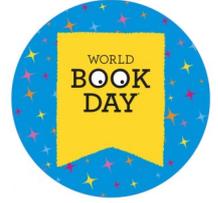


A Huge Thank You for an Incredible World Book Day!
A massive thank you to all our parents, carers, staff and children for the fantastic effort put into this year's World Book Day costumes!



The variety and creativity have been truly amazing!



Brook Book Week, World Book day and the Big Brook Read have all been a GREAT success! Thank you to all our families for supporting us throughout this week.

Each class had a winner for the most creative costume:

Butterflies - Paisley & Reuben

RB - Coben

RR - Luther

1D - Oscar

1T - Minnie

2C - Evie H

2H - Ellisia

3B - Benji

3F - Grace

4H - Ruby

4W - Peyton

5S - William

5WN - Lucas and Kyra-Leigh

6I - Dexter

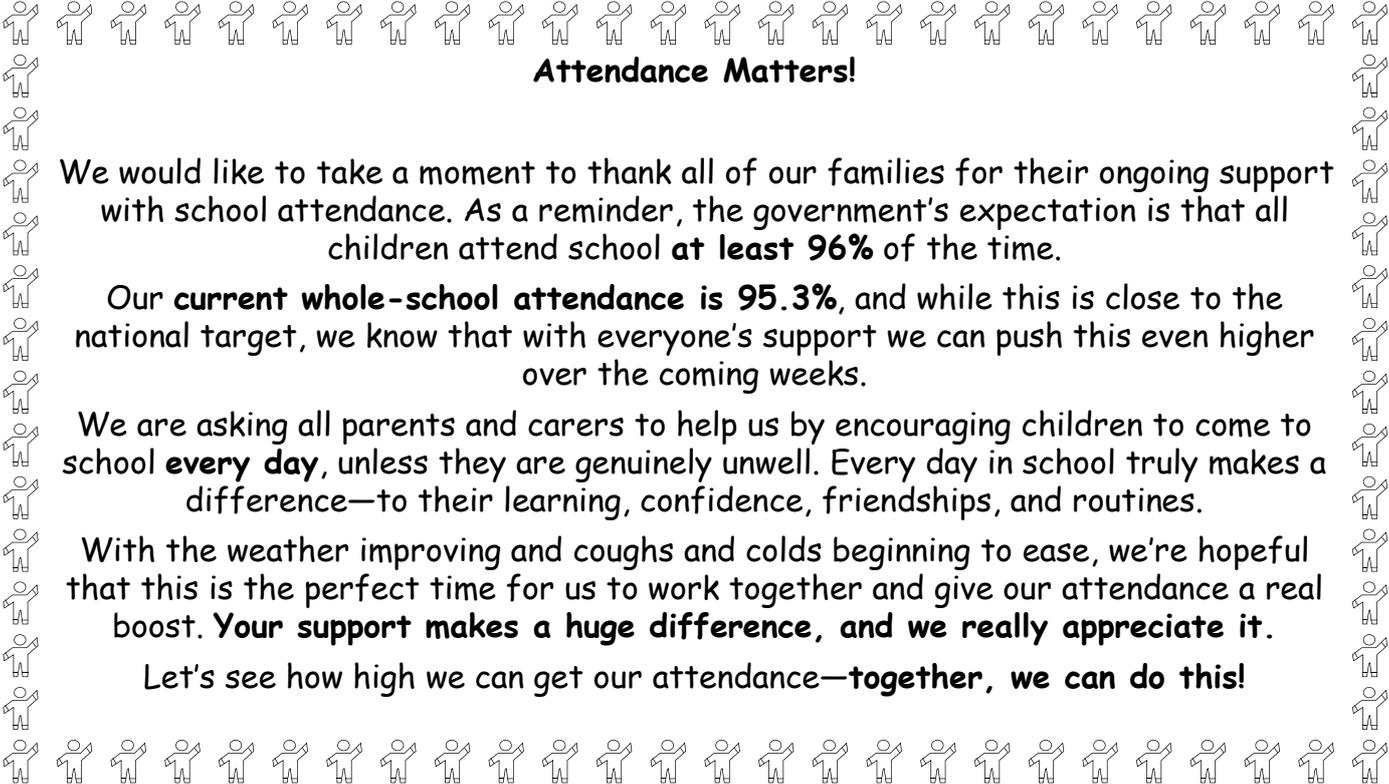
6D - Elena

World Book Day Costume Swap

Thankyou to everyone who donated costumes and books for our World Book Day swap, it was a huge success. We had lots of beautiful books and costumes for children to enjoy.

Thankyou to our year 6 Eco Councillors and our Brook Librarians for helping out after school.





Attendance Matters!

We would like to take a moment to thank all of our families for their ongoing support with school attendance. As a reminder, the government's expectation is that all children attend school **at least 96%** of the time.

Our **current whole-school attendance is 95.3%**, and while this is close to the national target, we know that with everyone's support we can push this even higher over the coming weeks.

We are asking all parents and carers to help us by encouraging children to come to school **every day**, unless they are genuinely unwell. Every day in school truly makes a difference—to their learning, confidence, friendships, and routines.

