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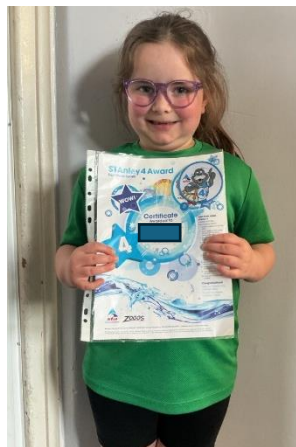


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Pupil achievements



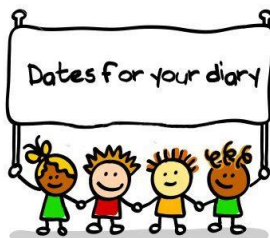
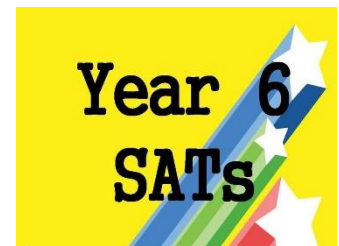
Well done to Priya from Year 3 for achieving her 200m swimming badge and being the hardest worker of the month in Gymnastics!



Well done to Evalyn from Year 1 for achieving her Stanley 4 swimming award!

We would like to say a huge well done to our Year 6 pupils for completing their SATS papers this week!

They have worked really hard and we are so proud of all of them - time to relax and celebrate on the weekend!



School photographs
Thursday 21st May

Brookfest
Thursday 2nd July

September school start date
Thursday 3rd September



No Pens Day - Wednesday 20th May 2026

No Pens Day is a nationwide event organized by **Speech and Language UK** that encourages schools to put down their pens for a day and focus on **spoken communication, listening, and interaction.**

The initiative highlights the importance of speech, language, and communication skills, which are essential for academic success, social development, and confidence in children.

It is particularly aimed at supporting the 1 in 5 children who struggle with talking and understanding words in the classroom.

On this day next week, all children at Brook will put down their pens and focus on oracy based activities in the classroom to enhance opportunities for talk!



At our school, the safety and wellbeing of our children is our highest priority. To further strengthen our safeguarding procedures, we have introduced a dedicated email address for reporting any concerns.

New Safeguarding Email: DSL@brook.dudley.sch.uk

This email can be used by parents and carers to share any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing, whether related to school or outside of school. All messages will be treated seriously, sensitively, and in confidence by our safeguarding team.

Please note:

- This email is monitored during school hours.
- If your concern is urgent or a child is at immediate risk, please contact the Dudley Front Door on 03005550050 or the emergency services on 999.

We encourage you to use this email if you have any worries, no matter how small they may seem. Working together helps us ensure that every child feels safe, supported, and cared for.

If you have any questions about safeguarding, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Do you use Brook Buddies or Butterflies outdoor provision?

You may be eligible for tax free childcare, meaning that for every £8 you add into your online childcare account, the Government will add an extra £2.

It is really worth checking as every penny adds up & you could be making big savings over the year!

UK Government Help for Households

Tax-Free Childcare

Are you:

- A working parent or carer in the UK with children aged 0-11 or 0-16 if disabled
- Earning under £100k and at least £152 per week each
- NOT receiving tax credits, Universal Credit, or childcare vouchers

Then you might be eligible for Tax-Free Childcare. For every £8 you pay into an online account, the government will add an extra £2, up to £2k per child per year.

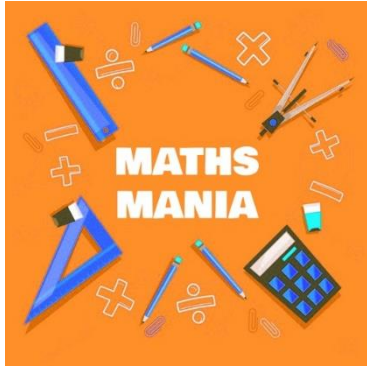
Go to childcarechoices.gov.uk to find out more

**STOP
AND
THINK**

Again, we have had complaints from residents about the inconsiderate parking around our neighbouring streets. Cars are blocking driveways, parking on double yellow lines and double parking so dangerously that emergency vehicles would not be able to get passed.

This is not only disrespectful but is also dangerous for our children, families and other road users.

May we remind you that School Streets is still in operation 08:00-09:15 & 2:30-3:45pm on George Street & Oakfield Close.



Next Wednesday is National Numeracy Day, so to celebrate we will be focusing on maths for the entire week. The theme this year is 'Count on Your Community', so during the week the children will be working together on a variety of fun problems and talking all about maths.

There are parent workshops for Years 3 to 5 and a *Number Heroes Competition* for children to enter. To find out more about National Numeracy Day, visit the website: [National Numeracy Day 2026 - Early Years & Primary Toolkit | National Numeracy](https://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/resources/primary/primary-early-years)

Free breakfast clubs

The Government is in the process of rolling out free breakfast clubs for all primary school children across the country. These clubs will be fully funded by the government, meaning that there will be no charge to families.

We are delighted to inform you that we have been accepted as an 'Early Adopter School' and that our breakfast club will be running from the start of the autumn term in September 2026. The club will last for half an hour and will take place in the school hall from 8:15 am-8:45 am. Staff will then escort the children to their classes for registration.

