

Brooke Primary Academy

Celebrating VE Day

This week, our school came together to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day with a range of thoughtful and memorable activities.



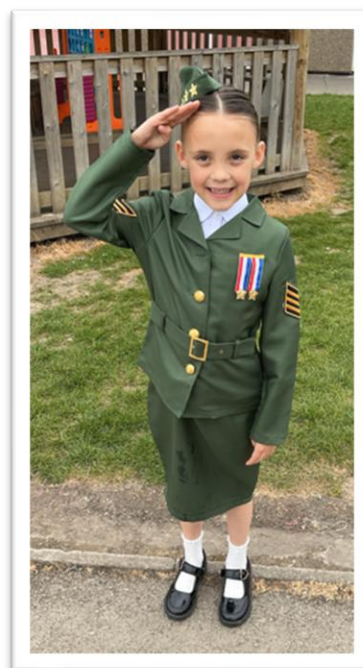
A Special Assembly to Start the Day

On Thursday morning, we began with a special whole-school assembly to learn about the importance of VE Day. We listened to Winston Churchill's historic speech announcing the end of the war in Europe, and watched clips of the original celebrations, including the iconic aircraft flypast over Buckingham Palace. Mrs Brady shared her incredible knowledge of the aircraft involved, explaining each one's significance—much to the children's fascination. The Red Arrows were a particular highlight!



Playground Party Fun

Later in the day, all classes from Beginnings to Year 6 gathered on the playground (as the field was too damp) for a traditional street-party style celebration. The children enjoyed juice and scones, played games, and listened to wartime music. It was wonderful to see everyone having fun together, dressed in party clothes or red, white, and blue to mark the occasion.



Student Council at Thorne Memorial Park

Our student council representatives had the honour of attending the VE Day 80th Anniversary Service at Thorne Memorial Park at 10:30am on Thursday. As part of the service, they read aloud a heartfelt poem they had written especially for the event. They represented our school with great pride, showing respect and maturity at this important remembrance occasion.



A Visit from Rob Brown (REME)

To round off the week, we were very fortunate to welcome Craftsman Rob Brown, one of our parents and a serving Army Reservist. Rob shared how his unit commemorated VE Day with a ceremonial parade through Manchester. He spoke to the children about his experiences in the reserves, answered their questions, and even brought in family medals awarded during WWI and WWII. It was a truly inspiring assembly, and we are so grateful to Rob for giving his time to help bring history to life for our pupils.



★ Wishing Our Year 6 Pupils the Very Best in Their SATs ★

Next week, our brilliant Year 6 pupils will be sitting their SATs. We want to take a moment to say just how incredibly proud we are of each and every one of them.

Throughout the year, they have shown dedication, resilience, kindness and curiosity — qualities that can't be measured by any test. These assessments are just a small part of their journey, and while we know they'll do their very best, we also know that their worth is not defined by scores or papers. Their talents, personalities, friendships, creativity, humour and determination are what make them truly shine.

To our wonderful Year 6s:

You are more than ready. You've got this.

Work hard, stay calm and remember — SATs don't measure your dreams, your kindness or how much you've grown.

We believe in you, and we are so proud of you — not just for what you will achieve next week, but for everything you already are. Good luck!

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.**



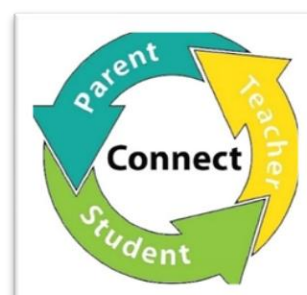
[2025 Leavers Hoodies & School Trip Hoodies | School Leavers Company](#)

Pupil of the Week w/e 09/05/2025

<u>Class</u>	<u>Pupil</u>
Branches	Florence M
F1 Miss French & Mrs Binns	Alfie S
F2 Ms Hutt & Mrs Brown	Dolly C, Ivy-J P
Y1 Miss Hennigan	Kevin W
Y2 Miss Brown	Lacey M
Y2 Mrs Whitfield	Hazel C
Y3 Miss Jackson	Mia C
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Kavia K
Y4 Mrs Brady	Emmit R
Y5 Mr Jones	Brooke P
Y5 Mrs Potter	Heidi H
Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	Dalton C
Y6 Mr Thomas	Eric T

Home School Partnership

<u>Pupil</u>	<u>For</u>
Reeva E	Being awarded Star of the Week at dancing
Tilly B-W	Achieving her Stage 7 swimming award
Maia E	Outstanding progress in dance
Evie H	Star of the Week at Bodyrockers



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

The government has recently announced that a theme park will be built in the UK, due to open in 2031. The brand-new Universal theme park will be the first in Europe, located in Bedfordshire, England. Universal Pictures is a US entertainment company, well known for creating movies such as Sing, Despicable Me, Shrek and The Grinch. It currently has five theme parks across the world, with plans to build more.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your response to the news about a new theme park in the UK with someone at home. Is it somewhere you would like to visit?
- > Have you been to any other theme parks? Have others at home? If not, would you like to?
- > Can you think of a place that is special to you? What makes it special?

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	95%	All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box
	F2 Miss Hutt & Mrs Brown	99.3%	
KS1	Y1 Miss Hennigan	95.6%	Y2 – Miss Brown – Cookies for the class
	Y2 Miss Brown	99.5%	
	Y2 Mrs Whitfield	91%	
LKS2	Y3 Miss Jackson	94%	Y3 – Mrs Roberts – Non uniform day Thursday 15 th May
	Y3 Mrs Roberts	95.5%	
	Y4 Mrs Brady	93.8%	
UKS2	Y5 Mr Jones	93.8%	Y6 – Mr Farrand/Mrs Sanders – Film session
	Y5 Mrs Potter	90.8%	
	Y6 Mr Thomas	92%	
	Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	99%	
Total	94.93%		

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

- 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](#)
- Tuesday 17th June Y3 & Y4 Sports Day 2.30pm - [Sports-Day-2025.pdf](#)
- Wednesday 18th June – EYFS Sports Day 10.45am [Sports-Day-2025.pdf](#)
- Friday 20th June - Y3 Go Ape Trip [Y3-Go-Ape.pdf](#)
- Tuesday 24th June – F1 Trip to Scalby Grange - [F1-Scalby-Grange-2025.pdf](#)
- Tuesday 24th June Y5 & Y6 Sports Day – Doncaster Rovers Stadium [Sports-Day-2025.pdf](#)
- Tuesday 1st July – Y1 & Y2 Sports Day 2.30pm - [Sports-Day-2025.pdf](#)
- Friday 4th July – Y6 Leaver's Trip [Y6-Leavers-AirHop.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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