

Science Ambassadors Summit

This week, our school proudly participated in a child-led summit held at Bridgeview Whitehouse, alongside other Venn schools. Our dedicated science ambassadors demonstrated exceptional enthusiasm as they engaged in discussions about enhancing sustainability within our school community. They thoroughly enjoyed constructing and showcasing a working wind turbine, highlighting their innovative spirit and commitment to a greener future.



Christmas Choir

This week, children from Years 3-6 participated in a special singing event at our local supermarkets. Performing a selection of festive Christmas songs at the entrances of Lidl and Sainsburys, the children brought holiday cheer to the community. They were delighted to see members of the public joining in and spreading the Christmas spirit. Well done, Choir!

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the parents and carers who came out to support us. Your positive comments and thoughtful emails were truly appreciated—it was wonderful to hear and read your kind words. Thank you!



EYFS and KS1 Christmas Nativity Performances

Well done to our EYFS and KS1 children for their wonderful Nativity performances! The children showcased their confidence and hard work, delivering amazing shows for everyone to enjoy. Performing in front of a large audience can be a daunting experience, but they all did a fantastic job. A big thank you to everyone who came to support the children—it made the event even more special!



Holiday Programme – Club Thorne Colliery



Beginnings

We are excited to announce the opening of our brand new 2-year-old provision, *Beginnings*, starting on Tuesday, 7th January! This addition to Brooke is designed to provide a warm, nurturing environment where our youngest learners can grow, explore, and thrive. If you have a 2-year-old and would like to secure a place, please collect an application form from the office at your earliest convenience. We look forward to welcoming your little ones to *Beginnings*!



Christmas Fayre

Join the fun and take part in Brooke's Brilliant Bonanza raffle for a chance to win amazing prizes! Tickets are just £1 per strip and can be purchased at the school office or during the LKS2 Christmas Performance next week. Don't miss out on this brilliant raffle which has been organised by our parent group.



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!

Brooke's Brilliant Bonanza
Christmas Raffle - £1 a strip. Will be drawn at the Christmas Fayre, December 18th
Tickets will be sold on the day and at Christmas performances

- 1st 4 x Carveries @ The Canal Tavern
- 2nd 4 x Dance Classes @ Bodyrockers
- 3rd Massage @ Moonchild & Ocean
- 4th Lashes by Charlotte Davey
- 5th Bottle of Moët Champagne
- 6th £20 Voucher - Canterbury House
- 7th £20 Voucher - Bradbury's Butchers
- 8th £20 Voucher - Glow Up
- 9th Family Meal Deal @ Golden Cod
- 10th 2 x Carveries @ The Kings Chamber
- 11th Entry for 2 @ Arcade Warehouse
- 12th Facial @ Nu Me
- 13th £15 Voucher - Rose Beauty Room
- 14th £15 Voucher - Bath Bomb Lab
- 15th £15 Voucher - Pressed for Time
- 16th Dry Cut @ Hair Gallery
- 17th Window Clean with Mr Sparkle
- 18th Entry for 2 @Play Valley
- 19th £10 Voucher - The Old Butchers
- 20th M&S Spiced Sugar plum Gin Liquer
- 21st M&S Clementine Gin Liquer
- 22nd Baileys
- 23rd Baileys
- 24th Grahams Port

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.

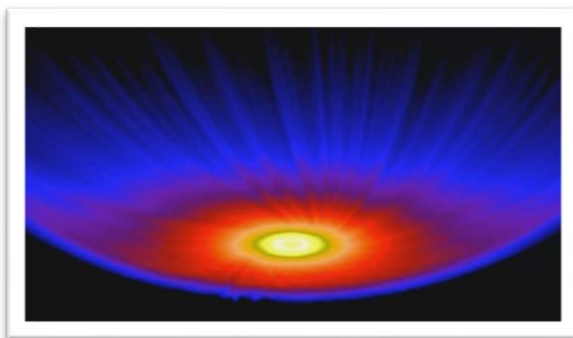
Afterschool Clubs 16th – 20th December

Please be reminded that there will be no clubs during the last week of term, 326 club will run as normal.

