

## Brooke Primary Academy

### Weekly News

#### VENN Science Summit

Our Science Ambassadors had a fantastic time at the Science Summit this week. They enjoyed engaging talks from Yorkshire Water and WaterAid before taking part in a practical activity where they built their own water filters to explore the first step in creating clean water. It was a brilliant day, and the ambassadors have returned full of exciting ideas to share in school. Keep an eye out for their upcoming work as they help raise awareness of just how important water is in our world.



#### White Ribbon Football Tournament Success!

Today, the Trust held a special football tournament to raise awareness for White Ribbon Day. Brooke took ten Year 6 boys and girls to represent our school — and they were absolutely incredible!

The team played fantastic football, involving everyone, showing great teamwork, and demonstrating outstanding respect throughout the day.

Their brilliant effort was rewarded when they went on to **win the entire tournament!** Unbeaten from start to finish, they proudly brought home the White Ribbon Cup.

We are so proud of each and every one of them.  
More details and photos to follow in next week's newsletter.



### Playground Games

Last week, our teachers took part in training delivered by Club Doncaster focused on playground games. This week, the children have been trying out these new games on the playground, and they have thoroughly enjoyed them.



### 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

**MCP**

### Non-Uniform Day – Thursday 4th December

On Thursday 4th December, children are invited to come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a donation of chocolate for our Christmas chocolate raffle. All donations are greatly appreciated and will help make the raffle a big success. Thank you for your support!

**Pupil of the Week W/E 27.11.25**

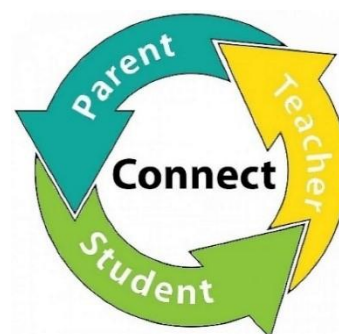
Well done to the following children who have been awarded pupil of the week for going the extra mile with their learning / displaying the school values.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Pupil</b>
Branches	Bear P
F1 Miss French & Mrs Binns	Lottie R
F2 Mrs Brown & Mrs Whitfield	Laura-M H, Gracie-M T
Y1/2 Miss Hennigan	Maria Z
Y1/2 Miss Brown	Emily H
Y2 Miss Booth	Joseph W
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Dottie H
Y3 Miss Jackson	Ruby K
Y4 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	Kavya K
Y4 Mr Purdy	Noah J
Y5 Mr Jones	George C
Y6 Mr Thomas	Lois C
Y6 Mrs Brady	Ruby R



**Home School Partnership**

<b>Pupil</b>	<b>For</b>
Lilly C	Amazing extra work completed at home
Gabriella H	Achievements in dance
Clark G	Being awarded Player of the Week at football



## 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.



**What are some of the different ways we can express ourselves?**

## In the news this week

McDonald's changed the colours of its famous Happy Meal box in the UK, making it white on three sides, for children to colour and design it themselves. The company said the new boxes encourage creativity and let children express their ideas and feelings through drawing. Four million of the new 'colour-your-own' boxes have been given out as a trial to see how children respond.

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

- Talk to someone at home about the campaign. Share your thoughts – do you think it's a good idea? Share what you might draw on the box.
- One of the aims of the campaign is to encourage children to express themselves. Do you believe it achieves this aim? Can you think of any other ideas?

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 21/11/2025 (Autumn 2, 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	86.7%	All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box
	F2 Mrs Whitfield Mrs Brown	95.7%	
KS1	Y1/2 Miss Hennigan	94.8%	Y1/2 Miss Brown – Extra playtime
	Y1/2 Miss Brown	95.8%	
	Y2 Miss Booth	93.8%	
LKS2	Y3 Miss Jackson	97.9%	Y3 Miss Jackson – Hot chocolate
	Y3 Mrs Roberts	94.7%	
	Y4 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	94.4%	
	Y4 Mr Purdy	96.1%	
UKS2	Y5 Mr Jones	96.1%	Y6 Mrs Brady – Pyjama Day Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December
	Y6 Mr Thomas	96.7%	
	Y6 Mrs Brady	97.3%	
Total	94.94%		

