



Lateness

Unfortunately we are experiencing increased lateness every week. We are averaging a huge 20 late children a day which is becoming increasingly difficult to manage. We understand that occasionally there will be instances but this is an every day occurrence and it is usually the same children arriving late.

Children are missing vital parts of the morning such as phonics lessons, these groups are also in different places all over school which they are taken too straight from registration, meaning the office staff don't always know where these groups are. We do not have the staff to keep taking late children up to classes or groups.

Please make every effort to be on time. The playground gates are open from 8:45 - 9am, arriving late through the front office late should only be for exceptional circumstances.

Take a look at our exciting Christmas calendar!

Thursday 7th December

Christmas dinner & jumper day!

Monday 11th-Wednesday 13th

Year 3 Edmond Hall trip

Wednesday 13th December

Year 1 & 2 Christmas extravaganza
Year 1 : 9-10:15am
Year 2 : 2-3:15pm

Thursday 14th December

KS2 Christmas performance at
Wordsley church : 2pm

Friday 15th December

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

Monday 18th December

Reception nativity : 2pm

Tuesday 19th December

Brook Christmas market

Friday 22nd December

Christmas parties!

Firstly, thank you to all the parents and children who joined in with the anti-bullying odd sock competition. We had lots of creative entries and I thoroughly enjoyed looking through them!
Our final winners are:

Early Years- Roxanna



Key Stage 1 - Cain



Key Stage 2 - Ava



Wordsley Church Christmas tree festival



Yesterday our head boy, head girl, deputy head boy and deputy head girl walked to Wordsley church to hand deliver the amazing decorations that some of our children have made at home.

Thank you so much to all of our children and families who made a tree decoration, they are all fantastic and we were complimented on how beautiful and creative our decorations were!

The Christmas tree festival is on at the church this weekend so why not pay them a visit and see our beautiful tree.

Pupil achievements!



We wanted to mention how proud we are of Daisy who took part in the remembrance parade in her Rainbows uniform. Mrs Fellows apologises profusely that this is late making it to the newsletter!

Well done to Patrick for achieving his 400 meter swimming certificate! This is a great achievement Patrick—well done!



BROOKBITES



Have you met our new catering manager, Miss Evans? Miss Evans has worked here at Brook as a catering assistant for 2 years and recently took over the role as Catering Manager in September - and she is doing a fantastic job!

She is here everyday to help cater for our children and assist parents in any way she can. Her office is always open and is located on the playground, next to the year 2 entrance. If you need to discuss dietary requirements, change meals, book meals etc then she is available every morning at drop off - just knock on her office door!



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 from a donation of anything from the above list!

On Friday 24th, 12 Year 5 students represented Brook Primary at the tag rugby tournament against many other schools.



All the children performed fantastically and even though they were nervous to start off with, the growth in their confidence and team spirit throughout the tournament was incredible!

They scored many tri's and managed to draw two of their games. Well done Year 5 & 6!

Safeguarding

INFO CORNER

What is Early Help:

Early Help is taking action early to provide support where problems are emerging for children, young people and their families. Early help support may be provided at any point in a child or young person's life. The sooner a family receives support, the sooner they are able to improve their situation and prevent the need for prolonged support.

Early Help is the way of finding out what is working well for families and what areas they might be worried about; it can help to build on families' strengths and identify any needs where support might be needed. It is an approach that brings people together from different teams and services who work together with the whole family. The main focus is to improve outcomes for children.

Why might I consider Early Help ?

The type of things that Early Help can support you with include:

- Worries about your child's health development or behavior
- You might be worried about how they are doing at school
- You might have worries about money or housing and how that is affecting you
- Your child and family may be affected by domestic abuse, drugs, alcohol, ill health or crime

Early Help can give you the tools to solve challenges or problems you are experiencing with help from others where needed.



Black Country Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

Black Country Children's

Speech & Language Therapy
www.blackcountrychildrens.nhs.uk

Special Educational Needs and Disability

INFO CORNER

Did you know...?

School uses an online platform called EDUKEY to create our SEND Plan, Do, Reviews.

Between now and Easter, we will be inviting parents to information sessions around EDUKEY and to offer you the chance to get your own password to be part of your own child's half termly reviews.

Dudley Holiday Activities HAF

You're eligible to register for the holiday activities programme (HAF) if the following applies: You live in Dudley or your child goes to school in Dudley Borough, your child is aged between 5 and 16 years and your child is eligible for benefits related free school meals (FSM). SEND children not eligible for free school meals may still be able to register for HAF activities but you will need to click no to FSM and then add the name and contact details of a professional who knows your family circumstances well and has agreed to support a referral which would be Mrs M Fellows (head) or Miss Nicklin (SENDCO).