Miss Low's Science Bulletin

Astronomers detect the first astrosphere around a sunlike star. A comparable hot gas bubble around the sun shields Earth from galactic cosmic rays.

Area of science: Astronomy

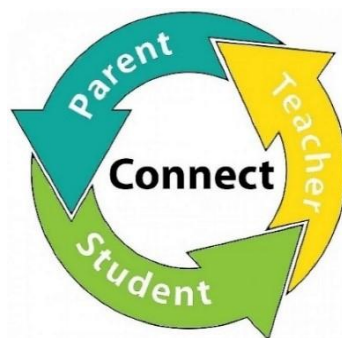


Pupil of the Week w/e 13/12/2024

<u>Class</u>	<u>Pupil</u>
F1 Miss French & Mrs Binns	Harper-R K
F2 Ms Hutt	Tristan M, Aria S
Y1 Miss Hennigan	Ana M
Y2 Miss Brown	Jacob R
Y2 Mrs Whitfield	Oliver J
Y3 Miss Jackson	Freddie F
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Michael C
Y4 Miss Low	Darcey C
Y5 Mr Jones	Savannah C
Y5 Mrs Potter	Cohen M
Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	Elliott C
Y6 Mr Thomas	George L

Home School Partnership

<u>Pupil</u>	<u>For</u>
Freddie F	Teamwork with Club Thorne & receiving Man of the Match
Milly H	Achievements in dance
Erin B	Winning 1 st place at her horse riding event
Evie H	Star of the Week at Bodyrockers
Arlie A	Trainer of the Week at boxing
Addison W	Gaining her yellow belt at Taekwondo

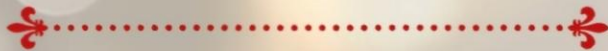




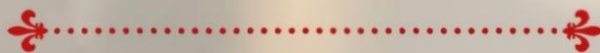
Brooke Primary
Academy's
Christmas Fayre

Brooke's Christmas Cracker

18th December 3.15 - 5pm



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



Everyone welcome

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

2nd - 8th December



In the news this week

The Football Association (FA) has laid out new plans aimed at raising awareness and increasing participation in disability football. The strategy, called Football Without Limits, includes growing the Comets programme for young people aged 5–11. The FA says Comets will be the most inclusive format of the sport and will provide a safe and supportive space for children to start playing football.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your thoughts about the FA's plans to increase awareness of disability football.
- Can you think of a time when you have felt like you belonged (perhaps in a team or group)? What was it that made you feel included? Ask the same questions to someone at home.
- Ask people at home whether they, or someone they know, have benefited from a similar programme.

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 05/12/2024 (Autumn 2, 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

<u>Phase</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Winner</u>
EYFS	F1 Miss French & Mrs Binns	91.2%	All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box
	F2 Miss Hutt & Mrs Brown	85.8%	
KS1	Y1 Miss Hennigan	94.1%	Y2 –Miss Brown - Cookies
	Y2 Miss Brown	100%	
	Y2 Mrs Whitfield	94%	
LKS2	Y3 Miss Jackson	90.2%	Y3 – Mrs Roberts - Milkshakes
	Y3 Mrs Roberts	96.9%	
	Y4 Miss Low	81.9%	
UKS2	Y5 Mr Jones	97.6%	Y5 – Mr Jones – Christmas Breakfast
	Y5 Mrs Potter	84.5%	
	Y6 Mr Thomas	94.6%	
	Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	92.7%	
Total	91.52%		

