

Brooke Primary Academy

Weekly News

Children's Heart Surgery Fund

Today we held a Wear Red Day to raise money and awareness for the Children's Heart Surgery Fund (CHSF). This incredible charity has supported one of our school families immensely.

Freddie was born with half a heart and underwent open heart surgery at just 6 days old, again at 8 months old, and most recently in 2023 at the age of 6. He was the first child in the UK to undergo a Yasui repair - a life-changing procedure for Freddie and his family.

Throughout their journey, the Children's Heart Surgery Fund has been there every step of the way. From small but meaningful gestures, such as providing parents with much-needed coffees, to regular visits with games that offer families a few precious moments of respite, they bring warmth and positivity to the hospital ward. After surgery, every child receives a 'Katie Bear', along with a model and certificate, all provided by CHSF.

Every penny raised goes towards vital equipment for the ward. Without the support of this charity, many children would not be able to receive the level of care they need. Freddie's family are eternally grateful for the difference CHSF has made to their lives.

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in our Wear Red Day. Together, we have raised £290.74 which is greatly appreciated.



School Chicks

This week, we have been delighted to welcome three very special visitors to our school - our chicks, **Daffodil**, **Twiggy** and **Pippin**!

The children will have the opportunity to hold and help care for the chicks over the coming weeks. Our F1 and Beginnings classes had a fantastic time yesterday learning about how to look after them and enjoying their first chance to gently hold them.

The chicks are Pekin Bantams, with a beautiful Mille Fleur colouring. As they grow, we will discover whether their feathers will be smooth or frizzle.

When they are ready, the chicks will go to live with Mrs Binns. Here is Posie, one of our chicks from last year, look at how much she has grown and changed over the year.



Crucial Crew

Year 6 had a fantastic day at Crucial Crew at the Lifewise Centre in Rotherham. A specialist safety education centre, which is run by South Yorkshire Police and South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue. Crucial Crew isn't just any school trip - it's one of the most useful and memorable experiences pupils can have. We experienced a series of interactive workshops and real-life scenarios, all on a purpose-built film set. During the visit, we learnt about road and pedestrian safety, fire, bus and water safety, personal safety, and participated in many role-play scenarios including a mock courtroom and 999 calls. The children were all enthusiastic and engaged with the workshops. They have learnt so much about how to keep themselves and others safe at home and in the community.



Y3 Egyptian Day

Year 3 had an exciting Egyptian Day when Jonesy came to visit and shared some amazing facts about ancient Egypt. He introduced the class to Hounds and Jackals, a game discovered in the tomb of King Tutankhamun, which everyone loved learning about. The children also had the rare opportunity to handle real Egyptian artefacts, helping them imagine what life was like thousands of years ago. In the afternoon, disaster struck when our Pharaoh was mysteriously poisoned and sadly died, so Year 3 worked together to mummify his body, following the traditional steps of the ancient embalmers. It was a fantastic day.



KS2 Lunch Time Clubs

Just before half term, we reviewed and made some changes to our lunchtime provision for Key Stage 2 children.

Mr Farrand met with each class and delivered an assembly to discuss how we could make lunchtimes even more enjoyable. The children shared their ideas and worked together to suggest a range of new clubs and activities that they would like to see on offer.

As a result, we are now providing a variety of lunchtime clubs including karaoke club, book club, art club, technology club, games club, choir, orchestra as well as a range of outdoor activities.

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The children are thoroughly enjoying the new opportunities, and we are proud that these ideas have been driven by pupil voice.





DUNSCROFT WARRIORSSES

We are looking for **GIRLS** to add to our current
U9 Whites Team

If your daughter would like to join our Football
Family, give us a message for further details!

