

Brooke Primary Academy

Weekly News

This week, the children have all been learning about Black History Month. In our Monday morning assembly, we looked at the stories and contributions of black people in British history, from the Stone Age, through Roman and Tudor times to more recent examples, such as the life of Mary Seacole. We always remind the children that if British history were a jigsaw puzzle, it would be incomplete without those pieces including the lives of black Britons. We have also launched our annual Black History Month competition, asking the children to research and then write a report about any black Briton from our history. Last year, we had a record number of entries, so we look forward with great anticipation to seeing the amazing efforts our children hand in throughout October 2024...



Science Week

We would like to say a very big thank you to all who participated in our Satellite building competition. It has been amazing to see all of your entries and your commitment to helping celebrate World Science Week. All participants have worked extremely hard to produce such creative, inspirational and fantastically-looking satellites, which have all been admired by our school as they walked past them in the school library. Well done, everybody!



Year 3

Year 3 had a lovely visit from our local PCSO Ben, who has spoken to the children about making the right choices and what consequences can occur if the right choices are not made. They discussed how the police raiding system works when someone has phoned 999 in an emergency or 101 in a non-emergency.



Harvest Festival Donations

Please be reminded that we are currently accepting donations **until Monday 14th October**, for our Harvest Festival. All donations will be sent to our local food bank.

[Harvest-Festival-Donations.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](https://www.brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk)

School Photographs

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Monday 14th October 2024**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Children in Need Friday 15th November

On Friday 15th November, we will be holding a 'non-uniform' day to raise funds for Children in Need. Children will be encouraged to take inspiration from Pudsey and wear yellow or spotty outfits, or choose to side with the Gladiators and go for superhero style!

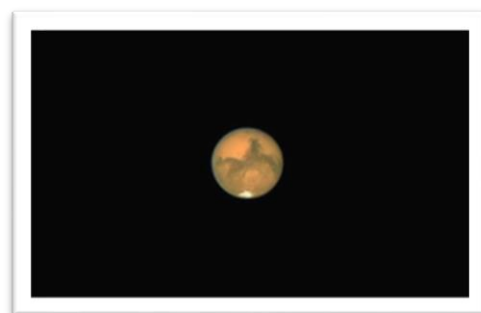
They can get as creative as they like! We are asking for a donation of £1 per child to support with this. All donations are greatly appreciated and will go directly to Children in Need who support lots of causes around the UK.



Miss Low's Science Bulletin:

For years it was believed that Earth was the only planet in our solar system with liquid water. More recently, NASA revealed its strongest evidence yet that there is intermittent running water on Mars, too.

Area of science: Astronomy

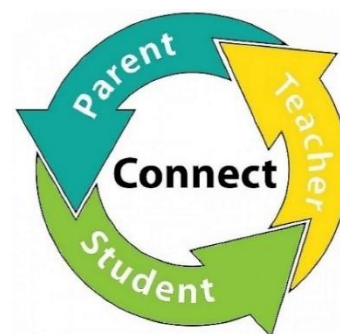


Pupil of the Week w/e 11/10/2024

Class	Pupil
F1 Miss French & Mrs Binns	Calina J
F2 Ms Hutt	Buddy W, Elle D
Y1 Miss Hennigan	Tyler E
Y2 Miss Brown	Heidi Y
Y2 Mrs Whitfield	Gabriella H
Y3 Miss Jackson	George W
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Harrison M
Y4 Miss Low	Jaxon M
Y5 Mr Jones	George C
Y5 Mrs Potter	Noah S
Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	Alfie C
Y6 Mr Thomas	Libby S

Home School Partnership

Pupil	For
Oliver A	Man of the Match and Player of the Week at football
Apryl C	Achieving Star of the Week at dancing
Savannah C	Achieving Dancer of the Month at her dance academy
Finley S	Completing a 2K fun run at Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Arrow A	Achieving Trainer of the Week



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.



TAKEHOME

7th - 13th October



In the news this week

E-commerce company, Amazon, has told all staff they need to return to the office five days a week next year, ending the option to work from home. In a message to all workers, Chief Executive Andy Jassy said the company expected everyone to be in the office full time (apart from some exceptions) from 2nd January, 2025. Amazon's new policy is very different from the UK government's approach, which is to make flexible working a right for employees, as promised in a new law proposal, due to be announced later this year.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you believe Amazon's decision is fair? Talk to someone at home, do they agree?
- > Do you think you might prefer working from home, or from a workplace with others? Why?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss



'Moments Matter, Attendance Counts'

Attendance Challenge Winners – W/E 04/10/2024 (Autumn 1, Week 5)

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 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 Miss French & Mrs Binns	95.7%	All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box
	F2 Miss Hutt & Mrs Brown	94.2%	
KS1	Y1 Miss Hennigan	88.9%	Y2 Mrs Whitfield – Film and milkshake session
	Y2 Miss Brown	93.8%	
	Y2 Mrs Whitfield	98.4%	
LKS2	Y3 Miss Jackson	92.4%	Y3 Mrs Roberts – Cookies for the class
	Y3 Mrs Roberts	97.6%	
	Y4 Miss Low	96.6%	
UKS2	Y5 Mr Jones	98.2%	Y5 Mr Jones – Non Uniform day Wednesday 16 th October
	Y5 Mrs Potter	86.2%	
	Y6 Mr Thomas	93.5%	
	Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	89.6%	
Total	93.69%		

