

## Brooke Primary Academy

### Weekly News

#### Children in Need Day

On Friday, our school came together to support Children in Need. Pupils arrived dressed in yellow or Pudsey-themed outfits, bringing a bright and cheerful atmosphere to the day. Children in Need is a national campaign that helps support vulnerable children and young people across the UK, making our involvement both meaningful and important.

Some classes joined in with the Joe Wicks workout, while others took part in themed activities throughout the day. It was wonderful to see so many children getting involved and enjoying themselves.

Thank you for your generosity - together we raised **£239.50** for this fantastic cause.



### Space Dome Visit

Thank you to Wonder Dome Planetarium for visiting our Year 5 children and delivering an immersive presentation on space, the solar system, and our planets. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged and excited by what's out there - and to watch them bring that curiosity into their science lessons.



### Snow Fun

Our children made the most of yesterday's snowfall and had a fantastic time exploring the wintery weather. From excited faces at the windows to joyful play outside, it was lovely to see everyone embracing the snow together. Moments like these bring so much energy to our school community, and the children's enthusiasm was truly contagious.



## Christmas Fayre

We are excited to announce that our Christmas Fayre will be held on **Wednesday 17th December!** It promises to be a fun-filled event with a range of activities for all the family, including a special performance from our Christmas Choir and the return of Brooke's Christmas Bonanza.

If you would like to book a stall at the Fayre, please contact the school office on 01405 812200 or email them at

[br-admin@vennacademy.org](mailto:br-admin@vennacademy.org)

Don't forget to check out the poster below for our Christmas Photoshoot, which is available to pre-book.

We look forward to seeing you there! 🎅 ✨



**BROOKE**  
Primary Academy  
**Christmas Fayre**  
17th December

Christmas Mini Photoshoot with Memory Capture Photography

10 minute slots  
3:15pm-5pm  
£10 for x2 digital photos  
£20 for all photos  
£10 deposit required

**Book your space:**  
Message MCP on Facebook  
Email: amy.allsoop@hotmail.co.uk  
Text: 07783606347  
Non-refundable deposit – Bank transfer

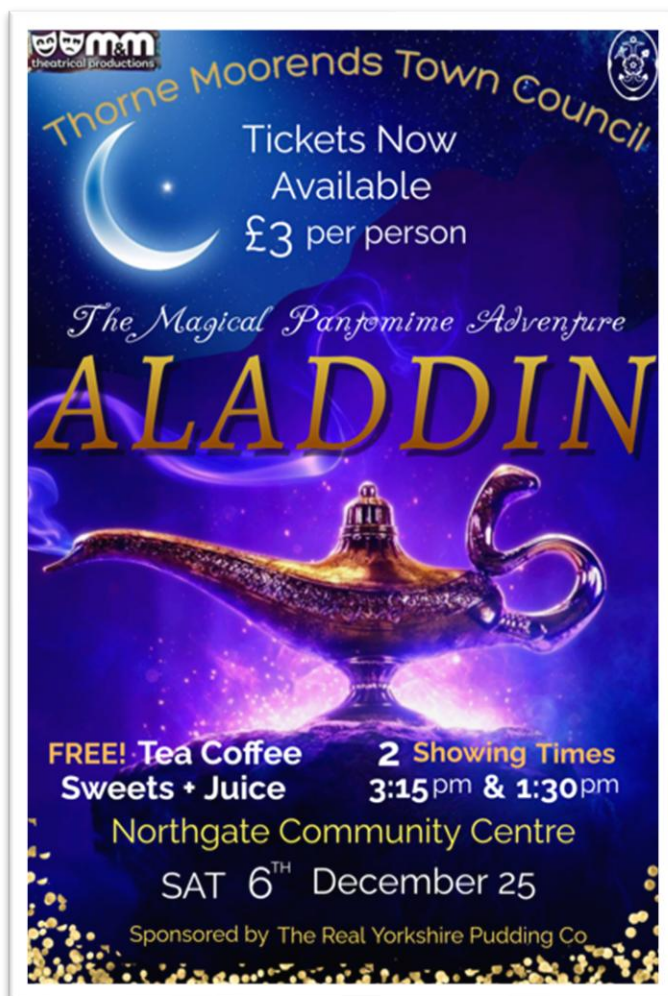
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### Aladdin

