

Brooke Primary Academy

Weekly News

Young Leaders

During this week's assembly, we introduced the important roles available for our young leaders across the school. Some positions now have vacancies, offering children the opportunity to apply and make a positive impact. Each role has unique responsibilities, which were explained during the assembly.

The following roles are currently open:

- **Student Representatives (F1–Y6):** Interested children should express their interest directly to their class teacher.
- **Community Ambassadors (Y3–Y6):** Children should submit a written expression of interest to Mrs Chowings and Mrs Baxter.
- **Librarians (Y5):** Interested children should express their interest to Miss Hennigan.

We encourage all children who wish to contribute to the school community to apply and take on these rewarding roles.

Year 5 Space Dome

Year 5 had an incredible time exploring the wonders of the universe during their visit to the Space Dome on Wednesday. They learnt fascinating facts about the solar system, the first moon landing, and even enjoyed a virtual tour of the International Space Station.

The children were a credit to our school, walking brilliantly to and from Marshland and impressing the Space Dome presenter with their excellent behaviour. She shared engaging insights about our universe, the stars, and how small we really are in the grand scheme of things. Well done, Year 5, for making the most of this brilliant experience!



Y6 VENN Olympics

Last Friday (22nd November), our Year 6 pupils were given an amazing opportunity to take part in the Venn Olympics held at the English Institute of Sport, in Sheffield. We were able to use the institute's outstanding facilities - the very sports halls, world-class indoor track and athletics area used by the British Olympics Team and British, European and world champions from almost every major sport. With a huge array of coaches running all the activities, there was something for everyone. Our children did us all proud, competing against all the other Venn schools. Results will be announced soon. A huge WELL DONE to all our children for their enthusiasm and efforts on the day. They cheered each other on at every opportunity and displayed great 'sportsmanship' throughout.



We would also like to give further congratulations to one of our teams who came first in the whole event, beating 50 other Venn school teams! We are immensely proud of these achievements and perhaps we have some future Olympians coming through our school!



In addition, it must be mentioned that Prosper (Y6LFA) was **THE** fastest child in the 60 metre sprint by over one second, beating over three hundred children.



Doncaster Rovers Player Visit

On Tuesday, we were thrilled to welcome some of the Doncaster Rovers players to our school! Tom Anderson, Richard Wood, Brandon Fleming, and Jack Goodman spent time with our F2 and Year 3-6 pupils, reading stories, answering questions, and even running a coaching session for a small group of children.

The players and coaches were engaging, fun and fantastic with the children, making it a truly memorable experience. A huge thank you to Doncaster Rovers for giving us this wonderful opportunity—it was an inspiring afternoon for everyone involved!



Dear parent/carer

We hope that your son/daughter enjoyed our player's visiting their school yesterday.

The players would like to invite them to come to our next home game, so they have arranged for a **FREE 13 AND UNDER TICKET*** for **Doncaster Rovers v Cheltenham** at the Eco-Power Stadium on **Saturday December 7, 3pm** and you can come along too for just **£15 per adult**.

All you need to do is visit tickets.clubdoncaster.co.uk, click on the 'Home tickets' button; click the Cheltenham game, then select your tickets in blocks F10 - F13 only, then go to the checkout and enter the code below in the box marked 'Coupon'.

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Important Notes
All 13 and under's must be accompanied by a responsible adult aged 18 and over.
The price of the tickets will not change until you enter the code at checkout.
Tickets must be purchased no later than Friday December 6.



You can also call in to the box office in person or call them on 01302 762576

100% Attendance Reward

From now until Christmas, any child achieving 100% attendance for the week will receive a small reward on a Friday afternoon.

Christmas Choir

Our Christmas Choir has been a big hit this year, with lots of talented children joining Mrs Cheetham every Thursday to sing a variety of festive songs. Tonight, there'll be over 45 of these children taking their talents to the Thorne Christmas Light Switch-On, kicking off the entertainment at 4:30 PM.

We're setting the bar high for Christmas cheer, and we'd love for you to come along and support our fantastic choir as they spread joy through music.



Y2 Local Walk

This week, year 2 enjoyed a walk around the local area looking at different types of homes.



Change of Media Platform

All Venn schools are making the move away from X (formerly known as Twitter) to Instagram. This is so that we are sharing everything that is great about our academy on a safe and easily accessible social media platform and then this can be shared further across the trust.

From January, the academy's Instagram page will be our only social media platform and will be available for any parent/carer to see and follow. All other social media accounts will not be used. This includes Class Dojo; the way to contact the school will be through the usual admin email address.

We hope you will support us by following the Instagram page, which is already in the development stage, and we all look forward to posts to celebrate our children's achievements.



Christmas Fayre

Our fantastic parent group has been hard at work finalising plans for our upcoming Christmas Fayre. Next week, we'll share more details about the wonderful activities, stalls, and incredible prizes you can look forward to on the night.

