

Brooke Primary Academy

Welcome Back!

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break and enjoyed some special time together as a family. It was a real joy to welcome the children back on Tuesday — they returned full of energy and ready to learn.

A big thank you to everyone who attended our recent parent appointments. We hope you found the meetings informative and that they gave you a clear picture of your child's progress and the next steps in their learning. We really value the opportunity to share and celebrate your child's achievements with you.

This half term is a short but busy one! With the bank holiday on Monday and Year 6 SATs just around the corner, there's a lot going on. Our Year 6 pupils have already shown great focus and determination this week — we're very proud of their efforts.

TT Rockstar Day

Today, our school was taken over by rockstars — and what a fantastic sight it was! The children looked absolutely amazing in their outfits, and we've loved seeing their enthusiasm and creativity.

TT Rockstar Day is all about celebrating the importance of times tables. Quick and confident recall of multiplication facts forms a vital foundation for many areas of maths, helping children tackle more complex problems with ease.

This event is especially important for our Year 4 pupils, who will be taking their statutory Multiplication Tables Check in June. Days like this help boost their confidence and make learning fun and memorable.

A huge thank you to everyone for making such a brilliant effort. We hope today has inspired even more children to practise their times tables — and aim for a place in our 25 Club!



VE Day – 80th Anniversary Thursday 8th May

Next week, we will be commemorating VE Day, marking 80 years since the end of World War II in Europe. It promises to be a special occasion, with a range of themed activities taking place throughout the day.

To celebrate, we'll be holding a school street party, complete with scones and juice for the children to enjoy.

We kindly ask that children come dressed in party clothes or in red, white, and blue to reflect the spirit of the day. They are also very welcome to bring in flags or any memorabilia to help us bring history to life and make the day even more memorable.



Congratulations

We're delighted to share some wonderful news — a big congratulations to Mrs Baxter and her husband, who are expecting their third child in October! We're all so happy for Mrs Baxter and her family.

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.**



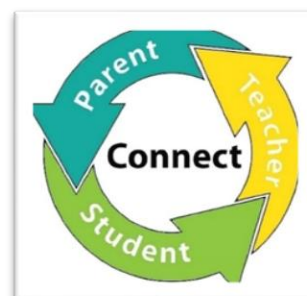
[2025 Leavers Hoodies & School Trip Hoodies | School Leavers Company](#)

Pupil of the Week w/e 02/05/2025

<u>Class</u>	<u>Pupil</u>
Branches	Avery H
F1 Miss French & Mrs Binns	Lily A
F2 Ms Hutt & Mrs Brown	Kobe R, Emily H
Y1 Miss Hennigan	Alfie F
Y2 Miss Brown	Freddie C
Y2 Mrs Whitfield	Isla-M H
Y3 Miss Jackson	Reuben J
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Lewis M
Y4 Mrs Brady	Amelia W
Y5 Mr Jones	Joseph F
Y5 Mrs Potter	Arlie A
Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	Theo C
Y6 Mr Thomas	Kian M

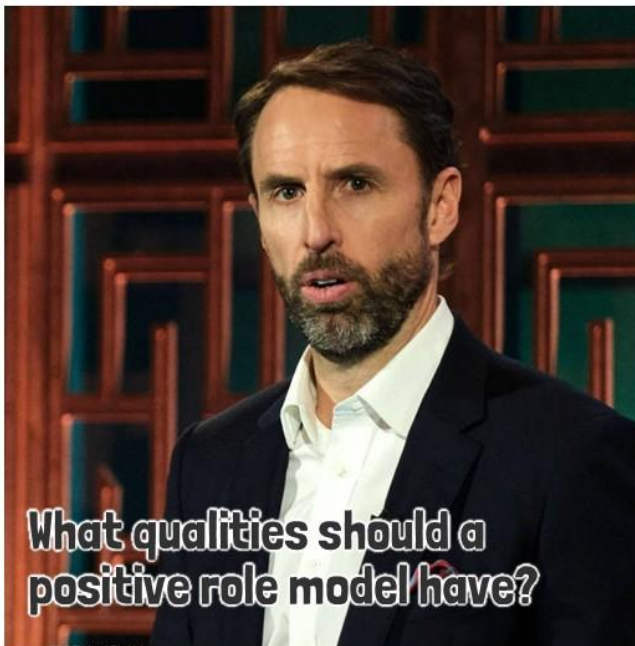
Home School Partnership

Pupil	For
Benny S	Completing the Treetop Adventure at Sherwood



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

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'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	89.8%	All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box
	F2 Miss Hutt & Mrs Brown	95.9%	
KS1	Y1 Miss Hennigan	90%	Y2 – Miss Brown – Ice Pops
	Y2 Miss Brown	95.2%	
	Y2 Mrs Whitfield	93.2%	
LKS2	Y3 Miss Jackson	96.8%	Y3 – Miss Jackson – Extra Break
	Y3 Mrs Roberts	87.5%	
	Y4 Mrs Brady	91.9%	
UKS2	Y5 Mr Jones	98.1%	Y5 – Mr Jones – Extra Break
	Y5 Mrs Potter	93.2%	
	Y6 Mr Thomas	93.2%	
	Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	95.6%	
Total	93%		

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 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 weekend.

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