

Brooke Primary Academy

Weekly News



World Book Day 2026



Our World Book Day celebration was a tremendous success, thanks to the amazing efforts of all our pupils, staff and parents. The enthusiasm and creativity shown throughout the day truly brought our vision of a happy and welcoming learning community to life. Pupils immersed themselves in a wide range of inspiring stories, engaging in activities that sparked their imagination and curiosity. Staff went above and beyond to create an exciting and supportive environment that encouraged every child to develop a love of reading. Together, we celebrated the joy of books and the power of storytelling, reinforcing our commitment to nurturing confident, ambitious, and independent young readers.

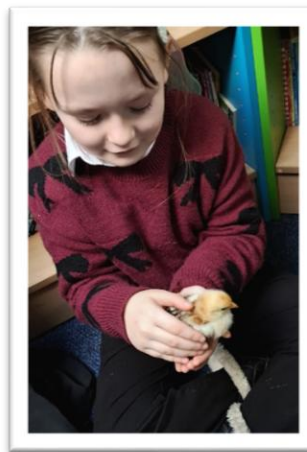
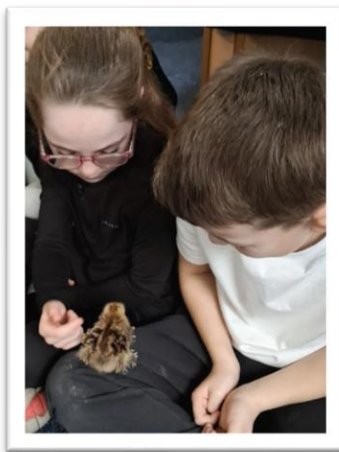
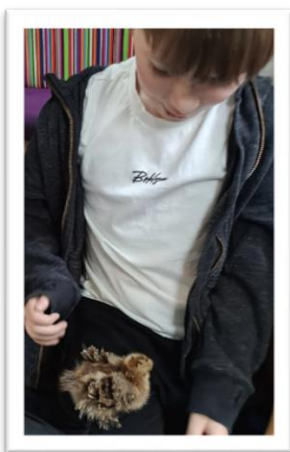
FS2 Parent's Maths Session

This week, we held a special event for parents in FS2 focused on engaging maths activities. The session was designed to support early mathematical understanding through fun and interactive tasks. Parents had the opportunity to see how mathematical concepts are taught in school and to participate alongside their children. Events like this help strengthen the home-school partnership and provide valuable insight into how parents can support their child's developing numeracy skills at home.



School Chicks

Our adorable chicks have quickly become celebrities within Brooke Primary Academy! Over the past week, most classes have had the wonderful opportunity to visit and spend time with them, creating memorable and joyful experiences for our pupils. These visits have not only brought smiles and excitement but have also offered valuable learning moments about responsibility



Parent's Evenings

The Spring Parent's evenings will take place on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th April. Appointments can be booked using the ParentMail app, please speak to the school office if you require any assistance.

Easter Raffle

As in previous years, the school will be holding a fundraising Easter raffle for the chance to win chocolate Easter eggs/treats. Raffle tickets will be sold at £1 per strip. If you would like to purchase tickets, please buy them from the school office or send the correct money in an envelope clearly labelled with your child's name and class. We will also inform you when tickets are being sold on the playground. We would greatly appreciate any donations of chocolate eggs for our school raffle. The raffle will be drawn live for all pupils on Thursday 26th March.

Pupil of the Week W/E 04.03.26

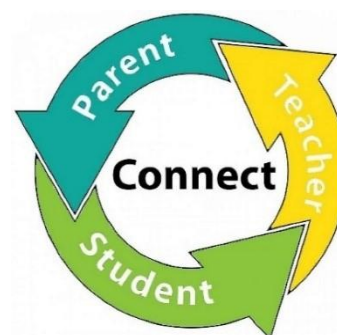
Well done to the following children who have been awarded pupil of the week for going the extra mile with their learning / displaying the school values.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Pupil</u>
Branches	Bonnie R-B
F1 Miss French & Mrs Binns	
F2 Mrs Brown & Mrs Whitfield	Raye H, Joseph C
Y1/2 Miss Hennigan	Arshdeep S
Y1/2 Miss Brown	Elle D
Y2 Miss Booth	Azalea J
Y3 Mrs Roberts	Hawley R
Y3 Miss Jackson	Mary W
Y4 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	Rares F
Y4 Mr Purdy	Cohen M
Y5 Mr Jones	Karter S-M
Y6 Mr Thomas	Bailey T
Y6 Mrs Brady	Khaleesi P



Home School Partnership

<u>Pupil</u>	<u>For</u>
Mollie B-W	Being awarded Star of the Week at gymnastics
Reuben J	Achieving Man of the Match & Manager's Player of the Match
Aria S	Her achievement of Star of the Week at dancing
Erin B	Gaining a horse riding badge
Clark G	Achieving Parent's Player at football
Freya S	Her medal and trophies that she has achieved at Irish Dancing



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.



