

This week has been another busy week at Brooke Primary Academy! It was wonderful to see so many of you at the parent appointments. Thank you for taking the time to attend—it's always important to keep you updated on your child's progress and achievements. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's class teacher.

This week in assembly, we focused on the theme of kindness and connected it to the winter weather. We explored how our kind words and actions can be like brightly coloured kites, chasing away the grey clouds that symbolise sadness. The children contributed wonderfully, sharing thoughtful examples of kind gestures they can use to support others.

Well done, Brooke—you truly understand the importance of kindness!



Beauty and the Beast Pantomime

This week, everyone at school enjoyed a fantastic performance of *Beauty and the Beast* by M&M Productions. The pantomime was funded by our wonderful parent group using money raised from the Halloween Disco and Christmas Fayre. It was a huge success—the children absolutely loved it! The show was highly interactive, filled with singing and dancing, and even saw Mr Jones and Mrs Roberts take to the stage for a special appearance.



Reception Phonics Session

This week, Foundation 2 welcomed parents into school to observe a live phonics lesson in action. The event was a great success, giving parents the opportunity to see how their children are learning to read. Across the school, we use the *Little Wandle* phonics scheme.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or Miss Hennigan, our English Lead. Click the link below to access additional details for parents and carers.



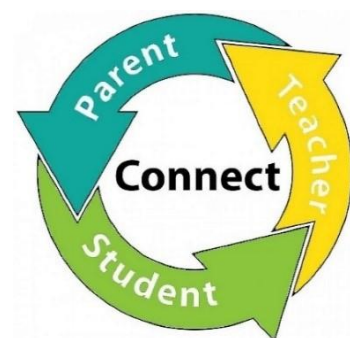
<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/>

Pupil of the Week w/e 17/01/2025

Class	Pupil
F1 Miss French & Mrs Binns	Penny H
F2 Ms Hutt & Mrs Brown	Georgie O, Charlie J
Y1 Miss Hennigan	Erin B
Y2 Miss Brown	Freddie M
Y2 Mrs Whitfield	Matilda S
Y3 Miss Jackson	Oceanna P
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Libby W
Y4 Mrs Brady	Oceanna P
Y5 Mr Jones	Tiffany M
Y5 Mrs Potter	Ashton L
Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	Sophia C
Y6 Mr Thomas	Lara L

Home School Partnership

Pupil	For
Isla-M H	Achieving Dancer of the Day
Gabriella H	Star of the Week 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

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



'Moments Matter, Attendance Counts'

Attendance Challenge Winners – W/E 10/01/2025 (Spring 1, Week 1)

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	96.5%	All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box
	F2 Miss Hutt & Mrs Brown	97%	
KS1	Y1 Miss Hennigan	96%	Y2 – Miss Brown – Extra break time
	Y2 Miss Brown	99.5%	
	Y2 Mrs Whitfield	99%	
LKS2	Y3 Miss Jackson	95.8%	Y3 – Mrs Roberts – Cookies
	Y3 Mrs Roberts	97.3%	
	Y4 Mrs Brady	90.3%	
UKS2	Y5 Mr Jones	96.3%	Y6 – Mr Thomas – Non uniform day Tuesday 21 st January
	Y5 Mrs Potter	94.6%	
	Y6 Mr Thomas	98.9%	
	Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	92.7%	
Total	95.93%		

