

It's hard to believe that the Spring 1 term has already come to an end - it's been such a busy and exciting time across the school! This half-term has been filled with fantastic trips and special visitors, creating wonderful learning experiences for our children.

This afternoon, we look forward to celebrating with our Valentine's Disco, bringing lots of fun to the end of the term. We hope you all enjoy a well-deserved, restful break and look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday, 24th February!

Crucial Crew

Year 6 had an incredible experience at Crucial Crew on Monday! They took part in engaging, interactive scenarios led by professionals from South Yorkshire Police, the Fire Service, Paramedics and other key services. Each session was designed to teach important lessons about staying safe in a variety of situations. Our pupils were fantastic—enthusiastically participating in all activities and learning valuable skills to help them recognise and respond to potential dangers. Well done, Year 6!



Thorne Memorial Park

Brooke attended the groundbreaking ceremony and work commencement for the new play area in Thorne Memorial Park on Monday. The children across school are excited for completion. Our Student Council representatives are visiting on the 24th February to learn all about the build process.





Design and Technology

This week, as part of their Design and Technology lessons, Year 2 children have been busy creating pasties fit for a miner's lunch. They began by sampling a variety of pasties to explore different flavors and textures before moving on to designing and making their own, complete with their choice of fillings. The final creations were a huge hit, with the children declaring them delicious!

KS1 Road Safety

On Tuesday, Key Stage One had a fantastic time learning about road safety through the engaging performance 'Muffin, Don't Get Squished.' The children enthusiastically took part, demonstrating their great understanding of the Green Cross Code.

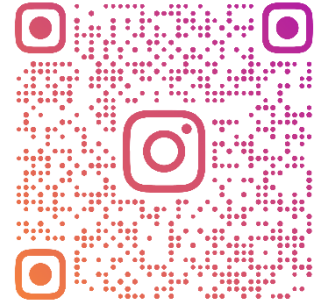


PCSO Visit

Last week, local PCSO Ben Wilson visited our Year 6 pupils to talk about antisocial behaviour. Together, they explored what it means, how to avoid becoming involved, and the possible consequences. The children engaged brilliantly, asking thoughtful questions throughout the discussion. We look forward to welcoming PCSO Ben Wilson back later in the year!

Social Media – Instagram

We have transitioned from Facebook and Dojo to Instagram, where you can now find weekly updates on our page ‘brookeacademy.’ Dojo will only be used for awarding points and the messaging feature is no longer available. If you need to get in touch with a teacher, please contact the school office.



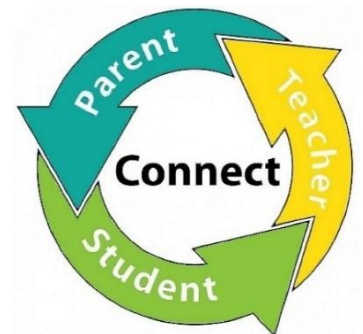
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Pupil of the Week w/e 14/02/2025

| Class | Pupil |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| F1 Miss French & Mrs Binns | Eden R |
| F2 Ms Hutt & Mrs Brown | Erin R, Eddison H |
| Y1 Miss Hennigan | Azalea J |
| Y2 Miss Brown | Daniella C |
| Y2 Mrs Whitfield | Jack H |
| Y3 Miss Jackson | Primrose T |
| Y3 Mrs Roberts | Jax D |
| Y4 Mrs Brady | Tilly B-W |
| Y5 Mr Jones | James L |
| Y5 Mrs Potter | Astheria G |
| Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders | Dalton C |
| Y6 Mr Thomas | Henley M |

Home School Partnership

| Pupil | For |
|--------------|---|
| Isla S | Achieving her badges at Brownies |
| Mollie B-W | Awards at swimming |
| Evie H | Being awarded Star of the Week at Bodyrockers |
| Reeva E | Dancing Star of the Week |



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 Nepalese government has announced that, from September, climbers aiming for the world's highest mountain will have to pay just over £12,000 (\$15,000) during the main climbing season. This is over \$4,000 more than the previous permit fee for climbing Mount Everest. There have been concerns that there are too many people climbing the mountain, leaving rubbish and not respecting nature. It is hoped the extra money will go towards protecting the area from tourists.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Why do you think so many people want to climb Mount Everest? Can you imagine what it feels like to reach the summit?
- > Can you recall some of the places you have visited as a tourist? These could be close to where you live, or further away. Talk to someone at home – where have they visited?
- > What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of tourism?

