



**Easter holiday sports camps!**

Have you booked your child onto the Easter sports camp we have running during the second week of the holidays?! There will be a range of activities designed to incorporate team building games, as well as individual skill-based activities, designed to improve children's confidence within a sporting environment with an emphasis on FUN at all times! This is always hugely popular so we expect it to be another sell out! There are limited spaces so please complete the online form as soon as possible!

<https://forms.office.com/e/tPYB346ghG>



On Monday and Tuesday this week both Reception classes enjoyed inviting someone special to them into school to enjoy a 'Loved ones lunch' together. Thank you to everybody who came to enjoy a delicious lunch and a huge thank you to our catering team for working so hard to make this happen!

We have received some really lovely feedback and comments.





# COMIC RELIEF

We were absolutely blown away with the effort that our families had gone to for crazy hair and clothes day today!! Everybody looked amazing from Butterflies- Year 6 as well as our staff! We have raised £258 so far - we have the potential to raise over £400 so if you haven't already please donate £1 via the following link:  
<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=14318>





Our Year 5 & 6 girls football team, went to Crestwood last week to play a mini tournament against other local schools. Miss Didlock expressed how pleased she was with the players and how they worked as a team. Currently we are 2<sup>nd</sup> in the table, but this coming Monday it could all change as we have the rest of the matches to play. Watch this space for the results. Come on Brook!

### **CURRENT STANDINGS**

	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
St Mary's CE	3	3	0	0	5	0	9
Brook	3	1	1	1	1	1	4
<u>Brockmoor</u>	3	1	0	2	3	3	3
Dingle	3	0	1	2	0	5	1
Belle Vue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<u>Bromley Pensnett</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Last Thursday, our Yr 5 & 6 boys played an away game against Fairhaven. The players fought hard to keep a clean sheet, winning 2-0. Some great footwork seen again and strong teamwork. A credit to the school, well done Brook! Man of the Match: Macauley!

## Pupil achievements

Congratulations to Joshua Roden from year 1, the winner of the Midlands Air Ambulance poster competition!



Joshua has received an amazon gift voucher for his hard work. His poster will soon be displayed on the Midlands Air Ambulance website and in local libraries, as well as in school!

Well done Joshua!

Thank you for all those who too the time to create a poster there were some fabulous entries, and it was a difficult choice!



Runner up: Bailey Year 5.



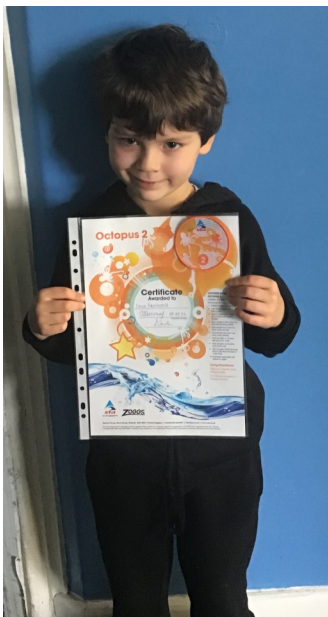
Runners up: Eliza and Riley Year 5.

To make a donation please scan the QR code on the winning poster.

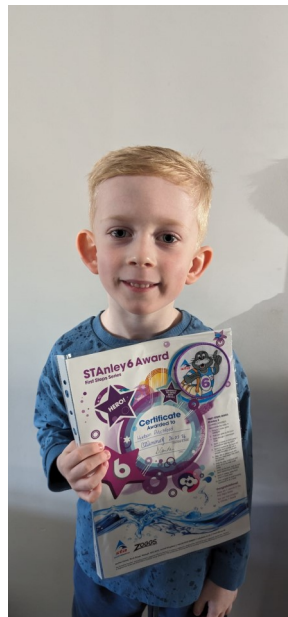


Well done to Jensen from year 4 who got his Welcome Award, Helpful Badger Award, His Active Badger Award and his First Aid Badger Award this weekend!

What a brilliant achievement Jensen! You should be very proud!



Well done to Louie from Year 2 who has been awarded his Octopus 2 swimming certificate! This is a great achievement Louie - well done and keep up the good work!

