

Brooke Primary Academy

Weekly News

Thorne Christmas Light Switch On

Our Christmas Choir was a huge success again this year. We were extremely proud that 45 children attended the Thorne Christmas Light Switch On event and sang Christmas songs to the community. The children were praised on their singing and it certainly helped them get into the festive spirit. A big thank you to Mrs Cheetham who puts lots of time and effort into the choir and our lovely parents and carers who support the children by bringing them to these events.



Christmas Performances



A huge thank you to all the parents and carers that came into school to watch the EYFS and KS1 Christmas Concerts. Speaking and singing in front of a large audience can be daunting, but these little superstars made it look easy. The staff are so incredibly proud of each and every child.

Christmas is such a special time where precious memories are made and the staff are so grateful to be a part of your children's.

Community Ambassadors

The Community Ambassadors have been busy this half term discussing how they can help the school and the community. Recently the PCSO, Ben Wilson, visited school to work with the Community Ambassadors and the children shared that they wanted to help make the journey to school safer. With the help of Ben, they decided that they wanted to focus on parking outside of school and the speed in which cars travel. We then arranged for Ben to visit the school again and he brought the speed gun with him. Children had a fantastic time checking the speed of cars and we will continue to work together to make our school and the community safer.



Baking Club

This half term, 10 children from EYFS and KS1 have taken part in an after-school baking club with Miss Hennigan. The children have enjoyed making a range of recipes and learning about different baking techniques. Our favourite recipes were the chocolate chip cookies and the brownie. These are the links if you would like to try them at home. Happy Baking!

Chocolate chip cookies

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/chocolate-chunk-cookies>

Chocolate brownie

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/best-ever-chocolate-brownies-recipe>



Brooke Primary Food Hygiene Rating

We are delighted to announce that we have retained our 5 star food hygiene rating following our inspection from the Local Authority Environmental Health this week.



Miss Low's Science Bulletin:

The skull of an enormous ancient sea monster called a pliosaur has been pulled from cliffs on the U.K.'s southern Jurassic Coast. The pliosaur was a marine reptile that lived around 150 million years ago and was around 10 to 12 yards long.

Area of science: Palaeontology



Christmas Party Day

Next Friday, 22nd December, is our final day of term. Children are invited to attend in their party and can choose a party lunch if they wish for a school dinner, these can be pre-ordered on School Grid.

School will close at 3.15pm, **please be reminded that there will be no 326 club next Friday.**

Home School Partnership

Pupil	For
Sophia C	Dancer of the day at Aftershock

Attendance Matters

Being in school is important to **your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development.**

Attendance Challenge Winners – W/E 01/12/2023 (Autumn 2, Week 6)

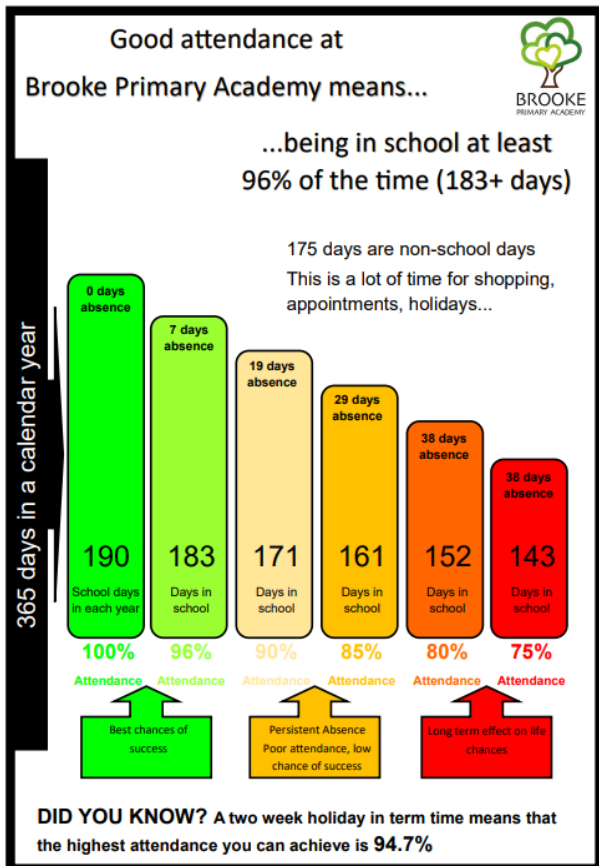
Attendance is at or above the school target of 96%

Attendance is between 92 – 96%, below school target and being monitored

Attendance is below 92% and significantly below the school target of 97%. Action to improve attendance needed



Phase	Class	Percentage	Winner
EYFS	F1 Mrs Whitfield	87.1%	All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box
	F2 Miss Hutt	89%	
KS1	Y1 Miss Hennigan	93.8%	Y2 Miss Flaherty – Movie session
	Y1 Miss Brown	85.5%	
	Y2 Miss Flaherty	98.2%	
	Y2 Miss Green	94.3%	
LKS2	Y3 Mrs Roberts	92.3%	Y4 Mr Jones – Extra Breaktime
	Y4 Mr Jones	93.5%	
	Y4 Miss Jackson	91%	
UKS2	Y5 Miss Low	89.2%	Y6 Mr Farrand / Mr Whitfield – Non uniform day Wednesday 20 th December
	Y5 Mrs H Potter	88.3%	
	Y6 Mr Thomas	90%	
	Y6 Mr Farrand/Mr Whitfield	94.8%	
Total		91.27%	



Lateness

Being late adds up to a loss of learning

- If you are 15 minutes late every week, this adds up to a loss of 3+ days of education every year
- If you are 15 minutes late every day, this adds up to a loss of 2+ weeks of education every year

How to help ensure your child arrives in school on time everyday

- get up early and make sure your child leaves the house on time
- prepare uniform and bags the night before
- attend breakfast club if needed (breakfast club opens at 07:45)
- if your child is unhappy or having problems at school, please ring to discuss these issues.

Arriving late to school may cause difficulties for your child

- it may be embarrassing walking into a class that has already started working
- it disturbs lessons, impacting other pupils
- missing even part of a lesson can make learning more difficult
- lateness contributes to your child having a poor attendance record

Pupil of the Week W/E 15.12.23

Well done to the following children who have been awarded pupil of the week for going the extra mile with their learning / displaying the school values.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Pupil</u>
F1 Mrs Whitfield	Meghan M
F2 Ms Hutt	lyda B
Y1 Miss Brown	Amber P
Y1 Miss Hennigan	Matilda S
Y2 Miss Flaherty	Esmæ B
Y2 Miss Green	Oliver P
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Florence B
Y4 Miss Jackson	Faith H
Y4 Mr Jones	George C
Y5 Miss Low	Paige T
Y5 Mrs Potter	Maia E
Y6 Mr Farrand	Macy-L S
Y6 Mr Thomas	George F



Important Dates

Autumn 2 (2023 – 2024)

- Wednesday 20th December – Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Performance 9.15am and 2.15pm [Christmas-Letter-for-all-year-groups.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](https://www.brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk/Christmas-Letter-for-all-year-groups.pdf)
- Thursday 21st December – Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Service at Thorne Methodist Church [Christmas-Letter-for-all-year-groups.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](https://www.brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk/Christmas-Letter-for-all-year-groups.pdf)
- Friday 22nd December – Final day of term – Party food lunch (to order on School Grid) and party clothes day
- Friday 22nd December – School closes for end of term

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- Monday 8th January – Staff training day – school closed to pupils
- Tuesday 9th January – School re-opens to pupils

Have a wonderful weekend.

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