

Brooke Primary Academy

Austerfield Trip

Last week, our Year 2 students had an exciting and educational trip to Austerfield Study Centre, where they explored the wonders of nature and learned valuable outdoor skills. The children had the opportunity to discover different habitats, gaining a deeper understanding of the plants and animals that call them home. One of the highlights of the trip was den building, where students worked together to construct sturdy shelters using natural materials. This hands-on activity encouraged teamwork, problem-solving, and creativity while reinforcing the importance of respecting the environment.

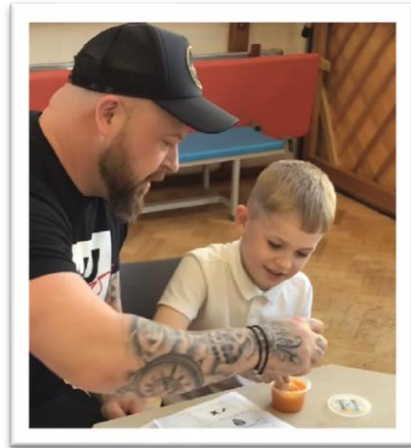
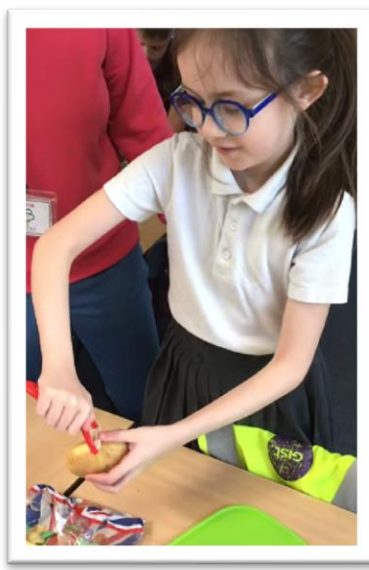
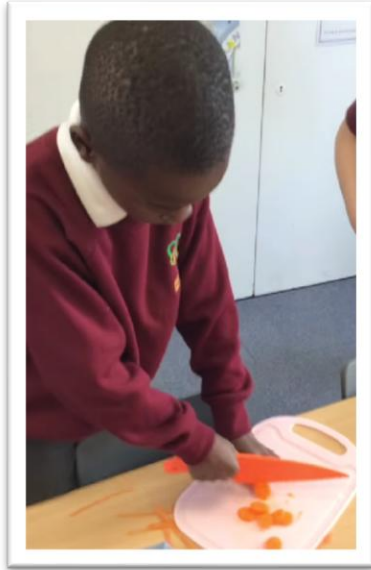
Throughout the day, the children also learned about conservation and how small actions can help protect nature for future generations. It was a fantastic experience that combined learning with adventure, and we are incredibly proud of how engaged and enthusiastic the children were.

A huge thank you to the staff at Austerfield Study Centre for providing such an enriching experience, and to our wonderful teachers and parent volunteers for making the trip possible!



Year 2 Design and Technology

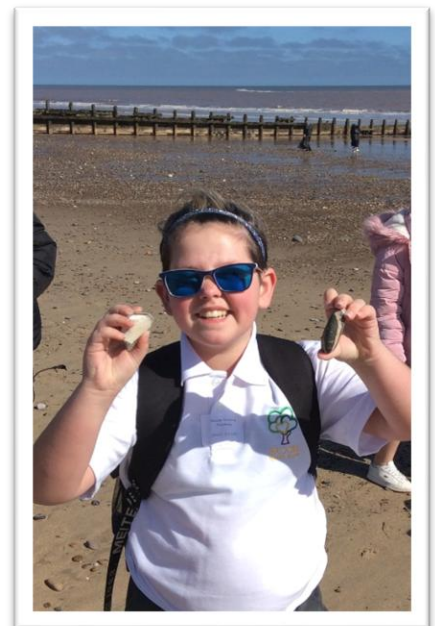
Year 3 have been busy in the kitchen as part of their DT project, preparing, cooking, and tasting delicious vegetable soup! The children had a fantastic time developing their culinary skills and were incredibly proud to share their final creations with their families. With their new expertise, we're sure they'll be eager to lend a hand at home!



