

# Brooke Primary Academy

## Weekly News

### **Year 6 VENN Olympics**

Year 6 had a fantastic day visiting the English Institute of Sport, where British Olympians, Paralympians and world champions train. The children enjoyed a range of exciting sporting activities, including 60m and 200m runs on the impressive indoor track. Everyone threw themselves into the experience and had a wonderful time.



### **Doncaster RE Team**

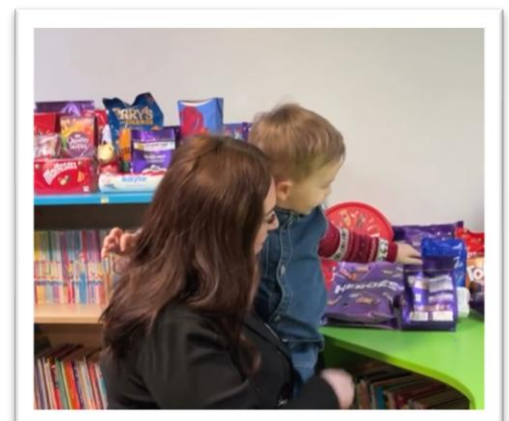
On Monday, we welcomed Amy from the Doncaster RE team into school. She spoke to the children about how we know it is Christmas, exploring its signs and symbols. The children took part enthusiastically, helping by pulling different objects from her bag to support the discussion. Amy then read a story linked to Christmas and shared a Christian Christmas prayer with the children.



### **Non-Uniform Day**

A big thank you to everyone who came to school in non-uniform yesterday and donated chocolate for our Christmas Fayre raffle. It was wonderful to see so many generous contributions, and we are incredibly grateful for your support.

Our parent group is passionate about providing opportunities for the children, and the money raised through events like this makes a real difference in supporting those experiences. Thank you again to everyone who contributed.



### Christmas Baubles

A big thank you to one of our parents for the lovely idea of giving every child the opportunity to bring a bauble into school to decorate our Christmas tree. It has been wonderful to watch the children arrive proudly with their decorations. These do not have to be shop-bought—handmade baubles are just as special, and every one has added something unique to our tree. We can't wait to bring them out year after year as a cherished tradition.

It has been a joy to hear children walk into the hall and excitedly say, "That's my bauble!" Thank you to all the parents who have supported this lovely idea and helped make it so special for the children—we truly appreciate your time and generosity.



### 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

**Pupil of the Week W/E 05.12.25**

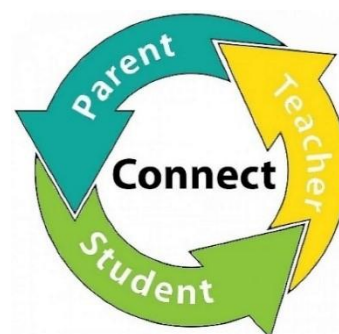
Well done to the following children who have been awarded pupil of the week for going the extra mile with their learning / displaying the school values.

<b>Class</b>	<b>Pupil</b>
Branches	George W
F1 Miss French & Mrs Binns	Lily R
F2 Mrs Brown & Mrs Whitfield	Mia A, Jaxon H
Y1/2 Miss Hennigan	Jack P
Y1/2 Miss Brown	Nikodem B
Y2 Miss Booth	Kevin W
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Gabriella H
Y3 Miss Jackson	Jakob R
Y4 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	Libby W
Y4 Mr Purdy	Reuben J
Y5 Mr Jones	Oliver A
Y6 Mr Thomas	Billie-J H
Y6 Mrs Brady	Tiffany M



**Home School Partnership**

<b>Pupil</b>	<b>For</b>
Ruby R	Her award of 'Player of the Match' at rugby
William D	Achieving his 'Rookie Lifeguard' silver award
George C	Gaining the 'Top Tackle' award at rugby
Lucas P	Being awarded 'Star of the Class' at martial arts
Leo M	Completing his level 6 at swimming
Eva C-R	Her amazing pop up book that she made at home



## 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.



### How important is it to feel a sense of togetherness?



## In the news this week

On Friday, the Princess of Wales will host her annual carol service, which will bring people together to celebrate kindness, connection, and community. The event aims to show how love can link people of all ages, backgrounds, and beliefs, especially at times when the world can feel divided. It encourages everyone to think about the power of togetherness and the importance of supporting one another with compassion and joy.

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

- Talk to someone at home – are they interested in this concert? Do you or they believe it will achieve its aim in bringing people together?
- Are there any services, concerts, or events that you will be attending during the festive period?
- Talk about what 'togetherness' means to you and your people at home.

