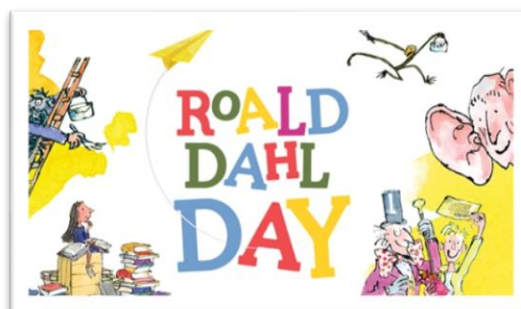


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Weekly News

It has been another busy and exciting week in school. We started with a whole-school assembly on Tuesday to celebrate Roald Dahl Day (13th September). Together, we reflected on the theme of ambition, thinking about what it means to have dreams and goals - just like many of Dahl's unforgettable characters. The children shared their own ambitions and how they might achieve them, whether in their learning, friendships, or future careers. It was wonderful to see so many pupils inspired by the stories of Roald Dahl, and to hear that many are currently enjoying reading or re-reading his books. The enthusiasm for reading was fantastic to see, and we hope it continues throughout the year.



Alongside this, there has been lots happening across school this week:

- **Head Boy / Head Girl:** Our Year 6 pupils have had the exciting opportunity to put themselves forward for the roles of Head Boy and Head Girl. An overview of the role and an expression of interest form was shared with them, with the deadline earlier this week. We are really looking forward to seeing who steps up for this important leadership opportunity.
- **School Council:** Each class will be nominating a representative for the School Council, with the successful candidates to be announced next week.
- **Young Leaders:** Next week, we will also be announcing our Young Leaders, including Librarians, Community Ambassadors, and Playground Buddies.

It has been inspiring to see pupils showing such enthusiasm for leadership, responsibility, and ambition this week—we are very proud of the way they are stepping up!

PGL

PGL 2025 was a fantastic experience for our pupils! From zip wires to raft building, and climbing walls to high ropes, the schedule was packed with adventure and challenge. Each day was filled with shrieks of excitement and plenty of laughter, as children showed brilliant teamwork and supported one another in facing—and conquering—their fears.

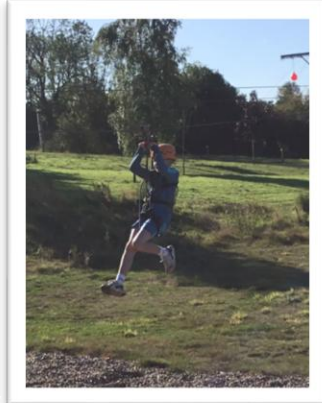
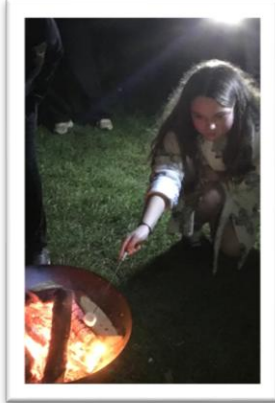
The canteen was a big hit too, with the PGL staff going the extra mile to provide extra choices. Unsurprisingly, PGL's famous zig-zag fries proved especially popular!

Back in the dorms, the children settled well, and throughout the trip the PGL staff frequently praised our pupils for their excellent behaviour, listening skills, and enthusiastic attitude. We were incredibly proud of how adventurous they were, especially when tackling activities that can bring a few nerves, such as the climbing wall.

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Perhaps the best moments were hearing pupils cheer each other on and celebrating one another's successes. It was wonderful to see so much positivity, encouragement, and joy shared across the group—making this a trip to remember!



Year 3 Walk

This week, Year 3 explored rocks in our community. The children identified their properties and discussed their uses. They represented our school impeccably, showing excellent manners and respect for others.



Brooke Primary Academy - School Closure Date

Friday 26th September is a school closure date – **school will be closed to all children next Friday.**

Pupil of the Week W/E 19.09.25

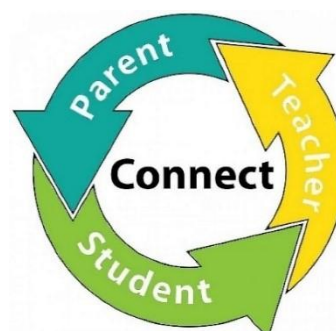
Well done to the following children who have been awarded pupil of the week for going the extra mile with their learning / displaying the school values.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Pupil</u>
Branches	Bonnie-R B
F1 Miss French & Mrs Binns	Brodie W
F2 Mrs Brown & Mrs Whitfield	Oscar W & Deniz Y
Y1/2 Miss Hennigan	Pankti K
Y1/2 Miss Brown	Raven C
Y2 Miss Booth	Ryan B
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Francesca R
Y3 Miss Jackson	Matilda S
Y4 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	Finlay G
Y4 Mr Purdy	Maisey G
Y5 Mr Jones	Tilly B-W
Y6 Mr Thomas	Milly H
Y6 Mrs Brady	Evie H



Home School Partnership

<u>Pupil</u>	<u>For</u>
Benny S	Being awarded parents player at football
Lucy H	Participating in the 3-legged race at Legoland



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

Schools in the UK will soon need to give more lessons on democracy, how voting works, and how the country is run. This is because the voting age for the general election is being lowered to 16. Many agree that young people need to be ready to make informed decisions. At first, these lessons will be for children aged 14 and over, but the plan is to begin teaching these issues from 11 years of age, so everyone has plenty of time to learn.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk to someone older at home, and ask them to share their experiences of voting and their thoughts on the news that 16-year-olds will be able to vote.
- Can you think of times when you have taken part in a vote? What was the outcome?
- Do you believe it's important for young people to learn about voting and democracy? If so, what age do you think the lessons should start?

