

### **Christmas Fayre**

This week, we held our Christmas Fayre, and what a fantastic event it was! It was a lovely evening full of festive fun, made possible by the hard work of our staff, parents, and members of the community.

There was something for everyone to enjoy, with stalls run by staff, our wonderful parent group, outside vendors, and food stands offering delicious treats. Our amazing school choir kicked off the evening with a brilliant performance, followed by a fabulous saxophone performance from Mrs. Cheetham, which everyone loved.

The children were especially excited to visit both the Grinch's Grotto and Santa's Grotto. Thanks to the kindness of our community, every child in the school received a gift. JHA Architecture generously donated 260 selection boxes, Omega added 50 more, and additional contributions came from local shops, businesses, and individuals. For those who didn't get a chance to see Santa on the night, their gifts were handed out in school the next day.

We're thrilled to share that the Fayre raised an incredible £1,500! This wouldn't have been possible without your amazing support on the night. The parent group and staff will be letting you know soon how this money will be used to benefit our school.

On top of that, the money raised from the Halloween Disco has been put toward an exciting treat—a professional pantomime performance for the whole school in January. We're sure the children will absolutely love it!

Events like the Christmas Fayre are such a special part of our school, bringing everyone together and creating lasting memories for the children. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed and made it such a success!



### **The Grinch Performance – Year 3 and 4**

The children in LKS2 put on a fantastic performance of *The Grinch*. They worked incredibly hard, and it truly showed on stage. A big thank you to all the parents and carers who came to support them—we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!



### **Christmas Choir**

This week, our Year 5 and 6 children from the Christmas Choir brought festive cheer to the residents of Parklands Care Home with a wonderful performance of Christmas songs. It was truly heartwarming to see the residents joining in and singing along, creating a joyful atmosphere for everyone.

A big well done to our children for their fantastic performance and for spreading holiday happiness in our community.



### **Christmas Carol Concert – Year 5 and 6**

Our year 5 and 6 really enjoyed their Christmas Carol Concert, which they performed at St. Nicholas Church. Their singing was beautiful and the readers delivered with confidence and passion! We were immensely proud of them all. Thank you to everyone who attended, and many thanks for the kind comments we had from parents, grandparents and carers – the children were thrilled to hear the praise.



### **Kixx Christmas Holiday Club**

Join us for fun and free activities every day from **10am to 3pm** at **Brooke Primary Academy School, Thorne**. Children aged 5–12 can enjoy sports, games, crafts, and other exciting activities. Each day also includes a tasty, healthy lunch—completely free for children on free school meals! We also have a limited number of places for children not on free school meals.

# Kixx

#### **Dates:**

Monday, 30 December

Tuesday, 31 December

**CLOSED:** Wednesday, 1 January

Thursday, 2 January

Friday, 3 January

#### **Venue:**

Brooke Primary Academy, Wike Gate Road, Thorne, DN8 5PQ.

#### **Time:**

10am to 3pm each day.

#### **Who can join?**

- Children on free school meals are guaranteed a place. Parents should have received a HAF code by letter. If you don't know your code, email [HAF@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:HAF@doncaster.gov.uk).
- **We also have a limited number of places for children not on free school meals to join! Just put "NA" in the HAF code box when booking.**

#### **How to book:**

Fill out the booking form here: [Booking Form](#).

If you need help or can't fill out the form, call our team on **01302 618080** and we will be pleased to assist you. We hope your child can join us for a week of fun, making friends, and learning new things!

### **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, 7<sup>th</sup> 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*!

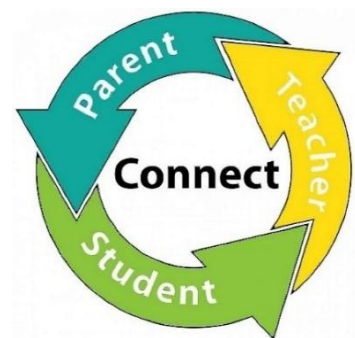


**Pupil of the Week w/e /12/2024**

| Class                       | Pupil              |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| F1 Miss French & Mrs Binns  | JJ H               |
| F2 Ms Hutt & Mrs Brown      | Dolly-M C, Ivy-J P |
| Y1 Miss Hennigan            | Jude M             |
| Y2 Miss Brown               | Scarlett T         |
| Y2 Mrs Whitfield            | Santanna C         |
| Y3 Miss Jackson             | Reuben J           |
| Y3 Mrs Roberts              | Arrow A            |
| Y4 Miss Low                 | Noel C             |
| Y5 Mr Jones                 | Tiffany M          |
| Y5 Mrs Potter               | Jacob C            |
| Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders | Millie W-H         |
| Y6 Mr Thomas                | Eric T             |