Hornsea Trip

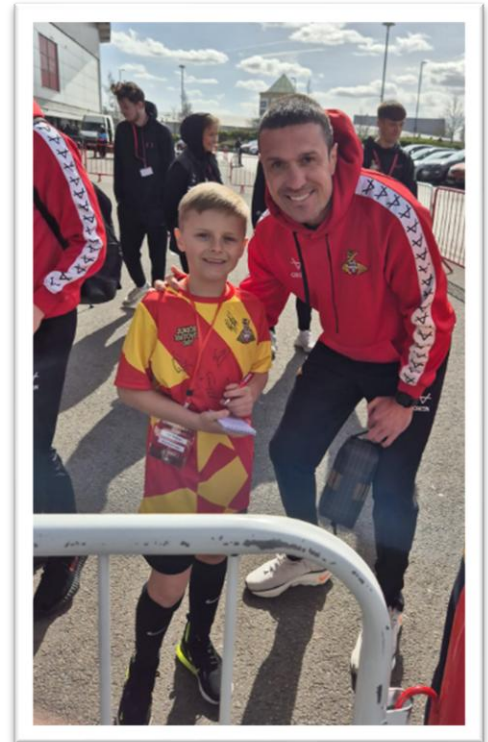
This week, our Year 5 children had an exciting and educational trip to Hornsea, where they explored the effects of coastal erosion. As part of their geography learning, they identified different types of sea defences and collected data on how the land is used and the types of buildings found along the coastline.

To gain further insight, the children engaged with the general public, asking thoughtful questions about why they were visiting the area or whether they lived there. Their curiosity and enthusiasm were matched by their excellent behaviour, with one member of the public even commenting on how polite and well-mannered the children were when conducting their research. Well done, Year 5, for representing our school so brilliantly!



Junior Takeover Day

Two Brooke children had an unforgettable experience at Doncaster Rovers' Junior Takeover Day! With over 20 children taking on eight different roles, our children stepped up to exciting responsibilities—one as a First Team Player and the other as a CCTV & Safety Operator. To top off the fantastic day, Doncaster Rovers secured a win and all three points! It was a memorable experience, and the children loved every moment.



Items needed

In our EYFS, we have incorporated elements of the Curiosity Approach to learning, which encourages children to explore, investigate and develop a love of learning through open-ended resources and real-life objects. This approach nurtures creativity, problem-solving skills and independence by providing opportunities for hands-on discovery.

To support this, we are kindly asking parents for donations of items such as **metal teapots, pans, jugs, sieves, large spoons, cutlery, spatulas, whisks, ceramic tea sets, children's clothes (waistcoats, coats, glasses, sunglasses), as well as old telephones, cameras, typewriters, and other vintage electronics.**

If you have any of these items at home that you no longer need, we would greatly appreciate your donations. Thank you for your support in creating a rich and engaging learning environment for our children!

Chicks

The children across the school are really enjoying watching Posie, Hettie, Violet, Clover, and Olive grow. It has been wonderful to see their progress and they are getting quite big now! Some of them have even started to develop their combs, which has been very exciting for the children to observe.



Class Photographs

The recently taken class photographs are now ready to view and purchase through Tempest.

Free delivery to school is available for approximately 14 days, alternatively, home delivery is available at a cost of £5.

If you require assistance, or you have any questions regarding an order, please call 01736 751555 (option 3) or click the contact button on the website.

Please click the links sent out via ParentMail to view and purchase your child's class photo.

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Year 6 Leaver's Hoodies

The online shop to purchase leaver's hoodies is now open. Please follow the below link and use the username and password that has been sent through ParentMail to access the shop. **The online shop will close on Monday 19th May.**



[2025 Leavers Hoodies & School Trip Hoodies | School Leavers Company](#)

Afterschool Clubs Next Week

Kindly be reminded that there will be **no afterschool clubs next week**, only 326 club will run. Clubs for the Summer term will be sent out shortly.

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.



