

### **Children's Mental Health Week**

During Children's Mental Health Week, we embraced the theme "Know Yourself, Grow Yourself." This theme aims to equip and empower children and young people to develop self-awareness, understand their emotions, and build resilience.

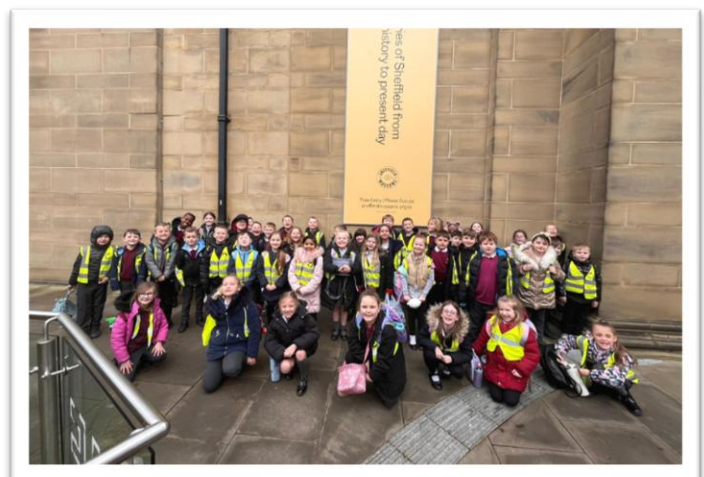
Dawn Welch from the CAMHS locality service, With Me in Mind, visited our school to deliver an assembly to KS2 students, focusing on self-awareness and recognizing their emotions. Meanwhile, Mrs. Baxter led an engaging assembly for KS1 children, emphasizing activities that make them feel good and how these can help when they feel worried.

The children enthusiastically shared their ideas and listened respectfully to their peers' suggestions, fostering a supportive and thoughtful discussion.



### **Weston Park Museum**

Today, Year 3 have visited Weston Park Museum. The children had the opportunity to explore the museum which gave them a fascinating glimpse into history, culture, and art. The highlight of the visit was the Egyptian workshop. Led by an expert historian, the children had the chance to truly explore the ancient world in an interactive and creative way. The visit was a fantastic opportunity to learn beyond the classroom and even sparked their interest in the preservation of history and archaeology.



**Burhouse Construction Visit**

This week, our Student Council representatives had the amazing opportunity to meet with Greg Houseman from Burhouse Construction. He visited school to talk about the incredible Burhouse Bursary - a fantastic initiative that has already provided over £15,000 financial support to help young people chase their dreams and reach their full potential. Our Student Council is working hard to put together an application, hoping to secure this fantastic opportunity. Further details and application information can be found on their website.

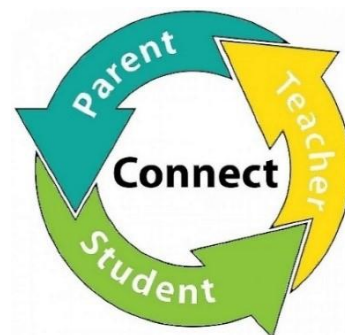


**Pupil of the Week w/e 06/02/2025**

<u>Class</u>	<u>Pupil</u>
F1 Miss French & Mrs Binns	O'Shae C
F2 Ms Hutt & Mrs Brown	Rosie C, Riley-R B
Y1 Miss Hennigan	lyda B
Y2 Miss Brown	Lyla O
Y2 Mrs Whitfield	Isla-M H
Y3 Miss Jackson	Noah J
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Eric B
Y4 Mrs Brady	Whitney A
Y5 Mr Jones	Heidi H
Y5 Mrs Potter	Faith H
Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	Maisie W
Y6 Mr Thomas	Kasey S

**Home School Partnership**

<u>Pupil</u>	<u>For</u>
Eddie N	Being awarded Player of the Match at football
Olivia M	Competing in an Irish Dancing championship
Evelyn C	Star of the class 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.



**TAKEHOME** 3rd - 9th February



**In the news this week**

Tennis player, Emma Raducanu, has revealed she would like to meet darts player, Luke Littler, after he recently became the world darts champion. Comparisons between the two young sports stars have been highlighted. Raducanu was 18 when she became the only qualifier in history to claim a Grand Slam title, by winning the 2021 US Open. Similarly, Littler became the youngest-ever World Darts Championship winner at 17.

**Things to talk about at home ...**

- > How do you think Luke Littler felt when he became the youngest-ever World Darts Championship winner at 17? How do you think he might be feeling now about future competitions?
- > Can you think of a time when you were under a lot of pressure to succeed or achieve something? Share it with someone at home. Can they recall a similar time?