TAKEHOME 2nd - 6th March



In the news this week

Brynteg School in Wales has said that from September, skirts will no longer be part of the school uniform. Instead, all children will wear trousers or shorts. The school says this will make the uniform more practical and fairer for everyone, but some parents and pupils have different opinions about the change. This announcement has added to discussions about school rules, fairness, and whether uniforms should be the same for all children.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk to someone older at home about your and their experiences of school uniform. Have they changed over time?
- Share your thoughts on the changes Brynteg School is making. Do you feel they are positive changes?
- If you could create your own uniform, what would it look like?

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 27/02/2026 (Spring 2, 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	92.6%	All children who achieved 100% will receive a dip in the box
	F2 Mrs Whitfield Mrs Brown	97.4%	
KS1	Y1/2 Miss Brown	98.3%	Y1/2 – Miss Hennigan – Extra Break with popcorn
	Y1/2 Miss Hennigan	98.8%	
	Y2 Miss Booth	95.3%	
LKS2	Y3 Miss Jackson	98.6%	Y3 – Miss Jackson – Paper origami
	Y3 Mrs Roberts	98%	
	Y4 Mr Farrand & Mrs Sanders	96.9%	
	Y4 Mr Purdy	95.8%	
UKS2	Y5 Mr Jones	98.1%	Y6 – Mr Thomas – Non-uniform day Tuesday 10 th Match
	Y6 Mr Thomas	98.2%	
	Y6 Mrs Brady	94.5%	
Total		96.5%	

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

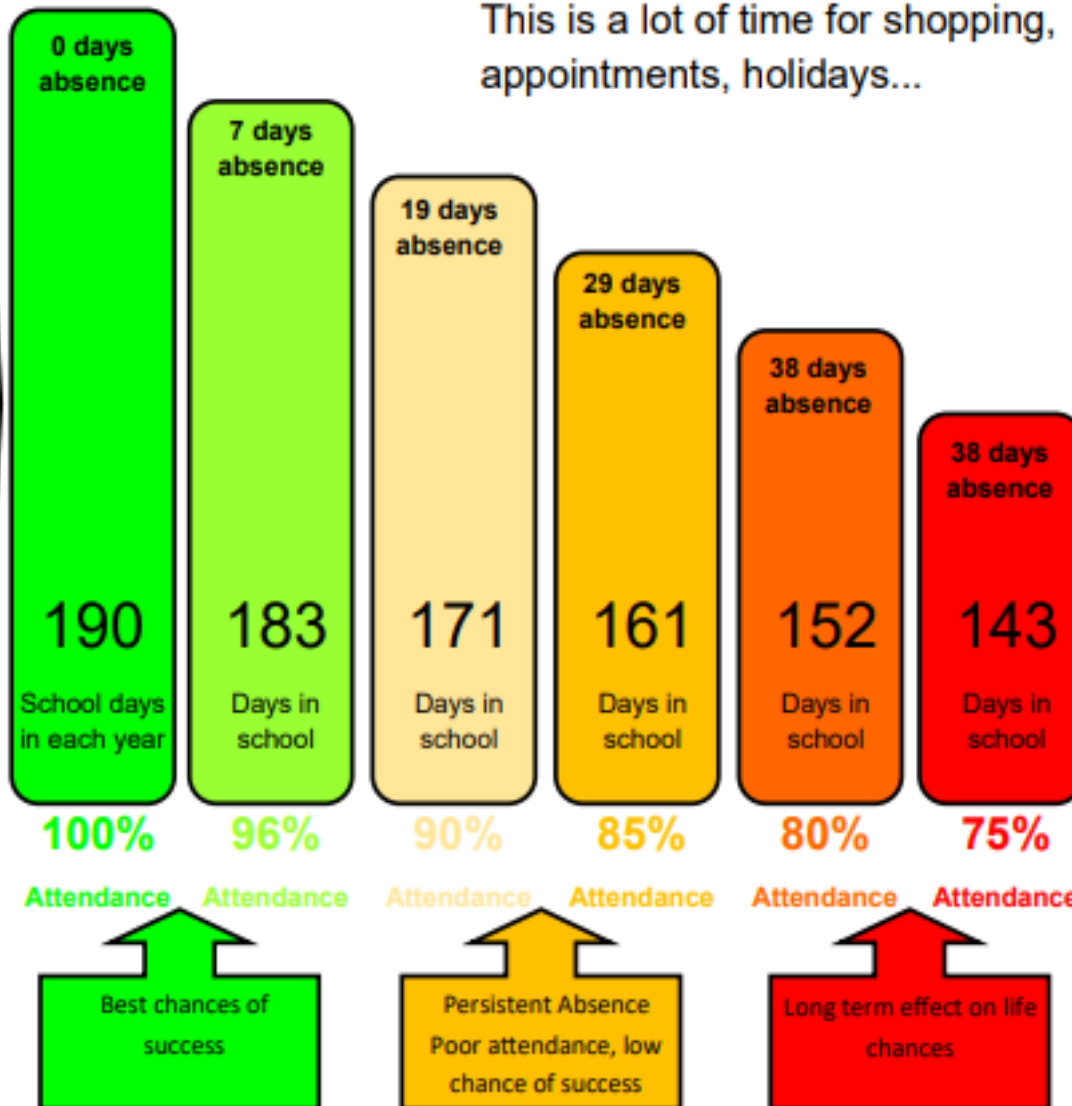


Good attendance at Brooke Primary Academy means...

...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 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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