Tickets are still available for the 3:15 pm showing of the Pantomime Aladdin. To book, please ring 01405 818015 or email [admin@thorne-moorends.gov.uk](mailto:admin@thorne-moorends.gov.uk)



### School Closure Day

Parents and Carers are kindly reminded that next Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> November, will be a school closure day. We will re-open to all children on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December.

**Pupil of the Week W/E 21.11.25**

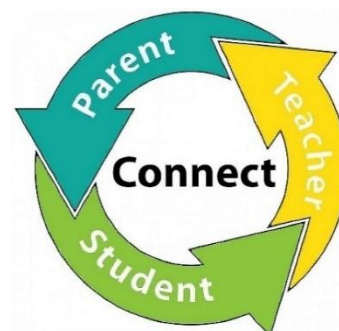
Well done to the following children who have been awarded pupil of the week for going the extra mile with their learning / displaying the school values.

Class	Pupil
Branches	Cruz C
F1 Miss French & Mrs Binns	Nerea C
F2 Mrs Brown & Mrs Whitfield	Emilia-J R, Arthur W
Y1/2 Miss Hennigan	Patrick G
Y1/2 Miss Brown	Roman W
Y2 Miss Booth	Harry B
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Henri B
Y3 Miss Jackson	Lucy H
Y4 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	Humaira N
Y4 Mr Purdy	Olivia N
Y5 Mr Jones	Jessica S
Y6 Mr Thomas	Libby S
Y6 Mrs Brady	Diana O



**Home School Partnership**

Pupil	For
Savannah C	Achievements in dance
Santanna C	Achievements in dance
Ada W	Achieving Star of the Day 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

Nike has revealed a new type of powered shoe, called Project Amplify, which uses small motors to boost a person's walking and running movement. The shoes are designed to reduce tiredness and make everyday movement easier, especially for those who need extra support. Nike says the aim is to help people stay active, independent and mobile in their daily lives.

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

- > Explain and share your thoughts with someone at home about the new shoe design.
- > Do you believe everyone should be allowed to use the same technology, or should some things be only for people who really need them?
- > Can you think of other technologies designed to make life easier? Which do you use?

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 14/11/2025 (Autumn 2, Week 2)**

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	98.4%	All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box
	F2 Mrs Whitfield Mrs Brown	94.6%	
KS1	Y1/2 Miss Hennigan	98.3%	Y1/2 Miss Hennigan – Breakfast treat
	Y1/2 Miss Brown	96.3%	
	Y2 Miss Booth	94.5%	
LKS2	Y3 Miss Jackson	89.3%	Y3 Mrs Roberts – Hot chocolates and cream
	Y3 Mrs Roberts	99.3%	
	Y4 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	97.6%	
	Y4 Mr Purdy	94.8%	
UKS2	Y5 Mr Jones	93.5%	Y6 Mrs Brady – Cookies and milkshake
	Y6 Mr Thomas	96.7%	
	Y6 Mrs Brady	97.7%	
Total	95.26%		

