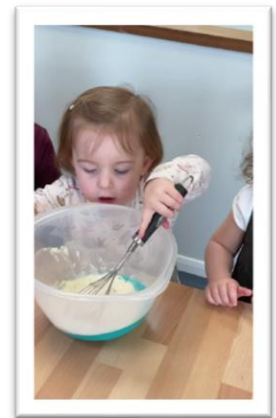


On Monday, Amy from the Doncaster RE team joined our assembly to introduce the season of Lent. She shared insights about Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday, explaining how Lent is a time of preparation for Easter, similar to how we get ready for other important events.

Our Early Years classes also took part in the celebrations by learning about Pancake Day. They had a wonderful time making and eating their own delicious pancakes!



World Book Day

Yesterday, we had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day, and the children looked brilliant in their costumes! It was wonderful to see so many of their favourite book characters brought to life, from classic tales to modern adventures.

We were also delighted to welcome a special visitor—Donny Dog—who joined in the fun and generously donated books to our school. A huge thank you for this wonderful contribution, which will help inspire even more reading adventures for our pupils.

Our World Book Day raffle raised £150 which will go towards books for our library. The children will be asked for ideas for books and authors they would like to see in our library. The children were also given their World Book Day voucher to spend.

The World Book Day website is currently running lots of competitions to win different books. Please visit <https://www.worldbookday.com/> for more details. Well done to everyone for embracing the spirit of World Book Day and making it such a memorable occasion!



Student Council Representatives



Mrs Roberts recently met with the School Council to discuss plans for improving our playground. It was decided that new playground equipment will be purchased to make playtimes even more fun and engaging for everyone.

To help raise funds for these exciting additions, we are holding our **Brooke's Big Bake Off** on Monday supported by Club Doncaster.

We can't wait to see all the delicious entries and appreciate your support in making this possible!

We look forward to the arrival of the new equipment and seeing the children enjoy their enhanced play space.

Year 3 and 4 Playground Leaders

This half term, our Year 3 and 4 students are introducing Playground Leaders during break and lunchtime play. These leaders will each supervise a game with a small group of children, with a new leader and activity chosen each week.

This week, the Playground Leaders are leading the 'Why Were You Late for Work?' game, which has been met with great excitement! The children were eager to take part and couldn't wait to get started during break.



Congratulations

A huge congratulations to Mrs Potter and her husband who are expecting their first child in July.

Red Nose Day 2025

Red Nose Day 2025 is just around the corner and this year’s theme is ‘a blast from the past’, to celebrate 40 years of Comic Relief.

Linking to the theme, each class will take part in a music quiz; listening to nostalgic classics from the 80s, 90s, noughties and 2010s, guessing when the popular songs were released. In addition to this, the children are invited to dress in clothing from a decade, something red or comic relief merchandise.



On this day, a donation of £1 is welcomed and during the morning the school council will visit each class to collect donations. The money we raise will be used to change countless lives, both here in the UK and worldwide.

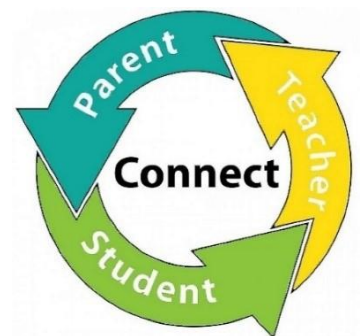
We really appreciate your support and hope that you’ll have fun helping us raise lots of money for Red Nose Day.

Pupil of the Week w/e 07/02/2025

| Class | Pupil |
|-----------------------------|------------------|
| F1 Miss French & Mrs Binns | J-J S |
| F2 Ms Hutt & Mrs Brown | Elvis B, Kevin P |
| Y1 Miss Hennigan | Penny L |
| Y2 Miss Brown | Francesca R |
| Y2 Mrs Whitfield | Hawley R |
| Y3 Miss Jackson | Marius Z |
| Y3 Mrs Roberts | Tiffany A |
| Y4 Mrs Brady | George C |
| Y5 Mr Jones | Logan C |
| Y5 Mrs Potter | Quinn D |
| Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders | Mikayla C |
| Y6 Mr Thomas | Mila-H B |

Home School Partnership

| Pupil | For |
|------------|---|
| Milly H | Coming 1 st in her dance competition |
| Oliver A | Achievements in football |
| Erin B | Gaining a swimming certificate |
| Evie H | Star of the week at Bodyrockers |
| Sophia C | Achievements in dance |
| Savannah C | Achievements in dance |
| Santanna C | Achievements in dance |



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 Times newspaper recently asked young people, aged between 18 and 27 (also known as 'Gen Z'), what they thought about their lives and life in the UK. The survey showed lots of views, including that 4 out of 10 young people are proud to be British, and around half feel that people in the UK are accepting and welcoming towards others.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your response to this week's news. Are you proud of where you are from? Share your response with an adult at home, and ask them the same question.
- > Can you think of some ways people might show they are proud of their heritage and where they are from?