Please note that most stalls will be **cash only**, so plan accordingly. We can't wait to see you there and make this a truly magical event for our school community!



Thursday 5th December is a non-uniform day. In exchange for dressing in non-uniform, we kindly ask for a donation of chocolates, bottles, or jars to support with our Christmas Fayre.

School Closure Day Reminder

Please be reminded that Friday 6th December will be a school closure day, school will re-open on Monday 9th December.

Christmas Dinner - Friday 13th December

Please be advised that our school Christmas dinner is now available to be pre-ordered on School Grid. We would kindly request that if you wish for your child to have the Christmas dinner that you place a pre-order before the 6th December.



Christmas Party Day – Friday 20th December

The last day of term will be our Christmas Party Day. Children are invited to attend school wearing non-uniform/Christmas party clothes. Christmas activities will take place during the day including a class disco.

Miss Low's Science Bulletin

The planet Uranus and its five biggest moons may not be the dead sterile worlds that scientists have long thought. Instead, they may have oceans, and the moons may even be capable of supporting life.

Area of science: Astronomy



Brooke Primary
Academy's
Christmas Fayre

*Brooke's Christmas
Cracker*

18th December 3.15 - 5pm

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*Santa's Grotto - Grinch's Grotto
External Stalls - Face Painting
Games - Raffles - Crafts
Refreshments - Tombolos*

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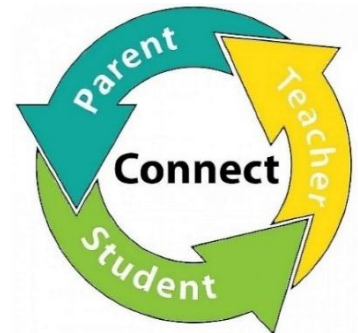
Everyone welcome

Pupil of the Week w/e 29/11/2024

<u>Class</u>	<u>Pupil</u>
F1 Miss French & Mrs Binns	Bobby W
F2 Ms Hutt	Eddison H, Beau-L T
Y1 Miss Hennigan	Esme-R K
Y2 Miss Brown	Sapphire M
Y2 Mrs Whitfield	Jacob C
Y3 Miss Jackson	Ella A
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Tiffany A
Y4 Miss Low	George C
Y5 Mr Jones	Daisy S
Y5 Mrs Potter	Evie R
Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	Theo R
Y6 Mr Thomas	Freddie H

Home School Partnership

<u>Pupil</u>	<u>For</u>
George C	Being awarded player of the match at rugby
Alfie F	Receiving the players trophy at football
Jack P	Achieving a yellow belt at Taekwondo
Amelia M	Achieving player of the match
Amber P	Receiving star of the week at Bodyrockers
Noah S	Being awarded boxer of the week
Arlie A	Receiving boxer of the week
Ana M	Achievements in gymnastics



Pen Licence

These children have been awarded their pen licence.

Isla S	Y3NRO
Jax D	Y3NRO
Zara B	Y3NRO
Oliver P	Y3NRO



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 25th November - 1st December



In the news this week

This year's Earthshot Prize winners have been announced. Prince William, who launched the prize in 2020, closed the award ceremony in Cape Town, South Africa. The Earthshot Prize celebrates and supports people and companies working to provide innovative solutions for climate and environmental issues. The winners include projects to protect animals, handle rubbish and prevent wasted energy.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Can you tell someone at home a bit more about the Earthshot Prize?
- > Do you believe awards are a good way of raising awareness about important issues?
- > Have you ever taken part in or contributed to a project with the aim of helping protect and look after the world? Ask others at home whether they have.

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 22/11/2024 (Autumn 2, Week 3)

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	91.4%	All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box
	F2 Miss Hutt & Mrs Brown	88.2%	
KS1	Y1 Miss Hennigan	90.9%	Y2 –Mrs Whitfield-
	Y2 Miss Brown	88.1%	
	Y2 Mrs Whitfield	92%	
LKS2	Y3 Miss Jackson	93.9%	Y4 – Miss Low - Milkshakes
	Y3 Mrs Roberts	93%	
	Y4 Miss Low	96.1%	
UKS2	Y5 Mr Jones	94.3%	Y5 – Mrs Potter- Milkshakes / Lemonade
	Y5 Mrs Potter	99%	
	Y6 Mr Thomas	87.8%	
	Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	88%	
Total		91.53%	

