

Brooke Primary Academy

We can't believe the spring term has come to an end already! It's been a busy few months, full of fun and fantastic learning experiences for the children. A huge thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support – it's truly appreciated.

Looking ahead, the summer term is set to be another busy one. Our Year 6 children will be sitting their SATs, Year 4 will be completing the multiplication tables check, and Year 1 will be taking part in the phonics screening check. Alongside this, we have parent appointments, exciting school trips, special visitors, and preparations for our summer fayre – so keep your eyes peeled for more details!

Easter Bonnet Parade

On Tuesday, children from Beginnings up to Year 2 took part in our delightful Easter Bonnet Parade. It was fantastic to see so many parents and carers come along to cheer the children on as they proudly paraded around the playground, showing off their wonderful homemade bonnets and hats.

Each creation was unique and absolutely amazing – it's lovely to see so many children getting creative at home with the support of their families. A big thank you to everyone who came to support and celebrate with us!



Easter Egg Decoration Competition

This week marked the deadline for our Easter Egg Decoration Competition, and what an egg-citing event it was! The theme this year was *Famous Faces*, and we were blown away by the creativity on display. From musicians and athletes to historical figures, the variety and effort that went into each entry was truly impressive.

We received over 60 fantastic entries, making it incredibly difficult to choose the winners. A big well done to everyone who took part – every participant will receive a chocolate prize for their brilliant efforts.

Congratulations to our winners in each phase:

EYFS – Aria

KS1 – Heidi

LKS2 – Oliver S

UKS2 – Joe

Well done to all our talented decorators!



Easter Raffle

In true annual tradition, we held our much-loved Easter Raffle yesterday – and what a fantastic event it was! It's always one of the most anticipated moments of the school year, with a real buzz of excitement across the school from both children and staff.

There were big smiles all around as names were called out and children dashed up to collect their prizes – a joy to watch!

A huge thank you to everyone who donated eggs and bought raffle tickets. Thanks to your generosity, we raised an incredible £515 – a brilliant achievement! The funds will go towards a special summer treat for all the children at the end of the year, as a thank you for their hard work and wonderful efforts throughout the year.



Pastor Kevin Visit

This week, our EYFS children had a special visit from Pastor Kevin of the Pentecostal Church. He shared the Easter story in a fun and engaging way, using a charming set of homemade drawers - each containing a symbolic item representing a different part of the story. Pastor Kevin also explained the meaning behind Easter eggs, helping the children understand their significance. The visit ended on a joyful note with everyone joining in to sing songs together.



We're Hiring!

Please click the link below for our latest vacancies at Brooke Primary Academy

[Job Vacancies - Brooke Primary Academy](#)

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!

Class Photographs

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

Free delivery to school is available for orders placed before Sunday 13th April, 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.**



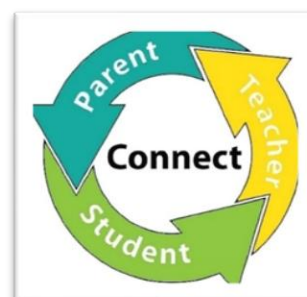
[2025 Leavers Hoodies & School Trip Hoodies | School Leavers Company](#)

Pupil of the Week w/e 11/04/2025

Class	Pupil
Branches	Archie G
F1 Miss French & Mrs Binns	Isaac M
F2 Ms Hutt & Mrs Brown	Jenson D, Jaxon R
Y1 Miss Hennigan	Joseph W
Y2 Miss Brown	Natalia J
Y2 Mrs Whitfield	Jacob C
Y3 Miss Jackson	Mia C
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Isla S
Y4 Mrs Brady	Aaliyah P
Y5 Mr Jones	Ruby R
Y5 Mrs Potter	Poppy M
Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	Olivia W
Y6 Mr Thomas	Chloe C

Home School Partnership

Pupil	For
Alfie F	Achieving Man of the Match at football
George C	Being awarded Player of the Match at rugby
Apryl C	Gaining Star of the Week at dancing
Ana M	All of her gymnastics awards



Kixx Easter Holiday Club



We're excited to invite your child to our FREE Easter half-term Holiday Activities & Food project in Thorne! Join us for fun and free activities every day from 10am to 3pm at Brooke Primary Academy School, Thorne. Children aged 5–12 can enjoy football, rounders, cricket, dance, arts and crafts, games, and other exciting activities. Each day also includes a tasty, healthy lunch—completely free for children on free school meals! We also have places available for children not on free school meals.