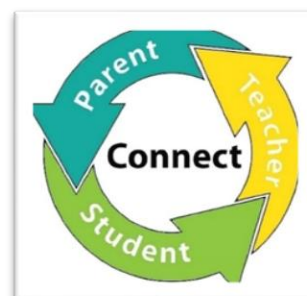
To promote this, we will hold a '**Rockstar Day**' on **Friday 2nd May 2025**, where all children at Brooke Primary Academy will be invited to dress as a rockstar for the day. During the day, there will be variety of number and times tables activities for the children to take part in including a times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

Pupil of the Week w/e 04/04/2025

<u>Class</u>	<u>Pupil</u>
Branches	Jack J
F1 Miss French & Mrs Binns	JJ Hague
F2 Ms Hutt & Mrs Brown	Erin R, Vincent W
Y1 Miss Hennigan	Harry B
Y2 Miss Brown	Henry H
Y2 Mrs Whitfield	Ruby K
Y3 Miss Jackson	Maisey G
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Oliver P
Y4 Mrs Brady	Sophie C
Y5 Mr Jones	Khaleesi P
Y5 Mrs Potter	Addison W
Y6 Mr Purdy & Mrs Sanders	Elliott C
Y6 Mr Thomas	Henley M

Home School Partnership

<u>Pupil</u>	<u>For</u>
Ellie R	Being awarded Parents Player at football
Eddie N	Achieving Player of the Match at Football
Rueben J	Achievements in football
Mary W	Achievements in dance



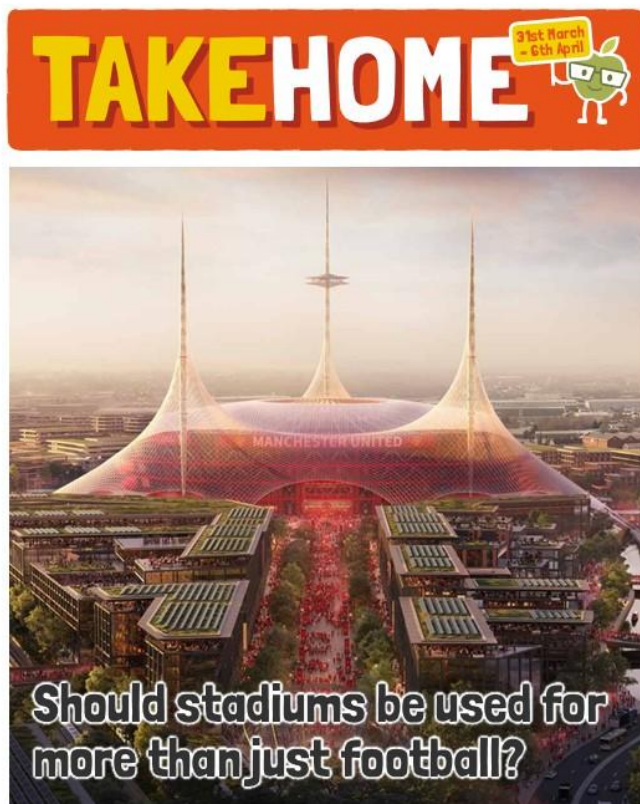
Headteacher's Award

<u>Pupil</u>	<u>For</u>
Raven C	His amazing attitude towards learning



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

English football club, Manchester United, has announced plans to build the biggest stadium in the UK. The new stadium will cost around £2 billion, seat 100,000 spectators and will also be used for many other things, including concerts. It is thought the new development will be built close to the club's existing stadium, Old Trafford. Once it's ready, the current Old Trafford stadium may be demolished.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > What is the closest football stadium to where you live? Is it ever used for things other than football?
- > Do you enjoy watching football or other sports? Have you ever been to a game in a stadium or perhaps visited one? Ask someone at home to share their experience.
- > Share your thoughts on the new stadium. Do you think it is a good idea?

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	94.8%	All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box
	F2 Miss Hutt & Mrs Brown	98.4%	
KS1	Y1 Miss Hennigan	88.5%	Y2 – Miss Brown- PJ day Thursday
	Y2 Miss Brown	96.8%	
	Y2 Mrs Whitfield	92%	
LKS2	Y3 Miss Jackson	95.2%	Y3 – Mrs Roberts – Ice Pops
	Y3 Mrs Roberts	98%	
	Y4 Mrs Brady	93.4%	
UKS2	Y5 Mr Jones	92.4%	Y6 – Mr Thomas-
	Y5 Mrs Potter	90.9%	
	Y6 Mr Thomas	96.4%	
	Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	94.8%	
Total	94.27%		

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...