With the weather improving and coughs and colds beginning to ease, we're hopeful that this is the perfect time for us to work together and give our attendance a real boost. **Your support makes a huge difference, and we really appreciate it.**

Let's see how high we can get our attendance—together, we can do this!

Safeguarding

We are aware of potential posts and chatter circulating on platforms such as TikTok and Snapchat that may have divided schools within the region into "red" and "blue" categories, referencing a "Schools War" for pupils that could be in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10.

West Midlands Police are aware of the current social media trend relating to 'School Wars' and are working alongside community safety and other key partners around the borough.

The posts on social media vary, but the theme is a call to organise 'fights' between schools, sometimes giving a location/date and separating schools in to 'sides'.

Whilst the origin is not clear, the reach of this is nationwide and not isolated to the region. The social media posts are likely causing unnecessary fear to students, parents/carers, and the wider community.

We ask that parents/carers have open conversations about the risks of being involved in these social media led events, along with critical thinking in relation to social media posts and information shared online.

How you can help:

- Speak with your child or young person about staying away from any gatherings linked to this trend and the potential risks involved.
- Continue to uphold vigilance with regard to your child or young person's mobile phone use.
- Encourage your child to report any information or concerns to any staff member, or appropriate adult.
- WMP encourage anyone who has information about any pre-planned fights to contact us by calling 101. Always call 999 in an emergency

Remember you can also share community cohesion concerns with community.cohesion@dudley.gov.uk or anonymously via <https://www.dudleysafeandsound.org/community-monitoring-form>.

Butterflies Animal Man Visit

Today, Butterflies have had a visit from the animal man where they have enjoyed learning about different animals such as a legless lizard, a snake, a honey bear, a tarantula and many more. They were able to hold the animals, found out about their habitats and what they eat.



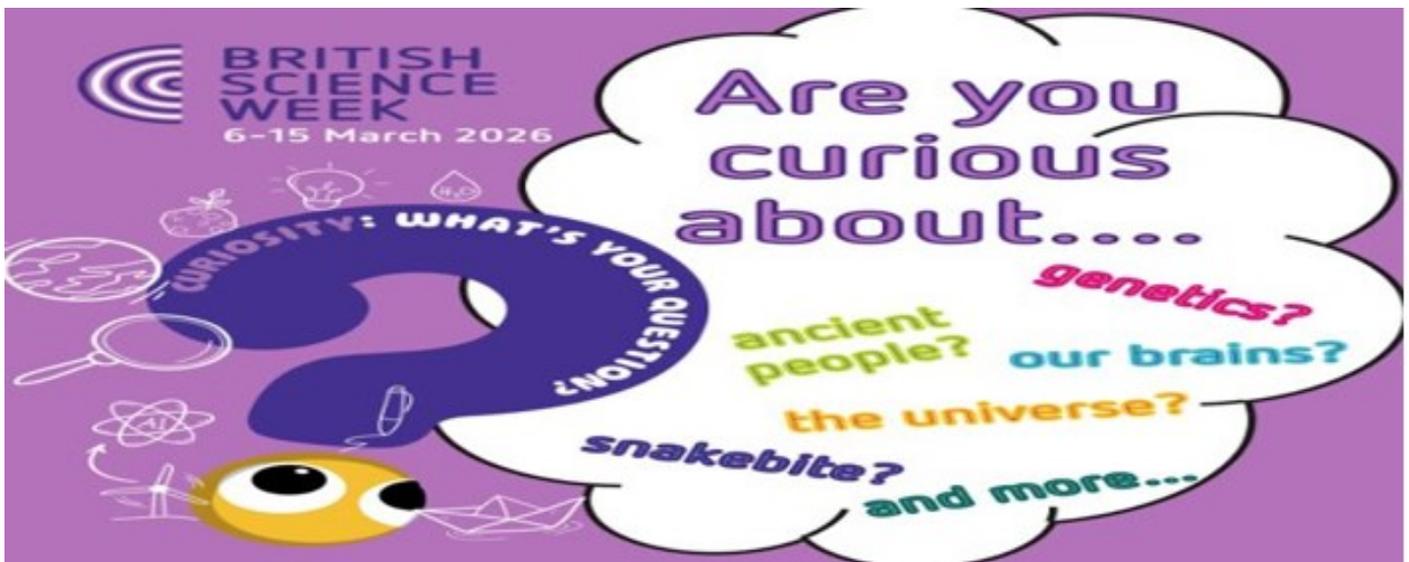
Science Week

On Tuesday 3rd March a group of 12 pupils from Year Five and Year Six visited Bramford Primary School to take part in their science week. Pupils enjoyed a carousel of activities including thaumatropes, lava lamps, planting seeds and fingerprint identification and artwork.



