

Welcome back! We hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing and joyful Christmas break with their families, and we wish you all a very Happy New Year. We are looking forward to an exciting and productive year ahead.

A reminder that parent appointments are taking place next week. If you haven't yet booked your appointment, please do so via ParentMail. Should you have any questions or require assistance with booking, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.



### **Beginnings**

This week, we had the pleasure of welcoming our new early starters into nursery, along with our two-year-olds who have joined our newly established provision, *Beginnings*. We are incredibly proud of how well the children have settled into their new routines, engaging with their peers and exploring their new environment with enthusiasm.

Starting in a new setting can be a big step, but the children have approached this transition with remarkable confidence and positivity. They truly are shining stars, and we couldn't be prouder of them.

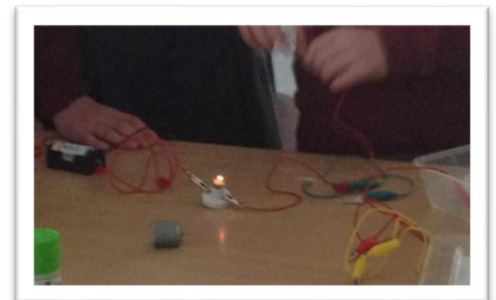
We are also delighted to announce that *Beginnings* officially opened on Tuesday, 7th January, marking a significant milestone for our school as we expand to offer dedicated provision for two-year-olds.

If you would like more information about *Beginnings* or any of our nursery offerings, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.



### **Year 5**

This week, the children in year 5 have explored the fascinating properties of different metals. They discovered that while not all metals are magnetic, they are excellent conductors of electricity. The children extended their investigations by testing various metals found within the classroom environment, even noting that some walls contained hidden metal beams!

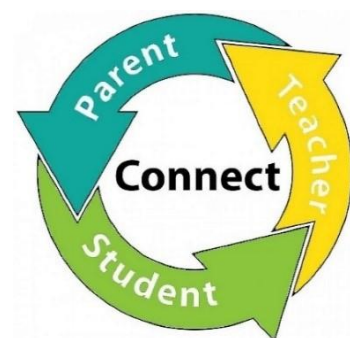


**Pupil of the Week w/e 10/01/2025**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Pupil</b>
F1 Miss French & Mrs Binns	Dahla H
F2 Ms Hutt & Mrs Brown	Rosie C, Alice S
Y1 Miss Hennigan	Arthur B
Y2 Miss Brown	Lacey M
Y2 Mrs Whitfield	Theo D
Y3 Miss Jackson	Mia C
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Lennon B-K
Y4 Mrs Brady	Ada W
Y5 Mr Jones	Joseph F
Y5 Mrs Potter	Milly H
Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	Ellelouis A
Y6 Mr Thomas	Jacob W

**Home School Partnership**

<b>Pupil</b>	<b>For</b>
Arlie A	Achievements in swimming
Lennon B-K	Man of the Match at football



**Headteacher's Award**

<b>Pupil</b>	<b>For</b>
Arlie A	Achievements in swimming



**Brooke's Brilliant Bonanza**

Thank you so much for your supporting our Christmas raffle.

We still have the following unclaimed tickets:

Blue 556 -560

Orange 111 – 115

Pink 866 - 870

Please bring any remaining winning tickets to the office to claim your prize.

## 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

Birdwatch is an annual UK-wide citizen science project held every January, inviting people to gather data to support the work of scientists. Both the Big Garden and the Big Schools' Birdwatch offer people the chance to count birds visiting gardens, playgrounds or school outdoor spaces. This simple activity helps identify bird populations and the most common species. The data collected then helps scientists monitor bird numbers and deduce whether any species are in decline.

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

- Tell someone at home about Birdwatch 2025. Is it something your household would like to take part in?
- Discuss with someone at home about your local area and the wildlife found there.
- Do you know whether there are any schemes in place where you live to protect wildlife or nature?

