

Brooke's Big Bake Off

This week has been a fantastic success, with all our children getting creative in Brooke's Big Bake Off! A huge thank you to Club Doncaster for helping to organise this wonderful event as part of their social action group. A special shout out to the Doncaster Rovers players who joined in the fun, decorating buns in a mini competition!

We were also lucky to have a very special guest judge, Mr Allen, a devoted Doncaster Rovers season ticket holder for an incredible 80 years! Mr Allen was overwhelmed to meet the players and had the tough job of selecting the winning decorations. A huge thank you to him for giving up his time – his grandchildren took part in the event and had a fantastic time too!

A huge well done to Year 3, our winning year group, who raised just over £65! Altogether, we raised an impressive £300, which will go towards new playground equipment. Thank you to everyone who supported our bun sale after school - your generosity means so much to us. We are currently finalizing a special reward for Year 3 and will share more details soon!



Junior Takeover Day

Club Doncaster Foundation and Doncaster Rovers FC's Annual Junior Takeover Day is coming up! This exciting event gives children from primary schools across Doncaster the chance to step into various roles and take over key aspects of the day.

We're thrilled that three children from Brooke – Joe, Noel and Henry – have been selected to take part in the event at the Doncaster Rovers vs. Carlisle United match on 29th March.

Joe and Noel have been chosen for special roles on the day.

- Joe will take on the important role of CCTV & Safety Operator.
- Noel has the incredible opportunity to be a First Team Player for the day!

Both children were selected by Club Doncaster Foundation coaches in recognition of their fantastic attitude to learning and excellent behaviour in PE lessons.

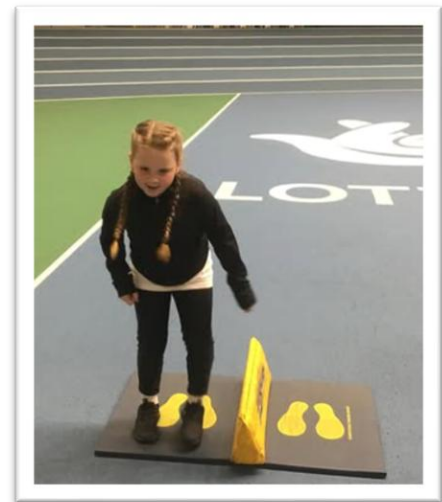
Henry won the Junior Takeover T-Shirt Competition, where children from across Doncaster designed a warm-up T-shirt for the players. His winning design will also be worn by all Junior Takeover participants on the day – an amazing achievement!

We are so proud of them and wish them the best of luck – we hope they have an unforgettable experience!



Year 2 - VENN Olympics

Year 2 had an exciting trip to the English Institute of Sport, where they took part in the Venn Olympics! The children participated in a wide variety of activities, including Circus Skills, Athletics, and Teambuilding. They also enjoyed mini-games like target throwing, Nerf shooting and Boccia. Year 2 showed fantastic attitudes throughout the day, wearing huge smiles and making us all very proud!



World Book Day Raffle

The winners of the World Book Day Raffle were Elle D (F2) and Clark G (Y1).

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.

Rockstar Day Friday 2nd May

As many of you will know, all year 4 pupils in England will take a Multiplication Times Tables Check during the summer term.

To promote this, we will hold a 'Rockstar Day' on Friday 2nd May 2025, where all children at Brooke Primary Academy will be invited to dress as a rockstar for the day. During the day, there will be variety of number and times tables activities for the children to take part in including a times tables treasure hunt.

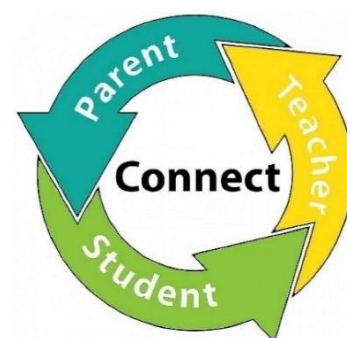


Pupil of the Week w/e 14/03/2025

<u>Class</u>	<u>Pupil</u>
Branches	Bonnie-R B
F1 Miss French & Mrs Binns	Indie B
F2 Ms Hutt & Mrs Brown	Jack P, Freya K
Y1 Miss Hennigan	Freya S
Y2 Miss Brown	Elliott C
Y2 Mrs Whitfield	Harry B
Y3 Miss Jackson	Humaira N
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Arrow A
Y4 Mrs Brady	James L
Y5 Mr Jones	George C
Y5 Mrs Potter	Billie-J H
Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	Liam R
Y6 Mr Thomas	Kian M

Home School Partnership

<u>Pupil</u>	<u>For</u>
Mia C	Amazing home learning about Ancient Egyptians
Milly H	Achieving Dancer of the Day
Olivia M	Being triumphant at an Irish Dancing Competition
Iyda B	Being triumphant at an Irish Dancing Competition
Khaleesi P	Dancer of the Day at Aftershock
Arlie A	Completing all 7 stages at swimming
Isla S	Receiving an award at Brownies
George N	Receiving Man of the Match at football
Jack P	Being awarded his purple belt at Taekwondo



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

10th - 16th March



Is it important to feel proud of where you come from?