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 31/01/2025 (Spring 1, Week 4)**

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	95.8%	All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box
	F2 Miss Hutt & Mrs Brown	94.9%	
KS1	Y1 Miss Hennigan	97.6%	Y1 – Miss Hennigan – Non uniform day Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February
	Y2 Miss Brown	96%	
	Y2 Mrs Whitfield	96.8%	
LKS2	Y3 Miss Jackson	93.3%	Y4 – Mrs Brady - Non uniform day Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February
	Y3 Mrs Roberts	95.2%	
	Y4 Mrs Brady	95.5%	
UKS2	Y5 Mr Jones	93.3%	Y6 – Mr Farrand /Mrs Sanders - Non uniform day Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February
	Y5 Mrs Potter	94.3%	
	Y6 Mr Thomas	92.3%	
	Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	97.9%	
Total	95.14%		

**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

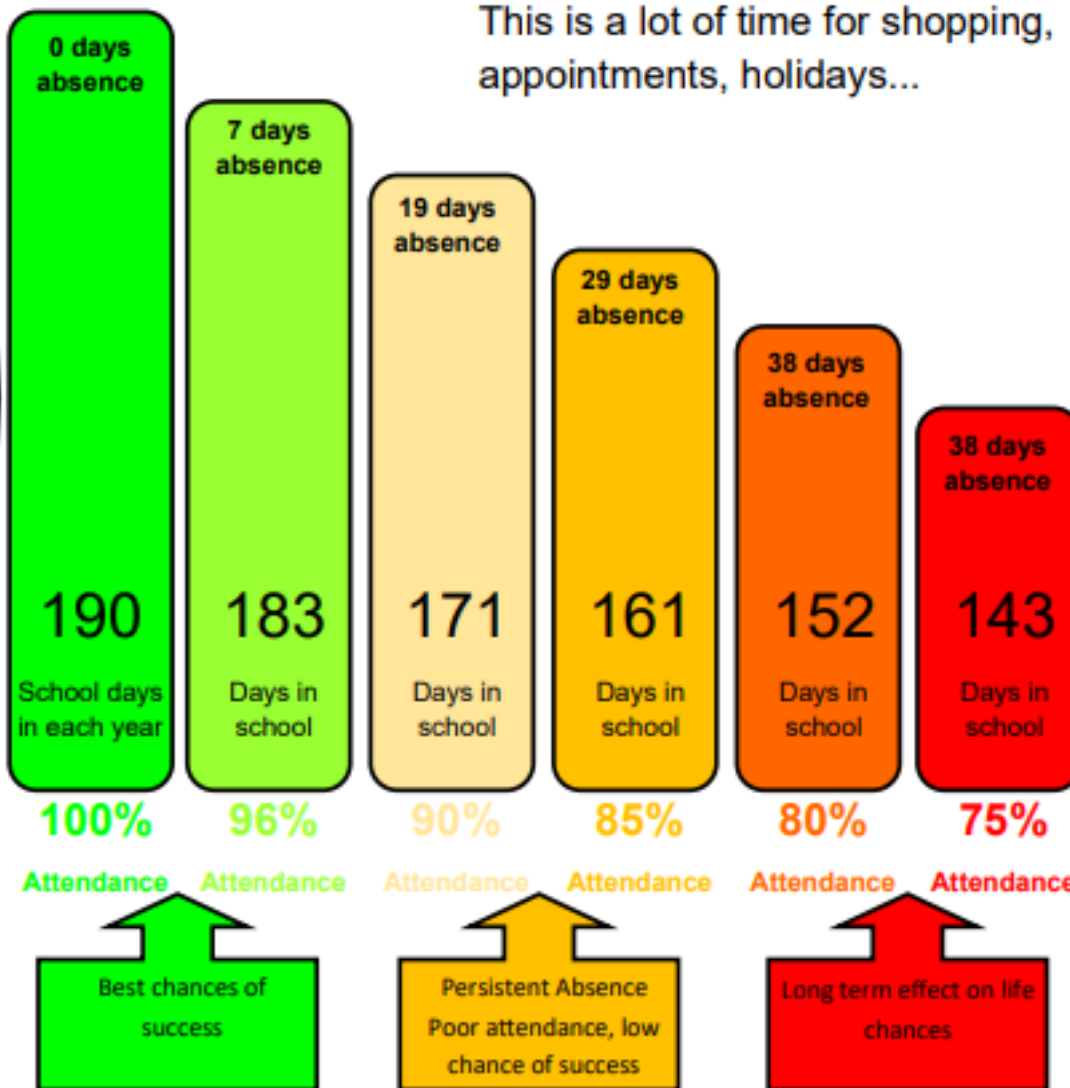


# Good attendance at Brooke Primary Academy means...

...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](#)
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – School closes for half term

### **Spring 2**

- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – School re-opens for 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](#)
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April – School closes for end of term.

### **Summer 1**

- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April – Staff training day – School closed to pupils
- Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April – School re-opens for Summer 1 term
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday – School Closed
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May – EYFS, Beginnings & Branches Purple Pig Company Visit [Purple-Pig-Farm-Company-Visit.pdf](#)
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Staff training day – School closed to pupils
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – School closes for half term

Have a wonderful weekend.

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