Here are the delivery dates for both weeks:

- Monday 14 April
 - Tuesday 15 April
 - Wednesday 16 April
 - Thursday 17 April
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- Tuesday 22 April
 - Wednesday 23 April
 - Thursday 24 April
 - Friday 25 April

Venue:

Brooke Primary Academy, Wike Gate Road, Thorne, DN8 5PQ.

Time:

10am to 3pm each day.

Who can join?

- Children on free school meals are guaranteed a place. Parents should have received a HAF code by letter. If you don't know your code, please put HAF 123.
- We also have places for children not on free school meals to join! Just put "NA" in the HAF code box when booking.

How to book:

Fill out the booking form [here](#).

If you need help or can't fill out the form, call our team on 01302 618080 and we will be pleased to assist you. We hope your child can join us for a week of fun, making friends, and learning new things!

Summer Parent's Evenings

Our Summer Parent's Evenings will run Tuesday 29th April to Tuesday 6th May, appointments can now be booked on ParentMail. Please contact the office if you require any assistance in making an appointment.

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

Ex-England football manager, Sir Gareth Southgate, has shared his thoughts on young people, and his fears that many are spending too much time online, gaming and using social media. He stated how important it is for young people to have positive role models beyond social media influencers. Drawing on his own experiences during a talk for the BBC, he said the UK needs to do more to encourage young people – particularly young men – to make the right choices in life and not be afraid of failure.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Who are your role models? What qualities do they have? Ask someone at home about their role models.
- Do you think anyone can be a role model?
- Taking into consideration what Sir Gareth Southgate said, do you feel it's important to have role models who aren't online influencers? 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 04/04/2025 (Spring 2, 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	90.6%	All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box
	F2 Miss Hutt & Mrs Brown	95.7%	
KS1	Y1 Miss Hennigan	95%	Y2 – Mrs Whitfield -Teddy Bear’s Picnic 2 nd May
	Y2 Miss Brown	97.2%	
	Y2 Mrs Whitfield	97.6%	
LKS2	Y3 Miss Jackson	90%	Y4 – Mrs Brady – Ice Pops
	Y3 Mrs Roberts	91.7%	
	Y4 Mrs Brady	94.7%	
UKS2	Y5 Mr Jones	89.5%	Y6 – Mr Farrand/Mrs Sanders – Movie session
	Y5 Mrs Potter	93.6%	
	Y6 Mr Thomas	95.9%	
	Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	97.6%	
Total	94.26%		

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...

