



## **BROOKBITES**

We wanted to let you know of a couple of special event days we have planned for lunchtimes over the next few weeks! These lunches are available to book on Parent Pay, so please ensure you have ordered your child one in advance if they would like one.



### **Wednesday 29th January** **Chinese New Year! Year of the snake**

The options will be:

- Option 1** - Chicken curry with rice
- Option 2** - Quorn curry with rice
- Option 3** - Sweet and sour chicken with rice
- Option 4** - Vegetable chow mein

Served with prawn crackers, a fortune cookie and a selection of puddings

### **Friday 14th February** **Valentines Day box meals**

The options will be:

- Option 1** - Cheese & tomato pizza with chips
- Option 2** - Chicken nuggets with chips
- Option 3** - Quorn nuggets with chips

Served with a selection of puddings

This will also be 'Wear Something Red' day!



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.

You can now pay your donations on Parent Pay.



## Pupil achievements



Blake from Year 2 got this trophy for his defending skills from his football club this week!

Well done Blake!

## Diary dates 2025

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| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025                              | End of Half Term and 'Wear It Red' Day   |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025    | <u>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</u>   |
| Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2025                              | <u>Inset day - school closed to children</u>                                       |
| Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2025                             | <u>Children return to school</u>   |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2025                                 | Butterflies, Early years & Key stage 1 Parent's evening - more details to follow   |
| Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2025                              | Key stage 2 parent's evening—more details to follow                                |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 2025                                 | End of term  |
| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> April - Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 | Easter holidays  |
| Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2025                                 | Children return to school  |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025                                    | May day - School closed to children  |
| W/c 12 <sup>th</sup> May 2025                                      | SATS week<br>(Please make sure all Y6 children are in school- no holidays please!) |
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025     | <u>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</u>   |
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025                                   | Children return to school  |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025                                  | Children break up for Summer holidays at the end of the day                        |
| Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2025                                  | Inset day - school closed to children  |

## Butterflies garden donations

As you may be aware, we are using our school garden more and more each term. The children in Butterflies love exploring the garden especially during our Muddy Mondays but it is used by children of all ages. We are looking for support and donations to enhance the area. We have prepared a list of items that are needed but please speak to a member of Butterflies if you have anything else that could be donated.

- Guttering
- Plastic milk crates
- Decking/scaffolding boards
- Wooden cable reels
- Tyres
- Wooden pallets
- Tree stumps
- Tree chippings
- Tarpaulin of any size
- Ropes/strong string



Thank you in advance. We know it's a big ask and we will appreciate any support.

# HOLDING OUT FOR A HERO



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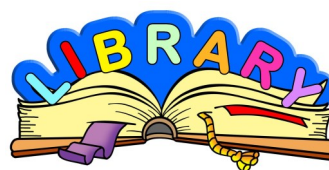
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Did you know we have a book library in the front office for parents/carers and visitors to use?

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!



## Well done Year 3!

Today Year 3 were rewarded with an extra play time as recognition for their excellent efforts for attendance!

Mrs Fellows and Mrs Felton completed the fortnightly attendance review and they were so impressed! Year 3's attendance is 97.3% which is fantastic!

Please remember that attendance is so important.

The pupils with the highest attainment at the end of key stage 2 have higher rates of attendance over the key stage compared to those with the lowest attainment.

### Last weeks attendance:

06/01/25 - 10/01/25

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



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|--------------|---------------|
| Rec B        | 97.60%        |
| Rec R        | 97.41         |
| 1D           | 98.75%        |
| 1H           | 96%           |
| 2C           | 98.67%        |
| 2T           | 98.62%        |
| 3F           | 97.24%        |
| 3S           | 96.67%        |
| 4HD          | 99.31%        |
| 4W           | 99.31%        |
| 5I           | 96.90%        |
| 5SW          | 91.67%        |
| 6AH          | 96%           |
| 6E           | 94.83%        |
| School Total | <b>96.59%</b> |
| 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](mailto: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 creating pictures of where we live.**

**We have also enjoyed creating fruit faces using lots of different fruits.**