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

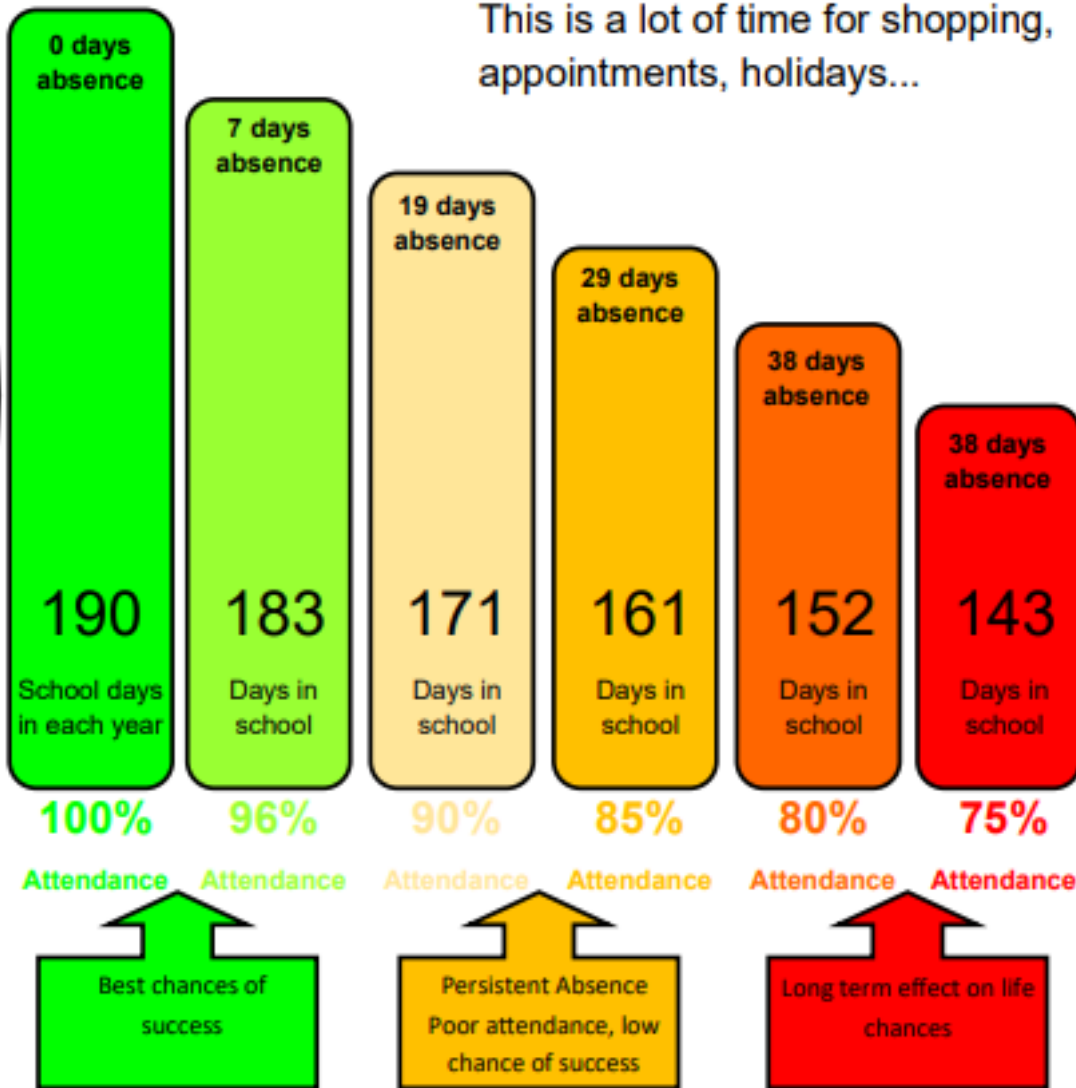


Good attendance at Brooke Primary Academy means...

...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%**

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Important Dates

Autumn 2

- Wednesday 4th December – Christmas Choir singing at Northfields Care Home (Y4-6)
- Thursday 5th December – School non-uniform day
- **Friday 6th December – School Closure Day – Closed to all children**
- Tuesday 10th December – Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performances 9.30am & 2.15pm [Christmas-Performances.pdf](#)
- Wednesday 11th December – Christmas Choir singing at Sainsburys and Lidl
- Wednesday 11th December – F1 & F2 Christmas Nativity Performance [Christmas-Performances.pdf](#)
- Wednesday 11th December – Y6 to attend Trinity Academy Carol Service 1pm-2pm
- Friday 13th December – Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner – details to follow
- Tuesday 17th December – Y3 & Y4 Christmas Performance 9.15am & 2.15pm [Christmas-Performances.pdf](#)
- Wednesday 18th December Christmas Choir singing at Parklands Care Home (Y4-6)
- Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Fayre – see poster
- Thursday 19th December – Y5 & Y6 Christmas Service at St Nicholas Church 10am [Christmas-Performances.pdf](#)
- **Friday 20th December – School closes for end of term – Christmas Party Day**

Spring 1

- Monday 6th January – Training day – School closed to all children
- Tuesday 7th January – School re-opens to children

Have a wonderful weekend,

Brooke Primary Academy