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 27/11/2025 (Autumn 2, Week 4)**

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	90.3%	All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box
	F2 Mrs Whitfield Mrs Brown	91.4%	
KS1	Y1/2 Miss Hennigan	94.7%	Y1/2 Miss Brown – Christmas Movie and Popcorn
	Y1/2 Miss Brown	96.4%	
	Y2 Miss Booth	83.2%	
LKS2	Y3 Miss Jackson	94.8%	Y4 Mr Purdy – Non Uniform Day Friday 12th
	Y3 Mrs Roberts	92.5%	
	Y4 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	91%	
	Y4 Mr Purdy	99%	
UKS2	Y5 Mr Jones	95.6%	Y6 Mrs Brady – Non Uniform /Pyjama Day Wednesday 10th
	Y6 Mr Thomas	88.6%	
	Y6 Mrs Brady	97.2%	
Total	92.72%		

**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

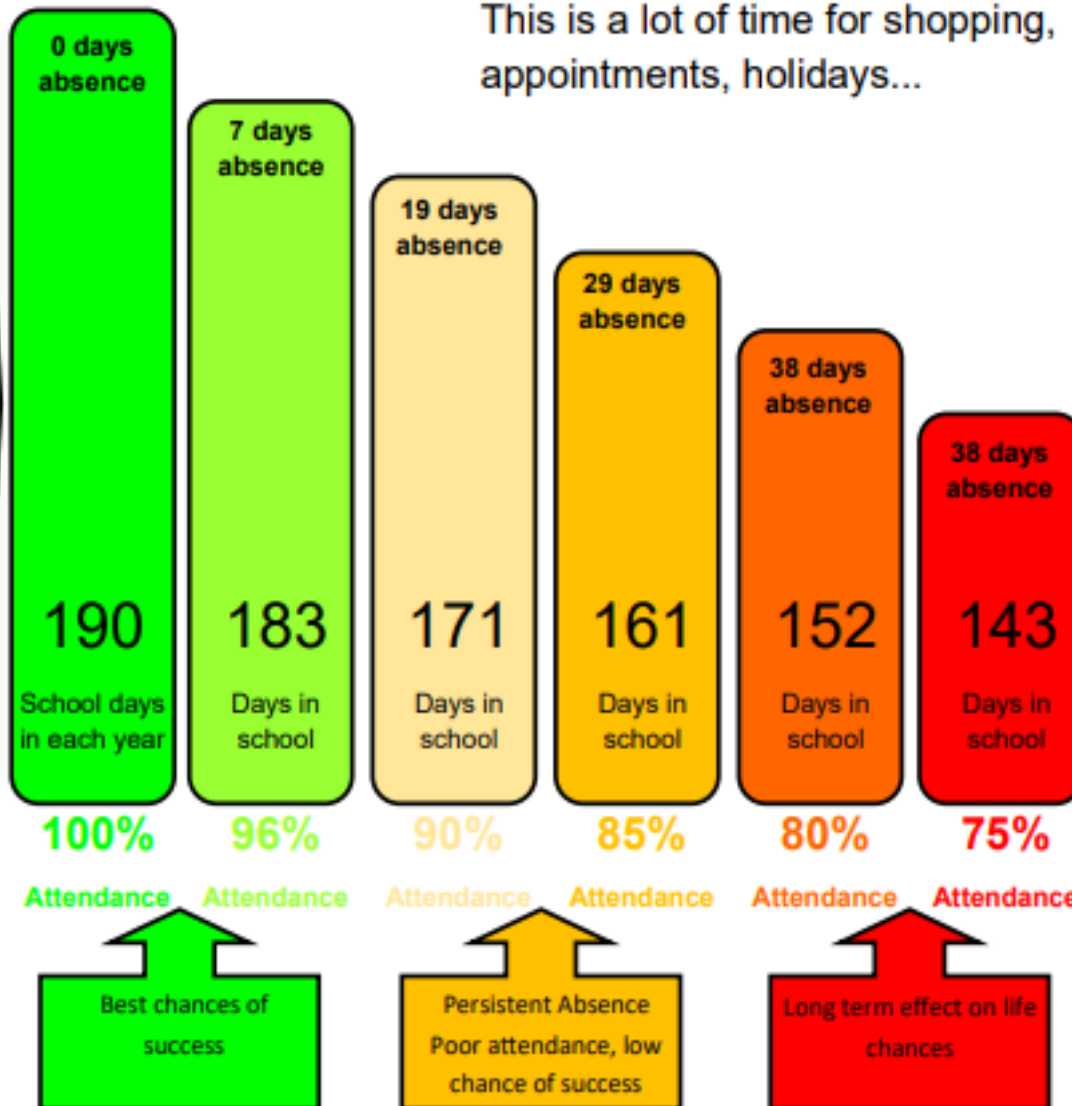


# Good attendance at Brooke Primary Academy means...

...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

- **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** – EYFS Nativity Performance – [Christmas-Performances-2025.pdf](#)
- **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day
- **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 10am** – Y5/Y6 Christmas Concert at St Nicholas Church [Christmas-Performances-2025.pdf](#)
- **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am & 2.30pm** – Y1 & Y2 Christmas Concert – [Christmas-Performances-2025.pdf](#)
- **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am & 2.15pm** – Y3 & Y4 Christmas Concert – [Christmas-Performances-2025.pdf](#)
- **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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