"My favourite activity was making the lava lamps; I loved seeing it bubble when we added the Alka-Seltzer!" - Ronnie

"I learnt there is more than one type of fingerprint: loop, whorl and arch. I enjoyed making fingerprint art because I made an image of my family!" - Maya



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

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!*

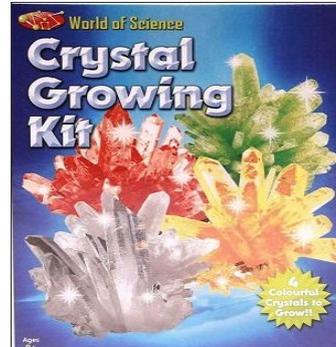
*Prices range from 50p - £2
Bring change!*



Science Week Gadget Shop

The Gadget shop will be open in the school hall during parents' evening (Monday and Wednesday) and on the playground after school Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Please bring change.

Raffle tickets will be sold at £1 per strip with the opportunity to win one of two science kits: Crystal Growing Kit or a 6 in 1 science set.



Price List B		SCIENCE GADGET SHOP			
	Dinosaur Puzzle Kit	ONLY £0.50		Magic Cotton Sand Tub	ONLY £2.50
	Stretchy Smiler	ONLY £0.50		Glow Bracelet	ONLY £2.50
	Stretchy Lizard	ONLY £0.50		Bouncing Putty	ONLY £2.50
	Neon Slime	ONLY £1.00		Rattle Magnets	ONLY £2.50
	Animal Slime	ONLY £1.00		Space Rocks Dig Out Kit	ONLY £2.50
	Flying Glider	ONLY £1.50		4-in-1 Crystal Putty	ONLY £2.50
	Biplane Glider	ONLY £2.00		Crystal Tree Growing Kit	ONLY £2.50
	Bubble Tub	ONLY £2.00		Mini Metal Vehicles	ONLY £2.50
	Finger Flyer	ONLY £2.00		Crystal Growing Kit	ONLY £3.00
	Glow in the Dark Solar System	ONLY £2.50		Gold Panning Kit	ONLY £3.00
	Rainbow Spring	ONLY £2.50		Glow Dinosaur Dig Kit	ONLY £3.00
	Slingshot Dinosaur	ONLY £2.50		Volcano Kit	ONLY £3.00
	Bubble Stick	ONLY £2.50			



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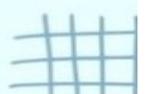
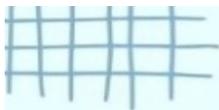
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Easter Holiday Camps at Brook Primary School

Multi Sports

9am - 3.30pm (lunch 11.30am - 12.30pm)

Week 1: Monday 30, Tuesday 31 March, Wednesday 1, Thursday 2 April

Week 2 - Tuesday 7, Wednesday 8, Thursday 9 and Friday 10 April

Activities include: Archery, Basketball, Football, Dodgeball, tennis, table tennis, rounders and fun games

Cost: 1 day: £20, 2 days: £35, 3 days: £50, 4 days: £70

For children in Reception to Year 6. Medals and certificates will be given at the end of each week. All sessions will be led by experienced, fully qualified, DBS checked Sports Plus Coaches.

If you would like to book your child a place on either of the Holidays Camps, please book the sessions you would like them to attend through ParentPay.

(Please note: you will not be charged in the first instance, once we have received your chosen sessions we will send you a reply with details on how to make payment.

Places will not be confirmed until payment is made.



If you are entitled to Free School Meals, please check your email regarding the HAF Easter Sports Camps for important information.

We are pleased to let you know that from next week (Monday 9th March) we will be using Arbor as our main communication system for sending emails and in-app messages to parents and carers.

To make sure you continue to receive all important school updates, please take a few minutes to check the following

1. Check your junk/spam folder

When we begin sending messages through Arbor next week, some emails may initially be filtered into your junk or spam folder. Please keep an eye on this and mark the emails as safe if needed.

2. Download the Arbor App

We strongly encourage all parents and carers to download the **Arbor App** on their mobile device. This will allow you to receive in-app messages and important notifications directly on your phone.

3. Enable notifications

After downloading the app, please ensure that notifications are enabled on your device so you don't miss any messages from the school.

4. Sign up to the Arbor Parent Portal/App

If you haven't already completed your sign-up for the Arbor Parent Portal or the Arbor App, please do so as soon as possible. Parents who have not signed up may miss important emails, announcements, and messages from the school.

Thank you for your support in helping us improve how we communicate with families. If you have any difficulties accessing Arbor, please contact the school office and we will be happy to assist.

Pupil Achievements



Well done to Aime in Year 1 who has achieved her red belt in Karate!



Well done to Amelia in Year 3 who has achieved awards for her Ballet and Modern dance exams.



Well done to Rose in Year 3 who has achieved her 100m swimming badge!

Attendance

This week **332** children have had **100%** attendance. Well Done!

Well done to class **1D** who had the highest class attendance this week with **100%** Attendance!

Our attendance superstar this week is **Ivy-Mae** in Year 1!



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 played lots of card and board games. We have also had a go at designing a board game to play with our friends, we had a go at making a dice too.

Please can we remind parents that computer share and tax free vouchers should be sent to the Buddies email along with your reference number/code.

Buddies@brook.dudley.sch.uk

Thank You - Buddies Brook Staff