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

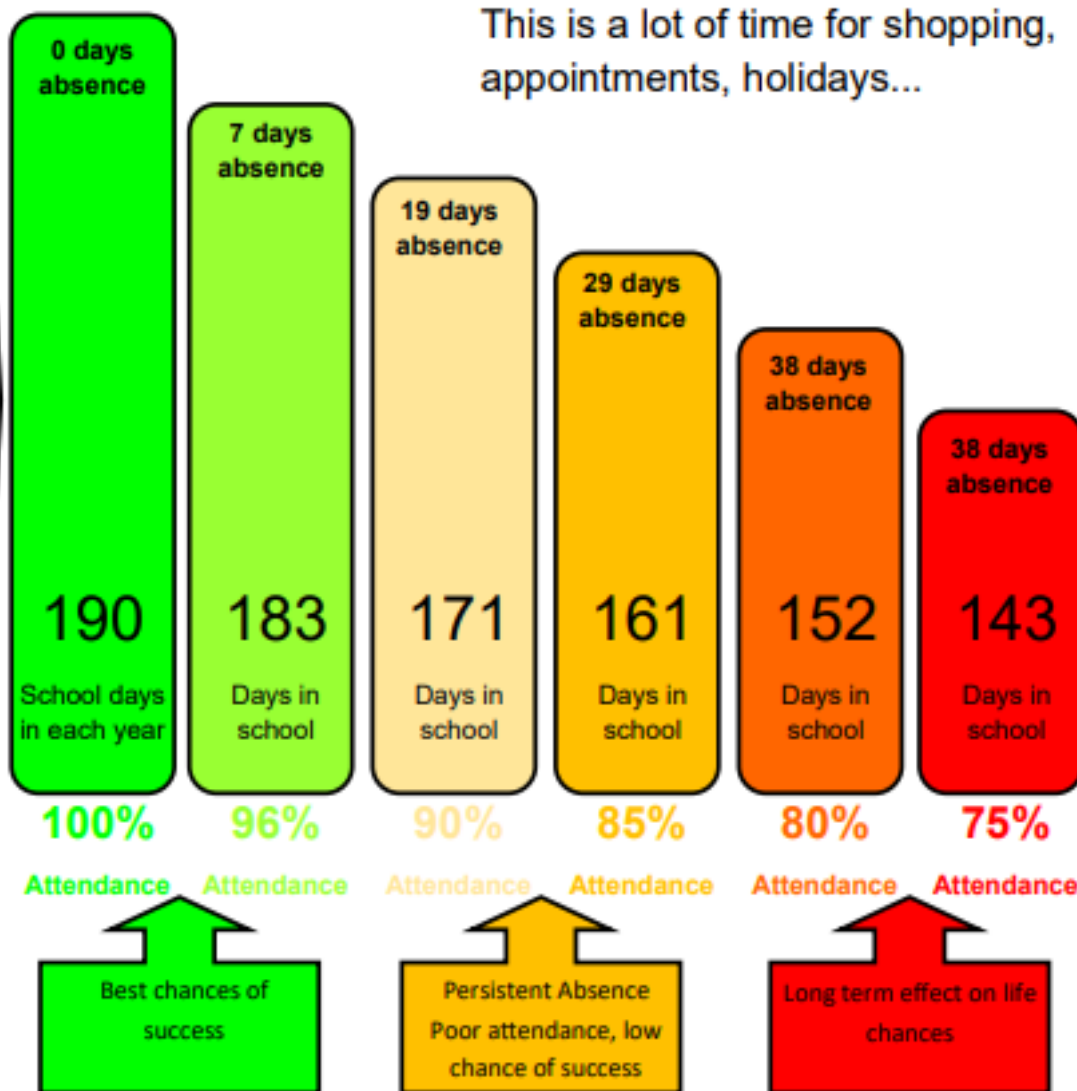


Good attendance at Brooke Primary Academy means...

...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

Autumn 1

- Monday 7th-14th October – Harvest Festival donations welcomed [Harvest-Festival-Donations.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)
- Tuesday 8th October – Y4 Austerfield Parent Meeting 3.30pm [Austerfield-Residential-2025.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)
- Tuesday 15th October – Y5 PGL Parent Meeting 3.30pm [PGL-2025.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)
- Thursday 17th October – Y3 Stoneage Day [Y3-Stoneage-Day.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)
- Monday 21st October – Halloween Disco [Halloween-Disco.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)

Autumn 2

- Wednesday 13th November EYFS Nursery Rhyme Performances [Nursery-Rhyme-Week-Letter.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)
- Friday 15th November – Children in Need – [Children-in-Need-2024.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](#)
- Friday 6th December – School Closure Day – Closed to all children
- Friday 13th December – Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner – details to follow

Have a wonderful weekend.

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