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 05/09/2025 (Autumn 1, Week 1)

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	79.3%	All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box
	F2 Mrs Whitfield Mrs Brown	94%	
KS1	Y1/2 Miss Hennigan	94.5%	Y1/2 Miss Brown – Pyjama day Thursday 25 th September
	Y1/2 Miss Brown	97.3%	
	Y2 Miss Booth	96.3%	
LKS2	Y3 Miss Jackson	97.9%	Y4 Mr Purdy – Non uniform day Wednesday 24 th September
	Y3 Mrs Roberts	97.2%	
	Y4 Mr Prurdy	98.4%	
	Y4 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	95%	
UKS2	Y5 Mr Jones	95.6%	Y5 Mr Jones – Non uniform day Monday 22 nd Y6 Mr Thomas – Non uniform day Tuesday 23 rd
	Y6 Mr Thomas	95.6%	
	Y6 Mrs Brady	92.1%	
Total	94.17%		

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

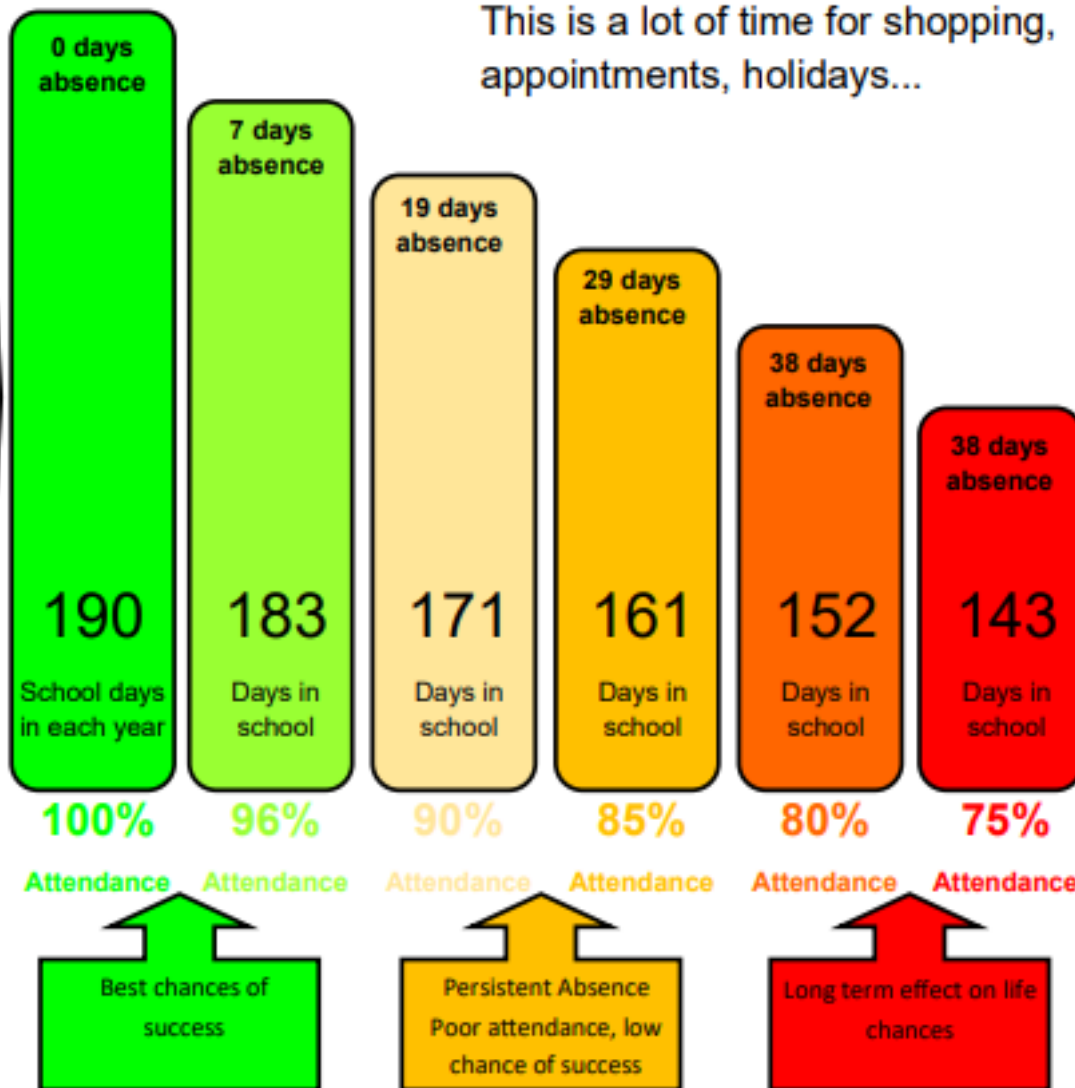


Good attendance at Brooke Primary Academy means...

...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%**

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Important Dates

Autumn 1

- **Friday 26th September – Staff Training school closed to pupils**
- **Wednesday 1st October – Y4 Venn Olympics [Y4-Venn-Olympics.pdf](#)**
- **Tuesday 14th October – Boggledy Book Fair**
- **Friday 24th October – School Closure Day, school closed to all Pupils**
- **Friday 24th October – School Closes for half term**

Have a wonderful weekend.

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