



**BLACK COUNTRY  
FOODBANK**  
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# HARVEST 2023



# THANK YOU!

Certificate of Appreciation and Thanks awarded to:

## Brook Primary School

Thank you so much for collecting food and toiletries for families and individuals in your local community. We will use all the food you have donated to make emergency food parcels for people in crisis.

You have donated 125.3kgs of food and 26.4kgs of non-food, an incredible amount, enough to provide 251 meals and 27 toiletry packs. This is absolutely wonderful, and we are so thankful that you have supported us in this amazing way.

THANK YOU!!

Registered Charity No: 1136676

Take a look at our exciting Christmas calendar!

<u>Thursday 7th December</u>	Christmas dinner & jumper day!
<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 nativity : 9:30-10:30am  Reindeer run
<u>Monday 18th December</u>	Reception nativity : 2pm
<u>Tuesday 19th December</u>	Brook Christmas market
<u>Friday 22nd December</u>	Christmas parties!



Thankyou for supporting this wonderful charity by sending your child to school today looking spotty! So far we have raised **£225!!**

Please don't forget to read your school life message which contains the link to pay the £1 donation via Parent Pay!

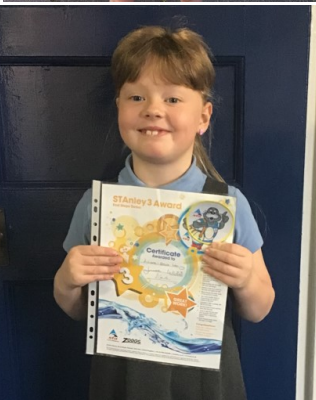
Remember—if every child donates, we will make over £400!

Thank you so much to all of the children who made/decorated cakes for our children in need bake off! We had so many delicious looking entries and all the children should be very proud of themselves!

Well done and thank you!



We would like to say well done to Summer for being a **second**er at Brownies! We were also very impressed with your painting of the little mermaid - we always love to see what kind of things our pupils like to create!



Well done to Liliana who achieved her Stanley 3 swimming certificate! This is a great achievement, well done!



SALTMINE

# A Christmas Carol

## COMING TO ACC

6pm, Friday 8th December

tickets £5.50 each (discounts for families with lots of children)

Buy on Sundays or email [office@amblecotecc.org.uk](mailto:office@amblecotecc.org.uk) to reserve

**£1 suggested donation**

YOU ARE INVITED TO...

# FRIDAY FRIENDS

Community Coffee Morning for local parents and those aged 60+

**Every other Friday 9-11am**

STARTING:  
**10th**  
November  
9-11am

**SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH**

Hawbush Rd,  
Brierley Hill  
DY5 3NL

- ♥ Hot drinks
- ♥ Sweet Treats
- ♥ Chat
- ♥ Baby / Toddler Corner



**Contact:**

01384 375111

[office@amblecotecc.org.uk](mailto:office@amblecotecc.org.uk)

### Make a Christmas tree decoration!

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November we will take some children to Wordsley Church to put our tree up and then, that weekend, the church will be open for their Christmas Tree Festival.

We would like their decorations to be Disney themed. The more decorations we can get, the better our tree will look! The decorations will need to be in school by 30<sup>th</sup> November.



Firstly, thank you to all the parents who supported the reading competition and helped their children take their spooky and unusual photos. The entries we received were fantastic, and we thoroughly enjoyed looking through them all!

It was very hard to come to a final decision but here are our winners:

1st Place: Avy - Year 1

2nd Place: Luna - Year 2

3rd Place: Connie - Year 3

These 3 children have received a book of their choice, a Halloween chocolatey treat and a bookmark. All those who entered will receive a bookmark too.

