



Message from Mrs Fellows

I would like to extend my thanks to all our parents and carers for their continued support throughout this half term. Your partnership with the school makes such a positive difference, and we are truly grateful for everything you do. Our children have shown tremendous dedication to their learning over the past few weeks, approaching every challenge with enthusiasm and resilience. Their hard work, creativity and kindness have been evident, and we are very proud of them. I would also like to thank our staff for their commitment to providing the very best opportunities and care for every child. Together, we have enjoyed a busy and rewarding half term, filled with achievements both big and small. As we reach the break, I hope all our families take time to rest, recharge and enjoy time together. Wishing everyone a safe, relaxing and enjoyable half term holiday. We look forward to welcoming the children back refreshed and ready for the exciting term ahead on **Monday 23rd February**.



Exciting News!

We are excited to announce that from Friday 27th February we will be starting a Tuck shop! This will run every Friday and will be for KS2 only to begin with!

More details to follow after half term!

Message about Parking and leaving engines running

We kindly ask all parents and carers to park considerately and safely when dropping off or collecting children. Recently, there have been increasing concerns about cars stopping on yellow lines, blocking driveways and creating congestion around the school gates. These behaviours not only cause frustration for our neighbours but also pose a real safety risk to our pupils as they arrive and leave school.

We would also like to remind families not to leave engines running while waiting. Idling contributes to air pollution, which is particularly harmful for children, and it creates unnecessary noise around the school site. Switching off your engine, even for a short wait, helps to keep the environment cleaner and safer for everyone.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us maintain a safe, respectful and healthy environment for all members of our school **community**.

Thankyou

A huge thankyou for everyone who donated or had a go at our competitions for 'wear it red' day this year. We raised a fantastic £406.63!



Competition Winners!

The winners of our colouring competition were:

Mila (1T) and Nikolas (4H)

Well done to Hettie (3F who guessed the number of red sweets in the jar!

Well done to Amelia (5WN) who guessed the name of the bear, Milo!

We also had some fantastic feedback from the staff who brought the helipod into school!

"We had the best time and I must say you guys have the nicest kids at your school, they were all so polite and engaging they all did you really proud.

When I went in to chat to the year 5 's, wow, they were awesome, they absolutely bombarded me with so many questions I loved it, there were so many questions the teachers had to stop the session and throw me out, I could have stayed all day because I loved it.

It was so lovely to see the sea of red too."

Girls' Football League

Six Year 6 girls proudly represented Brook Primary in this year's Georgia Stanaway League, showing determination, teamwork and real growth across all four matches. As the tournament went on, their confidence grew with every game.

The team faced tough opposition, losing two matches and drawing one, but they finished on a high with a fantastic win in their final game. Their goalkeeper made several impressive saves throughout the tournament.

Every player gave their all, supported one another, and demonstrated the spirit we're so proud of at Brook Primary. A brilliant effort from all the girls — we couldn't be prouder of them.

The girls will have the chance to take part in the same tournament again at the beginning of next half term, and they're already looking forward to building on everything they learned this time around. See the table below for a full breakdown of results from yesterday's fixtures.



Current Standings

	PLD	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
St Joseph's	4	4	0	0	12	0	12
Ham Dingle	4	2	1	1	4	5	7
Brook	4	1	1	2	1	3	4
Amblecote	4	0	2	2	1	5	2
Rufford	4	0	2	2	2	7	2

In Reception we have been learning all about people who help us and emergency services.

We have had the opportunity to speak to a Police Officer and ask her lots of questions!

We were also lucky enough to have a visit from the Stourbridge Blue Watch team: they told us all about their jobs, the fire engine and even let us have a go at using the hose!

We have also enjoyed exploring the helipod on 'wear it red day'.

What a fantastic couple of weeks we've had!



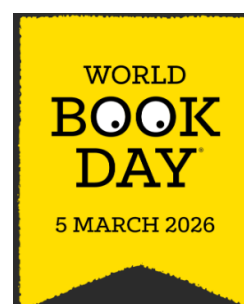
World Book Day

Children and staff will be dressing up for World Book Day on **Thursday 5th March**.

Eco council would like to invite everyone to participate in Brook's first ever World Book Day costume swap. We would like all those who are able, to donate any unwanted costumes that are clean and still in good condition before Friday 27th February.

On Friday 27th February and Monday 2nd March, the hall will be open after school for anyone to find a pre-loved costume free of charge. Hopefully, this will mean all pupils can come into school with a costume for World Book Day.

Thankyou in advance for supporting the Eco council in this event.



Have you signed up to the Arbor Parent Portal/App yet?

