

Brooke Primary Academy

Weekly News

In this week's assembly, the children learned about the importance of mindfulness and being present in the moment. Mrs Eggleton introduced the new Hear My Voice empowerment tokens, which encourage children to recognise and manage their emotions, stay calm, and show awareness of how they are feeling. When staff notice children demonstrating these mindful behaviours in school, they can award a token. These will be collected over the half term, and all tokens will be entered into a special raffle. At the end of the term, one lucky winner will be drawn! We look forward to celebrating the children's efforts as they practise being in tune with their thoughts and emotions.



Remembrance Assembly

Today, we were honoured to welcome Lance Corporal Rob Brown, an Army Reservist, into school to deliver a special assembly. Rob spoke to the children about Remembrance Sunday, explaining why we wear a poppy and what it represents.

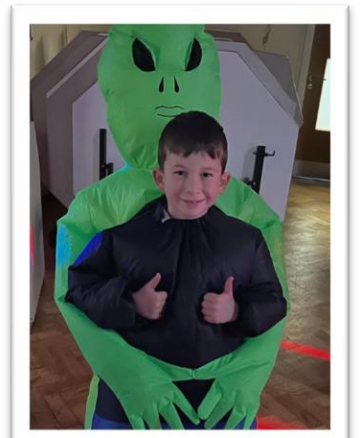
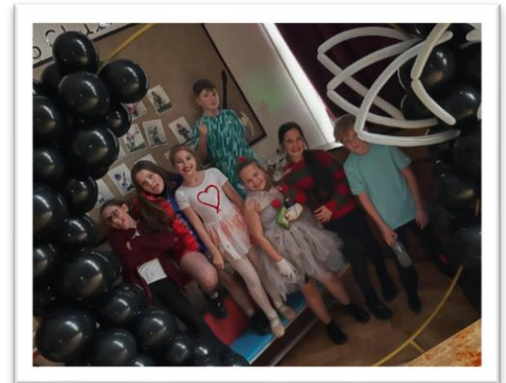
The children learned that the red poppy is a symbol of remembrance and hope for a peaceful future. We discussed why it is important to remember those who have helped keep us safe, both in the past and today.

A huge thank you to Rob for visiting our school and sharing his time and knowledge with us — we really appreciate his support in helping the children understand the significance of Remembrance.



Halloween Disco

This week, we enjoyed our Halloween Disco! The children looked fantastic in their costumes and certainly brought their best dance moves. A big thank you to all the parents and carers who supported the event. The money raised will go into our school fund, which helps to provide special experiences for the children — including our upcoming Pantomime. Your support makes a real difference, and we are very grateful.



SEND Coffee Morning

On Wednesday morning, we hosted a SEND Coffee Morning, run in partnership with PINS (Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools). The session was led by Giovanni, a parent/carer representative and outreach officer.

These coffee mornings are designed to strengthen the connection between school and families, providing parents with valuable information and support. They also offer an opportunity to meet with Giovanni and our SENCO, Mrs Jowitt, as well as to connect with other parents for peer support.

We hold these coffee mornings and parent workshops each half term to empower parents with knowledge and build a supportive community.

The next dates are 4th February and 11th March



Anti-Bullying Week – Next Week

Next week, we will be taking part in Anti-Bullying Week across the school. Throughout the week, the children will be exploring the importance of kindness, respect, and celebrating differences through a range of thoughtful and fun activities.

We will be starting the week with Odd Socks Day on Monday. Children are invited to come to school wearing odd socks to help us celebrate the message that we are all unique and special in our own way.

Over the week, we will also be taking part in activities that focus on:

- Being kind and supportive to others
- Thinking about how our words can make others feel
- Building and celebrating positive friendships

We are looking forward to a meaningful and enjoyable week, and we thank you for your support in helping us promote kindness and inclusion in our school community.



Congratulations

We are thrilled to share some lovely news — Miss French and her partner are expecting their third baby! Congratulations to them both.

We're Hiring!

We currently have a vacancy in our school, click the link below for further details.

