

Brooke Primary Academy

Weekly News

It has been a very busy and exciting week in school! On Monday, all of the children gathered to watch the campaign videos for Head Boy and Head Girl. The candidates had worked extremely hard to prepare and present their ideas, and it was wonderful to see so much confidence, creativity, and enthusiasm shining through in their presentations.

Throughout the week, pupils across the school have been taking part in the democratic process by carefully considering each candidate and casting their votes. Our Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 student council representatives then took on the important responsibility of sorting and counting the votes. They carried out this task very sensibly.

Today, we were delighted to welcome Susan Durrant, the Mayor of Thorne and Moorends, and Deputy Mayor Mark Houlbrook into school to announce the successful candidates during our special assembly. This was such an exciting moment for the children, and we are very grateful to both Susan and Mark for giving their time to make the event even more memorable.

We are thrilled to share that our new **Head Girl is Ellie** and our new **Head Boy is Arlie** - huge congratulations to both of them!

Finally, a big well done to all of the candidates who put themselves forward—you should be very proud of the hard work, confidence, and commitment you have shown.



Year 4 Venn Olympics

On Wednesday, Year 4 spent the day at the iconic English Institute of Sport in Sheffield which is an extremely impressive venue used to prepare the nations prospective Olympians. We were competing in our own Venn Olympics alongside other Y4 children from various schools in Venn Academy.

The children had a taster of several events including: archery, basketball, cricket skills, axe throwing, circus skills and team games. It was great that the children had the opportunity to participate in sports that they had never encountered before. They had to demonstrate resilience, collaboration and independence. Judging by the smiles on the children's faces, everyone had a great time.

Pumpkin Carving Competition

From Monday 20th October to Thursday 23rd October, the children are invited to bring in a carved pumpkin and place it at the front of school, near the information board, for display. If you would like to, please place a battery light inside it, so it glows at night. It should also be clearly labelled with your child's name and class. The entries will be judged on Thursday 23rd October and the winner will be announced in the Friday Celebration Assembly. Pumpkins will be available to take home on Friday 24th October – any pumpkins left after this will be thrown away.



Harvest Donations

It's Harvest time again, children will be taking part in a special Harvest Assembly on Friday 10th October.

We are inviting you to participate in our upcoming Harvest Festival celebration. As part of this annual tradition, we are seeking donations from our school community to support those in need within our local area.

This year, we are collecting perishable and non-perishable food items. Your generous contributions will be distributed to local food banks, ensuring that families in our community have access to essential provisions during this time.

We kindly ask that you consider donating any of the following items:

- Canned goods (e.g., vegetables, beans, soup, fish, meat)
- Dried pasta, rice, and cereals
- Cooking oils and sauces
- Fresh fruit, vegetables
- Biscuits, snacks and crisps

Your donations can be brought to the school reception / child's class from **Monday 6th October until Thursday 9th October.**



We appreciate your support in making this Harvest Festival a success and helping those in need within our community.

Congratulations

We are delighted to share that Mrs Baxter and her husband have welcomed a beautiful baby boy, Theodore. Congratulations to the whole family!

Congratulations to Miss Meakin, who celebrated her wedding over the summer. She is now Mrs Malam.

Parent's Evening – Tuesday & Wednesday 21st & 22nd October

Appointments for our Autumn Parent's evening, for children in Nursery to Year 6, are now available for booking on ParentMail. Please speak to the office if you require assistance in making an appointment.

BBC 500 Words Competition

We're inviting all children to take part in the *500 Words* BBC story-writing competition!

This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate creativity and imagination. Spelling, punctuation and grammar are *not* marked — it's all about brilliant storytelling.

There are two age categories: **5–7 years** and **8–11 years**, with lots of prizes to be won. Each winner will receive a bundle of books, and the gold winners will also win **500 books for their school library**.

Stories must be submitted by **9pm on Friday 7th November**.

The Grand Final

- 50 finalists will be invited to a star-studded event at **Windsor Castle in February 2026**, hosted by **Her Majesty The Queen**.
- Winning stories will be read aloud by celebrity guests on TV, featured in a special *500 Words* programme with *The One Show* in early March.
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Judges

The official panel of celebrity judges — **Sir Lenny Henry, Malorie Blackman, Francesca Simon, Charlie Higson, and Frank Cottrell-Boyce** — will be back to crown our next winners.

