

Attendance Slips

This week all children who have attendance of 96% or above will receive a well done slip to recognise how proud we are of their fantastic attendance!

Parents Evening

Parents' evening slots are now available to book on the new Arbor App.

KS2 - Monday 9th March

Early Years & KS1 - Wednesday 11th March

Please make sure you have downloaded the Arbor App and logged into your account to be able to book your parents evening appointment. If you are having any difficulties with logging in to Arbor, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Girls Football

After school yesterday, the girls in Year 6 went to play the second round of the tournament that we began before half term. Their determination and resilience never stopped in all their matches but unfortunately after lots of battling we ended up losing 3 matches and drawing against Rufford.

Please see the table below for the results of the tournament.

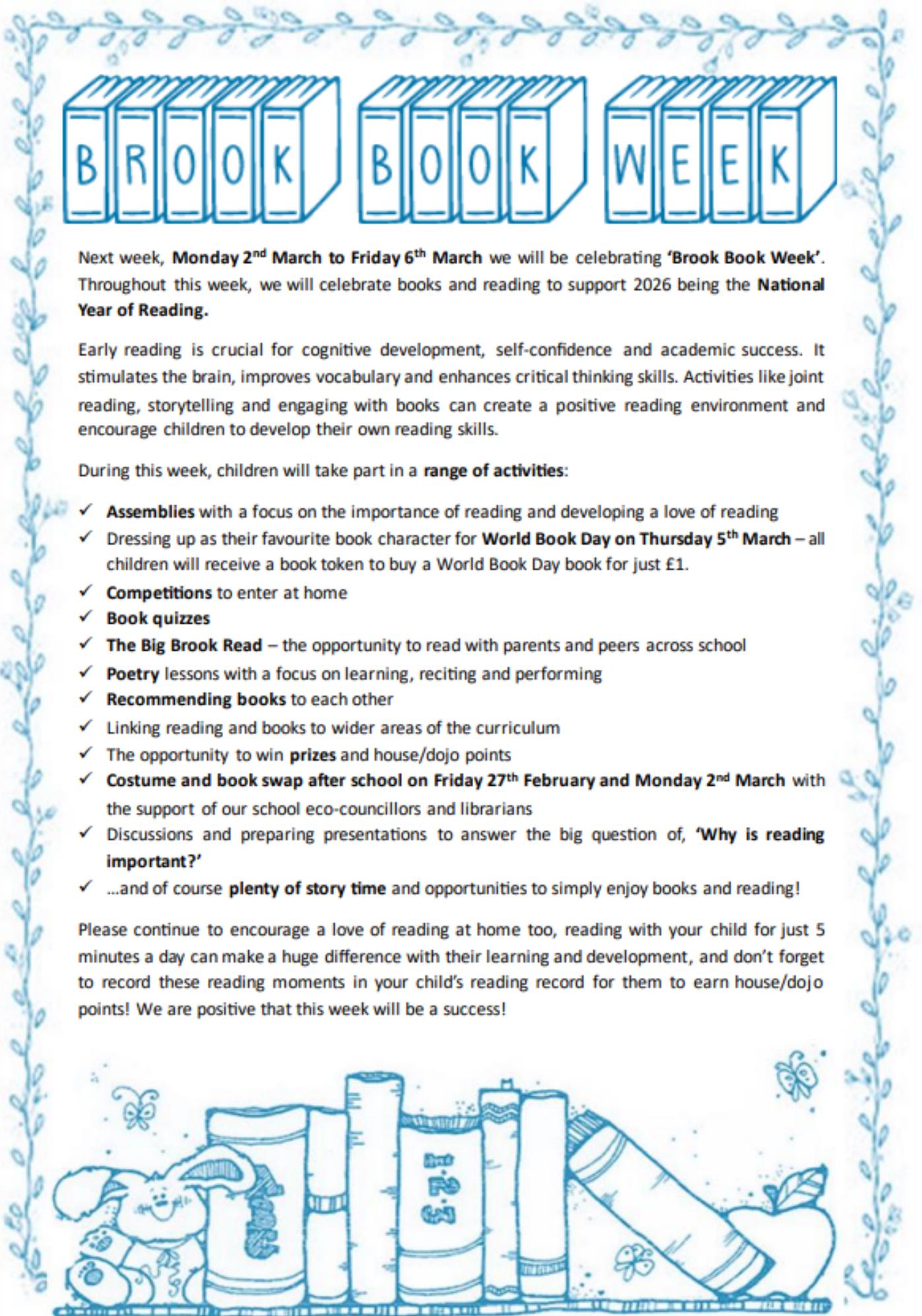
League Table

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St Joseph's	8	7	1	0	20	0	22
Amblecote	8	3	3	2	9	5	12
Ham Dingle	8	3	1	4	5	10	10
Rufford	8	1	3	4	3	12	6
Brook	8	1	2	5	1	11	5

Well done girls for representing Brook!

