

# Newsletter

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### Our school values

Here at Brook, we understand the importance of keeping our children safe, ensuring our children are happy, providing them with a good education across all subjects and preparing them to be good citizens. To achieve this we have five school values that are very important to us. Please talk to your children about these values, what they mean and why they are so important.

RESPECT

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## COME FOR COFFEE

IT'S FOR MACMILLAN

Help us make our coffee morning a success in aid of Macmillan! Whether you get your bake on or donate some cakes we will greatly appreciate anything at all! Obviously we also need you to come along!

★ Friday 29th September from 9am in the school hall ★

## Free School Meals



Could you be eligible? Lots of parents don't apply when their child is in Rec-Y3 because they get free meals anyway but did you know that school get extra funding too!

You will also get food vouchers over the holidays! If you think you may be eligible- please apply

here: <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/benefits/free-school-meals/>

Do you know anyone who has a younger child? They may be coming 3 years old and looking for a nursery or if they're 4, they'll be preparing to choose a primary school so why not recommend us! We are hosting several open days where we invite potential parents to come and have a look around.

## BROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

# OPEN DAYS

Monday 2nd October - 9.30am

Thursday 19th October - 9.30am or 2pm

Friday 17th November - 9.30am

Wednesday 6th 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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### Why not come and see us in action?

Please call the school on **01384 389888** or email at [info@brook.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@brook.dudley.sch.uk) to book a date.



<https://brook.sch.life>





# School Census Day

Thursday 5th October

Our menu is

Chicken nuggets & chips

Cheese and tomato pizza & chips

Jacket potato

Followed by ice cream

Please remember to book on ParentPay

School Census day is incredibly important as it informs the local authority of our free school meal numbers which decides how much funding the school receives.

The more meals that are taken on this day, the more funding we can secure for the school which can then be spent on education and resources provided to our pupils here at Brook.

## Earrings

This week I have had quite a few parents ask about earrings and PE. Having spoken to other headteachers in Dudley and seeking advice, I was directed to the PE Association Health & Safety Guidance.

It strongly recommends the practice of removing all jewellery at the commencement of every PE lesson to establish a safe working environment. We do not accept taping over ear piercings as a measure of protection because the teacher supervising the group has the legal responsibility to ensure the taping is fit for purpose.

If a health and safety incident was to occur, this would mean that the teacher is liable which is why we have taken the stance that earrings must NOT be worn for PE.

Parents must either remove earrings on the day of PE or if able, the child can remove them but schools hold no responsibility for this. **PE is a compulsory subject under the National Curriculum at all key stages;** so we ask for your support with this.

It is essential that we keep all children safe.

## Gardening Help!

We have had one volunteer to help with our school garden, which is great but we were really hoping for more so that there was a team who could work together.

Please let us know if you are interested.



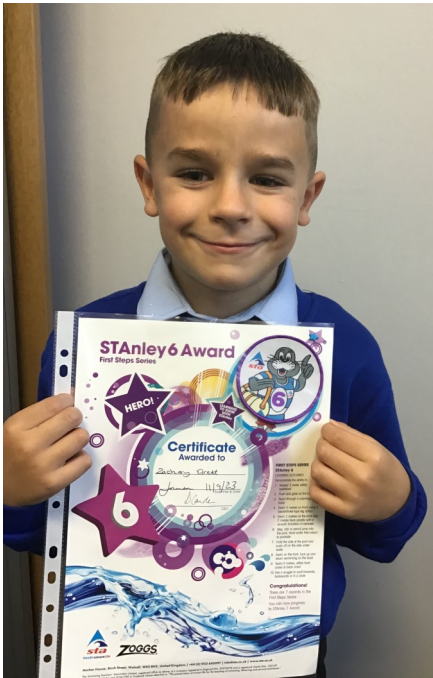
## Brook fireworks

Due to the celebration of 100 years of Disney we have decided to have a Disney theme this year!





## Pupil shout out!



Well done to Zachery for achieving his Stanley 6 award in swimming! This is a great achievement and you should be very proud!



Luna bought some photos to show us what she got up to in the holidays! She went to see Andy and the Odd Socks at the theatre and had a brilliant time meeting some of the characters!



We are continuing with the new initiative that we started last academic year. The aim is to encourage more children and their families 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. The pupil-led challenge enables children to self-report how they travel to school every day. If they travel actively (walk/wheel, cycle, scoot 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

The badges this year are linked to the theme 'British nature Walk'. 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, scoot or Park and Stride at least twice a week.

## Starting secondary school in September 2023?

If your child is due to start secondary school in 2023 then you will have to apply for a secondary school place before 5pm on 31st October 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 home local authority. You can include 6 school preferences on the application form.

You should not assume that your child will get a place at a secondary school without you having to apply, even if you have an older child already attending the same school. This is a common misconception and often the biggest cause of disappointment for parents who believe otherwise.

For further information please contact Dudley School Admissions Service on 0300 555 2345.

### Open events

Many of the local high schools are holding open events. This is an important step in your child's education and we would encourage you to take them to have a look around. If your child is in Year 5, it may also be an idea for you to go and have a look too- just to start them thinking about where they'd like to go.

**Wordsley** - 3rd / 4th / 5th / 6th / 10th / 11th / 12th / 13th October **9:30-10:30am**

**Kingswinford** - 25th & 27th September **9-11am** / 27th September **5 - 8pm**

**Crestwood** - 22nd / 25th / 26th September **9-9:50am**

**Summerhill** - 28th September **5:30 - 8pm**

**Ridgewood** - 25th / 26th / 29th September **9:15-10:45**

Attendance %  
w/c 11/09/2023

3MH, 4D & 6AH were the highest attendees in KS2 and 1R were the highest in KS1. Well Done!

Rec D	92%
Rec B	97.83%
1R	100%
1W	99.33%
2C	97.33%
2T	99.31%
3B	96.07%
3MH	100%
4D	100%
4F	99.60%
5I	96%
5P	95%
6AH	100%
6HT	99%
School Total	<b>97.76%</b>
Target	97%



## Brook Buddies



Brook Buddies parents it's that time again! If you require a place at Buddies please remember you need to fill in a new parent pack please.

These are available from Buddies or the main school office

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.