

Last Friday, our student council representatives had the exciting opportunity to meet with members of the Thorne-Moorends Town Council. During the visit, staff presented the children with the new design for the play park, which is set to be built in March this year. The children were invited to share their thoughts and feedback on the park, discussing how they would use the space and what features they'd like to see included. Topics covered included the wildlife, pathways, pond, and the history of the park.

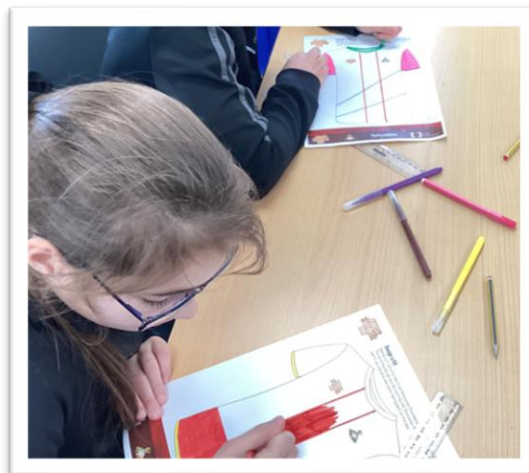
Over the next two months, selected students from across the school will participate in a ground-breaking ceremony, learn about the construction process, and later test the new playground, offering feedback to ensure it meets their needs. It's always wonderful when the Town Council values our children's opinions and involves them in shaping the future of our community. We're so proud of how articulate and thoughtful our students were in expressing their ideas!



### Junior Takeover Day

Thanks to Mason from Club Doncaster, a group of our students had the exciting opportunity to design the warm-up t-shirt for the Doncaster Rovers First Team's match on Saturday, March 29th, against Carlisle. Their designs will be entered into a competition, with the chance for the winning shirt to be made and worn by the team on Junior Takeover Day, organized by the Club Doncaster Foundation.

Junior Takeover Day allows school children from Club Doncaster Foundation partner schools to take over various matchday roles. In addition to designing t-shirts, students will create posters and contribute to the official matchday programme, giving them a unique hands-on experience in the world of sports and event management. It's an amazing opportunity for our students to get involved!



### Peer Review – Maths

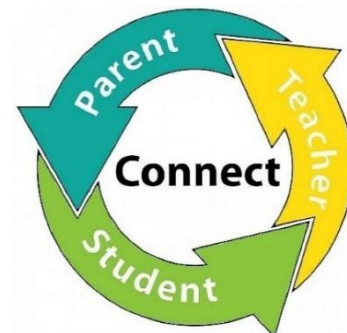
On Tuesday and Wednesday, leaders from different Venn schools, came to explore Brooke's love of maths. During these two days, the children had the opportunity to showcase their collaborative working, their enthusiasm for the subject and share their own personal achievements. The visitors were extremely complimentary of the school's culture and teaching and learning; this even included our smallest members within the Beginnings.

### Pupil of the Week w/e 31/01/2025

<u>Class</u>	<u>Pupil</u>
F1 Miss French & Mrs Binns	Emilia R
F2 Ms Hutt & Mrs Brown	Elle D, Darcy H
Y1 Miss Hennigan	Eddie N
Y2 Miss Brown	Harvey A
Y2 Mrs Whitfield	Sophia L
Y3 Miss Jackson	Cohen S
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Braxton C
Y4 Mrs Brady	William D
Y5 Mr Jones	Jacob R
Y5 Mrs Potter	Ricky S
Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	Seraphina R
Y6 Mr Thomas	Matthew M

**Home School Partnership**

<b>Pupil</b>	<b>For</b>
Iyda B	Achievements at an Irish Dancing Feis
Freya S	Achievements at an Irish Dancing Feis
Olivia M	Achievements at an Irish Dancing Feis
Ruby R	A great performance at rugby and awarded Player of the Match



**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

New data has shown that 2024 was the Earth's hottest year on record, warming by 1.5°C. Around 200 countries had agreed to help keep the temperature rise below this figure because scientists say that increases could cause more extreme weather. This includes events such as heatwaves, storms, and wildfires.

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

- > Share what you know about climate change with others at home, and ask others to share their understanding.
- > Do you think more could and should be done to tackle climate change? If so, what and by whom?