U9 Girls White (School years 3 & 4)
Training Monday evenings 6-7pm
Playing on Saturdays in the Doncaster
Girls League

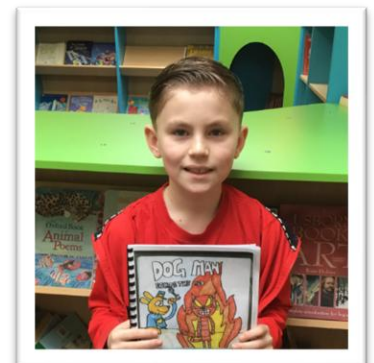
Contact Dunscroft Warriors
JFC Facebook Page or
Zak - 07471936668

Dunscroft Welfare
Field, DN7 4HD



Headteacher's Award

Pupil	For
Noah S	His creativity and commitment A huge well done to Noah, who has worked hard over time to write and illustrate a story. We are very proud of the effort, creativity and dedication he has shown throughout this process - fantastic work, Noah!
Braxton C	His commitment and enthusiasm



Pupil of the Week W/E 27.02.26

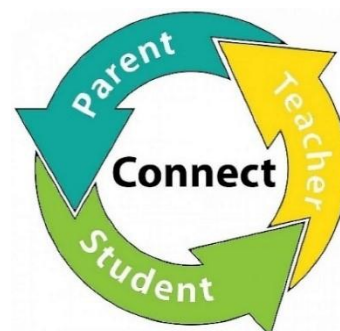
Well done to the following children who have been awarded pupil of the week for going the extra mile with their learning / displaying the school values.

Class	Pupil
Branches	Archie G
F1 Miss French & Mrs Binns	Adelina L
F2 Mrs Brown & Mrs Whitfield	Sophia M, Arthur W
Y1/2 Miss Hennigan	Isla W
Y1/2 Miss Brown	Ivy-J P
Y2 Miss Booth	Kevin W
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Santanna C
Y3 Miss Jackson	Apryl C
Y4 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	Michael C
Y4 Mr Purdy	Lavinia C
Y5 Mr Jones	Sophie C
Y6 Mr Thomas	Addison W
Y6 Mrs Brady	Jakob G



Home School Partnership

Pupil	For
Jack P	Achieving his Man of the Match
Darcey C	Being awarded her Science badge at Scouts & Star of the week at dancing
Ana M	Earning a badge at Rainbows
Lucas P	Gaining a medal at martial arts
Theo S	Being awarded Man of the Match at football
Beau-I T	Earning a badge at Squirrels



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

Scientists at NASA are preparing to send astronauts back to the Moon, as part of a new space programme running over the coming years. The series of missions aims to test new technology, learn more about the Moon, and help humans prepare for future journeys deeper into space. The next mission is Artemis II. The plans have sparked discussions about why people explore space and how they could help life on Earth.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > What do you already know about space or the Moon? What would you like to find out?
- > Why do you believe people choose to explore space, even though it can be difficult and risky?
- > If you could explore anywhere beyond Earth, where would you go and why?

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 13/02/2026 (Spring 1, Week 6)

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	88.7%	All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box
	F2 Mrs Whitfield Mrs Brown	96.6%	
KS1	Y1/2 Miss Brown	95.8%	Y1/2 – Miss Hennigan – Decorating biscuits
	Y1/2 Miss Hennigan	98.8%	
	Y2 Miss Booth	94.3%	
LKS2	Y3 Miss Jackson	98.3%	Y3 – Miss Jackson – Decorating biscuits
	Y3 Mrs Roberts	97%	
	Y4 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	92.7%	
	Y4 Mr Purdy	95.4%	
UKS2	Y5 Mr Jones	94.2%	Y6 – Mr Thomas – Pyjama Day Tuesday 3 rd March
	Y6 Mr Thomas	96.4%	
	Y6 Mrs Brady	94.1%	
Total	94.47%		

