

Brooke Primary Academy

Weekly News

As Holy week started on Sunday 24th March, Amy from the Doncaster Religious Education Team came into school on Tuesday to help us celebrate Easter. Amy helped us to think about how Mary might have felt going to her son Jesus' tomb to see him, but finding that he wasn't there. Amy gave us the opportunity to think about how we feel when we expect something to be in a certain place, but it is not there. She also read a Bible teaching called 'Jesus' Tomb is Empty' from the book of John, Chapter 19 Verse 20. Finally, she told us about some of the ways that Christians celebrate Easter in Church, such as having a palm party with palm leaves.



Easter Events

WOW! We have been blown away with the fantastic creations and donations this Easter.

Egg Competition

It was a really hard task to choose the winners for the egg decoration competition, but thankfully we had great help from students and staff casting their votes. All entries received a prize and then a 1st, 2nd and 3rd were chosen per phase to receive an Easter egg. Here are the winners:

Phase	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
F1 & F2	Benny S	Rosie C	Freya S
KS1	Lacey M	Layla M	Harper H
LKS2	Evie H	James L	Autumn K
LKS2	Tallulah W	Finley S	Sophia H



Easter Egg Raffle

Another year and another successful Easter raffle. Thank you all so much for the generosity buying tickets and donating eggs. As a school we raised a huge **£394**. All the money raised will go towards play equipment for the school.



F2 Parent Visit

Our reception children enjoyed celebrating the story of the Gingerbread Man this week. A big thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the story telling sessions. We hope you enjoyed your gingerbread men!



Year 1 Visit

Pastor Kevin visited Year 1 last Friday to tell us all about Easter. They sang songs together, learnt all about the story of Easter and even played some games together.



Goodbye and Good Luck

Everyone at Brooke Primary Academy wishes Mr Whitfield all the very best in his new career, creating teaching resources for a leading educational company.

Mr Whitfield has worked over the past three years delivering tuition and booster sessions to Year 5 and Year 6 children, and has stepped into the role of class teacher for one of our current Year 6 classes, going over and beyond because he remains dedicated to helping our children achieve all they can.

On top of all of that, Mr Whitfield has repeatedly given up his time to lead, coach and run numerous sports clubs and sporting activities, including after school competitions etc. A great many children, both past and present, have benefitted from his willingness to go that extra mile!

We hope you all join us in wishing Mr Whitfield well as he moves on; he will be much-missed!



Club Thorne Colliery Free Half Term Programme

Please click on the link below to register your interest

[Club Thorne Easter HAF Camp](#)



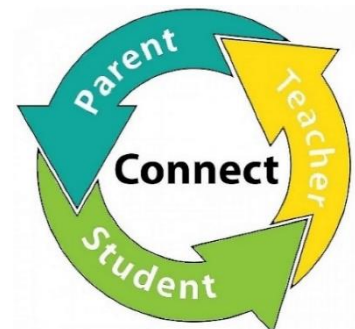
Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

The online shop is now open to order the Y6 Leavers Hoodies – please click on the link below for further details

[Y6-Leavers-Hoodies-Online-Shop-Letter-2024.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)

Home School Partnership

Pupil	For
Daisy A	Researching and producing fantastic homework
Ruby R	Star of the week at Bodyrockers



Pupil of the Week W/E 29.03.24

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.

Class	Pupil
F1 Mrs Whitfield	Kobe R
F2 Ms Hutt	Skyla P
Y1 Miss Brown	Morris C
Y1 Miss Hennigan	Isla-M H
Y2 Miss Flaherty	Hallie R
Y2 Miss Green	Layla M
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Sophia B
Y4 Miss Jackson	Bailey T
Y4 Mr Jones	Ruby R
Y5 Miss Low	Lenny K
Y5 Mrs Potter	Dolly-Mae C
Y6 Mr Farrand	Navaan S
Y6 Mr Thomas	Quinn-L H



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.

TAKEHOME



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

'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 22/03/2024 (Spring 2, Week 5)



- 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	97.9%	All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box
	F2 Miss Hutt	93.9%	
KS1	Y1 Miss Hennigan	92.5%	Y1 – Miss Brown -Extra Breaktime
	Y1 Miss Brown	97.8%	
	Y2 Miss Flaherty	86.7%	
	Y2 Miss Green	94.6%	
LKS2	Y3 Mrs Roberts	96.9%	Y4 – Mr Jones – Extra Breaktime
	Y4 Mr Jones	99.1%	
	Y4 Miss Jackson	97.1%	
UKS2	Y5 Miss Low	96.3%	Y5- Miss Low – Extra Breaktime
	Y5 Mrs H Potter	92.8%	
	Y6 Mr Thomas	95.2%	
	Y6 Mr Farrand/Mr Whitfield	90.1%	
Total	94.7%		

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

Summer 1

- Monday 15th April - Training Day – School closed to all children
- Tuesday 16th April – School re-opens to children
- Tuesday 23rd April – F2 Oxmardyke Trip- [F2-Oxmardyke-Trip.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)
- Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday – School closed to all children
- Friday 10th May – Y1 Cannon Hall Farm Trip - [Y1-Cannon-Hall-Farm-Trip.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)
- Monday 13th- Thursday 16th May – Year 6 SATs week
- Friday 17th May – Y5 National Railway Museum Trip [Y5-National-Railway-Museum-letter.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)
- Thursday 24th and Friday 25th May -Year 4 Austerfield Residential Trip [Austerfield-Residential-2024.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)
- Friday 24th May – School closes for half term – There will be **NO** 326 club on this day
- Friday 31st May – Year 6 Leavers Hoodie Online shop closes

Summer 2

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

Have a wonderful half term.

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