



Take a look at our exciting Christmas calendar!

<u>Monday 11th-Wednesday 13th</u>	Year 3 Edmond Hall trip
<u>Wednesday 13th December</u>	Year 1 & 2 Christmas extravaganza Year 1 : 9-10:15am Year 2 : 2-3:15pm
<u>Thursday 14th December</u>	KS2 Christmas performance at Wordsley church : 2pm
<u>Friday 15th December</u>	Butterflies Christmas story : 9:30-10:30am Mary Stevens Reindeer run! A group of children will be going to the Unicorn Centre to sing Christmas Carols - more details to follow
<u>Monday 18th December</u>	Reception nativity : 2pm
<u>Tuesday 19th December</u>	Brook Christmas market
<u>Friday 22nd December</u>	Christmas parties!

Pupil achievements!



Well done to Marnie for achieving her Stanley 2 swimming certificate!  
 This is a great achievement well done!



Well done to Walter for winning a medal after competing in the Midlands Regional Irish dance championships at the NEC in November!  
 This is a brilliant achievement Walter, well done!



Well done to Delilah for achieving her first swimming badge certificate!  
 Well done Delilah and keep up the good work!



## Reindeer Run - The Mary Stevens Hospice



The children of Brook Primary will be taking part in an exciting, sponsored Reindeer Run event at school, raising funds for The Mary Stevens Hospice. This event is a great way of being physically active and improving health and wellbeing while supporting our community.

This event will take place on **Friday 15th December**. We would like to ask if you would be kind enough to sponsor them and help raise funds for your fantastic local hospice during this difficult time. We have set up a 'Just Giving' page to gain sponsorship that can be accessed via the following link:

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/brook-primary-rr?utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=page%2Fbrook-primary-rr&utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share](https://www.justgiving.com/page/brook-primary-rr?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fbrook-primary-rr&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share)

You will then be able to sponsor the children directly!  
Please ensure that all sponsorship has been added by no later than **Friday 22nd December 2023**.



## Christmas top table!



The following children received an invitation this week to enjoy Christmas lunch with Mrs Fellows as a thank you for all of their hard work this term by sitting at the Top Table! Well done!

- Nursery:** Isobella
- Reception:** Joshua & Rosie
- Year 1:** Hettie & Edie
- Year 2:** Luca & Erin
- Year 3:** Cayleb & Ziah-Rai
- Year 4:** Alexander & James
- Year 5:** Jude & Eliza
- Year 6:** Samuel & Amelia



## Christmas card competition!

Today we were visited by Mike Wood, our local MP to surprise Abigail from year 5 as she has been selected as the winner for his annual Christmas card competition!

Abigail's design has been sent to our current Prime Minister and is even being sent to the King himself!

Abigail has won a selection box and tickets to the Black Country museum as well as having her design framed! We are very proud of you!



The other 10 children who submitted an entry to the competition have also been awarded a certificate today. Well done to...

- Henry : Year 3
- Amelie : Year 3
- Allyssia-Rae : Year 3
- Mia : Year 3
- Eva : Year 3
- Elsie : Year 2
- Levi : Year 1
- Mollie : Year 6
- Rose : Year 1
- Mia : Year 2

Thankyou to everybody who submitted an entry, they were all lovely Christmas cards!

Please help us out with donations for our Christmas fayre!

Monday 11th | Wednesday 13th | Friday 15th December = Donation of bottles

Tuesday 12th | Thursday 14th December = Donations of toiletries, gifts, chocolate etc.

Tuesday 19th December =

Children can come to school in their own clothes in exchange for a donation of anything from the above list!

Your child will be coming home with a book of raffle tickets today - they are 50p a ticket and £2 for the book!

Please fill out the attached strip and send back to school with the cash to be entered into the raffle!

Children will also come home with a plastic cup, please fill this with wrapped sweets/gifts/toys and then wrap and return it for the fayre.



# Christmas Coffee Morning

At  
The Unicorn Centre  
Brettell Lane  
Amblecote  
DY8 4BP

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
10:45-11:45

Tombola



Refreshments



Raffle



## BLACK COUNTRY DIALECT PROJECT

Your family is invited to  
take part in research about  
the Black Country dialect



We want to learn more about how the  
Black Country dialect is learnt and used by  
adults and children

Your child and your family will work with  
a trained researcher to make recordings of  
conversations at home and at school



We will reward your child for participation  
with small gifts and certificates, and you'll  
be helping us learn more about this  
historic dialect



If you are interested and have a child in  
Reception, Year 2 or Year 4, then visit:  
[www.tinyurl.com/bc-dialect-project](http://www.tinyurl.com/bc-dialect-project)

# NHS

2 doses of the MMR  
vaccine can stop your  
child becoming seriously  
unwell with measles



Make sure your child  
is up to date with  
their vaccinations

## Staffing Update

Mrs Spittle is our new  
lunchtime supervisor who  
began working with us this  
week.

At the end of term, Mr  
Holden and Mrs Ahir will  
sadly be leaving us!

After Christmas Mr Allen  
will be taking class 3MH  
Monday - Wednesday and  
Mrs Hill will be taking the  
class Thursday and Friday.

Well done to the pupils from Year 3 and 4 who took part in the dodgeball comp last Thursday at Ellows Hall sports college!