<https://www.dudleyholidayactivities.org.uk/>

BLACK COUNTRY CHILDREN'S SPEECH & LANGUAGE THERAPY

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Wellbeing Corner

Connect with others

Connecting with others can help us have a greater sense of belonging and reduce feelings of loneliness.

Talk to someone you trust

Opening up to someone you trust can help you feel listened to and supported. It could be a friend, partner or family member. Or you could call a helpline or listening service such as Mind's info line or the Samaritans. Sometimes just acknowledging your feelings by saying them out loud can help.

Try peer support

If you're finding things hard, talking to people who have similar feelings or experiences can sometimes help. This could be face-to-face at a peer support group, or through an online community like Mind's Side by Side.

Find ways to make a difference

Doing things for others can have a positive effect on our wellbeing. You could find ways to support a cause that's important to you. For example, by signing petitions, donating to charity shops or foodbanks, or showing your support on social media. You could also try doing small acts of kindness for people you know or for strangers. This could be things like holding a door open for someone, making someone a cup of tea, or posting a nice comment or review online.

Volunteer

Using your time to help others can give you a sense of purpose, help you meet people and boost your self-esteem.



PRESENTS ITS ANNUAL

Christmas Fayve

2ND DECEMBER
10AM - 2PM | FREE ENTRY

The StoreHouse, Albion Street,
Brierley Hill, DY5 3EE



THE STOREHOUSE
making a difference...

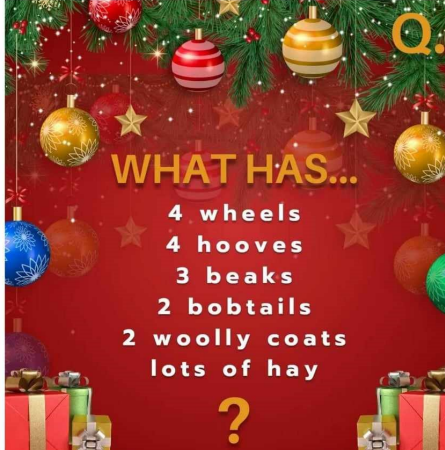


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IT'S THE FARM ON WHEELS!

arriving at The Storehouse
Christmas Fayve on
Saturday 2nd December
10am!

*come and have your photo
taken with the animals*



Q.

WHAT HAS...

- 4 wheels
- 4 hooves
- 3 beaks
- 2 bobtails
- 2 woolly coats
- lots of hay

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Christmas Menu

Brook Primary Holiday
Whoville Hoedown

7th December
2023



Turkey Bap
or
Quorn Bap (v)



served with Pigs in Blankets & Roasties
Festive Ice Creams

Don't forget to book your child in for Christmas dinner next Thursday 7th December! This is also our Christmas jumper day so book them in for festive fun!

Spelling Shed

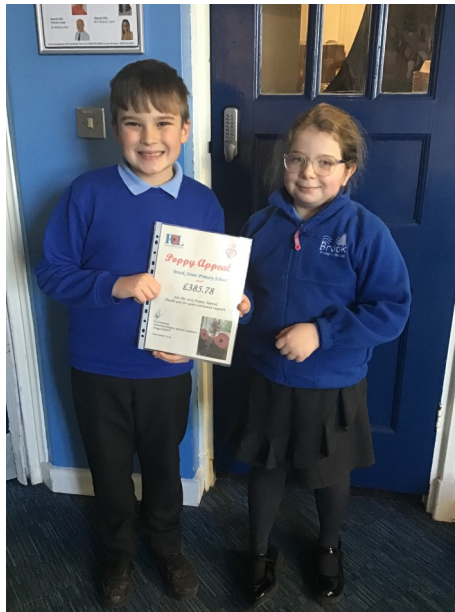
Well done to the top spellers in each class for the past 7 days!

The top class of the week is... 5HI

Well done!

1R	-
1W	Hudson
2C	Erin
2T	Cain
3	Mia
3	Bethany
4D	Eli
4F	Grace
5I	Grayson
5P	Harry
6HT	Rhys
6AH	Aahil

Poppy appeal



We would like to thank everyone who bought any of the poppy merchandise over the past few weeks and donated to the poppy appeal.

We received our certificate this week and we are so proud to say that we raised a huge £385.78!

Well done and thank you for your continued support.

Attendance %
w/c 20/11/2023

6HT were the highest attendees in KS2 and 2C were the highest in KS1.

Well Done!

Rec D	94.80%
Rec B	84.78%
1R	88.67%
1W	92.76%
2C	98%
2T	96.21%
3B	96.43%
3MH	90%
4D	97.04%
4F	95%
5I	93.33%
5P	97.24%
6AH	94.48%
6HT	97.33%
School Total	93.57%
Target	97%

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 due to our Brook Christmas Market

Friday 22nd December - Closing at 4:45pm