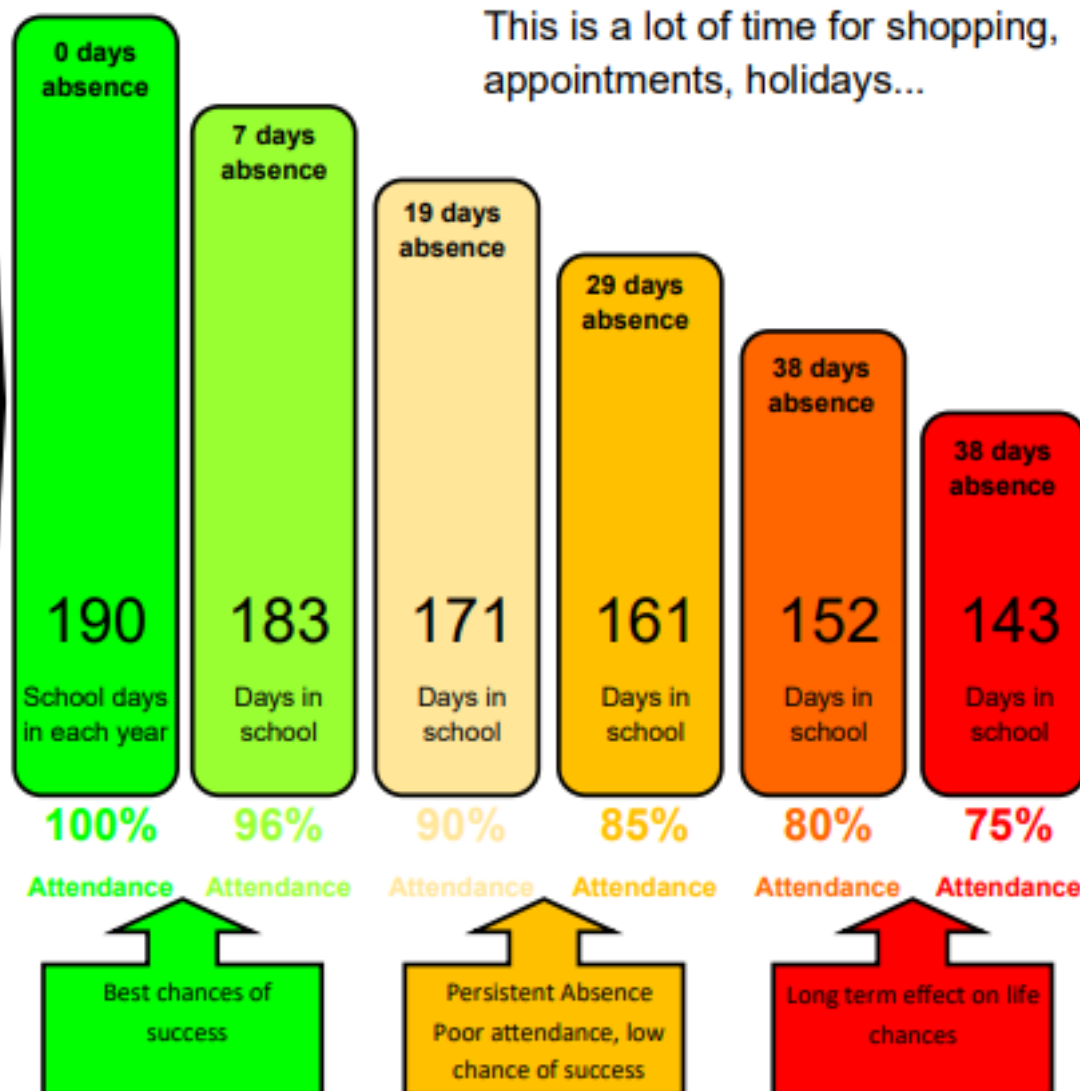


...being in school at least
96% of the time (183+ days)

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

Summer 1

- **Monday 28th April – Staff training day – School closed to pupils**
- **Tuesday 29th April – School re-opens for Summer 1 term**
- Tuesday 29th April – Tues 6th May – Summer Parent's Evenings
- Friday 2nd May – Whole School – Rockstar Day [Rockstar-Day-Letter.pdf](#)
- **Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday – School Closed**
- Week commencing 12th May – Y6 KS2 SATs week
- 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 – School Closure Day – School closed to pupils**
- **Friday 23rd May – School closes for half term**

Summer 2

- **Monday 2nd June – Staff Training Day – School Closed to pupils**
- **Tuesday 3rd June – School re-opens for Summer 2 term**
- Tuesday 3rd June – Y1 Trip to Cannon Hall Farm [Y1-Cannon-Hall-Farm-Trip.pdf](#)
- Wednesday 4th & 5th June – Y4 Residential Trip to Austerfield [Austerfield-Residential-2025.pdf](#)
- Friday 6th June – Y5 Venn Olympics Trip [Y5-Venn-Olympics.pdf](#)
- Friday 20th June - Y3 Go Ape Trip [Y3-Go-Ape.pdf](#)
- Wednesday 9th – Friday 11th – Y6 Transition to Trinity
- **Friday 18th July – School closes for the end of term**

Have a wonderful Easter break.

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