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

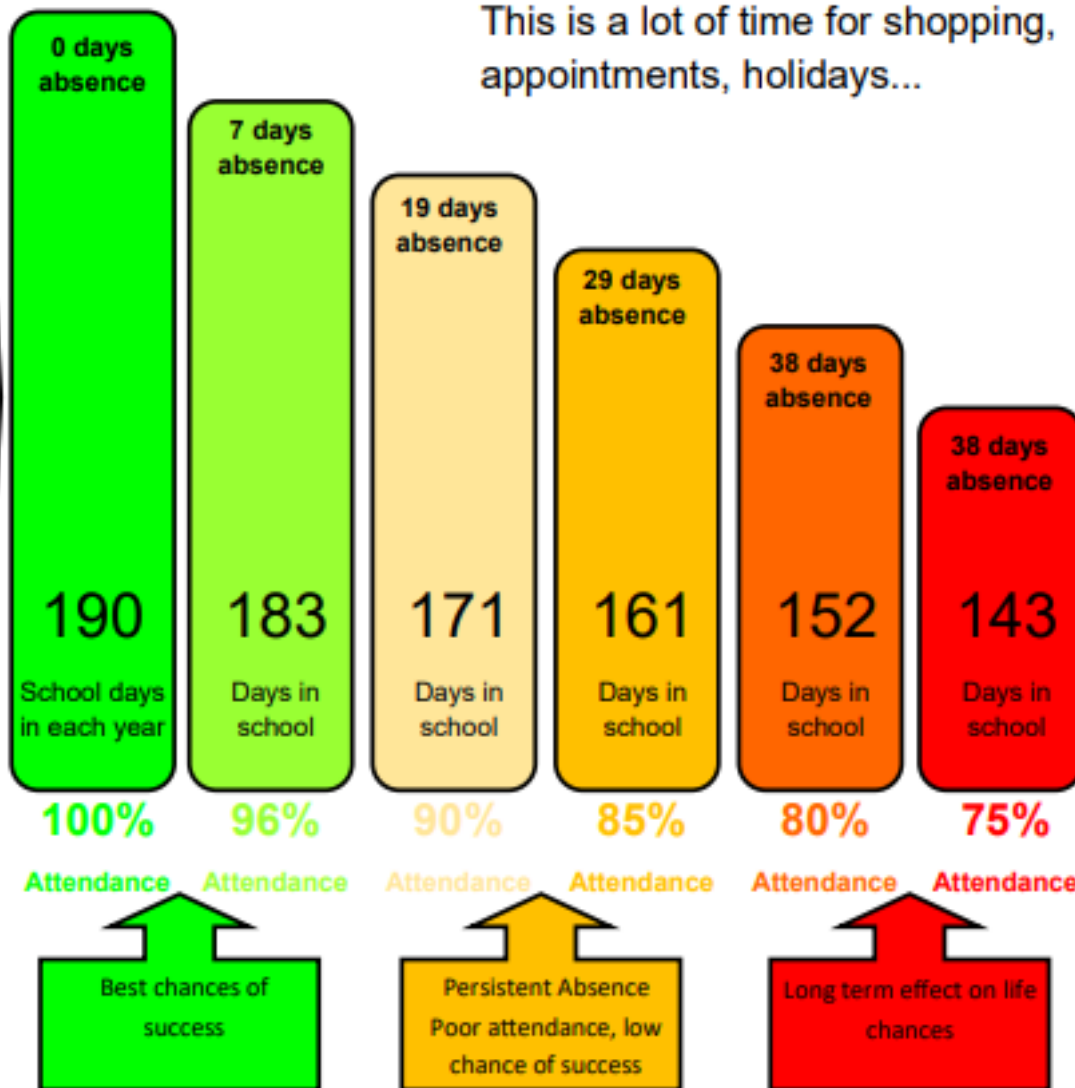


Good attendance at Brooke Primary Academy means...

...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

- Friday 7th February – Y3 Trip to Weston Park Museum [Y3-Weston-Park-Museum.pdf](#)
- Monday 10th February – Y6 Trip to Crucial Crew [Crucial-Crew-2025.pdf](#)

Spring 2

- Thursday 13th March – Y2 Trip to Austerfield [Y2-Venn-Olympics.pdf](#)
- Friday 21st March – Y4 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park [Y4-Yorkshire-Wildlife-Park.pdf](#)
- Wednesday 26th March – Class Photographs
- Tuesday 1st April – Y2 Austerfield Trip [Y2-Austerfield-Trip.pdf](#)

Have a wonderful weekend.

Brooke Primary Academy