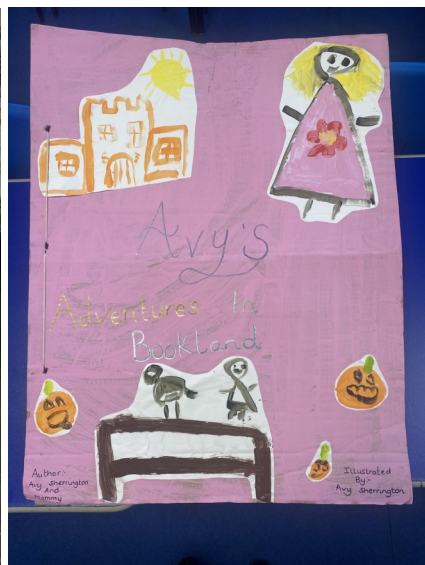
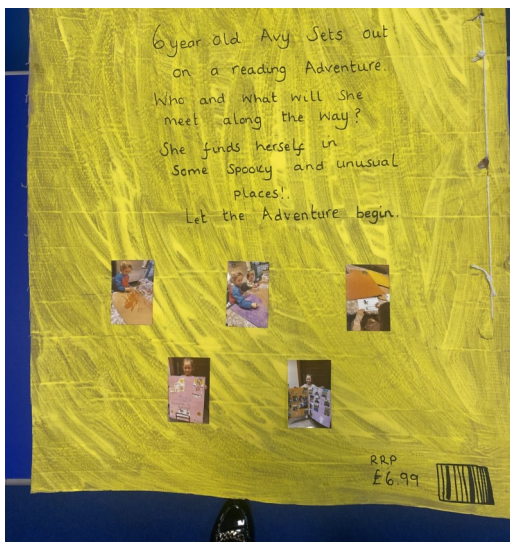
Avy in year 1 was chosen for first place because she spent a lot of time and effort creating a HUGE story book with all her photos in it, she called her story, 'Avy's Adventures in Bookland'. We all thoroughly enjoyed reading this.

Luna's unusual place photo made us smile; she was hanging as a bat from a climbing wall with her book - you're extremely brave Luna!

Connie's photo was particularly spooky, she was dressed in her Halloween costume, reading in the dark depths of the basement of her house!

Again, thank you for your support and keep reading at home!

Miss Hughes and Mrs Irwin



## Special Educational Needs and Disability

### INFO CORNER

Did you know...?

You can find a copy of the school SEND policy and SEND information report on the school website?

Just go to the main Brook Primary School website, click the key information tab, then click on SEND information.

The policy and report has our school SEND offer, support that could be offered plus contact details for contacting the SENDCO's

## Safeguarding

### INFO CORNER

Did you know...?

Dudley has a designated Safeguarding website called **Dudley Safe-guarding People Partnership** ?

This is a one stop shop, where you can find relevant and updated information regarding safeguarding, including contact numbers, training courses, advice and support and help.

It can be found at:

<https://safeguarding.dudley.gov.uk/>

**If you need to contact Children's Services directly please call:**

**For children**

**0300 555 0050**

**For adults**

**0300 555 0055**

**Out of office hours**

**0300 555 8574 or in an emergency call 999**

## Wellbeing Corner

### How to tackle anxiety—just say STOP!

Anxious thoughts are a common problem for parents and children alike - arising from school, work, relationships and uncertainty about the future. When these thoughts become frequent fixtures in the mind, it can lead to unhelpful coping mechanisms - like changing food habits, tantrums, or avoiding worrying situations - and even depression.

- If you recognise an anxious thought, interrupt it and command it to stop!
- Be firm and shout it in your head: **STOP!**
- Interrupting this thought is important, as we're stopping it from developing into a spiral of negative thinking and further anxiety.
- It's okay if the thought comes back. Interrupt it again!
- The more you practice this, the easier it will be and the longer the gaps between having these anxious thoughts.

Try this technique yourself, or, if your child is struggling with anxiety, you



## Spelling Shed

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

The top classes of the week are... Year 3!

Well done!

1R	-
1W	Hudson
2C	Seth
2T	Oscar
3	Thomas
3	Mia
4D	Lily-Louise
4F	Grace
5I	Natalia
5P	Lexi
6HT	Millie
6AH	Leah

Attendance %  
w/c 06/11/2022

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

Well Done!

Rec D	95.50%
Rec B	94.57%
1R	99.58%
1W	95.26%
2C	98.33%
2T	93.10%
3B	92.41%
3MH	97.92%
4D	99.54%
4F	91%
5I	85%
5P	95%
6AH	96.55%
6HT	95.83%
School Total	<b>94.93%</b>
Target	97%

Do you know any local businesses that can help?



As we prepare for our Christmas market, we are looking for raffle prizes. If you know of any local businesses that might donate a prize, please contact the school office.

We would really appreciate their support.

### Anti-bullying week

Thank you to the children who remembered to wear odd socks on Monday to start off anti-bullying week.

Please talk to your child about bullying, we are hoping that they feel confident about speaking out and asking for help! We are always here to support them!



## 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