**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

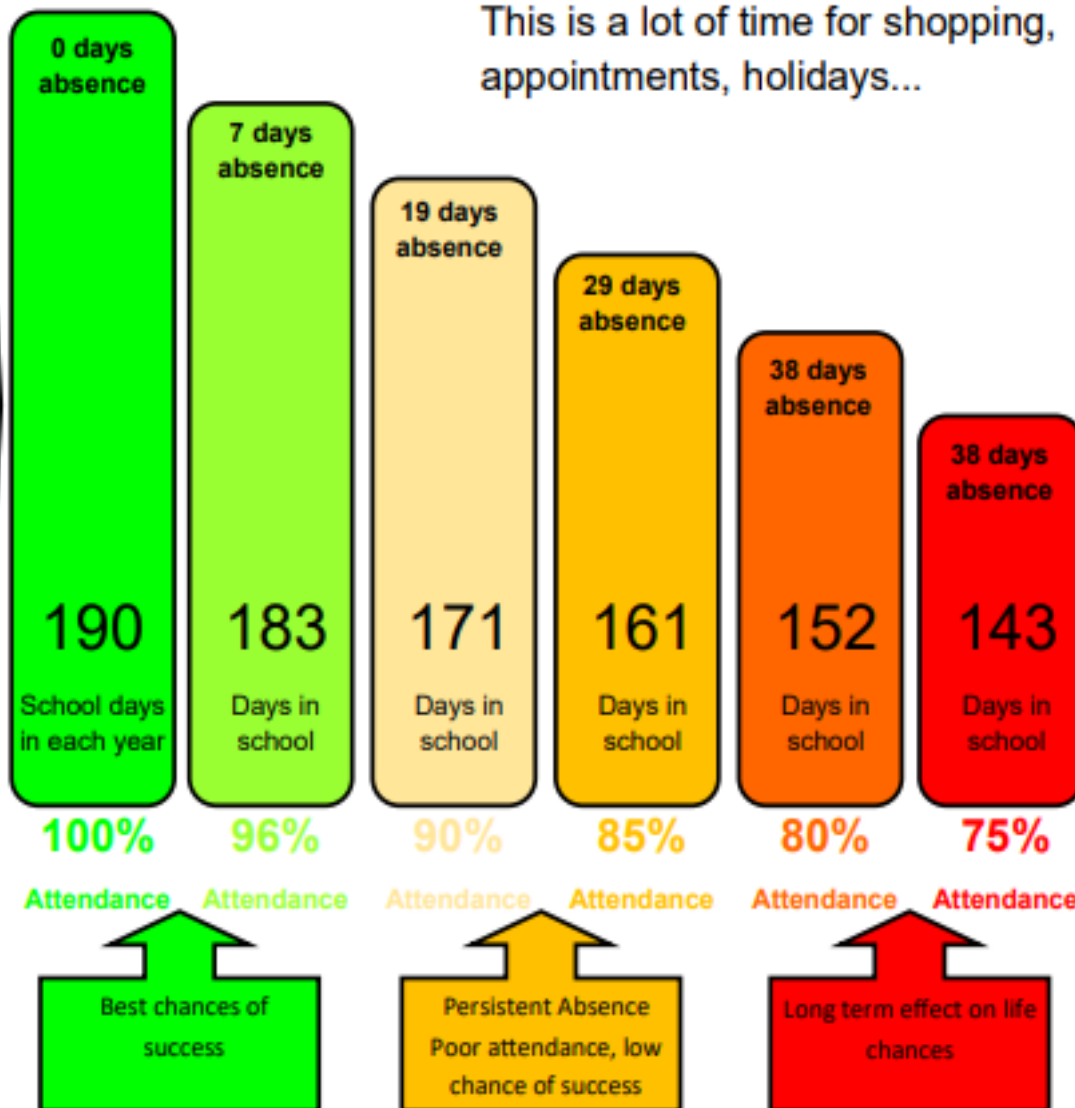


# Good attendance at Brooke Primary Academy means...

...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 2**

- **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Staff Training Day, school closed to all pupils**
- **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Choir Concert 2.30pm**
- **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 8.45am – F2 Christmas Reading (in classroom)**
- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am – Beginnings Christmas Event**
- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December AM – Christmas Choir to sing at Sainsburys and Lidl**
- **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 3.15pm – Christmas Fayre**
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December – School closes for the end of term**

Have a wonderful weekend.

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