

# Brooke Primary Academy

## Weekly News

What a busy first week back it has been! We have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming all of the children back to school, even with the colder weather. It has been a pleasure to welcome lots of new starters, particularly in Beginnings and Nursery.

Moving into a new class or setting is a big change for children, and we are extremely proud of how well they have settled. They are already building positive relationships with staff and peers, and we know they will continue to thrive and enjoy their time with us.



### **Miss French Maternity Leave**

We are also very excited to announce that Mr Moore has returned to school after spending the last two years working overseas. Mr Moore will be covering Miss French's maternity leave, and we are delighted to welcome him back into our school community.

### **School Pantomime**

Next week, we are very excited to welcome M & M Theatrical Productions, who will be performing their Cinderella pantomime for the children – a wonderful experience for everyone to look forward to!

### **Empowerment Focus**

This week, we also introduced our new empowerment focus: Energy. For this half term, we will be highlighting the importance of taking care of both our bodies and our minds. Throughout school, children will explore this empowerment through:

- Engaging enthusiastically in PE lessons, playground games, and sports
- Showing stamina and perseverance during physical challenges
- Choosing nutritious snacks and meals
- Using positive self-talk to build confidence when facing challenges
- Expressing emotions in a constructive way
- Setting personal goals to take part in healthy activities

Children can also continue to earn tokens for Empathy and Mindfulness, which were our empowerment focuses during Autumn 1 and 2.

## PE Days

Please note that PE days have changed for Spring 1 and will begin from Monday. The new PE days are as follows:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday
Y2 Y4 Y6	Y1	Y5 Branches F2	Y3

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to another exciting half term ahead.

Partnership for Inclusion of  
Neurodiversity in Schools

# Autism workshops for parent carers



**1. An Introduction to Autism**  
Tuesday 13 January 08:45

**2. Behaviour that Challenges: Strategies to Support your Autistic Child**  
Tuesday 20 January 08:45

**3. Coping with Anxiety: Strategies to Support your Autistic Child**  
Tuesday 27 January 08:45

Workshops are approximately 2-2.5 hours long.

Sessions will take place in the school.  
Please confirm your attendance with  
**Mrs Eggleton**

**Thorne-Moorends  
Neighbourhood Plan**



# IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

## Have Your Say on the Future of Our Town

What gets built here matters. The homes we need, where they go, and who they are for will shape our town for years to come – and this is your chance to influence those decisions.

We are carrying out a Housing Needs Survey to help shape our Neighbourhood Plan. A paper survey is being sent to a random sample of 3,200 households, but the online survey is open to everyone.

We want to hear from everyone, whether you live here now, are planning your future, thinking about moving home or downsizing, or would like to move into the area. If we don't hear from you, your needs won't be counted.

-  Survey open: 16 January – 16 February 2025
-  Paper surveys delivered: 16–23 January 2025
-  Complete the online survey: [www.tinyurl/thornemoor](http://www.tinyurl/thornemoor).

 **Prize draw:** Everyone who completes the survey will be entered into a prize draw with a £200 and a £100 voucher up for grabs!

 **Drop-in sessions to complete the survey or ask questions:**  
16 January, Assembly Rooms, Fieldside, Thorne (10am–2pm)  
4 February, Moorends Miners Welfare Centre, West Road, Moorends (5.30pm–7.30pm)

 **This is your town – whether you live here now or hope to in the future.**

For more information visit:  
<https://www.thorne-moorends.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan/>

**Pupil of the Week W/E 08.01.26**

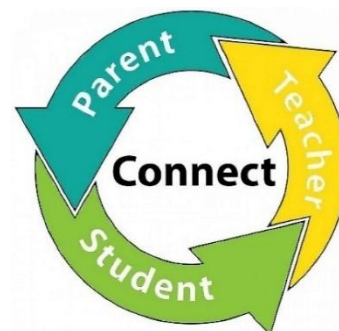
Well done to the following children who have been awarded pupil of the week for going the extra mile with their learning / displaying the school values.