Some of the comments we have had from pupils are:

'I love working as a team'

'I like to play against other schools'

I enjoy being at a high school'

'We worked well as a team and never gave up'

'I enjoyed having fun with my friends'



### Safeguarding

#### INFO CORNER

##### USEFUL CONTACTS CHILDREN'S CENTRES:

Local Children's Centres can provide families with support, advice or groups e.g

- Parenting Groups
- Baby Clinics
- Citizen's Advice
- Pre Natal Support
- Signposting to services and groups
- Family Support Work

Stourbridge Family Centre - Forge Rd, Stourbridge, DY8 1XF, 01384 818780

Halesowen Family Centre - Lye By-Pass, Stourbridge, DY9 8HT, 01384 813954

Brierley Hill Family Centre - 18 Parkes Street, Brierley Hill, DY5 3DY, 01384 813322

Dudley North Family Centre - Bayer Street, Bilston, WV14 9DS, 01384 813096

### Parking issues

Again, we are having increasing amounts of complaints regarding parking around school. This week we have had parents/carers blocking peoples drives and not being polite to our residents.

We completely understand that parking issues are common with the streets surrounding schools but can we please remind you that we are role models for our children and treating people with respect is one of our school values.

We are a community school and ask that you support us in respecting our neighbors.



## Wellbeing Corner

### What to do when you're concerned about your child's mental health.

You may have noticed changes in your child - changes of mood, altered sleeping patterns, withdrawal from family life and/or friendship groups. These could be signs that they're experiencing anxiety or **other issues** around their mental health.

If you're concerned about your child's mental health, you can speak to their school or GP. The GP may refer your child to Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS), which provides specialist care from psychologists, psychiatrists, nurses and social workers. Between 2020-2021 the average wait for mental health services in England was **more than two months**. Here are some things you can do whilst you and your child are waiting to access these services.

- **Keep speaking to your GP**

Your GP will be able to regularly listen to your child, discuss your own concerns and suggest local services that may be of help. Don't be afraid of going back to your GP if you feel you need more support and advice.

- **Speak to school**

Arrange to meet the Learning Mentor or SENDCo at your child's school, or encourage your child to seek out and speak to them. They might be able to help make school easier or less pressured for your child.

- **Look into local services**

Local charities can be a good source of support. Search online for nearby support groups and charities.

- **Try and stay healthy**

Where possible, try and encourage your child (and your whole family) to eat healthily, get some exercise and a good night's sleep. If they're having trouble sleeping, gentle activities like reading, walking or drawing and art may help them to relax.



### Special Educational Needs and Disability

#### INFO CORNER

Did you know...?

**Most** children with an SEND need will have a **Plan, Do and Review** to support their needs?

Plan, Do and Reviews are a set number of targets decided by the class teacher (in conjunction with outside agency reports) to support your child's SEND needs.

Each target is usually worked on for approximately three weeks before reviewing and new targets set.

You can ask your class teacher about these.

### Vaping

We are having an increasing number of complaints about adults bringing children to school vaping on the playground and around the school gates.

May we remind you that vaping is strictly forbidden on the playground and please move away from school if you wish to vape.



## Spelling Shed

Well done to the top spellers in each class for the past 7 days!

The top class of the week is... **6AH**

Well done!

1R	Sienna
1W	Hudson
2C	Erin
2T	Oscar
3	Mia
3	Bethany
4D	Eli
4F	Grace
5I	Freddie
5P	Gracie
6HT	Keira
6AH	Iba

Attendance %  
w/c 27/11/2023

4D were the highest attendees in KS2 and 1W were the highest in KS1.

Well Done!

Rec D	95.60%
Rec B	89.13%
1R	96.67%
1W	97.93%
2C	96%
2T	95.52%
3B	90.71%
3MH	87.67%
4D	98.15%
4F	95.20%
5I	94%
5P	93.45%
6AH	95.86%
6HT	96%
School Total	<b>94.13%</b>
Target	97%

## Key stage 2 Christmas carol concert

Tickets are now live on Parent Pay. Please allow 24 hours after you have purchased them before collecting them from the office. Please collect them as soon as possible and not leave it until the day.

All money goes to the church as a donation.

No PE for any class on this day, Thursday 14th Dec - all children to come to school in uniform.

After the concert, **all** children are returning to school and are to be collected from the playground as usual.

## Brook Buddies

Brook Buddies runs every morning and evening. Why not join us for breakfast or some after school fun? Our session times & prices are below:

### Breakfast club:

8:00am-8:45am - £3.50

### Afterschool club:

Half session 3:20pm-4:45pm - £5.25

Full session 3:20pm-5:45pm - £8.00

**All bookings must be made by Thursday of the week before you require childcare.**

### Please note: (Summary from Brook School policy)

Parents should collect their child promptly at the end of a session otherwise you will be charged a fee of **£10.00** to cover staff costs if they are **more than 10 minutes late**. If this situation arises more than three times in one term, their child's place at Brook Buddies may be forfeited!

### Buddies parents please note:

If you need an emergency place—this needs be paid on Parent Pay no later than 3pm.

### Advanced notice of closure:

Tuesday 19th December - Closed due to Christmas market  
Friday 22nd December - Closing at 4:45pm

## School Date reminders

**Friday 22nd December** — Break up for Christmas holidays!

**Monday 8th January** — Children return to school