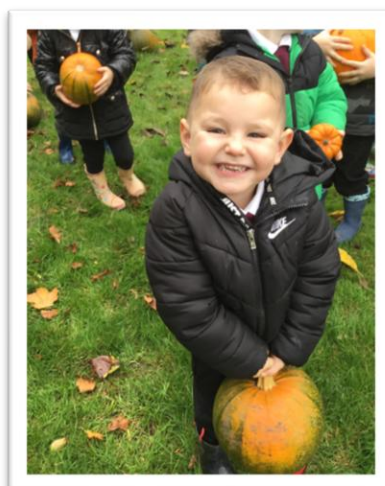


# Brooke Primary Academy

## Weekly News

### F1 Pumpkin Picking

Our nursery children have had a very exciting week - they have been pumpkin picking. A HUGE thank you to Mr Rowlands who supplied us with home grown pumpkins from his allotment. The children enjoyed visiting the school pumpkin patch, picking their own pumpkin. Afterwards, they decorated the pumpkins, and they look amazing!



### Harvest Festival

A big thank you to everyone who donated towards our Harvest Festival, we really appreciate all of your donations. We have donated the food to our local foodbank who support families within the community.



### **The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal 2024**

We have a selection of merchandise available in school to support this year's poppy appeal. Children are welcome to bring in donations, items will be available at break time each day next week.



### **Pumpkin Carving Competition**

From Monday 21st October to Thursday 24th October, the children are invited to bring in a carved pumpkin and place it at the front of school, near the information board, for display. If you would like to, please place a battery light inside it, so it glows at night.

It should also be clearly labelled with your child's name and class. The entries will be judged on Thursday 24th October and the winner will be announced in the Friday Celebration Assembly. The children will bring home their creations that afternoon, ready for Halloween.



### **Reception Admissions 2025 – now open**

Please click the link [Synergy - Enquiry \(doncaster.gov.uk\)](https://www.doncaster.gov.uk) to apply for a place in our reception class before 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.



**Children in Need Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.



**Year 3 Stone Age DAY**

This week, Year 3 had the best day celebrating the Stone Age. They took part in a prehistoric fossil hunt, fossil sketching, recreated Stonehenge and made spears for hunting. It was a busy day with lots of learning and fun!

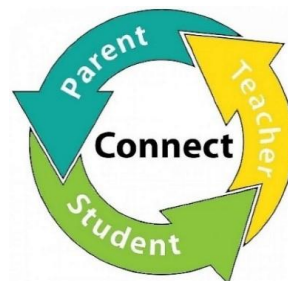


**Pupil of the Week w/e 18/10/2024**

| <b>Class</b>                | <b>Pupil</b>    |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| F1 Miss French & Mrs Binns  | Oscar W         |
| F2 Ms Hutt                  | Aria S, Freya K |
| Y1 Miss Hennigan            | Jakob R         |
| Y2 Miss Brown               | Brett W         |
| Y2 Mrs Whitfield            | George N        |
| Y3 Miss Jackson             | Olivia N        |
| Y3 Mrs Roberts              | Isla S          |
| Y4 Miss Low                 | Whitney A       |
| Y5 Mr Jones                 | Lottie C        |
| Y5 Mrs Potter               | Jack M          |
| Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders | Henry C         |
| Y6 Mr Thomas                | Jaimie G        |

**Home School Partnership**

| <b>Pupil</b> | <b>For</b>   |
|--------------|--|
| Ellie R      | Achieving parents and managers player at football                            |
| Willow R     | Winning 1 <sup>st</sup> place with both her teams at Body Rockers            |
| Olivia M     | Coming 2 <sup>nd</sup> place at the Irish Dancing Feis in Cheshire           |
| Charlie M    | Achievements in swimming   |
| Evie H       | Achieving 1 <sup>st</sup> place at the UPO championships with her dance team |
| Brooke P     | Achieving 1 <sup>st</sup> place at the UPO championships with her dance team |
| Ivy B-P      | Achieving 1 <sup>st</sup> place at the UPO championships with her dance team |
| Francesca R  | Achievements in swimming and football  |
| Amber P      | Fantastic achievements in dancing  |
| Oliver J     | Scoring his first try and achieving Man on the Match at Rugby                |
| Santanna C   | Making great progress in her stretch class at dancing                        |



## 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.



## In the news this week

UK Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer, has faced questioning and criticism recently for accepting free gifts. The Prime Minister has said he would continue to accept such gifts, despite the negative comments, stating that he is not doing anything wrong. Sir Keir, an Arsenal football fan, has also come under pressure for receiving thousands of pounds worth of football tickets. Although he is already an Arsenal season ticket holder, Sir Keir explained that security concerns mean he can no longer watch games from his usual seat in the stands.

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

- > Do you believe politicians should always be allowed to accept free gifts?
- > Can you make a list of the different times you give people gifts, and times you receive them?
- > Do you prefer to give or receive gifts? Ask your people at home what they think.

