

# Newsletter

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**School admissions**

### Starting Secondary School in September 2023?

If your child is due to start secondary school in 2022 then you will have to apply for a school place before 31 October 2022.

**School admissions**

### Closing date for applications is 31 October 2022.

Apply online at

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/learning-and-school/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/>

### Primary school applications!

If your child was born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 they will be due to start primary school in September 2023.

You will have to apply for a school place before 15th January 2023.



You must complete an application form either online at [www.dudley.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.dudley.gov.uk/admissions) or by completing the application form provided by your local authority.

If you need assistance or further information, please contact Dudley School Admissions Service on 0300 555 2345.

## COMPETITION TIME



Please help! The theme of our firework night this year is 'The Festival of Light' and we have two competitions for you to take part in:



### Lights/Lanterns

We would love as many children as possible to make a lantern at home to be displayed on the evening. The lanterns should be beautifully decorated and lit with the battery lights. There are lots of ideas for these on Pinterest. We will be asking children to take part in a procession on the evening to showcase their lantern!

This could be a great activity for the half term holiday!

### Pumpkin Carving

We are planning to decorate our school garden with carved pumpkins. We will be having a competition to see who can carve the most artistic pumpkin. This is another great activity for the half term holiday- please get involved.

You can send your lanterns and pumpkins into school from

Wednesday 2nd November.

# DONATE

We are planning to have a cake stall at our fireworks night, it would be great if you could donate some cakes for the evening. Please send them in on

Thursday 3rd November.



## Attendance message from Mrs Felton

Here at Brook Primary School attendance is extremely important. If your child misses a lot of time from school it more than likely affects their progress.

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Each day we check to see who is in school.

Should your child have a lot of time off, whatever the reason, a letter will be sent informing you of your child's attendance and possibly inviting you into school to speak to us about this. Fixed Penalty Notices for general absence are our last point of call, we want to support you as much as possible to get your child in school EVERYDAY. If you are experiencing any difficulties getting them to school please just speak to us.

Fixed Penalty Notices are always issued for Unauthorised Holidays, please book holidays during the 14 weeks the children have off school.

It is really concerning the amount of parents and carers not informing us why their child isn't in school. Please let us know either by phone, email or on our absence line by 9.30am if they aren't in school.

As always we will continue to praise and reward our children who achieve 100% attendance each term by them receiving a certificate and sticker or small prize. Each half term we will be giving out extra rewards.

This half term we had two fantastic prizes to give away. All children who had 100% attendance and no lates from September until today had their name put in a hat. The 2 lucky children who had their name pulled out to receive these prizes were:-

**Maya, Year 2**      **Winner of a family pass 2 adults and 3 children to Big Bounce event at Crystal Leisure Centre**

**Luca, Year 4**      **Winner of 3 free tickets to Gandeys Circus at Merry Hill**

Please support us to help your child achieve their potential by sending them to school everyday.



Many thanks  
Mrs Felton



**WORCESTERSHIRE CRICKET**

# OCTOBER HALF TERM MULTI-SPORTS CAMP

**FREE** to children aged 5-11 residing in the Dudley Borough

Children will receive a packed lunch and healthy snack throughout the day

For more information and bookings, please visit [www.worcestershirecricket.co.uk](http://www.worcestershirecricket.co.uk)

**MONDAY 24TH – FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER 9-3PM**

**Pegasus Academy, Scotts Green Close, Dudley, DY1 2DU**

We're pleased to announce that we have a FREE multi sports camp running for children who live in the Dudley Borough this October half term with a free packed lunch.

- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October-Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October
- Pegasus Academy, Scotts Green Close, Dudley, DY1 2DU
- 9-3pm
- Children aged 5-11 years

For more information and bookings please see the link below:

<https://cvent.me/wolWGa>

Please note places are limited and booked on a first come first served basis



## HOLIDAY ACTIVITY FUN IN DUDLEY (HAF)

<https://holidayactivitiesindudley.com/>

<https://twitter.com/DudleyHaf>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/dudleyhaf/>

### Registrations are NOW OPEN!!!!!!

Hello to all our current and future HAF families!

During the 6 weeks holidays HAF has been providing a summer of free fun activities across Dudley, at Dudley Zoo, Laser quest and many community activities. We have loved seeing so many families involved and seeing the photos and positive feedback about the difference it has made.

#### New to HAF?

We would love this fantastic offer to continue to grow and see more families get involved. HAF is available to any family with children aged 5 – 16 years, who are on a low income and who receive income eligible free school meals.