[Job Vacancies - Brooke Primary Academy](#)

Pupil of the Week W/E 07.11.25

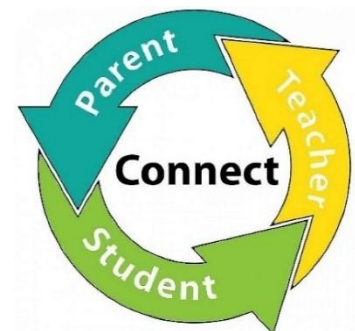
Well done to the following children who have been awarded pupil of the week for going the extra mile with their learning / displaying the school values.

Class	Pupil
Branches	Bonnie-R B
F1 Miss French & Mrs Binns	Israel L
F2 Mrs Brown & Mrs Whitfield	Alaric B & Bobby W
Y1/2 Miss Hennigan	Skylar C
Y1/2 Miss Brown	Bunnie-M H
Y2 Miss Booth	Vincent G
Y3 Mrs Roberts	George N
Y3 Miss Jackson	Lilly C
Y4 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	Isla S
Y4 Mr Purdy	Cohen S
Y5 Mr Jones	Emmitt R
Y6 Mr Thomas	Faith H
Y6 Mrs Brady	Logan C



Home School Partnership

Pupil	For
Francesca R	Achievements in football
Sophia L	Her awards in dancing
Eddison H	His award in football
Santanna C	Completing all of her additional work at home
Georgie O’N	Achieving four new badges at Rainbows
Aria S	Being placed 7 th in her dance competition
Arrow A	Achieving Trainer of the Week and Man of the Match at football
Penny L	Achieving 1 st place with her horse Blackjack
Benny S	Being awarded 3 Players of the Match



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

An animal charity, called Redwings Horse Sanctuary, has asked the government to make fireworks quieter to help protect animals and people. Loud fireworks can scare pets, wildlife, and some people who find sudden noises upsetting. Supporters of the campaign say we can still celebrate with low-noise fireworks or light shows that keep everyone safe and happy.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you celebrate Bonfire Night or an occasion with fireworks?
- > Do you enjoy fireworks? Discuss with someone at home.
- > The campaign suggests low-noise fireworks and drone shows as alternatives to traditional fireworks. For each, think about the pros and cons.

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 23/10/2025 (Autumn 1, Week 8)

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	92.2%	All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box
	F2 Mrs Whitfield Mrs Brown	89.3%	
KS1	Y1/2 Miss Hennigan	95.6%	Y1/2 – Miss Brown - Milkshakes
	Y1/2 Miss Brown	96.7%	
	Y2 Miss Booth	88.8%	
LKS2	Y3 Miss Jackson	90.9%	Y4 – Mr Purdy – Pyjama day Thursday 13 th November
	Y3 Mrs Roberts	89.7%	
	Y4 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	95%	
	Y4 Mr Purdy	96.5%	
UKS2	Y5 Mr Jones	97.6%	Y5 – Mr Jones - Pyjama day Thursday 13 th November
	Y6 Mr Thomas	88.1%	
	Y6 Mrs Brady	96.6%	
Total		92.76%	

