

# Brooke Primary Academy

## Weekly News

### Show Racism the Red Card

This week in assembly, we discussed Show Racism the Red Card, thinking about what racism means and how we can challenge it. We linked this to our school value of respect, talking about the importance of treating everyone fairly and celebrating our differences.



### Legally Blonde Performance

Last week, years 5 and 6 enjoyed a real theatrical treat, watching Trinity Academy's wonderful production of *Legally Blonde*. For some of our children, it was their first visit to Trinity, while others were thrilled to spot older siblings performing on stage. The production was superb, and the majority of children thoroughly enjoyed every moment! We hope the experience has encouraged our pupils to think about the wide range of extracurricular opportunities schools offer - and perhaps even inspired a few to get involved in new activities beyond the classroom.



### Harvest Assembly

Last Friday morning, we were joined by Amy from the Methodist Church and members of Doncaster's Religious Education Team to celebrate Harvest. Amy spoke about growing flowers and vegetables from seeds in the garden and shared the Parable of the Sower from the Bible, which tells the story of a farmer's hard work and care for his crops. The story reminded us that the sun and rain God provides help all kinds of fruits and vegetables to grow - making Harvest an important and special time for Christians.



### Boggledybook Bookshop

We had a super successful visit from Boggledybook Children's Bookshop yesterday! The children absolutely loved browsing and choosing their books. We were also delighted to select over 40 new books to add to our school library.

Happy reading, everyone! 📖 ✨



### **Pumpkin Carving Competition**

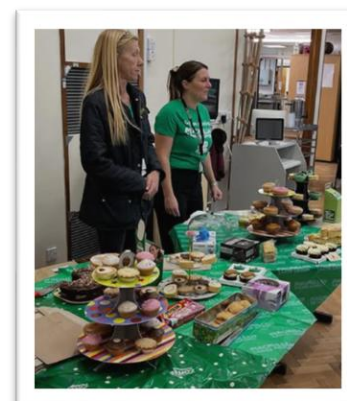
From Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October to Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, the children are invited to bring in a carved pumpkin and place it at the front of school, near the information board, for display. If you would like to, please place a battery light inside it, so it glows at night. It should also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



### **Macmillan Coffee Morning – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October**

On Wednesday, our school community came together to enjoy a wonderful Macmillan Coffee Morning in support of Macmillan Cancer Support. Families, staff, and friends joined us for coffee, conversation, and, of course, plenty of delicious cakes kindly donated by our generous parents and carers. It was lovely to see everyone taking time to connect and contribute to such an important cause. Thanks to your kindness and support, we raised an amazing £167.20 to help Macmillan continue their incredible work supporting people living with cancer.

A huge thank you to everyone who baked, donated, and joined us - your efforts made the event a real success!



**Pupil of the Week W/E 17.10.25**

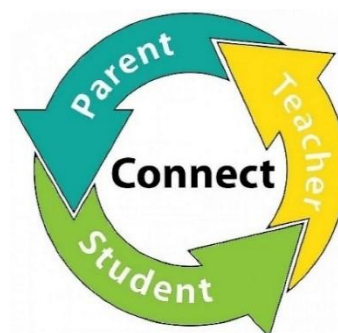
Well done to the following children who have been awarded pupil of the week for going the extra mile with their learning / displaying the school values.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Pupil</b>
Branches	Abigail C
F1 Miss French & Mrs Binns	Myra C
F2 Mrs Brown & Mrs Whitfield	O'Shae C & Sophia M
Y1/2 Miss Hennigan	Jude M
Y1/2 Miss Brown	Dolly-M C
Y2 Miss Booth	Eddie N
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Keira-I S
Y3 Miss Jackson	Henry H
Y4 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	Ethan Z
Y4 Mr Purdy	Ella A
Y5 Mr Jones	Whitney A
Y6 Mr Thomas	Liam H
Y6 Mrs Brady	Brooke P



