank Reconciliation](#) [Bank Feeds](#)

 €0.00 MONTH TO DATE	 €1,052.00 YEAR TO DATE	 €5,920.39 UNALLOCATED
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Payments

[Filter](#) [Payment](#) ▾

[Email](#) [Delete](#) [New](#) **[Quick Payment](#)** [Create SEPA File](#)

Payments - Non supplier PAYEE

Quick Payment

BANK ACCOUNT

1802 Current Account 3

Date	Payment Type	DEP	Ref. No.	Supplier	Notes/Payee	Amount	VAT Code	VAT	Nom. Code	
22/12/2023	EFT	AOD			Home Ec Teacher	257.00	Z 0.00% (Zero)	0.00	6500	

Wages

Revenue

Bank Charges

Travel & Subsistence

Banking Menu – Posting a Receipt

Banking

Bank Accounts

Receipts

Payments

Bank Accounts

Receipts

Payments

Bank Reconciliation

Bank Feeds



€0.00

MONTH TO DATE



€216,850.00

YEAR TO DATE



€0.00

UNALLOCATED

Receipts

Filter

Receipt



Email

Delete

Search



New

Quick Receipt

Banking Menu – Posting a Receipt

Quick Receipt

BANK ACCOUNT

1800 Current Account 1

LODGEMENT NO.

LODGEMENT DATE

10/04/2024

Date	Payment Type	DEP	Ref. No.	Customer	Notes/Narrative	Amount	VAT Code	VAT	Nom. Code
10/04/2024	EFT	AOD	DE Grant ref 12454€		Inst 2 NTPB	45789	Z 0.00% (Zero	0.00	3030

Add

Split

Allocation

Notes

Attachments

Cancel

Save and New

Save

Bank reconciliation

Banking

Bank Accounts Receipts Payments **Bank Reconciliation** Bank Feeds

Bank Reconciliation

New

New Bank Reconciliation

Statement Date

30/06/2024



Bank Account

1803 DSP School Meal Bank

Opening Statement Balance

8,731.61

Closing Statement Balance

14,223.61

Notes

Close

Save

Bank Reconciliation

1803 DSP School Meal Bank Account	1	30-Jun-2024
Balance as per BrightBooks on 30/06/2024	2	14,223.61
Balance per Bank Statement	3	14,223.61
Less un-presented Payments	4	-5,379.00
Plus un-presented Lodgment	5	23,812.00
Reconciled Balance	6	32,656.61 ✘
Difference	7	-18,433.00

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Bank
reconciliation
process

Bank reconciliation process

Date ▼	Ref.No	Lodg. No.	Type	Description	Payments	Receipts	Balance ✓	
03-Jan-2024				Balance Forward			-4,209.39	
01-Apr-2024			Journal		0.00	11,260.00		<input type="checkbox"/>
03-Jun-2024	DSP Grant Instalment		Receipt		0.00	2,500.00		<input type="checkbox"/>
17-Jun-2024	May A/c		Payment	Marshalls Supermarket	354.00	0.00		<input type="checkbox"/>
21-Jun-2024	Cash & Carry		Payment		465.00	0.00		<input type="checkbox"/>
28-Jun-2024	June		Payment	Marshalls Supermarket	4,560.00	0.00		<input type="checkbox"/>
28-Jun-2024	DSP	June	Receipt		0.00	10,052.00		<input type="checkbox"/>

Cancel

Save

Totals

5,379.00 23,812.00

Bank reconciliation process

Reconciled Date ▼	Bank Account	Notes	Statement Balance	Created By	Reconciled
30 Jun 2024	1803 DSP School Meal Bank Account		14,223.61	Martha Murphy 12 Jul 2024 @ 02:51 PM	Yes
03 Jan 2024	1803 DSP School Meal Bank Account		-4,209.39	Martha Murphy 05 Jan 2024 @ 05:08 PM	Yes