Vaccine catch-up February half-term

Mobile Vaccination Clinic

No need to book, just hop on board



Flu, MMRV, RSV, Pertussis (whooping cough) and COVID-19 vaccines available for those eligible



Friday 20 February 10am-3pm
Dudley Market Place



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

Safer Internet Day 2026

Safer Internet Day 2026 was on the 10th of February 2026 based around the theme 'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'.

Everyone's talking about AI, and with many children and young people hearing about and using AI online, it's important they have the skills and confidence to make safe choices when they are using smart technology.

We are exploring the impact of AI on all of our lives, looking at how AI can be used for good, and giving advice and guidance that empowers people to use AI safely and responsibly.

Below are some links that parents and carers may wish to access to help them understand the use of AI and how to keep their children safe online.

[Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#) – this link brings you to the safer internet centre and has different drop-down boxes for each piece of technology your child may access and their advice and resources are there to support you in enabling your child to use the internet safely, responsibly and positively.

Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.

What games do you and your friends like to play online? Can you show me the websites you visit the most? Shall we play your favourite game online together?

Ask them about how they stay safe online.

What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?

Ask them if they know where to go for help.

Where can they go to find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block on the services they use?

Think about how you each use the internet.

What more could you do to use the internet together? Are there activities that you could enjoy as a family?

Parents guide to technology



Phones

Guide to phones including top tips and advice about safety tools.



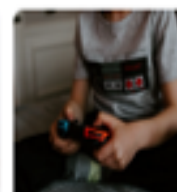
Laptops

Looking for advice on how to support your child in using a laptop safely and responsibly? Read our guide and FAQs.



Smart Speakers

Looking for advice on how to support your child in using a smart speaker safely and responsibly? Read our guide and...



Games Consoles

Looking for advice on how to support your child in using a games console safely and responsibly? Read our guide and FAQs...



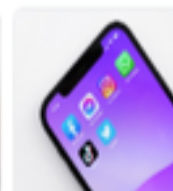
Tablets

Guide to tablets including top tips and advice about safety tools.



Smart TVs

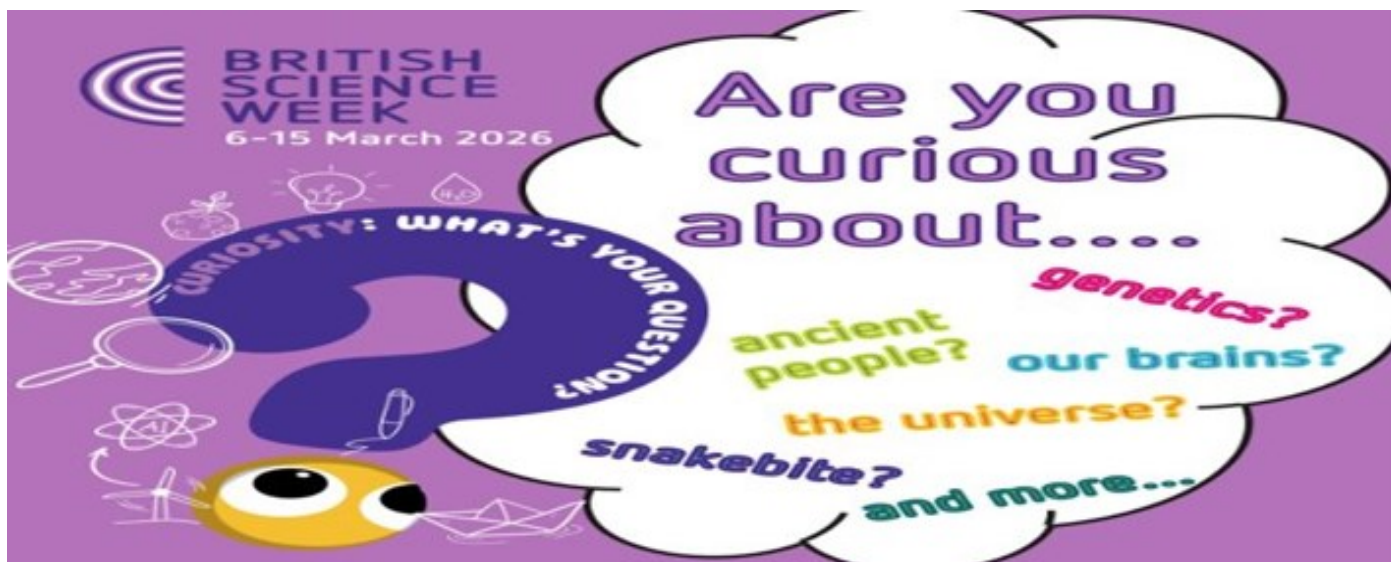
Smart or connected TVs are televisions with integrated internet capabilities.



Social media guides

Find out more about the safety features available on popular social networks.





