

# Brooke Primary Academy

## Weekly News

What a busy week it has been! It has been a week full of trips and visitors.

### Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Year 4 had the best time visiting the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. They saw lots of exciting animals, learned lots of new facts and even squeezed in some time to play in the outside play areas. The children were absolutely superb and the staff were extremely proud of them, particularly with how far they walked – they clocked up some steps.



### Crucial Crew

Year 6 had a fabulous day at Crucial Crew learning about personal safety. They were taken around different scenarios: fire safety, water safety, road safety, arson & anti-social behaviour, hate crimes, crime, bus safety and a court room. The staff were very complimentary of their behaviour.



### **Doncaster Hockey Club**

The Andy Gibson Foundation came in to deliver a Hockey session to the year 5 children. They taught them how to hold a hockey stick and how to pass the puck correctly. The children displayed some excellent hockey skills and really enjoyed the session. We are very lucky that we have the links with The Andy Gibson Foundation and the Doncaster Hockey Club, and really appreciate them coming in to teach the children new skills and a new sport.



### **Art Workshop**

The spring Art workshop was a huge success, with the children creating some beautiful pieces! All parents and carers were then invited into school to observe all the pieces and purchase them. All donations go towards the resources used in the workshops. A big thank you to everyone who attended.



### **Thorne Town Council**

Thorne Town Council came to Brooke on Friday to discuss with some children the plans for the new play park in Thorne. The children voted on whether they would like a new play park and then shared their views on which pieces of the equipment they would like for themselves and the community. The children's input will be used to shape the design of the new play park.



### **F1 Easter Parent Event**

This week, F1 invited their parents and carers into school for their Easter event. A big thank you to everyone who came along. The children sang some Easter songs and then enjoyed a range of activities and crafts.



### **Afterschool Clubs/Activities**

Please be reminded that no afterschool clubs/activities will run next week. 326 club will run Monday to Wednesday as normal but will not be available on the final day of term (Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March).

Clubs and activities for the Summer term can be found by clicking on the link below.

[Summer-Term-1-2024-Enrichment-Clubs-and-Activities.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](https://www.brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk/Summer-Term-1-2024-Enrichment-Clubs-and-Activities.pdf)

### **Miss Low's Science Bulletin:**

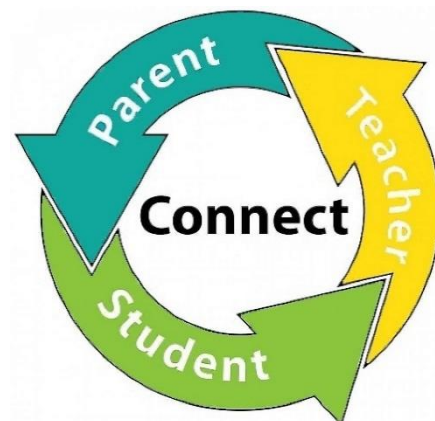
When it comes to nurturing their young, mother chimpanzees go the extra mile, according to a new study. Using 10 years of observational data on wild chimpanzees, researchers found that while adults often play, and young chimps play a lot, when food gets scarce, the adults put mutual play aside and focus on survival

**Area of science:** Biology



### Home School Partnership

<b>Pupil</b>	<b>For</b>
Isla S	Her Brownies award for 'Making changes in the Community'



### Pupil of the Week W/E 22.03.24

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.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Pupil</b>
F1 Mrs Whitfield	Tristan M
F2 Ms Hutt	Carter C
Y1 Miss Brown	Harper H
Y1 Miss Hennigan	Charlye E
Y2 Miss Flaherty	Jozef M
Y2 Miss Green	Oliver P
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Emmit R
Y4 Miss Jackson	Faith H
Y4 Mr Jones	Jacob R
Y5 Miss Low	Kian M
Y5 Mrs Potter	Ellelouis A
Y6 Mr Farrand	Lilly-Mae Wilson
Y6 Mr Thomas	Lexi B



### Picture News

Every Thursday afternoon, the children take part in a 'Picture News' assembly. This is used to support the personal development of the children. Picture News provides children with opportunities to develop their learning further through news stories that inspire them. It exposes children to a range of current issues including political, religious, cultural, environmental, social, moral and spiritual. It makes British Values relevant and meaningful which develop links between personal, school and community values. It also allows children to demonstrate respect and tolerance.



Each week, we will share with you the topic of discussion for you to discuss with your child at home.



What's the best way to handle disappointment?

## In the news this week

Many families travelled to Glasgow for an event that claimed to channel the magic of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. On its website, Willy's Chocolate Experience, guaranteed chocolate fountains, performances by Oompa Loompas, and interactive experiences, with tickets priced at £35 per person. Visitors were greeted by rows of large empty tables and walls of black fabric separating different, almost empty, spaces. Upon facing crowds of disappointed ticketholders, organisers decided to cancel the two-day event after the first morning.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- How do you think visitors to the experience might have felt when they realised the experience differed from what they expected?
- Can you think of a time when something didn't go well, even though you tried or thought it would? How did you deal with it?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

[www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss](http://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss)



**'Moments Matter, Attendance Counts'**

Improving school attendance is everyone's business and, to tackle the challenge we face, **we need to work together**. The Government has launched a national campaign, aimed at parents and carers, on the importance of school attendance. Our goal is to create a nurturing bond between parents and school, emphasising the pivotal role attendance has in enhancing their child's overall wellbeing. Being in school is essential to **your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development**.

**Attendance Challenge Winners – W/E 08/03/2024 (Spring 2, Week 3)**



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	95.9%	All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box
	F2 Miss Hutt	93.9%	
KS1	Y1 Miss Hennigan	97.5%	Y2 – Miss Green – Ice Pops
	Y1 Miss Brown	90.9%	
	Y2 Miss Flaherty	97.1%	
	Y2 Miss Green	98.8%	
LKS2	Y3 Mrs Roberts	93.7%	Y4 – Mr Jones – Movie Session
	Y4 Mr Jones	98.2%	
	Y4 Miss Jackson	93.3%	
UKS2	Y5 Miss Low	96.7%	Y5- Mrs Potter – ICT Slot
	Y5 Mrs H Potter	98.4%	
	Y6 Mr Thomas	93.5%	
	Y6 Mr Farrand/Mr Whitfield	97.9%	
Total	95.74%		

**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
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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 07:30)
- if your child is unhappy or having problems at school, please ring to discuss these issues.
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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



# Good attendance at Brooke Primary Academy means...

...being in school at least  
96% of the time (183+ days)

175 days are non-school days  
This is a lot of time for shopping,  
appointments, holidays...

365 days in a calendar year



**DID YOU KNOW?** A two week holiday in term time means that  
the highest attendance you can achieve is **94.7%**

### **Important Dates**

#### **Spring 2 2024**

- Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – School closes for end of term -There will be **NO** 326 club on this day

#### **Summer 1**

- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April - Training Day – School closed to all children
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April – School re-opens to children
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – F2 Oxmardyke Trip- [F2-Oxmardyke-Trip.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday – School closed to all children
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Y1 Cannon Hall Farm Trip - [Y1-Cannon-Hall-Farm-Trip.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup>- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATs week
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Y5 National Railway Museum Trip [Y5-National-Railway-Museum-letter.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May -Year 4 Austerfield Residential Trip [Austerfield-Residential-2024.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – School closes for half term – There will be **NO** 326 club on this day

#### **Summer 2**

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – School re-opens to all children
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June – F1 William's Den Trip - [F1-Williams-Den-Trip.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – School closes for the end of the academic year – There will be **NO** 326 club on this day.

Have a wonderful weekend.

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