

Brooke Primary Academy

Weekly News

Community Ambassadors

We are incredibly proud of our Community Ambassadors, who recently took part in a fantastic community litter pick along White Gate Road and in the local park, working alongside the Well Doncaster team.

Our Community Ambassadors are a dedicated group of pupils who are passionate about making a positive difference, and they approached the day with enthusiasm, teamwork and a strong sense of responsibility. Equipped with litter pickers and bin bags, the children worked hard to help keep our local area clean and safe.

What made the day especially meaningful was hearing the pupils reflect on why this work matters. One child explained that “litter picking makes it safer for people,” while another thoughtfully shared, “we need to pick up the rubbish so the squirrels don’t eat it.” These comments show just how much care our pupils have for both people and the environment.

The ambassadors’ commitment to helping others didn’t stop there. One pupil was already thinking ahead, suggesting future projects such as doing activities to support a local care home. It’s wonderful to see our children developing such kindness and community spirit.

Simple actions like litter picking can have a big impact, especially when led by young people with such enthusiasm and compassion. Well done to our Community Ambassadors for being such positive role models and representing Brooke Primary so proudly.



Dojo Shop Assistants

We were delighted by the enthusiasm shown for our Dojo Shop Assistant roles, with over 30 children applying for the position. After careful consideration, our successful applicants have now been selected and proudly awarded their certificates.

The Dojo Shop has recently undergone a refurbishment and will be relaunching very soon. The updated shop will include exciting new prizes and events, which children can purchase using their Dojo points. These points are earned through consistently demonstrating our school values.



Well done to all of the children who applied, and a big congratulations to our newly appointed Dojo Shop Assistants. We look forward to seeing them take on their new responsibilities and support the relaunch of the Dojo Shop.

Foundation 1

We are extremely proud of how well our Early Starter children have settled into Nursery. They have been busy learning the daily routines and boundaries, as well as confidently exploring the provision and enjoying their new learning environment.

We are also very proud of our older Nursery children, who have shown great kindness by including the new starters in their play and helping them feel welcome and settled.

This half term, our topic is “Emergency 999”, and this week the children have been learning all about the police and the important role they play within our community. The children have shown great enthusiasm and are thoroughly enjoying the topic.



Parent Phonics Session

On Wednesday morning, we were pleased to welcome F2 parents and carers into school to attend a Phonics Workshop. They had the opportunity to observe a typical phonics lesson being delivered to our F2 pupils, giving them a clear insight into how phonics is taught in school.

During the session, parents were introduced to the phonics scheme we follow, Little Wandle Letters and Sounds, and the processes used within each lesson. The workshop was very well received, with parents providing positive feedback and expressing interest in attending further workshops covering other areas of the curriculum. We hope to offer more of these opportunities in the near future.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who were able to attend and support the session. For those who would like more information, we encourage parents to visit the Little Wandle website to find out more.



Pupil of the Week W/E 22.01.26

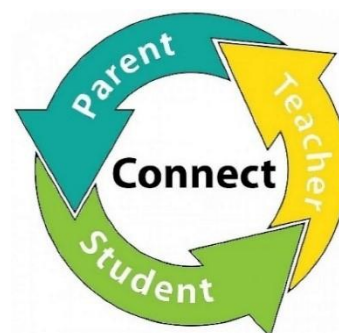
Well done to the following children who have been awarded pupil of the week for going the extra mile with their learning / displaying the school values.

Class	Pupil
Branches	Florence M
F1 Miss French & Mrs Binns	Primrose W
F2 Mrs Brown & Mrs Whitfield	Erin K, JJ-S
Y1/2 Miss Hennigan	Maya N
Y1/2 Miss Brown	Skyla P
Y2 Miss Booth	Myriam Z
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Harvey A
Y3 Miss Jackson	Hazel C
Y4 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	Oliver P
Y4 Mr Purdy	Noah J
Y5 Mr Jones	James L
Y6 Mr Thomas	Migin R
Y6 Mrs Brady	Jacob R



Home School Partnership

Pupil	For
Ruby R	Being presented with 'Opposition Player' of the match at rugby
Darcey C	Achieving two badges at her Scout group
Savannah C	Her awards at her latest dance competition
Jacob C	Scoring 52 goals in 12 games at football
Olivia M	Achieving 1st place at an Irish Dancing competition



Headteacher's Award

Pupil	For
George C	His amazing work in writing

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

Recently, a new award, called the Jane Goodall Earth Medal, has been created to celebrate people who work to help others and care for the world. It is named after Dr Jane Goodall, who spent her life protecting animals and encouraging people to look after nature. The award recognises kind and caring actions that make a positive difference, even when people are not looking for praise.

Things to talk about at home ...

- What do you think about the new award? Share with someone at home. Do you believe it's important to recognise kind actions?
- Can you think of someone you know who helps others or cares for the world in everyday ways?
- Can you come up with other ways that people can be recognised for their actions?

