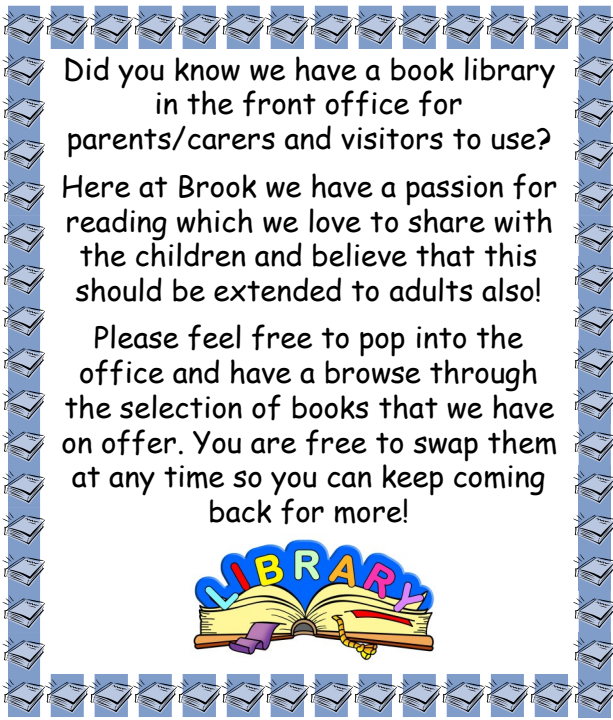




Today at school we celebrated Larissa day and it was really lovely to see the children dressed in Larissa's favourite colours, pink, purple and Butterflies.

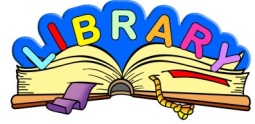
We were overwhelmed with the generosity from our wonderful community and cannot thank you enough for the donations that we have received. All donations will be going to Child Bereavement UK.



Did you know we have a book library in the front office for parents/carers and visitors to use?

Here at Brook we have a passion for reading which we love to share with the children and believe that this should be extended to adults also!

Please feel free to pop into the office and have a browse through the selection of books that we have on offer. You are free to swap them at any time so you can keep coming back for more!



Welcome
TO OUR NEW STAFF!



Miss Shepherd is our new apprentice Teaching Assistant in Year 1



Miss Smart is our new Year 5 teacher, covering whilst Mrs Evans is on maternity leave

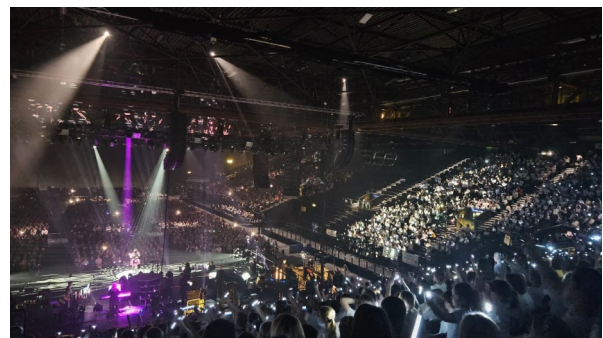
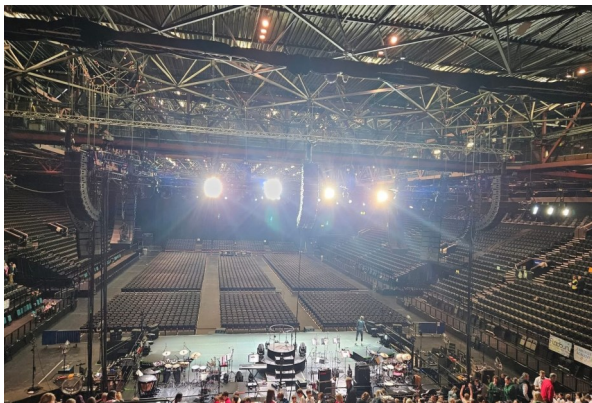
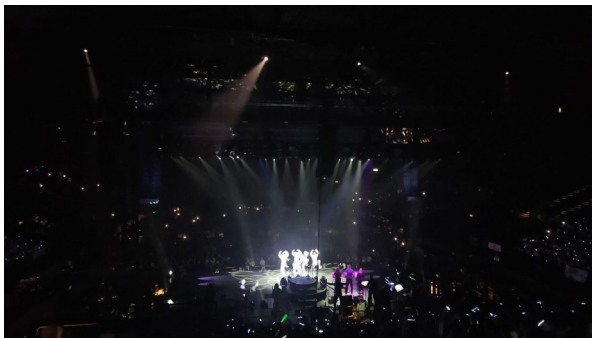
This Valentines day, **Friday 14th February** we are asking children and staff to 'wear it red' to show their love and appreciation to the West Midlands Air Ambulance charity!

Midlands Air Ambulance Charity is responsible for funding and operating three air ambulance helicopters and a fleet of critical care cars serving the communities of six Midlands counties: Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire (including Stoke-on-Trent), the West Midlands and Worcestershire. This constitutes the largest air ambulance operating region in England. The charity also provides secondary cover to surrounding areas, such as Warwickshire and Mid Wales.