Bank reconciliation process

Bank Reconciliation Report

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BANKS

1803 DSP School M... 

STATEMENTS

30/06/2024 

REPORT TYPES

Unreconciled 

Bank Reconciliation Report C&C Demo School

1803 DSP School Meal Bank Account
 Balance as per BrightBooks
 Balance per Bank Statement
Less un-presented Payments
Plus un-presented Lodgment
Reconciled Balance

30-Jun-2024

14,223.61

14,223.61

0.00

0.00

14,223.61

4 General Ledger

Chart of accounts

Nominal Codes

Post a journal

Copy journal feature

General Ledger

General Ledger

Chart of Accounts

Journals

VAT Returns

VIES

INTRASTAT

General Ledger

Suppress Zero 

General Ledger

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FSSU Chart of Accounts

FSSU Chart of Accounts

Revised September 2023
(Effective for the year ended 31st August 2024)

Download
the chart of
accounts
from our
website [here](#)

Income and Expenditure Codes

A/C No	Description	Type	Department
3010	Capitation/Non Pay Budget	Income	Department of Education
3020	DEIS Grant	Income	Department of Education
3021	Early Start Programme Materials/Equipment/Parental Involvement Grant Income	Income	Department of Education
3022	Early Start Programme Capitation	Income	Department of Education

FSSU Chart of Accounts

Nominal Groups

Nominal Codes
1000-9999

Income Codes from
3000 to 3899 &
Expenditure Codes from
4000 to 8999

Codes from
Assets 1400 to 2999 &
Reserves 3900 to 3999

Add new nominal code

Chart of Accounts

Print

New



New Account

ACCOUNT GROUP

Education Other Expenditure



ACCOUNT CODE

4731

ACCOUNT TYPE

Income & Expenditure

CODE RANGE

From 4300 To 4999

DESCRIPTION

Free Schoolbook Grant Expense

Is this a Bank Account

Advanced

Cancel

Save

Delete a nominal code

Chart of Accounts [Print](#) [New](#) [View](#) [Budget](#) [This Year](#)

3284	COVID Funding for Replacement Caretaker Hours	-
3285	COVID Funding for Replacement Secretarial Hours	-
3286	COVID Funding for Replacement Cleaner Hours	-
3287	COVID Funding for Replacement Bus Escort Hours	-

[Edit](#)
[Delete](#)

Change description on a nominal code

General Ledger

[Chart of Accounts](#) [Journals](#) [VAT Returns](#) [VIES](#) [INTRASTAT](#)

Chart of Accounts

Print

New

View ▾

Budget ▾

This Year ▾

Suppress Zero

Search



Code	Description	2024		2023	
		Debit	Credit	Debit	Credit
Income and Expenditure Account					
Income					
Department of Education					
3010	Capitation/Non Pay Budget	-	98,450.00	14,000.00	-
3020	DEIS Grant	-	25,400.00	-	-
3021	Early Start Scheme Materials/Equipment/Parental Development Grant	-	-	-	-

Edit

Delete

Change description on a nominal code

Edit Account

ACCOUNT GROUP
Department of Education

ACCOUNT CODE
3284

ACCOUNT TYPE
Income & Expenditure

CODE RANGE
From 3000 To 3294

DESCRIPTION
DO NOT USE - COVID Funding for Rep

Is this a Bank Account

Advanced

Cancel Save



View a nominal code – Ledger card



3010	Capitation/Non Pay Budget	.	98,450.00	14,000.00
3020	DEIS Grant	.	25,400.00	.

View a nominal code – Ledger card

General Ledger Card

3010 - Capitation/Non Pay
Budget

Select Code

Print

Back

Run

Period

Financial Year

Sep-2023



Aug-2024

Date	Period	Description	Notes	Product	Debit	Credit	Balance
02 Jan 2024	Jan-2024	Receipt 6 DE NPG ⓘ Jan 24 - 1st Moiety	DE NPG		-	42,000.00	-42,000.00
04 Jan 2024	Jan-2024	Receipt 8 NPG 1st Moiety ⓘ	NPG 1st Moiety		-	56,450.00	-98,450.00

Enter a journal – What type of Journal?