**Home School Partnership**

<b>Pupil</b>	<b>For</b>
Evie H	Competed in UDO North East Qualifier in Darlington, and has now qualified to compete at the World Championships in 2026.
Freddie F	Being awarded Player of the Match at football
Mollie B-W	Achieving Star of the Week at gymnastics
Freddie M	Obtaining his orange belt in martial arts
Harry B	Being awarded Man of the Match at football
Ada W	Being Star of the Week at acro
Willow R	Her incredible accomplishments in dance
Harry B	Achieving Player of the Match at football
Lyla O	Achieving her Cheesy Cheese Challenge
Georgie O	Achieving her Cheesy Cheese Challenge
Lucy H	Achieving her Cheesy Cheese Challenge
Amber P	Her incredible achievements in dance



## 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.



## TAKEHOME

13th - 19th  
October



## In the news this week

This year marks the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations (UN), an international organisation founded after the Second World War in 1945, to help countries work together and prevent future conflicts. Today, 193 nations are members, and the UN works on issues like peacekeeping, human rights, health, and climate change. Leaders and communities around the world are reflecting on how important working together is in solving global problems.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- Why do you think countries made the decision to work together?
- What problems today do you believe countries need to solve together? Ask others at home what they think.
- Come up with different ways we can be 'peacekeepers' in our own families, schools, or communities.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

[www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss](http://www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss)



**'Moments Matter, Attendance Counts'**

**Attendance Challenge Winners – W/E 10/10/2025 (Autumn 1, 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	85.6%	All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box
	F2 Mrs Whitfield Mrs Brown	96.6%	
KS1	Y1/2 Miss Hennigan	97.3%	Y1/2 Miss Hennigan – Pyjama Day Thursday 23rd October
	Y1/2 Miss Brown	97%	
	Y2 Miss Booth	97.2%	
LKS2	Y3 Miss Jackson	96.2%	Y3 Mrs Roberts – Pyjama Day Thursday 23rd October
	Y3 Mrs Roberts	97.9%	
	Y4 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	97.6%	
	Y4 Mr Purdy	93.6%	
UKS2	Y5 Mr Jones	96.8%	Y6 Mr Thomas – Pyjama Day Tuesday 21st October Y5 Mr Jones – Pyjama Day Thursday 23rd October
	Y6 Mr Thomas	96.8%	
	Y6 Mrs Brady	94.5%	
Total	96.14%		