Each year it costs £16 million to maintain the three aircraft, critical care cars and the provision of a lifesaving service. Each air ambulance mission costs an average of £2,950. Each critical care car mission costs £288 on average. The charity does not receive funding from the Government for its daily missions so relies entirely on the support and generosity of local people and businesses.



Young Voices 2025!



We all had an amazing time last night at the Young Voices concert! There were over 4000 children there from different schools across the country taking part to make the countries biggest children's choir! We also enjoyed performances by Tommy Blaze (who is the singer from Strictly), MC Grammar and Souparnika Nair (a former BGT contestant).

The atmosphere was amazing and we had an incredible evening!

We would like to thank the parents who attended to support our school and their children and we would like to thank the children and staff for all their hard work!

Keep a look out for information regarding next years' Young Voices as we would love to attend again next year!

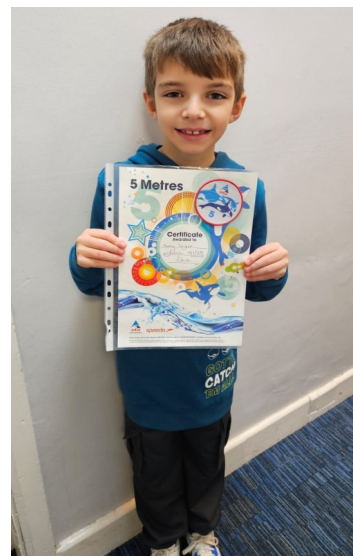
Pupil achievements





Well done to Darcey from Year 3 who has been awarded a trophy for coming 3rd place in her junior 1 dance examinations!



Well done to Walter in Year 1 for been awarded multiple trophies after competing in the Irish dancing championships in London last weekend!



Well done to Harry in Year 1 for achieving his 5 metre swimming certificate!


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We are very excited to announce the delivery of our new climbing wall this week! There are future plans to hire this out and also enhance our PE programme within school - watch this space!

WATCH
THIS SPACE



At Brook Primary School, we recognise the importance of reading for pleasure and the impact that it has upon the lives of the children within the school. This year, as part of a British Council initiative, Mrs Irwin and Mr Allen have partnered with two schools in Jamaica to grow Brook's reading community, celebrate diverse literature and develop a shared passion for reading. This week, a group of children from key stage 2 had the opportunity to speak with the children from our partner schools in Jamaica, sharing their love of reading and asking many questions!



Diary dates 2025

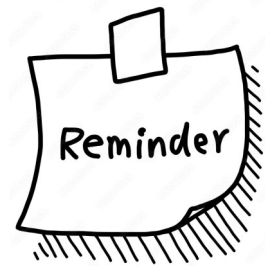


Thursday 16th January 2025	Young Voices concert
Friday 17th January 2025	Census week - please help us by booking a school dinner on Friday - pizza & nuggets!
Friday 14 th February 2025	End of Half Term and 'Wear It Red' Day
Monday 17 th - Friday 21 st February 2025	<u>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</u>
Monday 24 th February 2025	<u>Inset day - school closed to children</u>
Tuesday 25 th February 2025	<u>Children return to school</u>
Monday 17 th March 2025	Butterflies, Early years & Key stage 1 Parent's evening - more details to follow
Wednesday 19 th March 2025	Key stage 2 parent's evening—more details to follow
Friday 11 th April 2025	End of term
Monday 14 th April - Friday 25 th April 2025	Easter holidays
Monday 28 th April 2025	Children return to school
Monday 5 th May 2025	May day - School closed to children
Monday 26 th May - Friday 30 th May 2025	<u>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</u>
Monday 2 nd June 2025	Children return to school
Friday 18 th July 2025	Children break up for Summer holidays at the end of the day
Monday 21 st July 2025	<u>Inset day - school closed to children</u>

Reminder: uniform policy

Please can we remind parents that as per our uniform policy, hair must be tied up for school. We do keep a handful of spare hair bobbles in the office but we don't have enough to be giving them out daily to multiple children.

We have also noticed an increase in children coming into school wearing bracelets and necklaces - please be reminded that children should not be wearing jewellery to school other than small stud earrings, which must be removed on PE days.



Last weeks attendance:

06/01/25 - 10/01/25

6E were the highest attendees in KS2 and RB were the highest in KS1.



Rec B	100%
Rec R	97.04%
1D	98.75%
1H	90.40%
2C	95%
2T	97.24%
3F	95.17%
3S	97.67%
4HD	97.93%
4W	96.90%
5I	95.17%
5SW	98.28%
6AH	97.67%
6E	98.67%
School Total	96.66%
Target	97%

Brook Buddies

** We have some new faces that have joined us in Buddies, please don't forget to fill in your agreements form via the following link **

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

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!

Please could we remind parents that pay via voucher/tax free payments, you need to send your payments to the Buddies email: buddies@brook.dudley.sch.uk. Please do not send to the school info address as sometimes they may get overlooked and missed.

This week in Buddies we have been painting and designing and creating our own winter clothing!