

Brooke Primary Academy

Memorial Park

This week, our Year 3 children have been busy decorating rocks kindly donated by the Thorne-Moorends Town Council. These beautifully decorated rocks will be hidden around the park, ready to be discovered at the grand opening of the new park this Saturday!

The event runs from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, with lots of exciting activities, including free ice creams and goody bags for the first 300 children, free train rides and a free bouncy castle. We encourage all families to go along and enjoy the fun!

Our Year 5 children also had the opportunity to visit the new park today—look out for more details about their experience in next week's newsletter.



Successful Phonics Visit

This week, we were delighted to welcome our Director of Reading and Phonics to school as she reviewed phonics teaching across Early Years and Key Stage 1. She was extremely impressed with both the quality of phonics teaching and the interventions in place to support our children's learning.

We are committed to continually improving standards and work closely with our trust to ensure the best outcomes for our pupils. It was fantastic to receive such positive feedback, and we look forward to building on this success!



Enthusiasm Assembly

In assembly this week, we explored the theme of Enthusiasm by celebrating the International Day of Happiness (Thursday, 20th March 2025). Together, we discussed what makes us happy and the importance of finding joy in the things we do every day.

We also thought about new ways to spread happiness, such as using kind words, spending time with people who lift us up, and enjoying the outdoors or nature. The children shared fantastic ideas on how to make happiness a priority in our lives and ways to help both ourselves and others feel good from the inside out.

It was an uplifting discussion, and we look forward to seeing how the children bring these ideas to life throughout the next few weeks.



Year 2

This week, our Year 2 children have been busy perfecting the important life skill of tying their shoelaces. As part of our PSHE lessons, they have enjoyed taking the time to practice - and their hard work certainly paid off when they all arrived in trainers for PE! Well done, Year 2!



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.



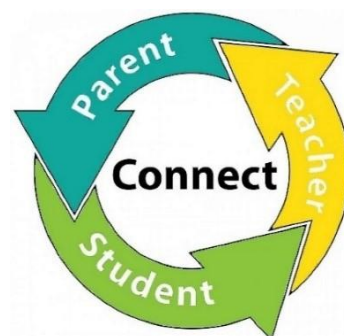
To promote this, we will hold a **'Rockstar Day' on Friday 2nd May 2025**, where all children at Brooke Primary Academy will be invited to dress as a rockstar for the day. During the day, there will be variety of number and times tables activities for the children to take part in including a times tables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

Pupil of the Week w/e 21/03/2025

<u>Class</u>	<u>Pupil</u>
Branches	Avery
F1 Miss French & Mrs Binns	Harvey S
F2 Ms Hutt & Mrs Brown	Dolly-M C, Eddy B
Y1 Miss Hennigan	Rosealie W
Y2 Miss Brown	Morris C
Y2 Mrs Whitfield	Jack P
Y3 Miss Jackson	Eden P
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Lucas R
Y4 Mrs Brady	Darcey C
Y5 Mr Jones	Amelia M
Y5 Mrs Potter	Ellie R
Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	Alfie C
Y6 Mr Thomas	Tomme M

Home School Partnership

<u>Pupil</u>	<u>For</u>
Ada W	Dancer of the Day
Erin B	Completing a horse riding assessment
Ellie R	Achieving Player of the Week at football
Arlie A	Boxer of the night
Lavinia C	Swimming 5 metres with no support
Isla S	Amazing home learning in RE
Heidi Y	Completing her stage 2 swimming award
Lucy H	Completing her stage 3 swimming award
Addison W	Achieving her purple belt at Taekwondo
Lottie C	Achieving Dancer of the Day at Aftershock
Evie H	Star of the week at 'Flex and Fly'



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 17th - 23rd March



Is it important to have a morning routine?

In the news this week

750 schools in England have been chosen to trial free daily breakfast clubs, to see whether they could work for all schools. Starting in April, the schools will provide breakfast and activities for children. Schools are encouraged to offer healthy, varied and nutritious breakfasts, such as wheat cereals, porridge, fresh fruit and yoghurt, as well as activities, including educational puzzles, reading and crafts.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Have you attended a breakfast club? Would you like to?
- What do you like to have for breakfast? What about others at home?
- Share your morning routine with someone and ask about theirs. Do you feel it's important to have a routine? Why?