The British Science Week 2026 poster competition is open now!

The theme pupils will be exploring during British Science Week is 'Curiosity: What's your question?' This year, the poster competition is taking curiosity to the next level! The Government Office for Science are curious about what children think will make a 'good'/'positive' childhood in the future.

Children in early years (aged 3-5) will think about the question 'What makes children's lives good?'

Primary aged children (aged 5-11) should consider the questions, 'What makes children's lives positive? What will a positive childhood look like in the future for children your age?'

Judges will be looking for a **creative approach**, clear **content** (thoughtful response to the research question) and a poster that effectively **communicates** ideas in an **engaging** way. Entries must be one page of A4 or A3 paper and have the entrant's first name, age and class written on the back. Brook Primary can only select a maximum of five entries to be sent off. (Please note if you do not wish for pupil's name and age to be submitted to the competition then please make this clear on the entry and only the school's name will be shared.) Entries will need to be submitted to Ms. Tsang by **Friday 20th March 2026**

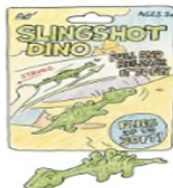
Full terms and conditions can be found at [British-Science-Week-Poster-Competition-full-terms-and-conditions.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/british-science-week-poster-competition-2026)

SCIENCE GADGET SHOP



Selling after school during science week

Monday 9th March - Friday 13 March 2026



We are selling

- neon slime
- gliders
- bubbles
- putty
- rattle magnets
- crystal kits
- And much more!*

Prices range from 50p - £2

Bring change !



Poster Design: Frankie

National Year of Reading 2026



2026 is the national year of reading! There are many benefits of nurturing a **love of reading** in a child's free time. It's a way to equip children with the reading skills they need to **thrive in school** and beyond, as well as empowering them with the chance to **discover new things**, both about the world around them and people and cultures they may not yet know.

Reading is a way to connect, to share interests and to build on the hobbies and activities that you're already into. To make meaningful book choices, it is important that you understand your interests and identities as readers. Why not complete this 'All About Me' activity over half term.

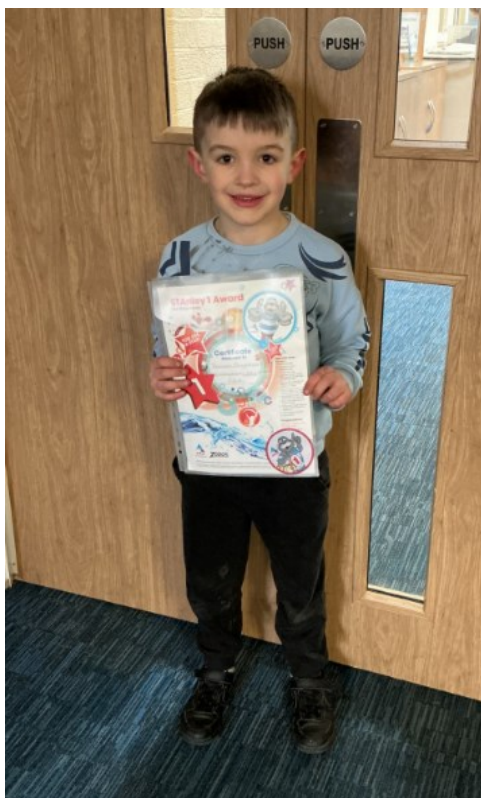


Change your story

The types of film, game or TV show I like are:	In my spare time I like to:
My favourite is...	
I am interested in...	I like books which...
I want to know more about...	



Pupil Achievements



Well done to Roman in Year 2 who has achieved his Stanley 1 swimming certificate!



Well done to Mia in Year 4 who has achieved her Shark 2 swimming certificate!



Well done to Ruben in Year 2 who has created and painted a fantastic clay model of Godzilla with Ms Ruston today! He is so proud of his wonderful achievement!

Attendance

This week **304** children have had **100%** attendance. Well Done!

Well done to class **5WN** who had the highest class attendance this week with **98.15%** Attendance!

Our attendance superstar this week is **Kyra-Leigh** in Year 5!



Brook Buddies



Brook Buddies parents it's that time again! If you require a place at Buddies this year, please remember you need to fill in a new Buddies agreement, which can be found here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/V2Sw2WJSHb>

1 form needs to be completed for each child.

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:

7:30am-8:45am - £4.50

Afterschool club:

Full session 3:20pm-5:45pm - £8.00

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

To get in touch, please call our mobile: **07970704158**

Our email is **Buddies@brook.dudley.sch.uk**

This week in Buddies we have enjoyed creating some Valentines cards and pictures for our loved ones. We have played lots of boardgames and built lots of models with the construction toys.