

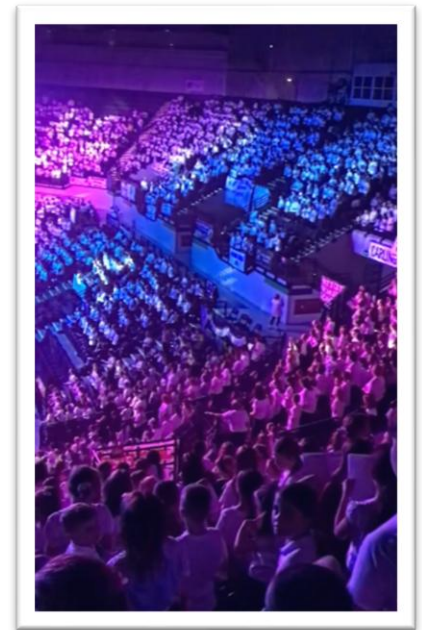
I am a clever writer

This week, all teaching staff within school participated in training for an exciting new writing initiative called "**I Am a Clever Writer.**" This program will be introduced throughout the school during the spring term to ensure a consistent and streamlined approach to writing. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks about how you can support your child's writing journey at home.



Young Voices

On Friday, 10th January, our school choir took part in the Young Voices Concert, the largest children's choir concert in the world! Alongside thousands of children from other schools, the children performed to an audience of parents and carers in what was truly an unforgettable experience. We were thrilled to share the stage with Mc Grammar and the incredible street dance group Urban Strides, who amazed us all with their impressive moves. We're already looking forward to participating again next year!

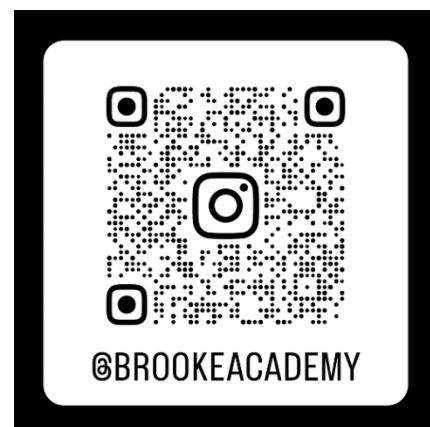


Year 2

Yesterday, Year 2 had a wonderful visit to St. Nicholas Church in Thorne. The children learned about Christian objects and symbols and explored the stories behind the beautiful stained-glass windows. A heartfelt thank you to Reverend Mitchell for making the experience so engaging and memorable.

Instagram

We have transitioned from Facebook and Dojo and are now sharing updates on Instagram. If you'd like to see photos of your children engaged in learning at school, be sure to follow us by scanning the code provided.



DMBC – Roadworks

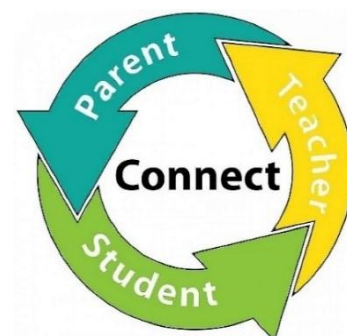
DMBC have advised that there will be works taking place outside of school, on Wike Gate Road, starting at the beginning of next month. This is in preparation for installing speed ramps outside of school during the half term break.

Pupil of the Week w/e 24/01/2025

<u>Class</u>	<u>Pupil</u>
F1 Miss French & Mrs Binns	Halle H
F2 Ms Hutt & Mrs Brown	Raven C, Pankti K
Y1 Miss Hennigan	Lily-M P
Y2 Miss Brown	Amber P
Y2 Mrs Whitfield	Joseph P
Y3 Miss Jackson	Lavinia C
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Samuel W
Y4 Mrs Brady	Noel C
Y5 Mr Jones	Khaleesi P
Y5 Mrs Potter	Ellie S
Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	Alfie K
Y6 Mr Thomas	Kian M

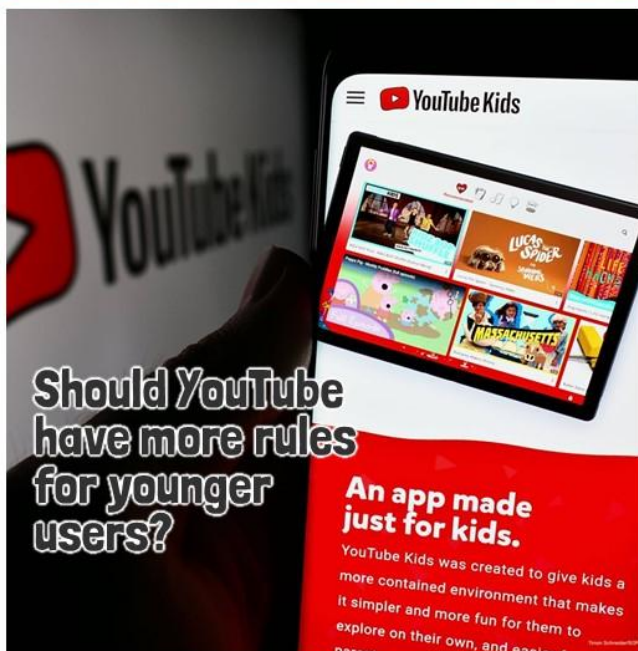
Home School Partnership

<u>Pupil</u>	<u>For</u>
Darcey C	Performing in 3 shows in one day for her dance showcase
Savannah C	Gaining a trophy in dancing competitions
Santanna C	Gaining a trophy in dancing competitions
Sophia C	Gaining a trophy in dancing competitions
Leo M	Achievements in swimming



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

The UK government's culture secretary, Lisa Nandy, has written to video-sharing platforms, such as YouTube and TikTok, asking them to actively share more educational content for children. Nandy stated that while YouTube has improved children's content on its platform, it is not doing enough to make sure the content is easily seen by children.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Tell someone at home about the type of things you enjoy watching and where you like to watch them. Ask someone older what they watched as a child. Ask about the choice of programmes, and where and when they were able to view them.
- > Do you believe there should be more checks or rules for what people can watch online?

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 17/01/2025 (Spring 1, Week 2)

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	94.9%	All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box
	F2 Miss Hutt & Mrs Brown	94.1%	
KS1	Y1 Miss Hennigan	90.9%	Y2 – Mrs Whitfield – Non uniform day Friday 31 st January
	Y2 Miss Brown	95.2%	
	Y2 Mrs Whitfield	97.2%	
LKS2	Y3 Miss Jackson	93.3%	Y3 – Mrs Roberts – Extra break
	Y3 Mrs Roberts	97%	
	Y4 Mrs Brady	90.6%	
UKS2	Y5 Mr Jones	92.2%	Y5 – Mrs Potter – Movie session
	Y5 Mrs Potter	98.1%	
	Y6 Mr Thomas	97.3%	
	Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	94.2%	
Total	94.35%		

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](#)
- Friday 14th February – Valentines Disco [Valentines-Disco.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