👉 More information and details on how to submit stories can be found here: [How to submit your stories - BBC Teach](#)



Macmillan Coffee Morning – Wednesday 15th October

On Wednesday 15th October, we will be holding a Macmillan coffee morning and would like to invite you and your friends to come along. The event will take place from 9am to 11am in the school hall, please enter through the school office.

There will be hot drinks and homemade cakes available to buy (eat in or take away) so we encourage you to come along and join in the fun!

As part of the fundraiser, **we are calling all bakers and bakers to bring in donations of cakes/buns on Tuesday 14th October** ready for the coffee morning.



The money raised will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support for all the wonderful work they do.

We hope that you can join us for this event to support such an amazing charity that has touched so many of our lives.

Pupil of the Week W/E 03.10.25

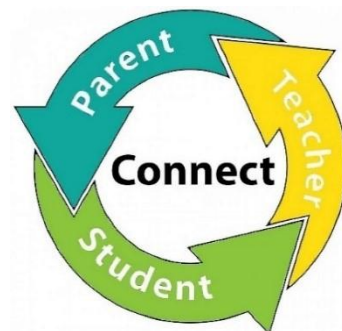
Well done to the following children who have been awarded pupil of the week for going the extra mile with their learning / displaying the school values.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Pupil</u>
Branches	Florence M
F1 Miss French & Mrs Binns	Ethan S
F2 Mrs Brown & Mrs Whitfield	Charlotte S, Raye H
Y1/2 Miss Hennigan	Rosie C
Y1/2 Miss Brown	Teddy P
Y2 Miss Booth	Leo M
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Scarlett T
Y3 Miss Jackson	Sapphire M
Y4 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	Eric B
Y4 Mr Purdy	Lewis M
Y5 Mr Jones	Sophia B
Y6 Mr Thomas	Jacob C
Y6 Mrs Brady	Khaleesi P



Home School Partnership

Pupil	For
Oliver S	Participating in his first rugby match
Theo S	Being awarded Parents Player at football
Lucas P	Achieving his yellow belt at martial arts
Ocean H	Completing Stage 3 at swimming
Ana M	Being awarded a badge at Rainbows
Evelyn C	Achieving Star of the Class at dancing



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

Running charity, parkrun, has announced a new project called parkrun primary, which is bringing junior running events closer to primary schools. The aim is to give children more chances to run or walk and volunteer on weekends in a fun, free, and inclusive way. Organisers say it's not just about fitness, but also about helping children build friendships, confidence, and life skills in their local community.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Are there any parkruns near where you live? Have you or anyone in your family taken part in one? If not, would you like to?
- What are some of the clubs or initiatives in your area that bring your local community together?
- Alongside sport, what are some ways we can spend time with 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 19/09/2025 (Autumn 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	99.3%	All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box
	F2 Mrs Whitfield Mrs Brown	96.4%	
KS1	Y1/2 Miss Hennigan	92%	Y1/2 Miss Brown - Cookies
	Y1/2 Miss Brown	98.9%	
	Y2 Miss Booth	89.2%	
LKS2	Y3 Miss Jackson	95.7%	Y4 Mr Purdy – Pyjama Day Friday 10 th October
	Y3 Mrs Roberts	95.5%	
	Y4 Mr Purdy	97%	
	Y4 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	91.8%	
UKS2	Y5 Mr Jones	89.8%	Y6 Mrs Brady – Bloo Kit Session
	Y6 Mr Thomas	92.6%	
	Y6 Mrs Brady	94%	
Total	93.84%		