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 07/02/2025 (Spring 1, Week 5)

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 | 89.4% | All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box |
| | F2 Miss Hutt & Mrs Brown | 95.7% | |
| KS1 | Y1 Miss Hennigan | 99.4% | Y1 – Miss Hennigan – Cookies |
| | Y2 Miss Brown | 95.2% | |
| | Y2 Mrs Whitfield | 98.4% | |
| LKS2 | Y3 Miss Jackson | 97.5% | Y3 – Mrs Roberts – Extra Break |
| | Y3 Mrs Roberts | 97.8% | |
| | Y4 Mrs Brady | 92.9% | |
| UKS2 | Y5 Mr Jones | 96.2% | Y6 – Mr Thomas – Extra Break |
| | Y5 Mrs Potter | 96.2% | |
| | Y6 Mr Thomas | 97.3% | |
| | Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders | 96.3% | |
| Total | 96.05% | | |

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

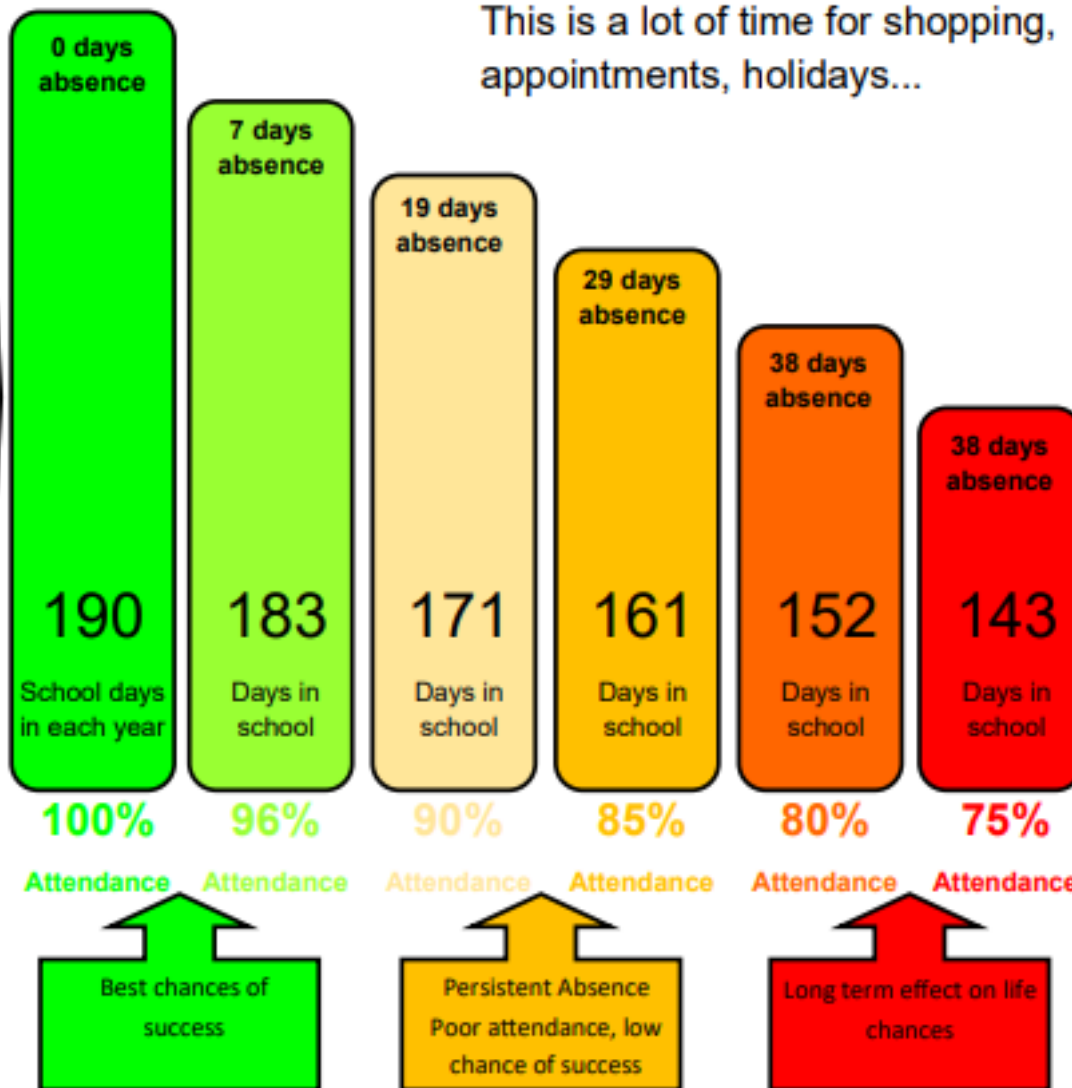


Good attendance at Brooke Primary Academy means...

...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 14th February – F2 – Y6 Valentines Disco [Valentines-Disco.pdf](#)
- Friday 14th February – School closes for half term

Spring 2

- Monday 24th February – School re-opens for Spring 2
- Thursday 6th March – World Book Day – [World-Book-Day-2025-letter.pdf](#)
- 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](#)
- Friday 4th April – Last day for Easter egg decorating entries [Easter-2025-Activities-and-Arrangements.pdf](#)
- Wednesday 9th April – Final day to buy Easter raffle tickets [Easter-2025-Activities-and-Arrangements.pdf](#)
- Friday 11th April – School closes for end of term.

Summer 1

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

Have a wonderful half term.

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