Class	Pupil
Branches	Cruz C
F1 Miss French & Mrs Binns	Lily A
F2 Mrs Brown & Mrs Whitfield	Izabelle D, Harvey S
Y1/2 Miss Hennigan	Charlie J
Y1/2 Miss Brown	Elvis B
Y2 Miss Booth	Ana M
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Isla H
Y3 Miss Jackson	Jacob C
Y4 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	Ruby M
Y4 Mr Purdy	Lennon B-K
Y5 Mr Jones	Emmitt R
Y6 Mr Thomas	Evie R
Y6 Mrs Brady	Daisy S



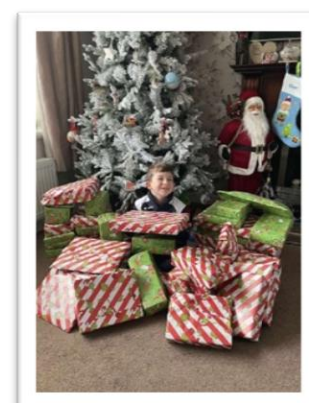
**Home School Partnership**

Pupil	For
Lucy H	Earning her Kindness at Christmas badge at Brownies
Ocean H	Passing her Stage 4 at swimming
Erin B	Adopting a donkey
Darcey C	Being awarded Star of the Week at her dance academy
Isla S	Her excellent acting performance in Peter Pan



**Headteacher's Award**

Pupil	
Oliver J	<p>We are proud to celebrate an inspiring act of kindness from one of our pupils, Oliver J. Alongside a busy schedule of sports, music and school life, Oliver has shown remarkable generosity by using his birthday and Christmas money throughout the year to buy toys for the Thorne Rural Lions Christmas Toy Appeal.</p> <p>For someone so young, Oliver's compassion and selflessness are truly inspiring, and his thoughtful efforts have helped make many children's Christmases brighter. We are incredibly proud of Oliver for being a caring and thoughtful role model.</p>



**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

The National Year of Reading 2026 is a special year, created to help children and adults in the UK enjoy reading more. Everyone is encouraged to explore all kinds of stories, books, comics, magazines, websites, and even audiobooks, with the theme 'Go All In'. Throughout the year, schools, libraries, and communities will run fun events and challenges to help everyone find a type of reading they love.

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

- Talk to someone at home about the types of books or other materials you enjoy reading.
- Ask an adult to describe their reading journey, e.g., what they liked reading as a child, what they read now.
- Why do you think fewer people read in today's world? What do you think of the initiative – is it a good idea in your view?

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 19/12/2025 (Autumn 2, Week 7)**

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	78.2%	All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box
	F2 Mrs Whitfield Mrs Brown	91.7%	
KS1	Y1/2 Miss Hennigan	90.8%	Y1/2 – Miss Hennigan – PJ Day Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January
	Y1/2 Miss Brown	90.8%	
	Y2 Miss Booth	89.3%	
LKS2	Y3 Miss Jackson	95.9%	Y4 – Mr Purdy – Cookies for the class
	Y3 Mrs Roberts	95.7%	
	Y4 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	95.2%	
	Y4 Mr Purdy	98.1%	
UKS2	Y5 Mr Jones	90.3%	Y6 Mr Thomas – PJ Day Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January
	Y6 Mr Thomas	96.4%	
	Y6 Mrs Brady	92.7%	
Total		91.9%	