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

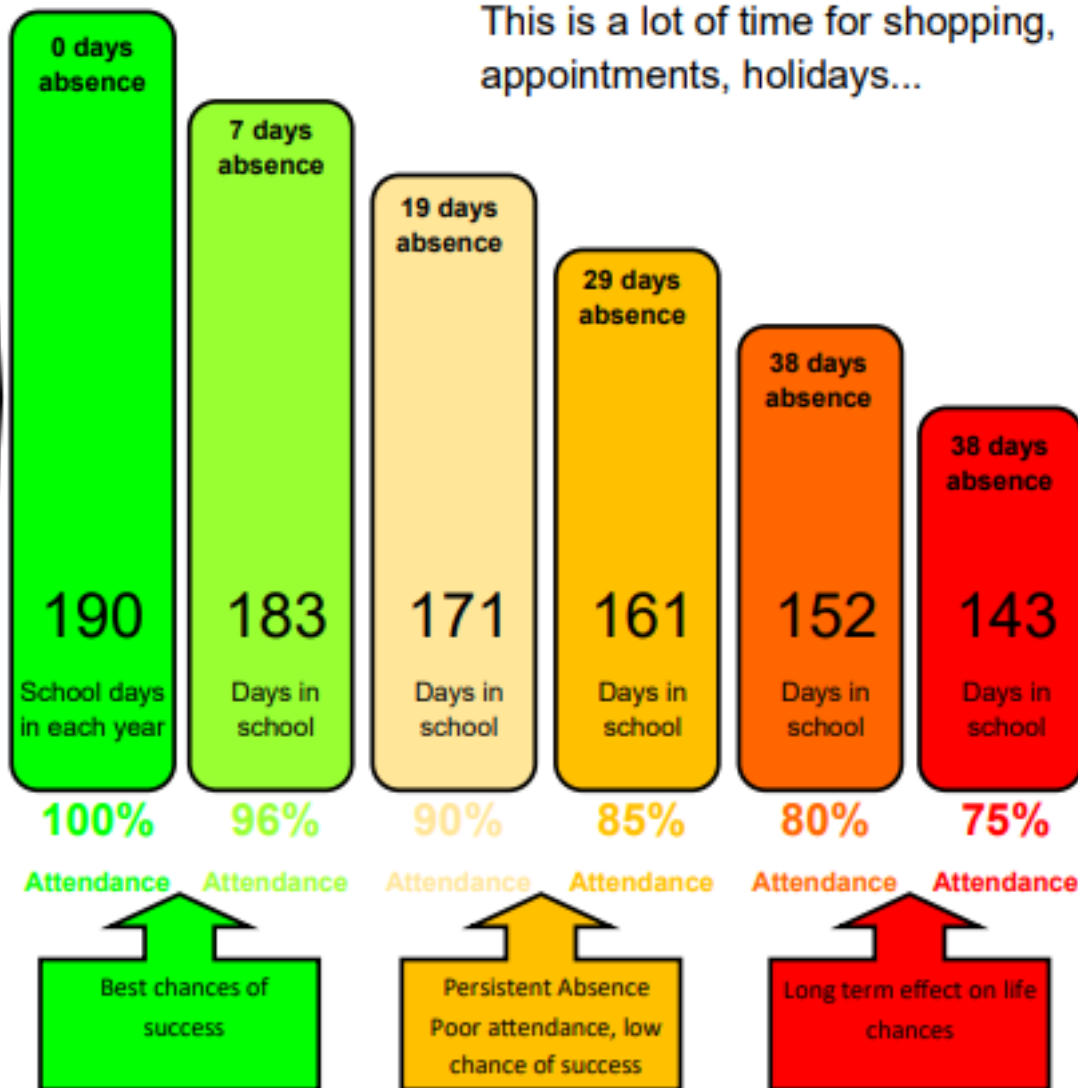


Good attendance at Brooke Primary Academy means...

...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

- **Tuesday 7th October** – Year 5 & 6 at Trinity for ‘Legally Blonde’
- **Tuesday 14th October** – Boggledy Book Fair
- **Wednesday 15th October** – Macmillan Coffee Morning 9am – 11am
- **Friday 17th October** – Y6 Eden Camp Trip [Y6-Eden-Camp.pdf](#)
- **Tuesday 21st October & Wednesday 22nd October** – Parent's Evening
- **Wednesday 22nd October** – Beginnings and F1 Halloween Disco [Halloween-Disco-Beginnings-and-Nursery.pdf](#)
- **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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