

It's hard to believe how quickly this half term has flown by! Although it's been a short one - it's been a lovely half term, helped along by the beautiful sunshine. The warm weather has certainly lifted everyone's spirits, and it's been great to see the children continuing to engage positively with school life and enjoying more time outdoors.

We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break. When we return, we'll be entering the final half term of the school year. It's a special time as the children spend their last weeks with their current class teachers, and we have a busy and exciting term ahead.

Summer Term 2 will be filled with highlights, including Sports Day, parent meetings, and a variety of other fun activities. One of the key events to look forward to is our Summer Fayre, which will take place on Tuesday 15th July.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, and we hope you have a lovely half term break.

F2 Trip to Field View Equestrian Centre

This week, our F2 children had a fantastic time visiting Field View Equestrian Centre. During their visit, the children learned all about horses and how to care for them. They explored the equipment used for horse riding, had the opportunity to groom the horses, and even experienced riding them!

As their confidence grew, many of the children were able to trot on the horses—a real highlight of the day! It was a joyful and enriching experience, made even more special by the wonderful staff at the centre, who were incredibly supportive and engaging throughout the visit.

It was truly a memorable day, and the children came away with big smiles and lots of new knowledge about these magnificent animals.

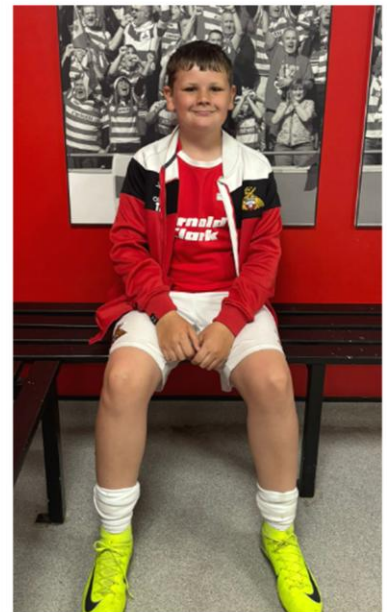


Play on the Pitch at Doncaster Rovers!

This week, a group of children from Years 5 and 6 had the exciting opportunity to take part in the *Play on the Pitch* tournament at Doncaster Rovers Football Stadium.

The children had the incredible experience of playing football matches on the main pitch, as well as taking part in a variety of fun and engaging workshops led by the Sports College. Activities included designing their own football kits and joining in with mini games alongside children from other schools.

It was a fantastic day filled with teamwork, creativity, and sporting fun—and the children represented our school brilliantly throughout. Well done to everyone who took part!



Visit from Sea Cadets Thorne

On Monday, we were delighted to welcome representatives from Sea Cadets Thorne into school. The children learned all about what it means to be a Sea Cadet and the exciting opportunities the organisation offers.

Sea Cadets is a national youth charity that helps young people develop confidence, leadership, and life skills through a wide range of water- and land-based activities. From sailing, rowing, and kayaking to learning about marine engineering and navigation, being a Sea Cadet is a fantastic way for young people to challenge themselves and grow in a supportive, disciplined environment.

Children and young people can join from ages 9 to 18. If your child is interested in joining, you can email oicthorne@gmail.com or contact **Petty Officer Green** on **07955 010939**. Parade nights take place on **Mondays and Thursdays from 6:45pm to 9:00pm**.

It was a great session that really inspired some of our pupils—thank you to Sea Cadets Thorne for visiting!



Year 6 Heart Dissection Workshop

Year 6 had an unforgettable science experience this week with a heart dissection workshop led by Ms McKone from Trinity Academy. This hands-on session formed part of our transition work with Trinity, while also deepening the children's understanding of the heart and circulatory system in their Science curriculum.

We would like to say a huge thank you to both Ms McKone and Ms Edmonds for giving up their time to lead such an engaging and informative session with both Year 6 classes. Their expertise and enthusiasm were greatly appreciated!

Our pupils really impressed with their knowledge, maturity, and positive attitude—making an excellent first impression on our visitors. Well done, Year 6!



School Closure Days / Staff Training Days

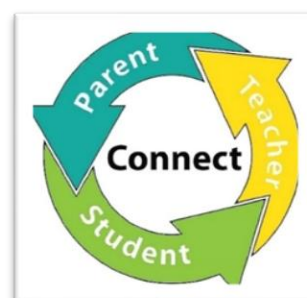
Please be reminded that we have two upcoming closure dates, **Friday 23rd May** and **Monday 2nd June** – school will be closed to all pupils on these dates.

Pupil of the Week w/e 22/05/2025

<u>Class</u>	<u>Pupil</u>
Branches	Declan F
F1 Miss French & Mrs Binns	Gracie-Mae K
F2 Ms Hutt & Mrs Brown	Raven C, Beau-Lauren T
Y1 Miss Hennigan	Benny S
Y2 Miss Brown	Dorothy H
Y2 Mrs Whitfield	Gabriella H
Y3 Miss Jackson	Ella A
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Freddie F
Y4 Mrs Brady	Eliza W
Y5 Mr Jones	Joe F
Y5 Mrs Potter	Cohen-B M
Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	Henry C
Y6 Mr Thomas	Lara L

Home School Partnership

<u>Pupil</u>	<u>For</u>
Heidi Y	Achieving Star of the Week at dancing
Savannah C	Fantastic achievements in dance
Isla M-H	Participating in the Aftershock dance show
Mary W	Participating in the Aftershock dance show
Santanna C	Her many trophies and achievements in dance
George N	A great season with his football club
Sophia C	Achievements in dance
Carter C	Achievements in football
Lilly C	Achievements in swimming



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.



Can donating something important be a powerful way to show you care?

In the news this week

A vehicle once used by Pope Francis to wave and greet people—called a popemobile—is being turned into a mobile health clinic for children in Gaza. Pope Francis, who recently passed away, was the head of the Catholic Church and often spoke about helping others. One of his final wishes was to help children affected by the conflict in Gaza. The vehicle will be refitted with medical equipment, as found in ambulances, so it can be used to aid children in areas where hospitals may be hard to reach. The project aims to deliver essential medical care to those who need it.

Things to talk about at home ...

- What is your opinion of Pope Francis' decision to donate the popemobile? Why do you believe he decided to do this? Ask someone at home about their thoughts.
- Have you ever donated something? Could it be harder to donate something that's important to you?
- Can you think of examples of different times when people might donate items to help others?

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 16/05/2025 (Summer 1, Week 3)

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	95.9%	All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box
	F2 Miss Hutt & Mrs Brown	94.1%	
KS1	Y1 Miss Hennigan	95.9%	Y1–Miss Hennigan – Class PJ Day Thursday 5 th June
	Y2 Miss Brown	95.2%	
	Y2 Mrs Whitfield	91.9%	
LKS2	Y3 Miss Jackson	98.8%	Y3 – Miss Jackson – Ice Lollies
	Y3 Mrs Roberts	95.6%	
	Y4 Mrs Brady	95.7%	
UKS2	Y5 Mr Jones	98%	Y6 – Mr Farrand/Mrs Sanders- Y5 - Mr Jones – Non uniform day 22/05/2025
	Y5 Mrs Potter	96.1%	
	Y6 Mr Thomas	97.7%	
	Y6 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	98%	
Total	95.87%		

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

- **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 half term.

Brooke Primary Academy