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 24/01/2025 (Spring 1, Week 3)**

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	93.1%	All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box
	F2 Miss Hutt & Mrs Brown	94.9%	
KS1	Y1 Miss Hennigan	94.4%	Y2 – Mrs Whitfield – Construction club slot
	Y2 Miss Brown	92.4%	
	Y2 Mrs Whitfield	100%	
LKS2	Y3 Miss Jackson	94.2%	Y3 – Mrs Roberts – Class PJ Day Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb
	Y3 Mrs Roberts	100%	
	Y4 Mrs Brady	95.8%	
UKS2	Y5 Mr Jones	94.3%	Y6 – Mr Thomas -
	Y5 Mrs Potter	96.7%	
	Y6 Mr Thomas	99.1%	
	Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	90%	
Total	95.29%		

**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

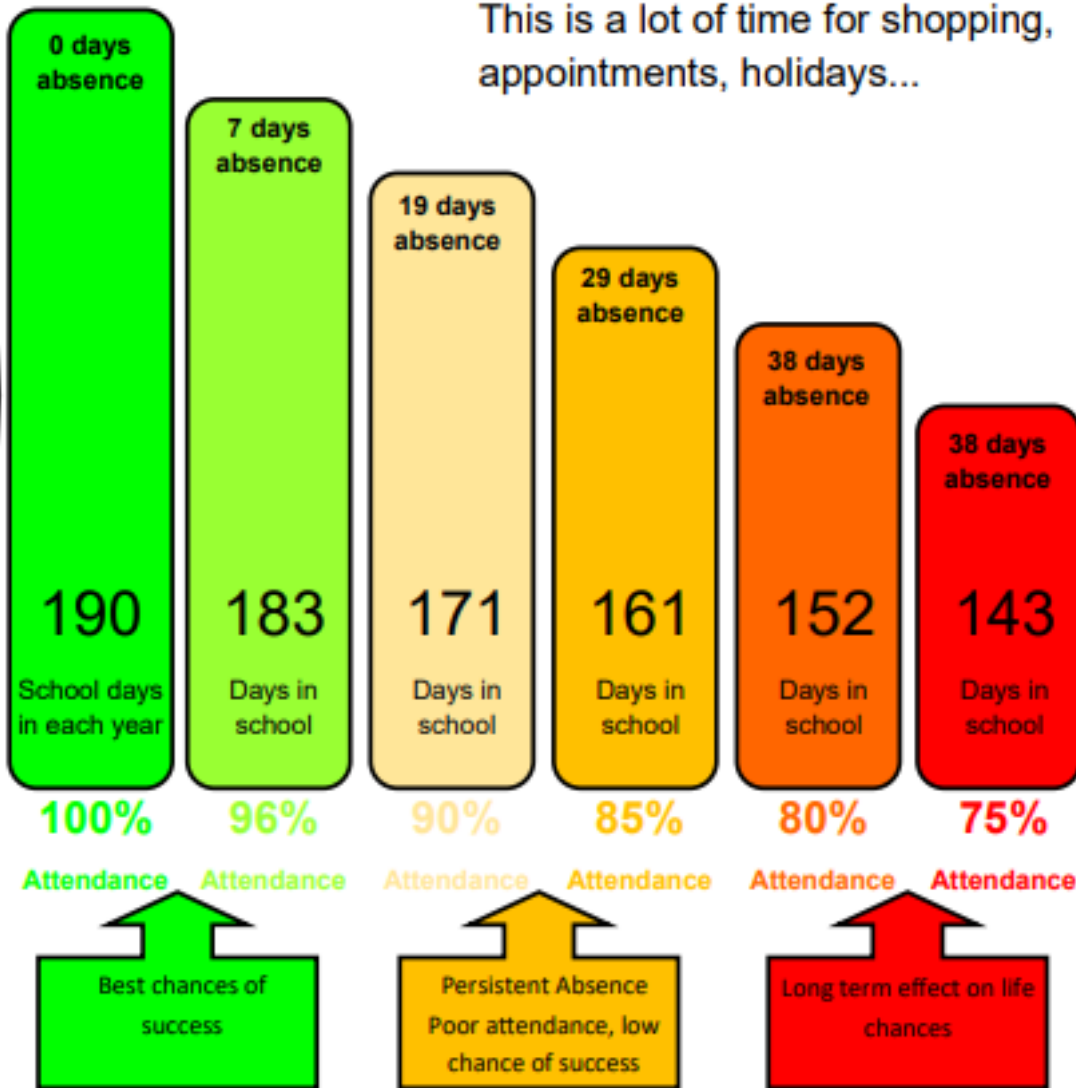


# Good attendance at Brooke Primary Academy means...

...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 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](#)
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Nursery Valentine's Disco
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – F2 – Y6 Valentines Disco [Valentines-Disco.pdf](#)

#### **Spring 2**

- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day – Details to follow
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Y2 Trip to Austerfield [Y2-Venn-Olympics.pdf](#)
- 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
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Y2 Austerfield Trip [Y2-Austerfield-Trip.pdf](#)
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May – EYFS, Beginnings & Branches Purple Pig Company Visit [Purple-Pig-Farm-Company-Visit.pdf](#)

Have a wonderful weekend.

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