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 28/02/2025 (Spring 1, Week 6)

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 | 92.1% | All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box |
| | F2 Miss Hutt & Mrs Brown | 94% | |
| KS1 | Y1 Miss Hennigan | 93.5% | Y2 – Mrs Whitfield – Construction session |
| | Y2 Miss Brown | 95.1% | |
| | Y2 Mrs Whitfield | 96.1% | |
| LKS2 | Y3 Miss Jackson | 94.8% | Y3 – Mrs Roberts – Non Uniform Day Thursday 13 th March |
| | Y3 Mrs Roberts | 95.6% | |
| | Y4 Mrs Brady | 93.5% | |
| UKS2 | Y5 Mr Jones | 94.9% | Y5 – Mr Jones – Breakfast treat |
| | Y5 Mrs Potter | 91.9% | |
| | Y6 Mr Thomas | 94.7% | |
| | Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders | 94.2% | |
| Total | 94.37% | | |

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

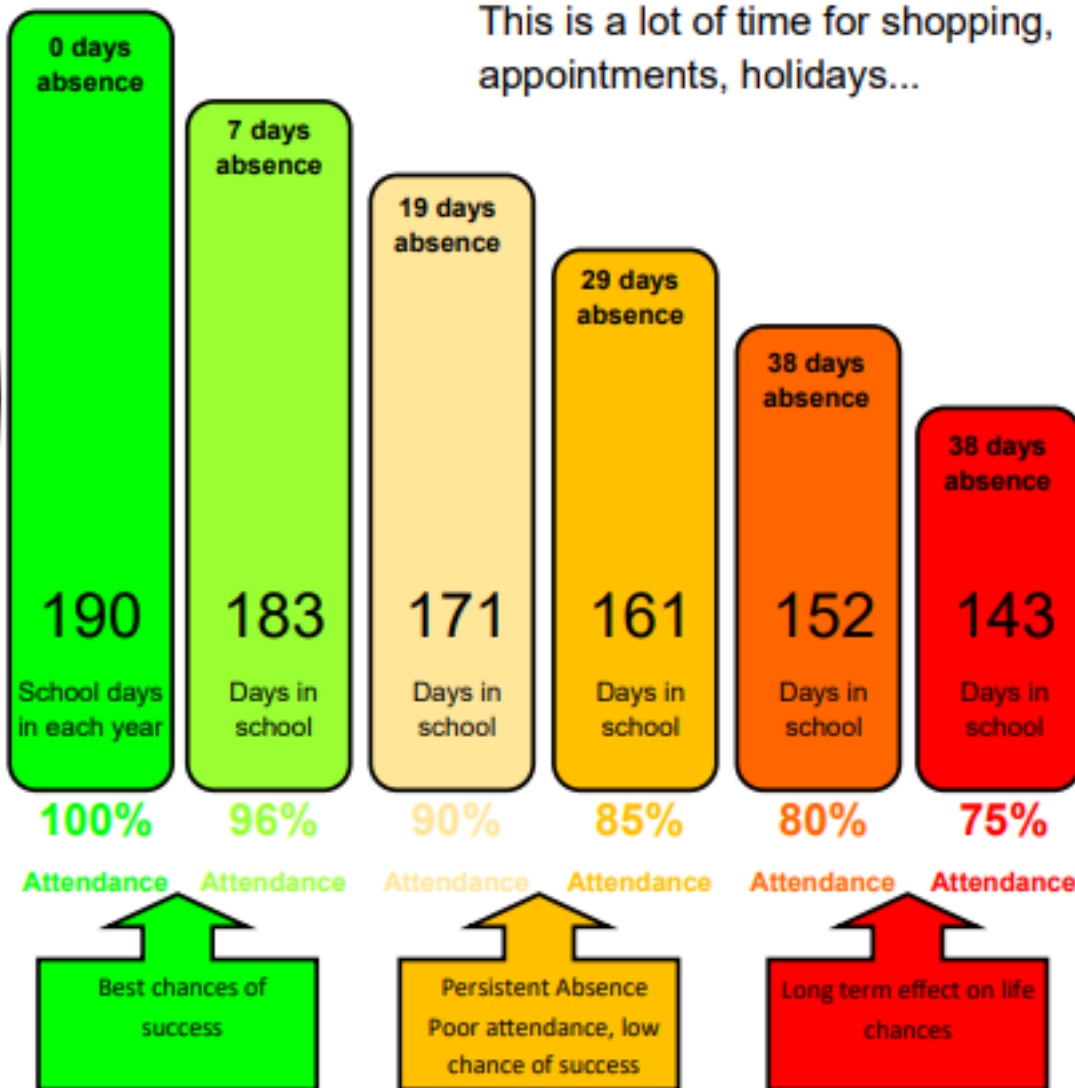


Good attendance at Brooke Primary Academy means...

...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 2

- Monday 10th March – Brooke's Big Bake Off [Brookes-Big-Bake-Off.pdf](#)
- Thursday 13th March – Y2 Trip - Venn Olympics [Y2-Venn-Olympics.pdf](#)
- Friday 21st March – Y4 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park [Y4-Yorkshire-Wildlife-Park.pdf](#)
- Friday 21st March – Y5 Thorne Park Visit [Y5-Thorne-Park-Visit-1.pdf](#)
- Friday 21st March – Red Nose Day - [Red-Nose-Day-2025.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
- Tuesday 13th May – Y5 National Railway Museum Trip [Y5-National-Railway-Museum-letter.pdf](#)
- 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 weekend.

Brooke Primary Academy