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'**

**Attendance Challenge Winners – W/E 11/10/2024 (Autumn 1, Week 6)**

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

| <u>Phase</u> | <u>Class</u>                | <u>Percentage</u> | <u>Winner</u>   |
|--------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|---|
| EYFS         | F1 Miss French & Mrs Binns  | 90.2%             | All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box      |
|              | F2 Miss Hutt & Mrs Brown    | 88.2%             |   |
| KS1          | Y1 Miss Hennigan            | 96.6%             | Y1 – Miss Hennigan- Cookies for the class                         |
|              | Y2 Miss Brown               | 93.8%             |   |
|              | Y2 Mrs Whitfield            | 92.4%             |   |
| LKS2         | Y3 Miss Jackson             | 93.3%             | Y3 Mrs Roberts – Reading to foundation children                   |
|              | Y3 Mrs Roberts              | 97%               |   |
|              | Y4 Miss Low                 | 95%               |   |
| UKS2         | Y5 Mr Jones                 | 93.3%             | Y6 – Mr Thomas – Non- uniform day Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October |
|              | Y5 Mrs Potter               | 97%               |   |
|              | Y6 Mr Thomas                | 97.4%             |   |
|              | Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders | 93.1%             |   |
| Total        | 93.53%                      |                   |   |

**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

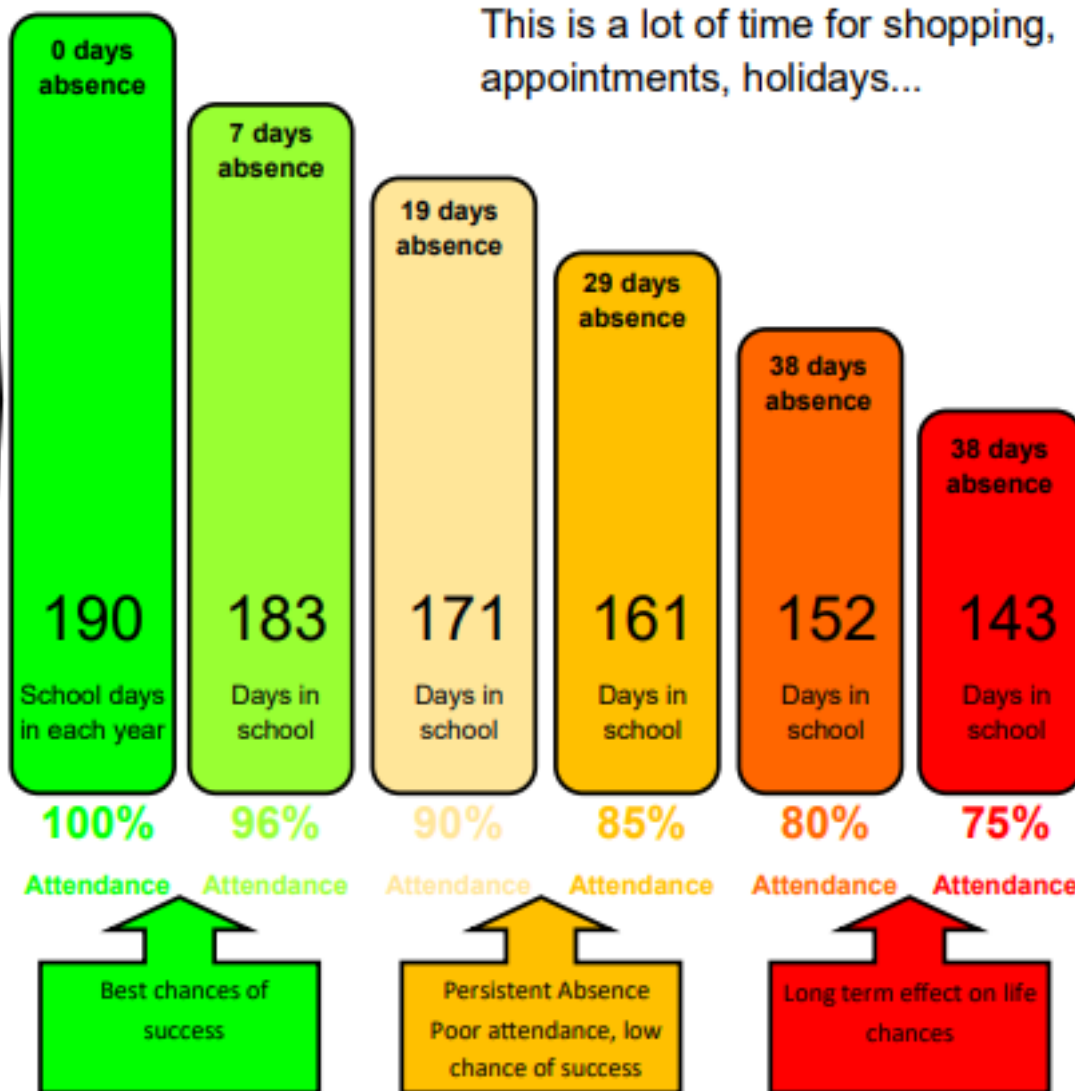


# Good attendance at Brooke Primary Academy means...

...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 21<sup>st</sup> October – Halloween Disco [Halloween-Disco.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](https://www.brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk)
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October afternoon – Year 5 and Year 6 to watch 'Oliver' at Trinity Academy
- **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – School closes for half term**
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November – EYFS Nursery Rhyme Performances, Nursery 11.00am, Reception 2.45pm  
[Nursery-Rhyme-Week-Letter.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](https://www.brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk)

#### **Autumn 2**

- **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – School re-opens for Autumn 2 Term**
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November EYFS Nursery Rhyme Performances [Nursery-Rhyme-Week-Letter.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](https://www.brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk)
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need – [Children-in-Need-2024.pdf \(brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk\)](https://www.brookeprimaryacademy.org.uk)
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Christmas Choir – Thorne Christmas Lights switch on -details to follow
- **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – School Closure Day – Closed to all children**
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner – details to follow
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fayre – further details to follow
- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – School closes for end of term**

Have a wonderful weekend.

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