**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

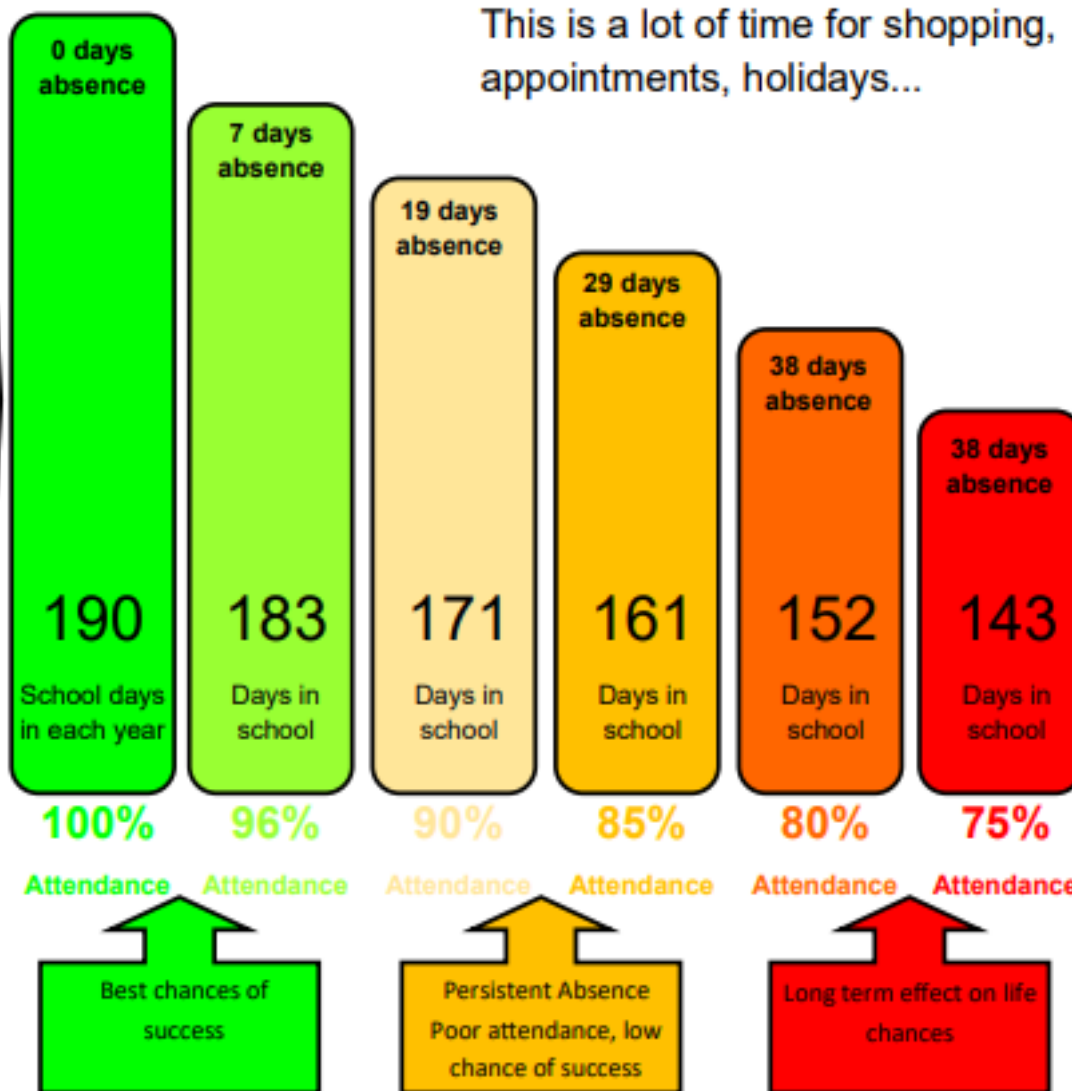


# Good attendance at Brooke Primary Academy means...

...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

### Autumn 1

- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October** – Final day to purchase Halloween Disco tickets [Halloween-Disco-Beginnings-and-Nursery.pdf](#) [Halloween-Disco-Reception-Year-6.pdf](#)
- **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October & Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** – Parent's Evening
- **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** – Beginnings and F1 Halloween Disco [Halloween-Disco-Beginnings-and-Nursery.pdf](#)
- **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October** – **School Closure Day, school closed to all children**
- **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October** – **School closes for half term**

### Autumn 2

- **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** – School re-opens to children
- **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** – Reception -Y6 Halloween Discos [Halloween-Disco-Reception-Year-6.pdf](#)
- **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 3.30pm** – **Y5 PGL Parent Meeting** [PGL-2026.pdf](#)
- **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November** – EYFS Nursery Rhyme Performances [World-Nursery-Rhyme-Week.pdf](#)
- **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November** – Y6 SATs Parent Workshop [SATs-Parent-Letter.pdf](#)
- **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November** – Y3 Stoneage Day
- **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November** – Children In Need [Children-In-Need-2025.pdf](#)
- **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – Reception to Y6 Flu Immunisation Day
- **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November** – **Staff Training Day, school closed to all pupils**
- **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – EYFS Nativity Performance – details to follow
- **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day – details to follow
- **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 10am** – Y5/Y6 Christmas Concert at St Nicholas Church
- **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am & 2.30pm** – Y1 & Y2 Christmas Concert – details to follow
- **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am & 2.15pm** – Y3 & Y4 Christmas Concert – details to follow
- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December AM** – Christmas Choir to sing at Sainsburys and Lidl
- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Fayre
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – School closes for the end of term

Have a wonderful weekend.

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