**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

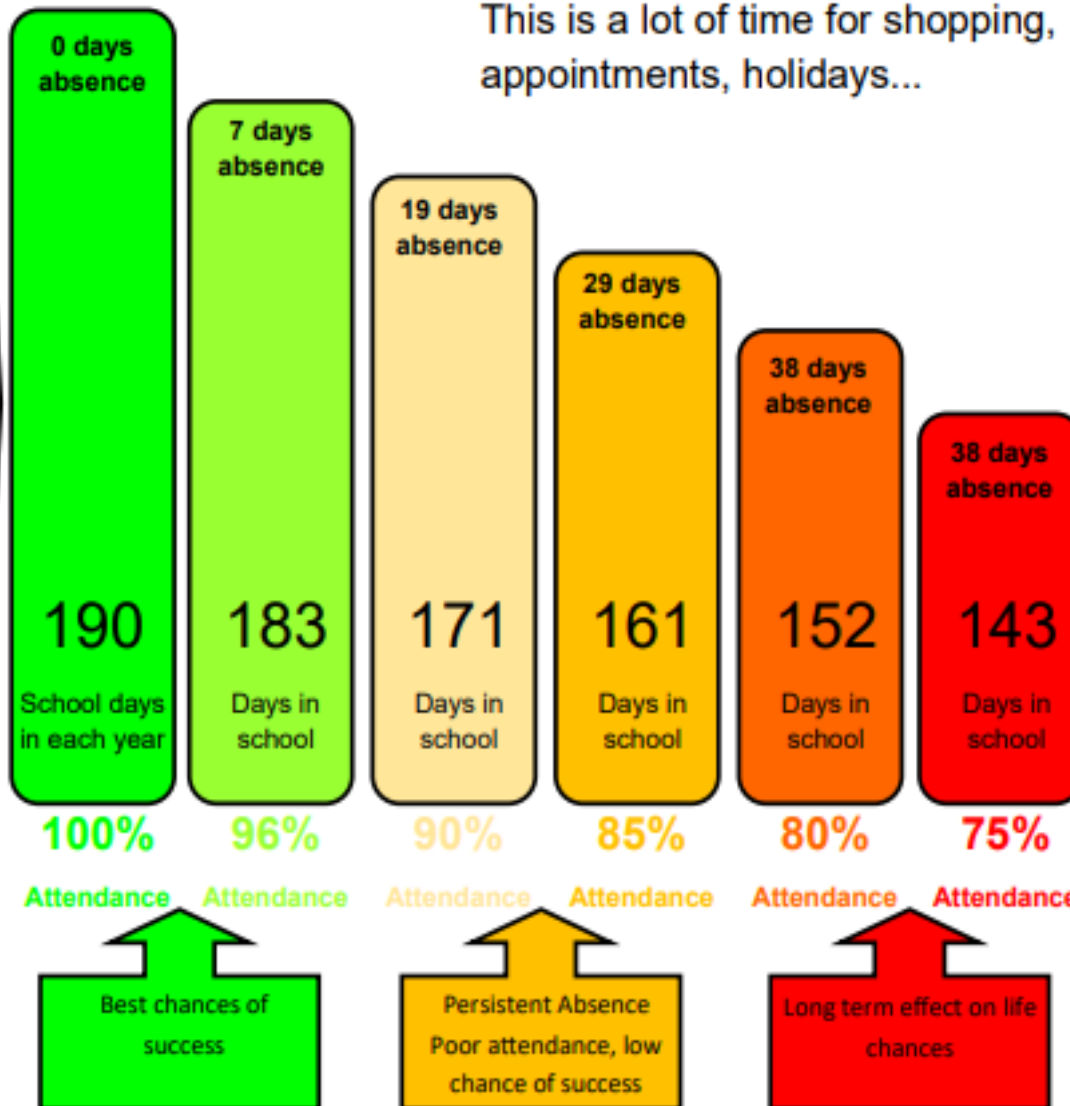


# Good attendance at Brooke Primary Academy means...

...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**

**Spring 1**

- **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January** – Pantomime ‘Cinderella’ in school
- **Friday 30<sup>th</sup>** – Young Voices (Young Voices Choir Only)
- **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February** – Y6 Trip to Crucial Crew [Y6-Crucial-Crew-Trip-.pdf](#)
- **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February** – **Y3 Egyptian Workshop** – Further details to follow

Have a wonderful weekend.

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