



Following the devastating news regarding Mrs Fellows' beautiful daughter, she has been inundated with heartfelt messages sending condolences and thoughts from parents, some who also wish to pass on cards or flowers.

Mrs Fellows and her family want to send their appreciation for all messages received at this truly difficult time, but as we are sure you can all understand, she would also like to remain professional whilst communicating with parents and families of our pupils.

Any parents that would like to write messages to pass on their condolences can do so by writing in a memory book which will be available at the front office from Monday 9 September. Children and staff will also be given the opportunity to write messages in this too!

Those that have asked about sending cards or flowers are welcome to leave these tokens of sympathy and care in the front office and we will ensure Mrs Fellows and her family receive them.

We continue to send all our love and strength to Mrs Fellows and her family.

Reading allows us to be transported from our own world to another. Between the pages of a book, we can become immersed in the lives of fictional characters and learn about a culture entirely different from our own.

We can also learn new words and phrases, experience a range of emotions, and acquire skills and knowledge.

Please make time to read with your child at least 3 times per week- it is so important and will really help your child.

When reading with your child simply make a quick note in their reading record too- we love to celebrate our children who read lots at home!



## Lost Property

Lost property will be available on the playground outside the Year 2 classrooms every Friday afternoon - anything that isn't collected will be thrown away as we do not have the facilities to keep so much.

It is essential that you label everything that your child wears and brings to school - 3 days into the new term and we have multiple lost lunchboxes, water bottles, fleeces and more uniform - all without names on.

PLEASE label your child's belongings so we can return them back to them easily.



Please see below the planned PE days for each year group. Children are to come to school in their PE kits on their PE days.

**Butterflies** - Tuesday (Rainbows) & Thursday (Raindrops)

**Reception** - Tuesday

**Year 1** - Tuesday & Wednesday

**Year 2** - Wednesday & Thursday

**Year 3** - Monday & Thursday

**Year 4** - Monday & Wednesday

**Year 5** - Tuesday & Friday

**Year 6** - Thursday & Friday



\* Swimming will start on Friday 13th September for class 4W. This class will be swimming each Friday for 6 weeks, then they will swap with class 4HD. Swimming caps are compulsory and these can be purchased via Parent Pay for £1. Please complete the form sent home if your child would like to wear goggles.

## Early Collections

We would like to remind you that you should **NOT** be collecting your child early from the school office unless in exceptional circumstances.

During the last school year, we had lots of parents/carers coming to collect their children early (between 2pm and 3:15pm) from the school office. Whilst we do appreciate that you may have a good reason to do this, it puts a huge strain on our staff.

We understand that some parents have pre-agreed alternative collection arrangements due to exceptional circumstances which we wish to continue to support.

As you know, we are a large school and it takes time to be walking children to and from the office and this is just not manageable due to not being able to leave the school reception unmanned.

Please be aware therefore, that we may not be able to collect your child immediately for this and you may have to wait a while until we are able to fetch your child.

**Please remember that all parents/carers must provide notice in advance and with a relevant reason if you are collecting your child early from school. Please note you will be asked to provide proof of appointments.**

We apologise for this but I am sure you can imagine that it can become very unmanageable very quickly.

Please don't hesitate to come and speak with us about this if you have any questions of concerns.

Thanks for your continued support

## New staff welcome!

You may have noticed a few new faces around school—please say hello and give them a big Brook welcome!



Mrs Winter has joined us as our new Teaching Assistant in Year 2.

Mrs Ruston has joined us as our new Teaching Assistant in Year 1.



Mrs Elwell has joined us in Butterflies.

Miss Williams has joined us in the Key stage 1 Hub.



# BROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

## OPEN DAYS

Monday 30th September - 9.30am  
Thursday 17th October - 9.30am or 2pm  
Friday 15th November - 9.30am  
Wednesday 4th December - 9.30am or 2pm

Brook Primary is a community school, we are proud of all our pupils and what we help them achieve

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<https://brook.sch.life>



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Summer Reading  
Challenge 2024  
**Marvellous  
Makers**

Come to  
**Wordsley Library**

on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September**  
for the Summer Reading Challenge  
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tell us you've completed the  
challenge to collect your  
Finisher's certificate  
and medal!



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## A reminder about WOW

As you are aware our school is part of initiative whereby children and their families are encouraged to walk to school. WOW – the walk to school challenge is delivered by Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking, to help as many children as possible experience the benefits of walking to school.

Pupils are to self-report how they get to school every day. If they travel actively (walk/wheel, cycle, scooter or Park and Stride) at least **twice a week** for a month, they get rewarded with a badge. It's that simple!

### The benefits of walking to school

- Children feel happier and healthier
- They arrive to school refreshed, healthy, and ready to learn
- A reduction in congestion and pollution at the school gates

### If you can't walk to school...

Park and Stride to help your child earn their WOW badge. You can park or hop off public transport at least ten minutes away from the school and walk the remaining journey.

### Badges

There are 11 badges to be earned from September 2024 – July 2025. Each badge has been designed by a pupil from across the UK as part of our annual WOW Badge Design Competition. A new badge can be earned every month if you walk/wheel, cycle, scooter or Park and Stride at least once a week.



## 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:**

8:00am-8:45am - £3.50

### **Afterschool club:**

Full session 3:20pm-5:45pm - £8.00

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

### **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!

**This week in Buddies we have all been making new friends and enjoying outdoor play. We have also been in the garden picking some of our fruit and vegetables!**