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	96.2%	All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box
	F2 Miss Hutt & Mrs Brown	97.6%	
KS1	Y1 Miss Hennigan	93.5%	Y2 – Mrs Whitfield –
	Y2 Miss Brown	92.8%	
	Y2 Mrs Whitfield	95.6%	
LKS2	Y3 Miss Jackson	92.5%	Y4 – Mrs Brady – Ice lollies
	Y3 Mrs Roberts	98.3%	
	Y4 Mrs Brady	98.8%	
UKS2	Y5 Mr Jones	96.2%	Y5 – Mrs Potter – Art session
	Y5 Mrs Potter	97.1%	
	Y6 Mr Thomas	95.4%	
	Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	92.8%	
Total	95.43%		

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

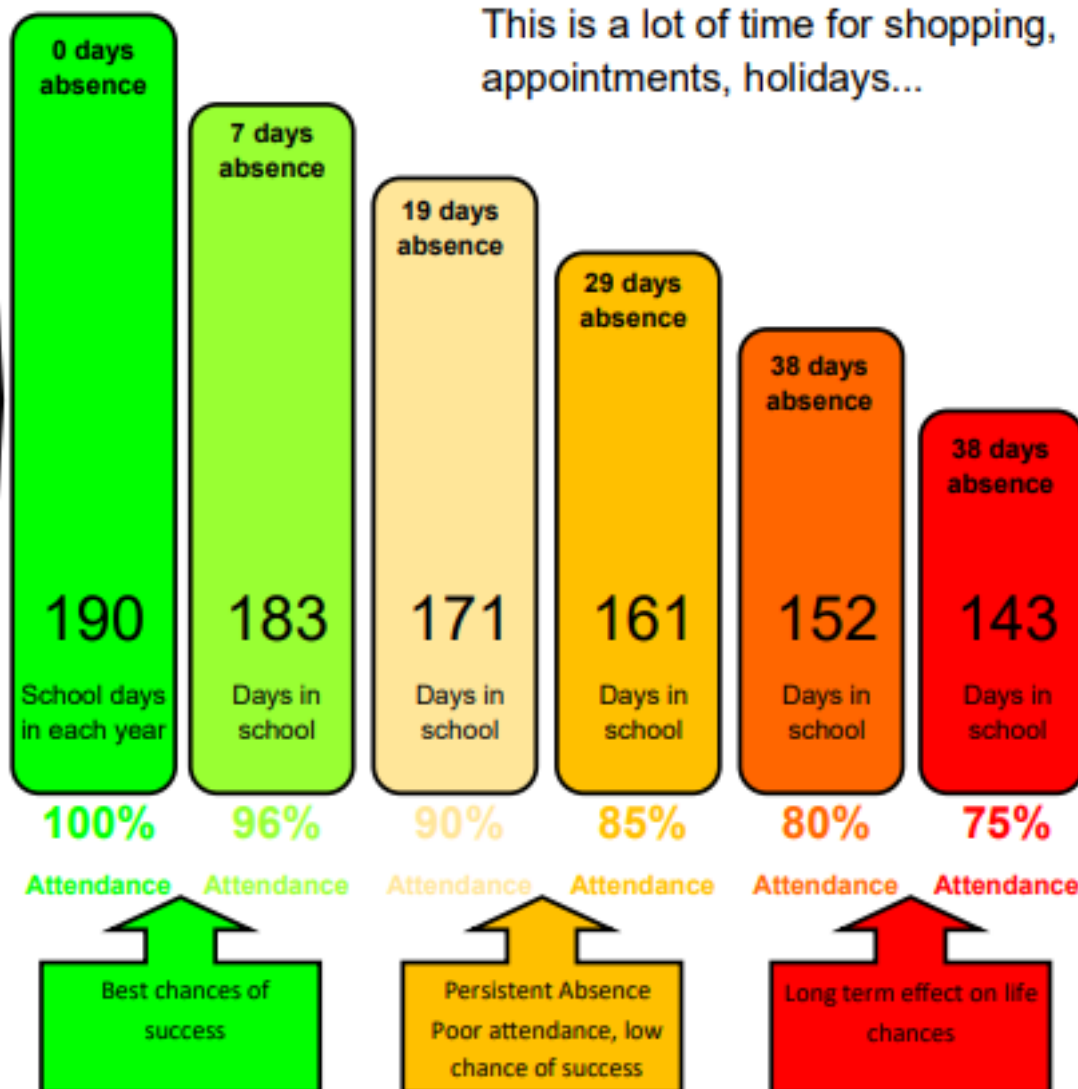


Good attendance at Brooke Primary Academy means...

...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

- 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.

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