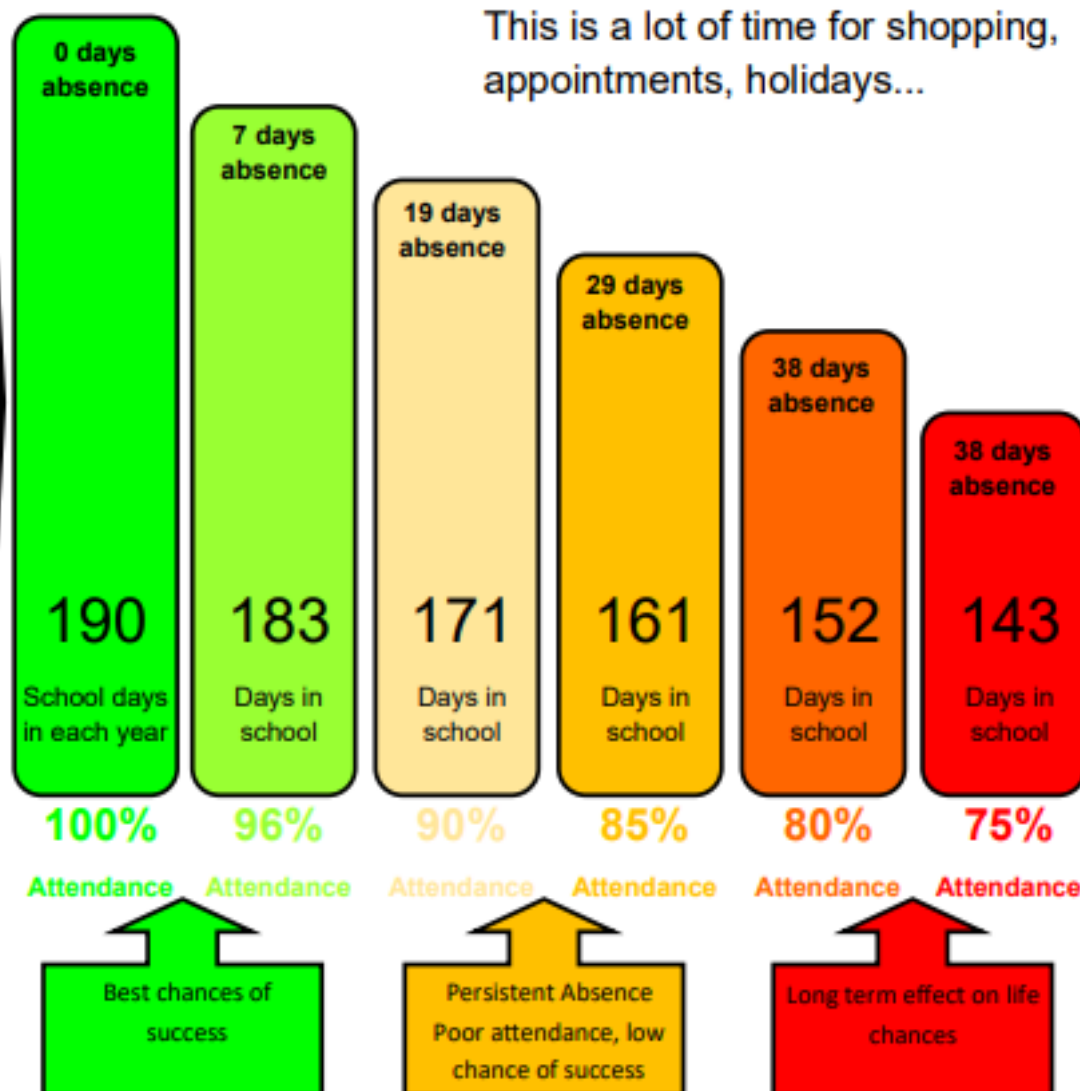


...being in school at least
96% of the time (183+ days)

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

- Tuesday 8th April – Easter Hat/Bonnet parade 11.15am & 2.45pm -[Easter-Bonnet-Parade.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](#)
- Monday 19th May – Y6 leaver's hoodies online shop closes
- Wednesday 21st May – F2 Oxmardyke Trip [F2-Oxmardyke-Equestrian-Centre.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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