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 09/01/2026 (Spring 1, Week 1)

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	94.8%	All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box
	F2 Mrs Whitfield Mrs Brown	98.6%	
KS1	Y1/2 Miss Hennigan	98.3%	Y1/2 – Miss Hennigan
	Y1/2 Miss Brown	97.5%	
	Y2 Miss Booth	98%	
LKS2	Y3 Miss Jackson	99.3%	Y3 – Miss Jackson – Class PJ day – Thursday 29 th January
	Y3 Mrs Roberts	96.3%	
	Y4 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	98.8%	
	Y4 Mr Purdy	90.8%	
UKS2	Y5 Mr Jones	97.1%	Y6 Mr Thomas – Class non uniform day Tuesday 27 th January
	Y6 Mr Thomas	98.6%	
	Y6 Mrs Brady	95.9%	
Total	96.66%		

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

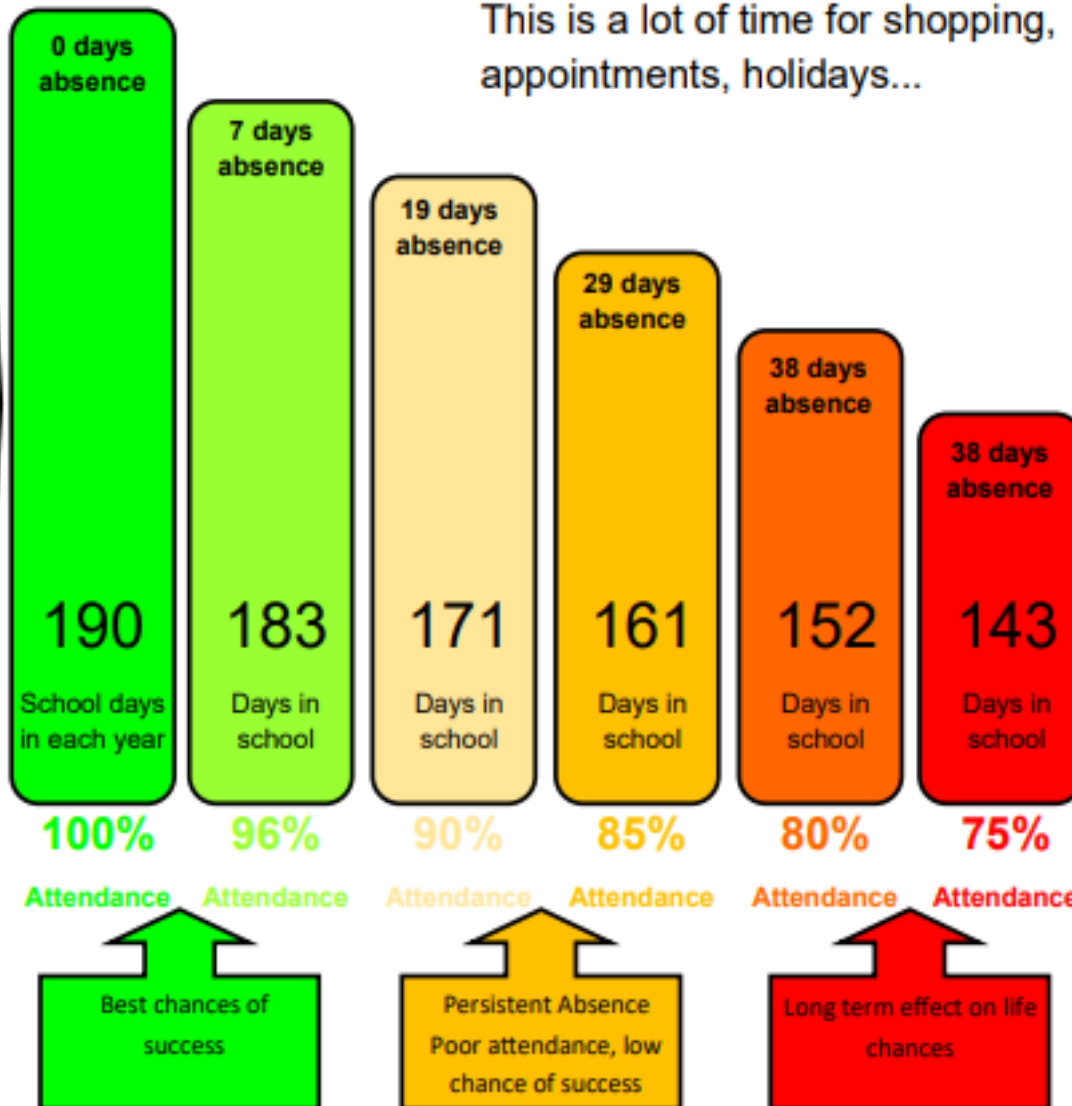


Good attendance at Brooke Primary Academy means...

...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

- **Friday 30th January** – Young Voices (Young Voices Choir Only)
- **Wednesday 11th February** – Valentines Discos [Valentines-Disco-F2-Y6.pdf](#) [Beginnings-and-Nursery-Valentines-Disco-.pdf](#)
- **Friday 13th February** – Y6 Trip to Crucial Crew [Y6-Crucial-Crew-Trip-.pdf](#)
- **Friday 13th February** – School closes for half term

Spring 2

- **Monday 23rd February** – School re-opens after half term
- **Tuesday 24th February** – Y3 Egyptian Workshop – [Y3-Egyptian-Workshop.pdf](#)

Have a wonderful weekend.

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