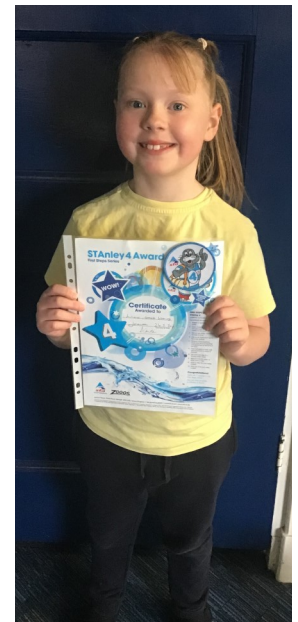


Well done to Hudson from Year 1 who has recently been awarded his Stanley 6 swimming award! Well done Hudson this is fab - keep it up!



Well done to Patrick from Year 2 who has been awarded his 800 metre swim certificate!

Well done Patrick this is a great achievement - keep it up!



Well done to Liliana from Year 2 who has recently received her Stanley 4 swimming award!

This is great to hear Liliana - keep up the good work!

### Attendance

Yesterday, our attendance officer visited school to discuss attendance and we can announce that our whole school attendance is currently 95.58% which is above the national target set by the government. This is FANTASTIC so we wanted to thank all of our families who support our pupils by encouraging them to attend school everyday! This is the breakdown of attendance for each year group:

Year	Attendance	Number of children who are persistently absent (below 90%)
Rec	94.30	10
1	94.91	7
2	96.90	1
3	95.81	5
4	95.90	7
5	95.05	8
6	96.00	5

May we give an extra shout out and well done to Year 2- with the highest attendance across the whole school! Year 2 also have the lowest number of children who are persistently absent- keep it up!!!!

### Hardship fund

All Free school meals families will receive a £20 voucher for the Easter holidays by the end of next week.

We are also very aware that in the current financial crisis, many families may be struggling, including those who are NOT entitled to free school meals.

If you feel that a voucher may benefit you and your family, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the school office or send an email to [info@brook.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@brook.dudley.sch.uk).

This week

Year 3 met their new teacher, Mrs



Shaw who will be starting in Year 3 after Easter. Mrs Shaw will take over the 3EB class when Mrs Baker leaves for maternity leave. But don't worry, it's not just yet, Mrs Shaw is starting earlier to ensure that there is a smooth transition before Mrs Baker leaves us at the end of April to have her baby.

### Year 1 Spring assembly - Tuesday 19th March 2:30 - 3:15pm

Please complete the online form by 6pm Friday 15 March 2024 stating if you would like to attend and how many people will be attending for your child. There is a maximum of 2 seats per child.

### Year 4 Easter assembly - Thursday 21st March 2:30 - 3:15

Please complete the online booking Form by 12pm Wednesday 20th March stating if you would like to attend and how many people will be attending for your child. There is a maximum of 2 seats per child.

Due to the size of the school hall and fire regulations, if you do not complete the online form stating how many tickets you would like you will be unable to attend, please do NOT just turn up.

If you do need to bring younger siblings / babies as you can't get alternative childcare, please be mindful that you may be asked to step out if they are too loud.

### BUILDING WORK

From next week, you may notice some contractors in school as we are very excited that we are having our Year 3 corridor replaced! It has caused quite a few issues over time with flooding and Dudley have now agreed that they will subsidise the building work. The work will mainly effect Year 3, who may need to move classrooms during the summer term.

8-17 March  
**British  
 Science  
 Week  
 2024**



**British Science Week**

Pupils have been celebrating British Science week by conducting four different enquiries in their phases - all related to this year's theme of 'Time'. As a whole school, children took part in a pattern seeking enquiry to answer the question, 'Does age effect jumping distance?'



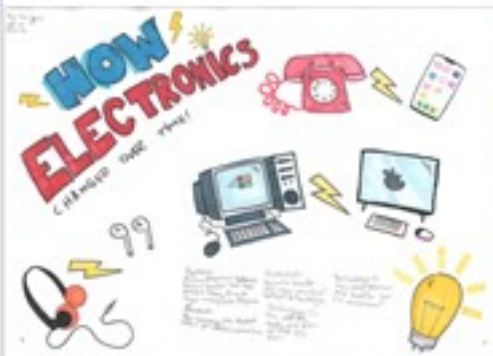
How can we use water to measure time?