**Home School Partnership**

| Pupil      | For                                     |
|------------|---|
| Savannah C | Achievements in dance                   |
| Sophia C   | Achievements in dance                   |
| Santanna C | Achievements in dance                   |
| Olivia L   | Taking part in a 3K fun run for charity |
| Leo M      | Taking part in a 3K fun run for charity |



**Brooke's Brilliant Bonanza**

Thank you so much for your supporting our Christmas raffle.

Please find attached a list of winning tickets, please bring any winning tickets to the office to claim your prize.

**Brooke's Brilliant Bonanza Winning Tickets**

| Prize                               | Winning Tickets   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 4 Carveries at the Canal Tavern     | PINK 301 TO 305   |
| 4 Dance classes at Bodyrockers      | PINK 266 TO 270   |
| Massage at Moonchild & Ocean        | BLUE 76 TO 80     |
| Lashes by Charlotte Davey           | ORANGE 31 TO 35   |
| Bottle of Moet champagne            | PINK 656 TO 660   |
| £20 Canterbury House Voucher        | BLUE 286 TO 290   |
| £20 Bradbury's Butchers voucher     | BLUE 591 TO 595   |
| £20 voucher for Glow Up             | PINK 866 TO 870   |
| Family meal deal at The Golden Cod  | ORANGE 251 TO 255 |
| 2 carveries at The King's Chambers  | PINK 891 TO 895   |
| Entry for 2 at The Arcade Warehouse | BLUE 526 TO 530   |
| Facial at Nu Me                     | ORANGE 291 TO 295 |
| £15 Rose Beauty Room voucher        | ORANGE 111 TO 115 |
| £15 Bath Bomb Lab voucher           | PINK 636 TO 640   |
| £15 Pressed for Time voucher        | PINK 591 TO 595   |
| Dry cut at the Hair Gallery         | BLUE 556 TO 560   |
| Window clean with Mr Sparkle        | PINK 841 TO 845   |
| Entry for 2 at Play Valley          | ORANGE 471 TO 475 |
| £10 The Old Butchers voucher        | BLUE 436 TO 440   |
| M&S Sugar Plum Gin liquer           | BLUE 41 TO 45     |
| M&S Gin liquer                      | BLUE 101 TO 105   |
| Bottle of Baileys                   | PINK 981 TO 985   |
| Bottle of Baileys                   | ORANGE 186 TO 190 |
| Grahams Port                        | PINK 856 TO 860   |

Thank you to everybody that purchased tickets, please bring your winning ticket to the school office to collect your prize.

Merry Christmas  
from  
Brooke Primary Academy

**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

It is thought the number of cards sent this festive period will be lower than in previous years, as stamp prices have increased. The price of a first-class stamp rose by 30p in October, to £1.65. This rise (the fifth increase in less than three years) has also led to fears that the money reaching charities through card sales will be lower this year.

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

- > Share your experience of giving and receiving cards and ask someone at home about theirs.
- > Fewer cards are being sent each year; talk about why you think this is the case.
- > What other ways can you think of to show loved ones that you care and are thinking of them?

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 13/12/2024 (Autumn 2, 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  | 97.5%             | All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box |
|              | F2 Miss Hutt & Mrs Brown    | 93.5%             |  |
| KS1          | Y1 Miss Hennigan            | 95.3%             | Y2 –Miss Brown – Extra Break                                 |
|              | Y2 Miss Brown               | 100%              |  |
|              | Y2 Mrs Whitfield            | 96.8%             |  |
| LKS2         | Y3 Miss Jackson             | 98.3%             | Y3 – Mrs Roberts – Extra Break                               |
|              | Y3 Mrs Roberts              | 98.8%             |  |
|              | Y4 Miss Low                 | 92.3%             |  |
| UKS2         | Y5 Mr Jones                 | 96%               | Y5 – Mr Jones – Extra Break                                  |
|              | Y5 Mrs Potter               | 93.3%             |  |
|              | Y6 Mr Thomas                | 88.2%             |  |
|              | Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders | 90.8%             |  |
| Total        | 94.97%                      |                   |  |