Journals

JOURNALS DETAILS

DATE	REF NO.	TYPE
30/06/2024 		Journal 
		Journal
		Opening Balance
		Accrual
		Pre-payment
		Single Line

Code	Description	Notes
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Enter a journal

General Ledger

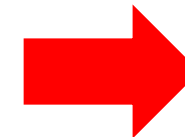
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Journals

New

View ▼

Delete



All (9)



Enter a journal

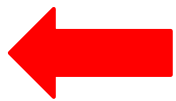
JOURNALS DETAILS

DATE

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TYPE

30/06/2024



Journal

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Max file size 4 MB.

Code

Description

Notes

Debit

Credit

ADD



0.00

0.00

ADD





Handy Tip: Copy Journal feature

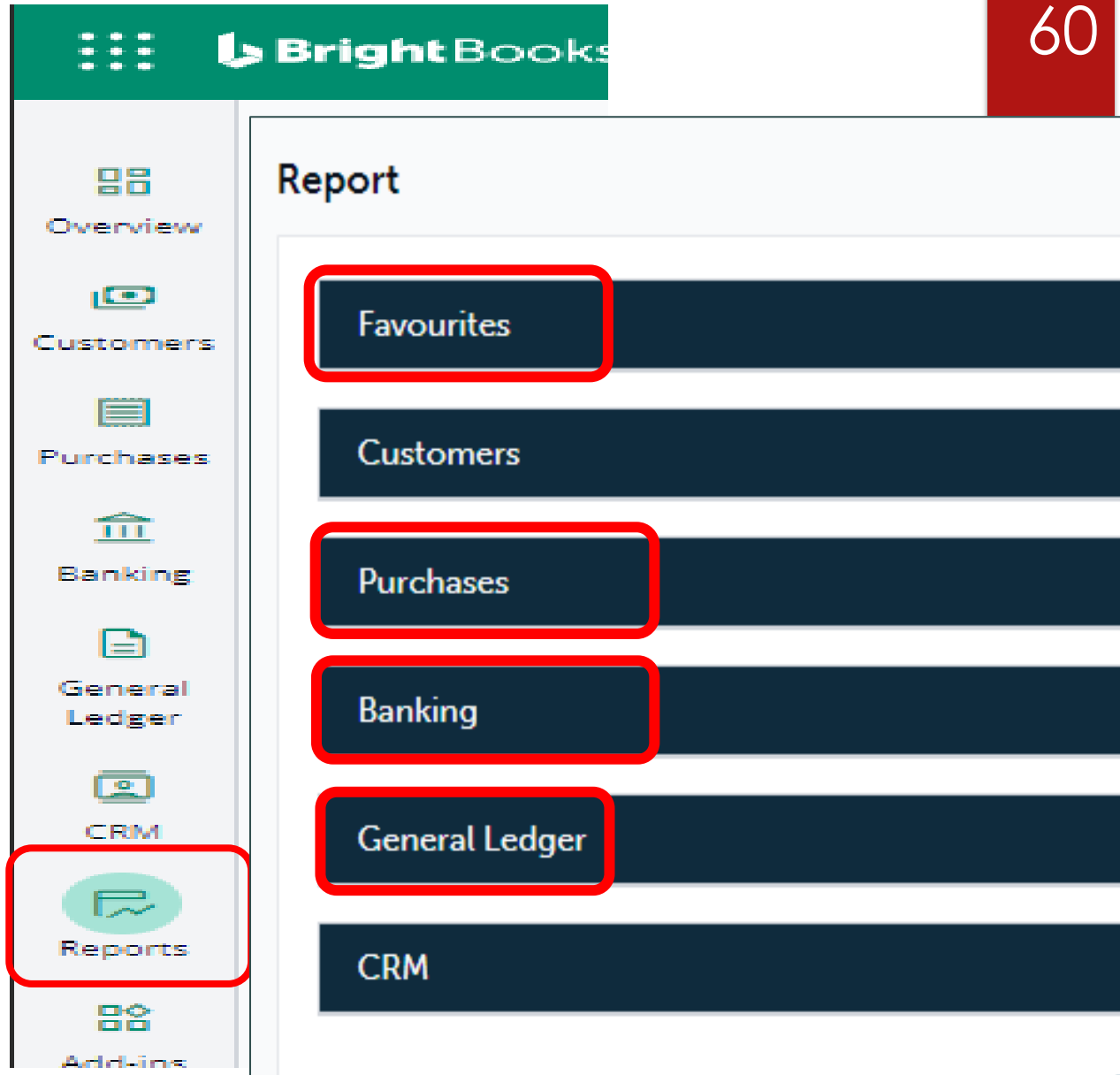
01 Apr 2024	Apr-2024	Opening	2	2260	3,510.00	Open
31 Jan 2024	Jan-2024	Journal			19,411.13	Copy
01 Sep 2023	Sep-2023	Opening			214,214.87	Delete
30 Jun 2024	Jun-2024	Journal			4,590.00	