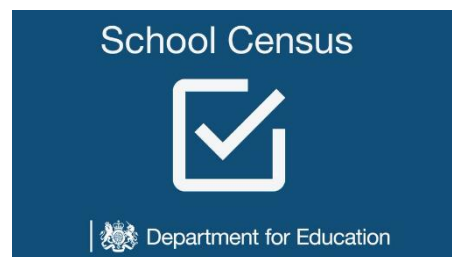
To ensure that our club runs smoothly, we are kindly requesting your views and responses by filling in the form below. This will help give us an idea of staffing, numbers and the type of provision that we are looking to offer.

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=d9H3VDEli0qiYxveZ000hOOPvWxO9rIJI-33XjR3ibtUNjhOMIBJWFewSIIUOTIVUE4zUUZHnjQ5Ti4u>

Hot chocolate Wednesday celebration

Please check your child's bag tonight as there may be an invite to Mrs Fellows' hot chocolate Wednesday celebration next week!

Each teacher has selected 1 pupil from each class to meet with Mrs Fellows and enjoy a hot chocolate next Wednesday as a celebration for their hard work over the term.

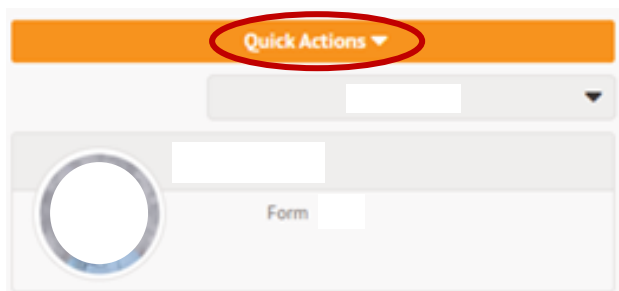


Next Thursday 21st May is Cencus day.

This means that the more children that book school meals, the more funding the school receives to enhance your child's learning here at school.

Please support us with this and book your child a delicious meal on Thursday! We have pizza & chips as well as baguettes and jacket potatoes on offer!

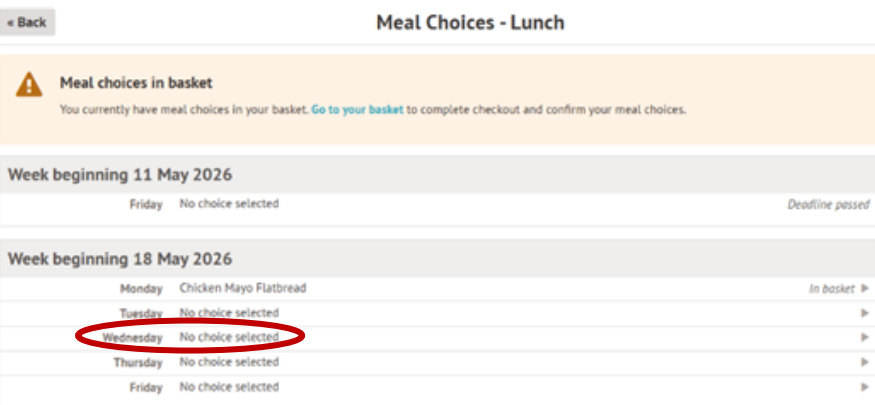
Meal bookings will be moving over to Arbor from Parent Pay **after Whitsun**. Bookings will go live on Arbor on Monday 18th May for meal bookings **after** half term. Please familiarise yourselves with the new system and book in advance.



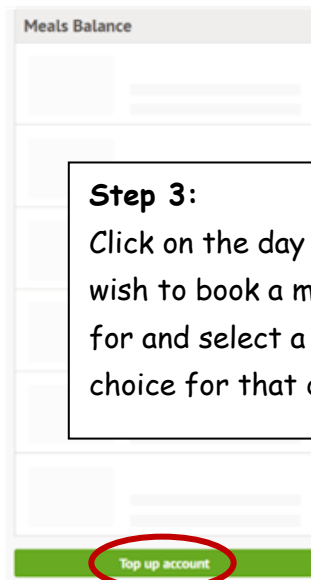
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Click on 'Quick Actions' and then 'meals'



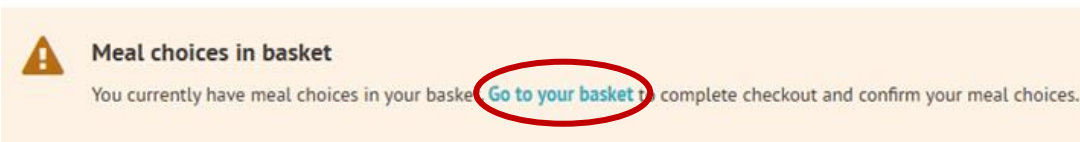
Step 2:
Click on 'Regular Menu 2026'



Step 3:
Click on the day you wish to book a meal for and select a choice for that day.



Step 4:
Top up account before you click process at the bottom of the page and then go to basket.



ATTENDANCE UPDATE



Following our attendance review on Tuesday, we are delighted to share that our whole school attendance for all pupils of compulsory school age is currently **95.9%**. This is an excellent achievement and places us just **0.1% away from our school target of 96%**. We are incredibly proud of the commitment shown by our pupils and families so far. We now need your support to help us reach — and hopefully exceed — this goal. Every day in school really does make a difference, and achieving 96% would be a fantastic milestone for our whole school community.

Let's work together to finish the term strong — every day counts!

This week 389 children have had 100% attendance. Well done!

Well done to 2H and 6HI who had the highest class attendance this week with 99.6%.

Our attendance superstar this week is Evie!



Brook Buddies



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:

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: **07970 704 158**

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

This week in Buddies we have enjoyed being creative, we have designed some gardens, we have been out and picked some rhubarb to make some crumble to taste with some custard.