Registration is easy, simply fill out the form in the link below, or scan the QR code. Once you have registered you will receive a confirmation email which will contain a HAF number which you need to use to book activities on the HAF website when bookings open. Registration will close on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October, and you will not be able to register after this date. We do check eligibility with the council so do not complete the form if you do not qualify.

<https://holidayactivitiesindudley.com/register/>



SCAN ME



We also take a small number of referrals from schools, social workers and other professionals for children who are not in receipt of income eligible free school meals but where there is a real need to get involved, so if you think you may qualify for this part of the scheme speak to your school or other professional involved so they can contact the team directly ( the online form is not open to register for this part of the scheme).

#### Already Registered?

The good news for those families already registered for HAF, you don't need to register again, simply keep hold of your HAF number. We will send out your HAF numbers before booking opens at the beginning of December just in case you have lost it. Once booking opens on **21<sup>st</sup> November 2022**, you will be able to access the HAF booking page by clicking the link we send you and using the same username and HAF number as the summer. Here you will see all the activities available and book your activities.

All HAF Families also have the advantage of a HAF portal where the details for all your family can be found in one place and where you can amend any bookings you make, please use the following information to help you to create your family portal/ account.

**To create a family portal/ account** (you only need to register for one family portal/ account not each child) go to <https://holidayactivitiesindudley.com/register/> and click on the register button at the bottom of the page. Add the email address you have used to register your children for HAF. Once the system has checked that your email matches your family details, you will receive a password via email. When you have this, you can then go back in as many times as you want (use login this time not register) to check/change details and bookings.

Once again, we are working hard with providers and have some amazing winter activities for our HAF families across the borough to enjoy the festivities and have some fun!



We would love to recruit even more volunteers for our HAF Parent Helper and Young HAF Helper (11- 16) volunteering programme. Our volunteers are amazing at spreading the news, updating Facebook, and helping the team. If you want to know more or get involved visit our website [Fancy Volunteering for the HAF programme? – HAF \(holidayactivitiesindudley.com\)](https://holidayactivitiesindudley.com/)

## Pupil achievements!



Well done to Isobel who has achieved her Rainbow distance award for swimming 10 meters!



Huge well done to Zachery who scored 2 goals and got man of the match on his first game back after an injury keeping him off for 3 weeks!



Brook Primary School Presents

# Festival of Light

## Brook Fireworks

**Thursday 3rd November**

**6.30pm to 8pm**

Firework Display, Outdoor Disco &  
Lantern Parade

Hot food and refreshments

Tickets available in advance from Brook Primary School

**Family £17 (2 Adults & 2 Children)**

**Adult £6.00    Child £4.00 (under 3's free)**

Payment on the night will be £7.00 per person  
(adult or child)

No unaccompanied under 18's, ID may be asked for

This is a walk to event

There will be **NO** parking available

NB: Please note that we will not be having a bonfire this year due to Health and Safety restrictions. Please do not let this dampen the spirit - it is still set to be an amazing night!

Brook Primary School, George Street, Wordsley, DY8 5YN Telephone

01384 389888

We hope you all have a lovely half term week off!  
We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 31st October!



**Wednesday 7th December**

Reception nativity

**Thursday 8th December**

Christmas market

**Monday 12th December**

KS2 Christmas performance @ Wordsley church

**Wednesday 14th December**

Christmas dinner & Christmas jumper day

**There will be more dates to follow!**

## Spelling Shed

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

The top class of the week is... 5HI

Well done!

1ZH	Oscar
1CR	Nafisa
2HD	Romeo
2EB	Amelie
3WH	James
3RT	Eli
4AC	Dylan
4LF	Freddie
5C	Charlie
5HI	Amelia
6HT	Jack
6AH	Kyle

## Christmas card competition!

Our local MP Mike Wood is running his annual Christmas card competition this year! The best entries will each receive a special prize, the overall winner will have their design featured on the front of Mike's Christmas card and entries from the runners up will be printed on the back!



This is a great opportunity to show off your creative skills and get involved in a local competition with a chance to win prizes and have your design on the front of a Christmas card!

Please hand them into school no later than **Monday 7th November!**

## Attendance % w/c 10/10/2022

5C were the highest attendees in KS2 and 2EB were the highest in KS1.

Well Done!

Rec SD	96.43%
Rec H/W	94.48%
1CR	90.67%
1ZH	92.67%
2EB	97.67%
2HD	93.67%
3RT	88.40%
3W/H	98.80%
4AC	89%
4LF	96.21%
5C	99.33%
5HI	99%
6AH	97.33%
6HT	98%
School Total	<b>95.28%</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.



### Advanced notice of closure:



**Thursday 3rd November due to our Brook Fireworks event**  
**Thursday 8th December due to our Brook Christmas Market**