Confirmation Message

Do you wish to copy journal?



5. Reports in BrightBooks



The screenshot shows the BrightBooks interface. At the top, there is a green header with the BrightBooks logo and a menu icon. Below the header is a vertical sidebar with several menu items: Overview, Customers, Purchases, Banking, General Ledger, CRM, Reports, and Add-ons. The Reports menu item is highlighted with a red box. To the right of the sidebar is a 'Report' section with a list of report categories: Favourites, Customers, Purchases, Banking, General Ledger, and CRM. Each category is represented by a dark blue button with white text, and each button is outlined with a red box.

Generating reports in BrightBooks - favourites

Report

Favourites

Aged Supplier Balance Detailed

Balance Sheet

Bank Reconciliation

General Ledger Account Activity

Income&Expenditure

Payments Report

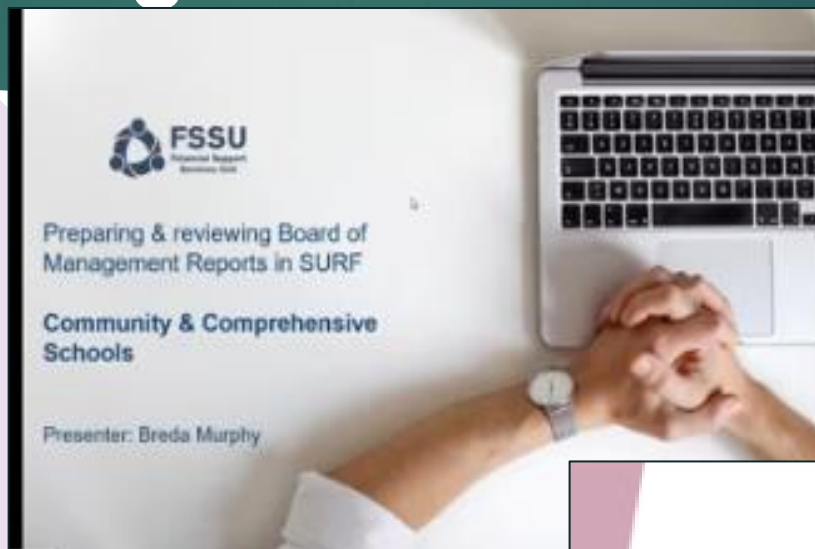
Receipts Report

Trial Balance - Formatted



Board of Management Reports: Further Information/Training

- ✓ For Webinars that covered board reporting extensively see the links to these on the right here
- ✓ The short training videos section has a session on Monthly reports the link is in the picture on the right here too



Training Video for
Clerical Officer/Accounts
Secretary

Monthly Finance
Reports

The Monthly reporting checklist

Report Title	Monthly Accounts file	Finance sub-committee meeting	Board of Management meeting
List of all school bank account and their balances	✓	✓	✓
Bank reconciliation for all school bank accounts	✓	✓	✓
Payments listing for all bank & cash account.	✓	✓	
Receipts listing for bank & cash accounts	✓	✓	
Income & Expenditure Report with actual & budget figures	✓	✓	
Balance sheet report	✓	✓	✓

<https://www.fssu.ie/post-primary/topics/surf-accounts/guide-on-preparing-month-end-reports/>