Which biscuit lasts longest when dunked?

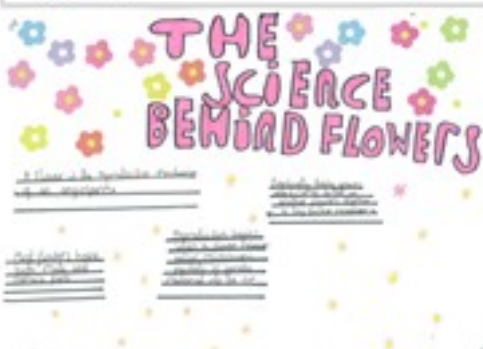


Does your dominant hand react faster than a non dominant hand?



**Poster competition**

Thank you to all the pupils who have sent in entries to the British Science week competition. The five that have been selected for submission are from Mia, Skyla, Walter, Kadyn and Natalia. I am sure you will agree that we have some very creative scientists at Brook!



#HAF2024

DUDLEY  
HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

# A Celebration of Spring

Free holiday club for children aged 5-12 years  
Nature-based activities, with lots of animal antics thrown in!

25th-28th of March 10am-2pm

&  
2nd-5th of April 10am-2pm

Book your free place by scanning the code below:



Breathing Space Hub  
Baggeridge Country Park, Gospel End Road, DY3 4HB

For more info email:

[info@breathingspacetherapeuticservices.co.uk](mailto:info@breathingspacetherapeuticservices.co.uk)

### About Dudley Holiday Activities

Dudley Holiday Activities is a government funded programme called the Holiday Activity and Food Programme that offers free activities during the school holidays for children aged 5 - 16 who receive free school meals.



## PRE SCHOOL

### Butterflies pre-school

This week we welcomed our new Butterflies children who will be starting after Easter. They enjoyed their 'Stay and Play' session and we are looking forward to them joining the Brook family.

Our Butterflies pre-school is now completely full until we have our new intake in September. If you know anyone who is looking for a nursery place, please encourage them to apply ASAP by completing the application form on our website:

[Butterflies Pre School Application Form \(office.com\)](#)

as spaces are filling up quickly!



### Easter top table!

Tonight one child from each class will come home with an invitation to the Easter Top Table. This means that as a reward for their achievements and behaviour this term they have been invited to eat with Mrs Fellows at the top table next Friday.

There are sure to be some extra goodies for them too!



Reminder that we break up for Easter next Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March and pupils return on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April as Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> is an inset day!

# EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

#HAF2024

Dudley Holiday Activities provides free activities in the school holidays for children aged 5-16 who receive benefits related Free School Meals

## HOW TO SIGN UP

1. Register on the NEW Dudley HAF Website! You must be registered to book activities.
2. Once FSM status has been verified by Dudley Council, you will receive an email with login details.
3. When bookings open for Easter – usually a couple of weeks before the holiday, you can log in and book up to 4 sessions for each of your children.



[www.dudleyholidayactivities.org.uk/register](http://www.dudleyholidayactivities.org.uk/register)



SCAN ME



## Spelling Shed

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

Well done to Year 3!

1R	Hettie
1W	Ava
2C	Erin
2T	Delilah
3	Maximus
3	Connie
4D	Jenson
4F	Jack
5I	Eliza
5P	Lucas
6HT	Niall
6AH	-

19 of our children performed at Birmingham Symphony Hall on Sunday with Dudley Performing Arts. It was a wonderful experience for them and they all did so well!

A huge well done from all of us!



Attendance %  
w/c 04/03/2024

3MH were the highest  
attendees in KS2 and RecD  
were the highest in KS1.

Well Done!

Rec D	98.33%
Rec B	95.65%
1R	90.67%
1W	96.67%
2C	93.33%
2T	97.50%
3B	97.14%
3MH	98.67%
4D	94.81%
4F	88.89%
5I	95%
5P	98.57%
6AH	97.67%
6HT	96%
School Total	<b>95.60%</b>
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.