**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

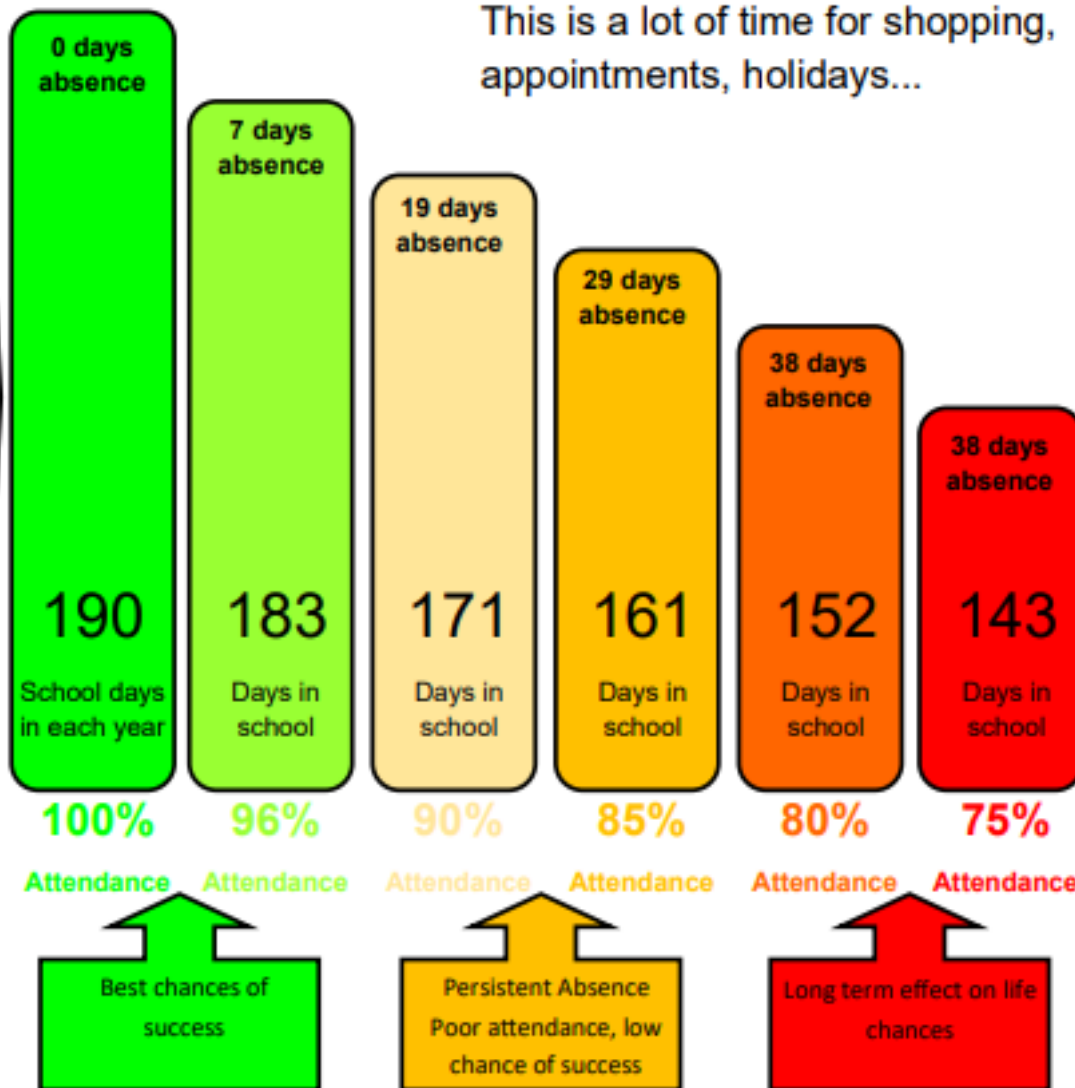


# Good attendance at Brooke Primary Academy means...

...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

#### Spring 1

- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Training day – School closed to all children**
- Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – School re-opens to children
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January Y3LJA Parents Evening – details to follow
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January – Parents evening (except Y3LJA) -details to follow
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January – In-school pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast'

Have a wonderful Christmas break, we look forward to welcoming all of our families back in 2025!

Brooke Primary Academy