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

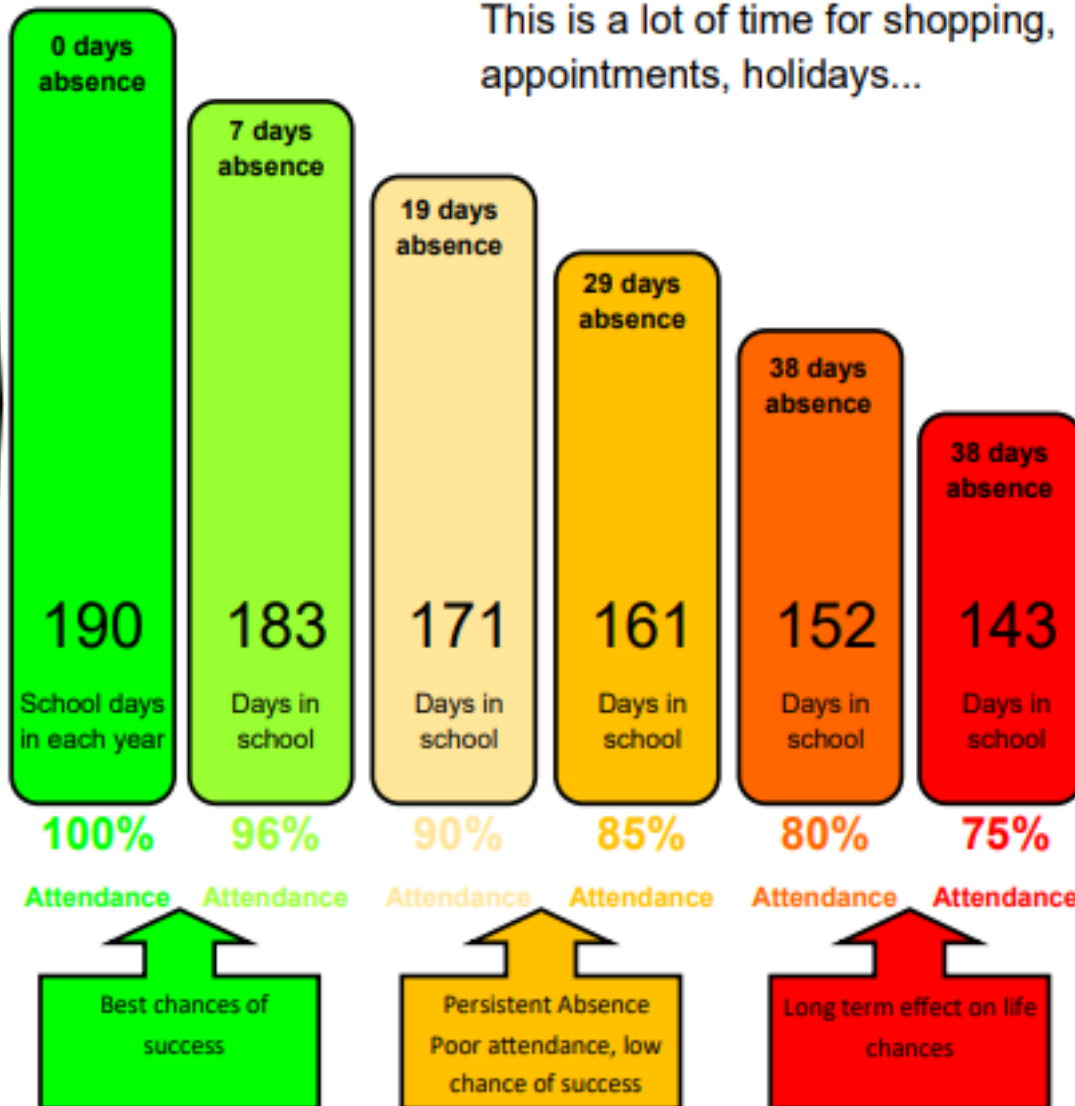


Good attendance at Brooke Primary Academy means...

...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 2

- **Wednesday 4th March – Parent’s Maths Session Reception** [Reception-Maths-Session.pdf](#)
- **Thursday 5th March – World Book Day** [World-Book-Day-2026-.pdf](#)
- **Wednesday 11th March – F2 Sponsored Bike Event** [F2-Sponsored-Bike-and-Scooter-Event.pdf](#)
- **Friday 20th March – Red Nose Day -** [Red-Nose-Day-2026.pdf](#)
- **Wednesday 25th March – EYFS Easter Bonnet Parade** [Easter-Activities-2026.pdf](#)
- **Wednesday 25th March – Beginnings Easter Event 10.15am**
- **Thursday 26th March – Easter Raffle & Final Day for Decorated Eggs** [Easter-Activities-2026.pdf](#)
- **Thursday 26th March – Class Photographs**
- **Friday 27th March – Y2 Venn Olympics Trip** [Y2-Venn-Olympics-.pdf](#)
- **Friday 27th March – School closes for Easter Holidays**

Summer 1

- **Monday 13th April – School Training Day – Closed to all children**
- **Tuesday 14th April – School re-opens for Summer Term**

Have a wonderful weekend.

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