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

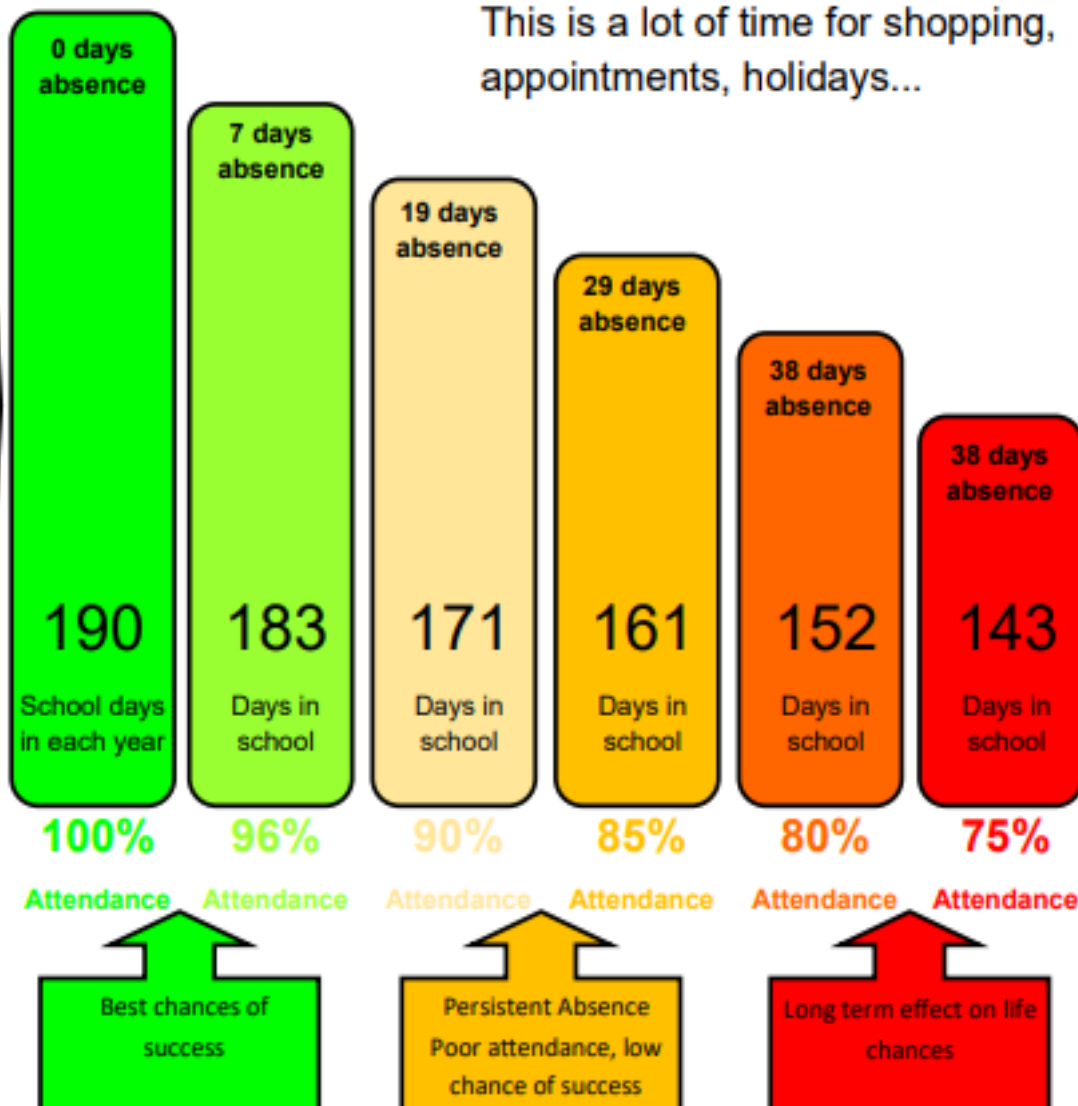


Good attendance at Brooke Primary Academy means...

...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

- **Monday 10th November** – Odd Socks Day
- **Wednesday 12th November** – EYFS Nursery Rhyme Performances [World-Nursery-Rhyme-Week.pdf](#)
- **Tuesday 11th November** – Y6 SATs Parent Workshop [SATs-Parent-Letter.pdf](#)
- **Thursday 13th November** – Y3 Stoneage Day
- **Friday 14th November** – Children In Need [Children-In-Need-2025.pdf](#)
- **Monday 17th November** – Reception to Y6 Flu Immunisation Day
- **Friday 28th November** – **Staff Training Day, school closed to all pupils**
- **Friday 5th December** – Christmas Choir Concert 2.30pm
- **Wednesday 10th December** – EYFS Nativity Performance – details to follow
- **Thursday 11th December** – Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day – details to follow
- **Friday 12th December 10am** – Y5/Y6 Christmas Concert at St Nicholas Church
- **Monday 15th December 9.15am & 2.30pm** – Y1 & Y2 Christmas Concert – details to follow
- **Tuesday 16th December 9.15am & 2.15pm** – Y3 & Y4 Christmas Concert – details to follow
- **Wednesday 17th December AM** – Christmas Choir to sing at Sainsburys and Lidl
- **Wednesday 17th December** – Christmas Fayre
- **Friday 19th December** – School closes for the end of term

Have a wonderful weekend.

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