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 20/12/2024 (Autumn 2, Week 7)**

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	91.1%	All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box
	F2 Miss Hutt & Mrs Brown	94.1%	
KS1	Y1 Miss Hennigan	92.4%	Y2 – Miss Brown -Non-uniform Day Friday 17th
	Y2 Miss Brown	96.8%	
	Y2 Mrs Whitfield	94%	
LKS2	Y3 Miss Jackson	94.2%	Y3 – Mrs Roberts – Extra break
	Y3 Mrs Roberts	96.7%	
	Y4 Mrs Brady	93.5%	
UKS2	Y5 Mr Jones	94.5%	Y5 – Mrs Potter – PJ Day Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>
	Y5 Mrs Potter	97.6%	
	Y6 Mr Thomas	91.8%	
	Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	95.8%	
Total	94.43%		

**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

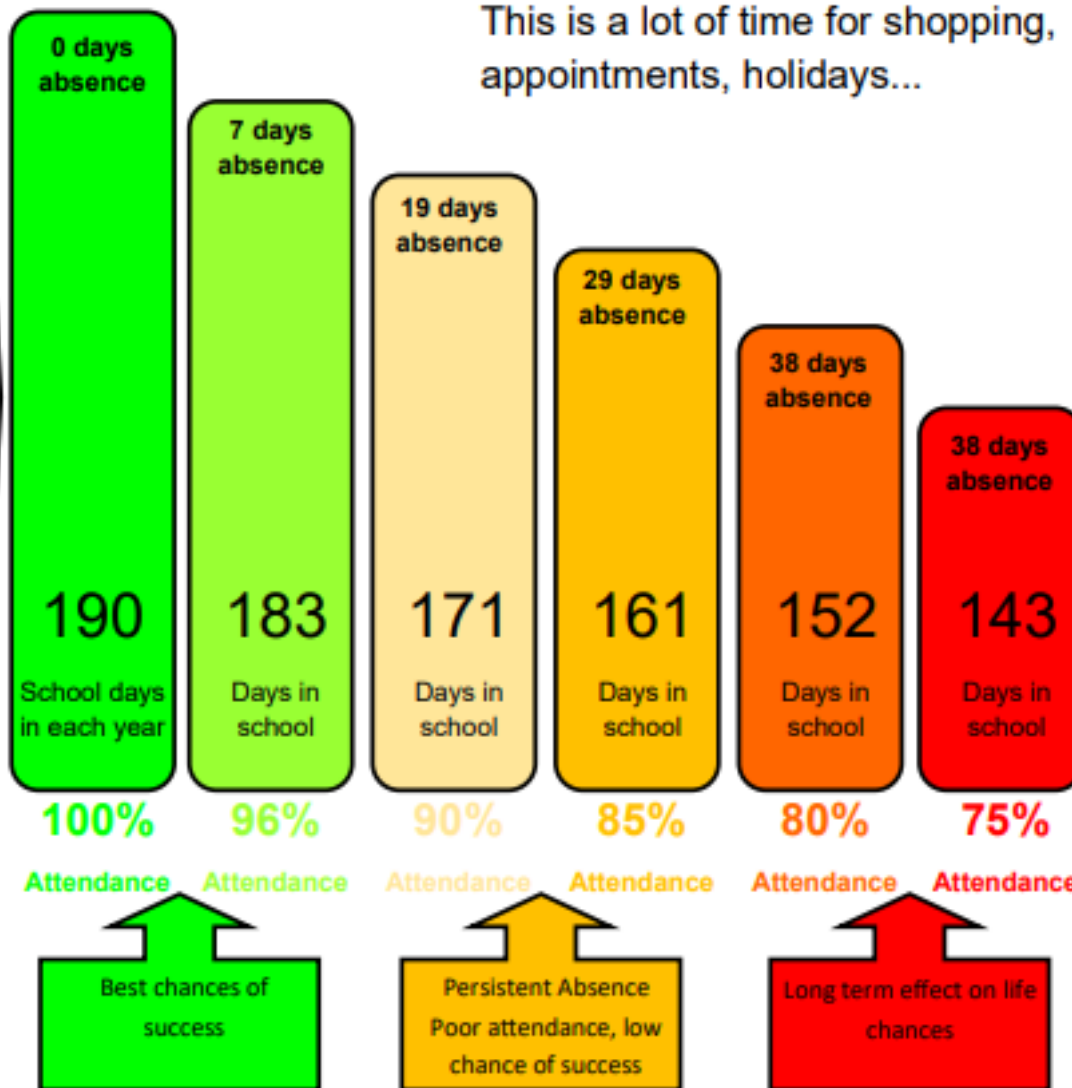


# Good attendance at Brooke Primary Academy means...

...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**

**Spring 1**

- W/C Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January – Parents Evening – Please check ParentMail for details
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 9am – F2 Parents phonics session
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January – In-school pantomime 'Beauty and the Beast'
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Y3 Trip to Weston Park Museum [Y3-Weston-Park-Museum.pdf](#)
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Y6 Trip to Crucial Crew [Crucial-Crew-2025.pdf](#)

**Spring 2**

- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March – Y4 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park [Y4-Yorkshire-Wildlife-Park.pdf](#)
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Class Photographs

Have a wonderful weekend.

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