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

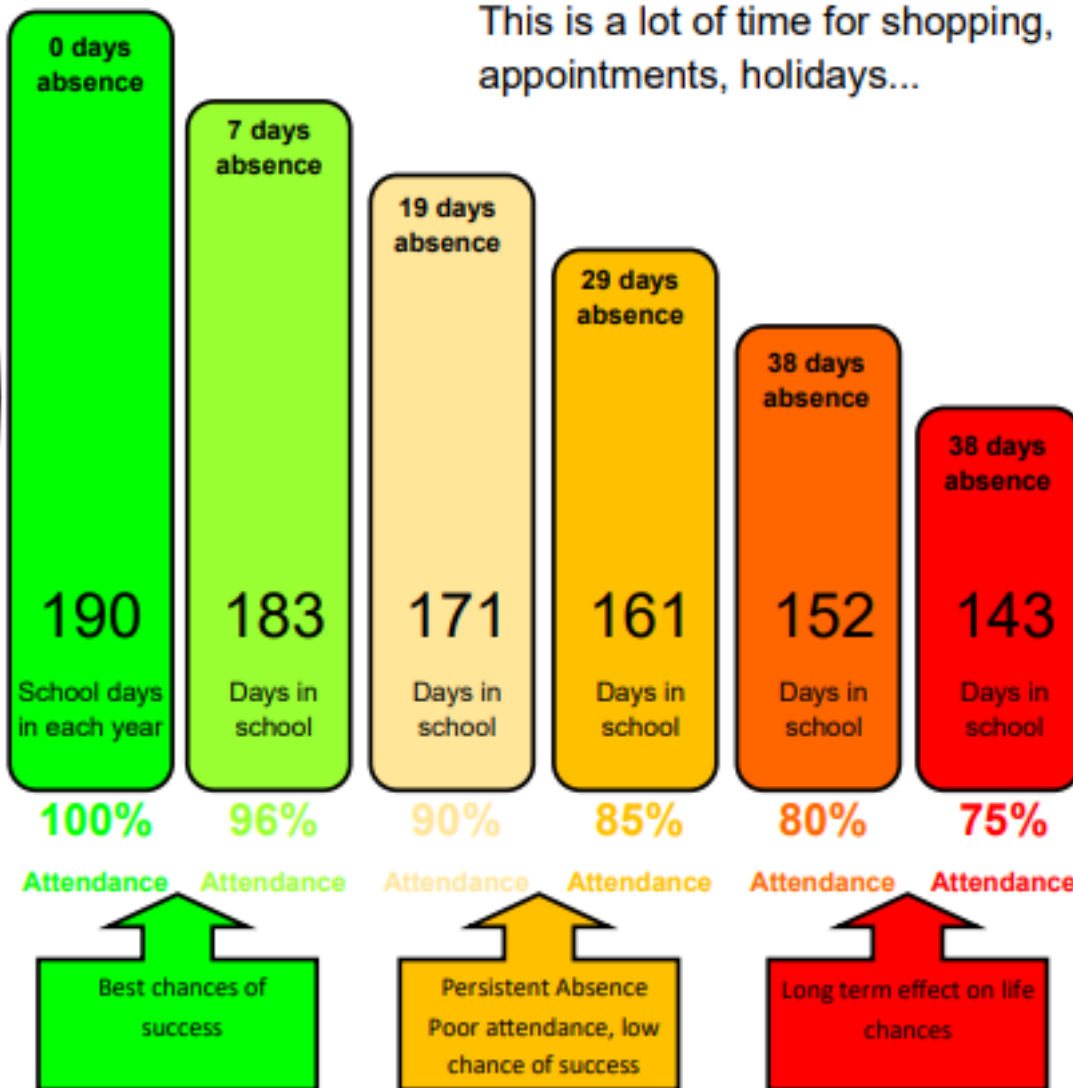


Good attendance at Brooke Primary Academy means...

...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

- 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
- Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th January Y3LJA Parents Evening – details to follow
- Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th January – Parents evening (except Y3LJA) -details to follow
- Wednesday 15th January – In-school pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast'

Have a wonderful weekend,

Brooke Primary Academy