The full list of financial reports to be prepared and reviewed every month are

- List of all school bank & cash accounts
- Bank reconciliation reports
- Receipts & Payments listings for all bank & cash accounts
- Income & Expenditure Report
- Balance sheet report
- General ledger activity report
- Trial balance
- Payroll reports
- List of Creditors/Supplier balances
- List of accruals & prepayments
- List of income received in advance &
- Capital Grants Income & Expenditure Account Report if applicable

Final accuracy checklist

Month end reports		Comments
D A T A C H E C K	Run the Simple TB to ensure the totals match for debits and credits	A standard accounting check to ensure the accuracy of the figures before running final reports
	<i>If for any reason the totals do not agree</i>	Run the Nominal Only Recalculation under settings / Data
	Re-run the Simple TB and check that the totals match	If there is still a problem, contact the BrightBooks support team for a resolution



Final accuracy checklist – DATA CHECKS

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General Ledger

Trial Balance

Trial Balance

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PERIOD FROM



Sep-2022

PERIOD TO

Aug-2023

ACCT. CODE FROM

From



ACCT. CODE TO

To



DEP

Leave Blank

Run

Advanced Settings

Final accuracy checklist – DATA CHECKS

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The screenshot shows a software settings interface. At the top left, the word "Settings" is enclosed in a red rectangular box. Below it, there are three main menu categories: "General Setup", "Contacts", and "Data". A red arrow points from the "Contacts" category to the "Data" category. Under the "Data" category, the option "Nominal Only Recalculation" is highlighted with a red rectangular box. Other options visible under "Data" include "Imports", "Exports", and "Year-End".

Recalculation

This Recalculation routine will recalculate the current year nominal balances ONLY. It will NOT recalculate the comparative year or the customers & suppliers ledgers.

Cancel OK

Basic Settings

Recalculation

There is no nominal validation for this business.

OK

F-Mail

Final accuracy checklist

1	A list of balances on all school bank and cash accounts	Bank codes in the simple trial balance
2	Bank Reconciliation Bank reconciliation report for all school bank accounts	Check that the <i>balance</i> as per BrightBooks agrees to the relevant bank balance in the <i>Balance sheet</i> & in the Simple Trial Balance <u>report</u> Outstanding items reviewed for accuracy. Duplicates or errors are corrected
3	Income & Expenditure report	The final Net Profit/ Loss should agree to the Income & expenditure figure showing at the end of the Capital & Reserves section at the bottom of the Balance Sheet



Generating reports in BrightBooks

A list of balances on all school bank and cash accounts

From 'Reports' > under 'General Ledger' heading select 'Trial Balance'.

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PERIOD FROM **PERIOD TO** **ACCT. CODE FROM** **ACCT. CODE TO** **DEP**

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A bank reconciliation statement for each bank account
From 'Reports' > under 'Banking' select 'Bank reconciliation'.

Banking

Bank Reconciliation



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BANKS **STATEMENTS** **REPORT TYPES**

1802 Current Acco... 31/08/2023 Unreconciled

[Run](#)

Final accuracy checklist – Cross checks

Balances on all Bank Accounts

Simple Trial Balance Report
Sample C & C School

Date Range: 1st Sep 20XX To 31st Oct 20XX

Code	Description	Debit	Credit
1800	Current Account	76,489.00	-
1810	Deposit Account	47,948.00	-

Bank Reconciliation Report

Sample C & C School

1800 Current Account	31-Oct-20XX
Balance as per BrightBooks	76,489.00
Balance per Bank Statement	76,489.00
Less un-presented Payments	-0.00
Plus un-presented Lodgment	0.00
Reconciled Balance	76,489.00

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Income and Expenditure Account report

From 'Reports' > under 'General Ledger' select 'I&E Report'.

General Ledger

Income&Expenditure

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




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Payments listings for each bank account

From 'Reports' > under 'Banking' select 'Payments report'.

Payments Report

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DATE FROM	DATE TO	TYPE	PMT. TYPE	DOC. NO. START	DOC. NO. END	BANK	DEP
 01/04/2023	 30/04/2023	All 	All 	From	To	1800 Curren... 	