**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

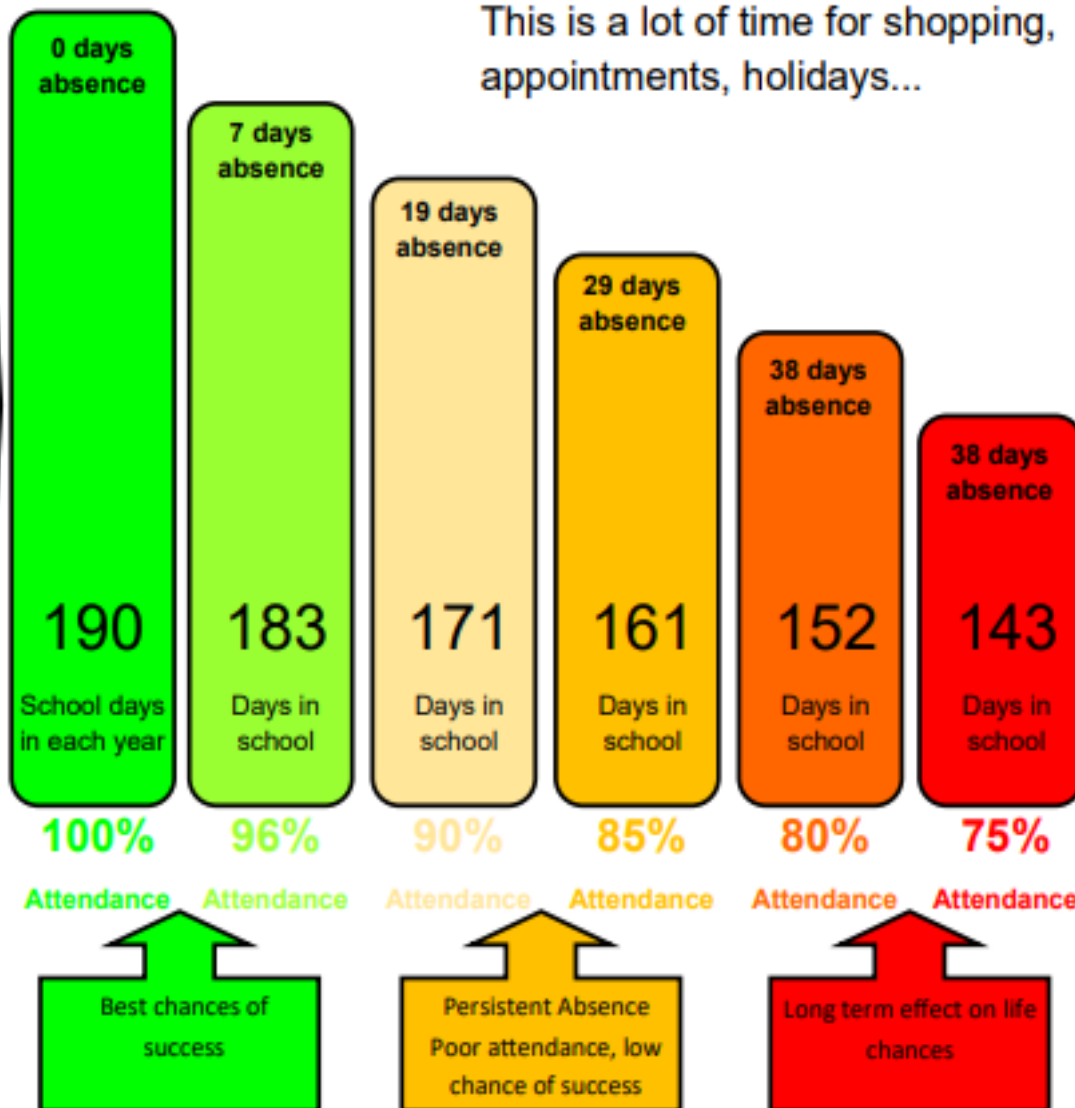


# Good attendance at Brooke Primary Academy means...

...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 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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