In the news this week

The Princess of Wales has recently shared pictures, drawn by herself, Prince George, Princess Charlotte, and Prince Louis, of each other. The artworks, shared on social media, are part of the Shaping Us campaign, which highlights how we develop skills to connect with others from a young age. The pictures also aim to raise awareness of an exhibition, launched by The Princess, at the National Portrait Gallery in London, encouraging children to explore their relationships and feelings.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your thoughts on the drawings. Have you ever drawn a portrait of someone? Do you think this type of activity could help build connections with others?
- Can you think of any other ways you can connect with others around you?
- Talk to someone at home about some of the people you are connected to.

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 07/03/2025 (Spring 2, 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	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	95.9%	Y2 – Mrs Whitfield – Ice lollies for the class
	Y2 Miss Brown	96.8%	
	Y2 Mrs Whitfield	98.4%	
LKS2	Y3 Miss Jackson	97.1%	Y3 – Miss Jackson – Ice lollies for the class
	Y3 Mrs Roberts	95%	
	Y4 Mrs Brady	94.4%	
UKS2	Y5 Mr Jones	98.1%	Y6 – Mr Farrand/Mrs Sanders – Dress down day Thursday 20 th March
	Y5 Mrs Potter	95.7%	
	Y6 Mr Thomas	92.2%	
	Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	98.3%	
Total	95.5%		

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

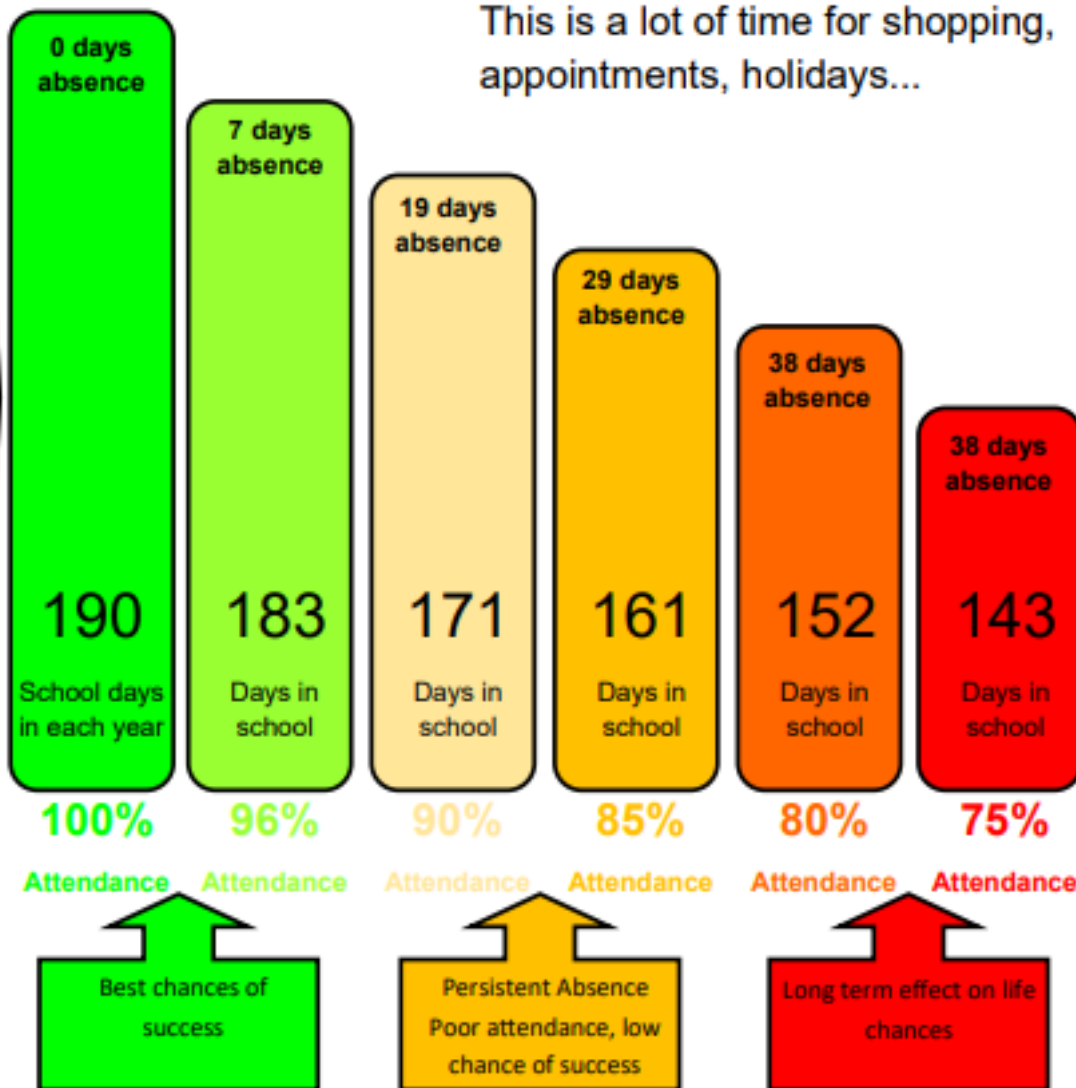


Good attendance at Brooke Primary Academy means...

...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

- 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
- Friday 2nd May – Whole School – Rockstar Day [Rockstar-Day-Letter.pdf](#)
- 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