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




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Receipts listings for each bank account

From 'Reports' > under 'Banking' select 'Receipts report'

Receipts Report

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DATE FROM	DATE TO	TYPE	PMT. TYPE	DOC. NO. FROM	DOC. NO. TO	CO-ORDINATOR	BANK	DEP
 01/01/2023 	31/01/2023 	All 	All 	From	To		1801 Curr... 	

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Final accuracy checklist

4	Balance sheet report	<p>Cumulative balances to the month end being reported on.</p> <p>The bank rec <u>reports</u> and the Aged Creditor balances should also be generated to this same month end date and balances should always be cross checked</p>
5	List of Supplier balances	<p>The total of this list should agree to the balance in code 2100 in the Balance sheet at the month end</p>
6	List of Accruals/Income in advance/prepayments	<p>Department report for Income in advance and total to agree to balance in code 2105</p>
7	Capital Income & Expenditure account report (if applicable).	<p>Info generated from a department report from BrightBooks which analyses the movement on the various nominal accounts</p>



Generating reports in BrightBooks

Balance Sheet report

From 'Reports' > under 'General Ledger' select 'Balance Sheet Report'.

General Ledger

Balance Sheet

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Generating reports in BrightBooks

Balance Sheet

Test School

Date Range: 1st Sep 2022 To 31st Aug
2023

		2023	2022
Code	Description	Current	Comparative
		€	€
Balance Sheet			
Fixed Assets			
Current Assets			
Debtors & Prepayments			
1720	Prepayments	12,520.00	-
		€12,520.00	-

Generating reports in BrightBooks

Aged creditors/suppliers listing report

From 'Reports' > under 'Purchases' select 'Aged Supplier Balance Summary'.

Purchases

Aged Supplier Balance Detailed

Aged Supplier Balance Summary

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DATE TO SUPPLIER FROM SUPPLIER TO Current Year **Do not tick**

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The nominal/general ledger activity report

From 'Reports' > under 'General Ledger' select
'General Ledger Account Activity'

General Ledger

General Ledger Account Activity

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BASED ON **PERIOD FROM** **PERIOD TO** **ACCT. CODE FROM** **ACCT. CODE TO** **D P**

Period Sep-2023 Sep-2023 From To ALL


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School income received in advance report

From 'Reports' > under 'General Ledger' heading select 'General Ledger Account Activity'.

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BASED ON	PERIOD FROM	PERIOD TO	ACCT. CODE FROM	ACCT. CODE TO	DEP
 Period <input type="text" value="Period"/>	<input type="text" value="Sep-2022"/>	<input type="text" value="Aug-2023"/>	<input type="text" value="2105"/> <input type="text" value=""/>	<input type="text" value="2105"/> <input type="text" value=""/>	All ALL

Generating reports in BrightBooks

Advanced Settings [X]

COLUMN ORDER

Exclude

- Ref.No.
- Product
- Period
- Customer Code
- Supplier Code
- VAT Rate
- Department

Include

- Code
- Date
- Doc.No.
- Type
- Details
- Debit
- Credit
- Balance

SORTING

1. Code [v] Total

2. Department [v] Total

Total Only

FEATURES

- Suppress Zeros
- Show Balance Forward
- Show Opening Balance Journals
- Show Future Opening Balances
- Page Break

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 Need Help?

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6. More Help



How can we help you?

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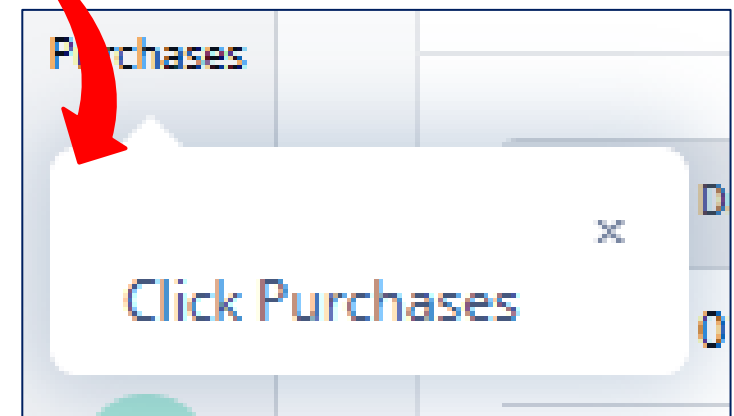
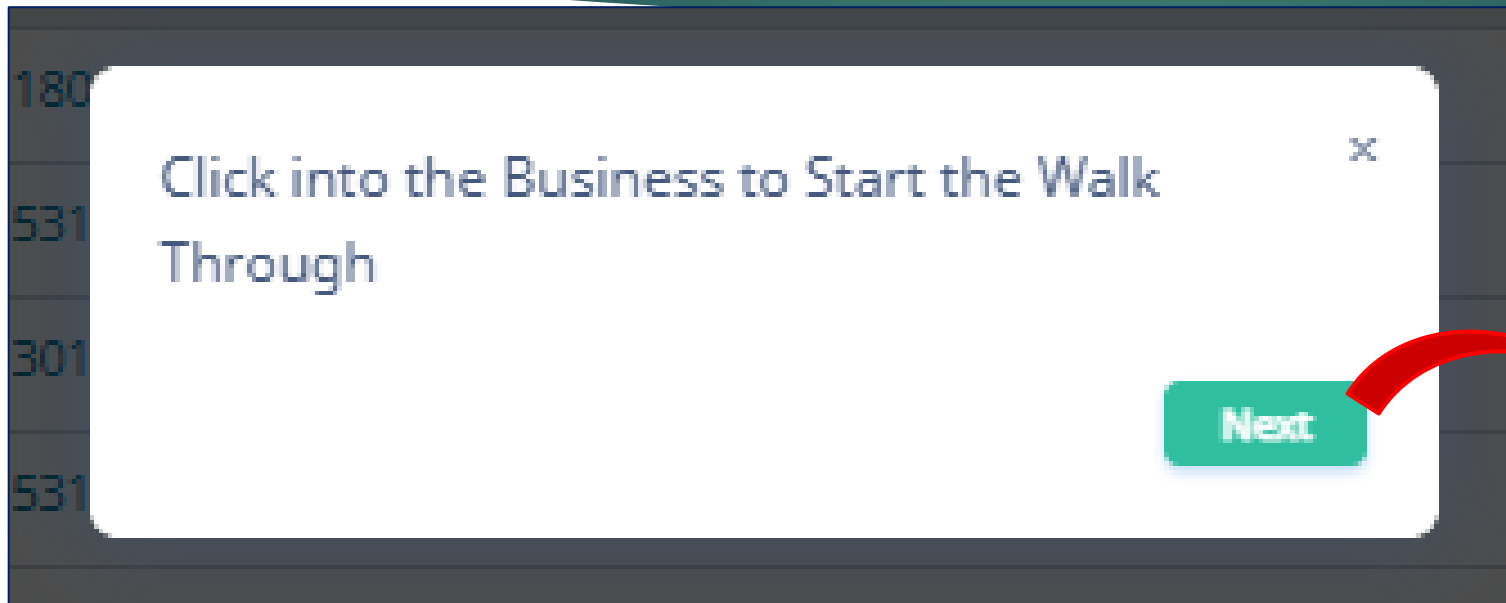


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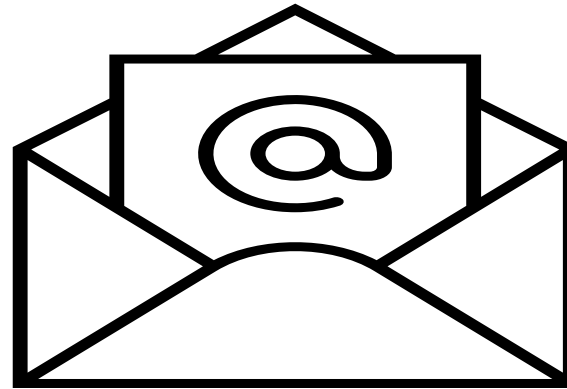
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