You worked well as a team and we are proud of you!





BROOK BOOK WEEK

Next week, **Monday 2nd March to Friday 6th March** we will be celebrating '**Brook Book Week**'. Throughout this week, we will celebrate books and reading to support 2026 being the **National Year of Reading**.

Early reading is crucial for cognitive development, self-confidence and academic success. It stimulates the brain, improves vocabulary and enhances critical thinking skills. Activities like joint reading, storytelling and engaging with books can create a positive reading environment and encourage children to develop their own reading skills.

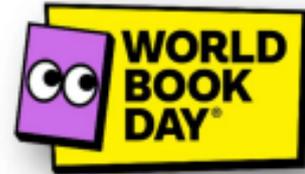
During this week, children will take part in a **range of activities**:

- ✓ **Assemblies** with a focus on the importance of reading and developing a love of reading
- ✓ Dressing up as their favourite book character for **World Book Day on Thursday 5th March** – all children will receive a book token to buy a World Book Day book for just £1.
- ✓ **Competitions** to enter at home
- ✓ **Book quizzes**
- ✓ **The Big Brook Read** – the opportunity to read with parents and peers across school
- ✓ **Poetry** lessons with a focus on learning, reciting and performing
- ✓ **Recommending books** to each other
- ✓ Linking reading and books to wider areas of the curriculum
- ✓ The opportunity to win **prizes** and house/dojo points
- ✓ **Costume and book swap after school on Friday 27th February and Monday 2nd March** with the support of our school eco-councillors and librarians
- ✓ Discussions and preparing presentations to answer the big question of, '**Why is reading important?**'
- ✓ ...and of course **plenty of story time** and opportunities to simply enjoy books and reading!

Please continue to encourage a love of reading at home too, reading with your child for just 5 minutes a day can make a huge difference with their learning and development, and don't forget to record these reading moments in your child's reading record for them to earn house/dojo points! We are positive that this week will be a success!



Reading Competition



Next week is 'Brook Book Week' where we will celebrate books and reading to support 2026 being the National Year of Reading.

During this week, children will take part in a range of reading activities, including dressing up as their favourite book character on World Book Day (Thursday 5th March 2026)

To encourage reading at home, Miss Hughes and Mrs Irwin would love to see some pictures of you reading a book in an unusual way or in an unusual place.



Some examples could be reading your book outside, reading your book on a trampoline, reading your book whilst holding a pet...

The ideas are endless, just use your imagination!

Either print your photos and bring them into school for Miss Hughes/Mrs Irwin, or send your pictures to info@brook.dudley.sch.uk.

Miss Hughes and Mrs Irwin will look at all the entry photos and choose a 1st, 2nd and 3rd photo judged on creativity. These children will win a small prize!

Please send all entries by Friday 20th March 2026.



Easter Sports Camp

Our Easter multi sports camp will be back over the Easter Holidays

Week 1 - Monday 30th March—Thursday 2nd April

Week 2 - Tuesday 7th—Friday 10th April

More details to follow!



ProvisionMap

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Is your child on the school's SEND register? Have you accessed Edukey?

Edukey our system for sharing information about your child's support, targets, and progress.

To help everyone stay connected, **we'll be reissuing Edukey passwords at Parents' Evening.**

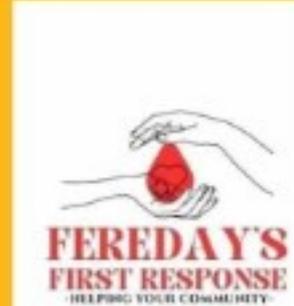
Thank you for working with us — staying in touch through Edukey helps us support your child even more effectively.

Message about Parking and leaving engines running

We kindly ask all parents and carers to park considerately and safely when dropping off or collecting children. Recently, there have been increasing concerns about cars stopping on yellow lines, blocking driveways and creating congestion around the school gates. These behaviours not only cause frustration for our neighbours but also pose a real safety risk to our pupils as they arrive and leave school.

We would also like to remind families not to leave engines running while waiting. Idling contributes to air pollution, which is particularly harmful for children, and it creates unnecessary noise around the school site. Switching off your engine, even for a short wait, helps to keep the environment cleaner and safer for everyone.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us maintain a safe, respectful and healthy environment for all members of our school **community**.



FEREDAY'S FIRST RESPONSE CHARITY CONCERT

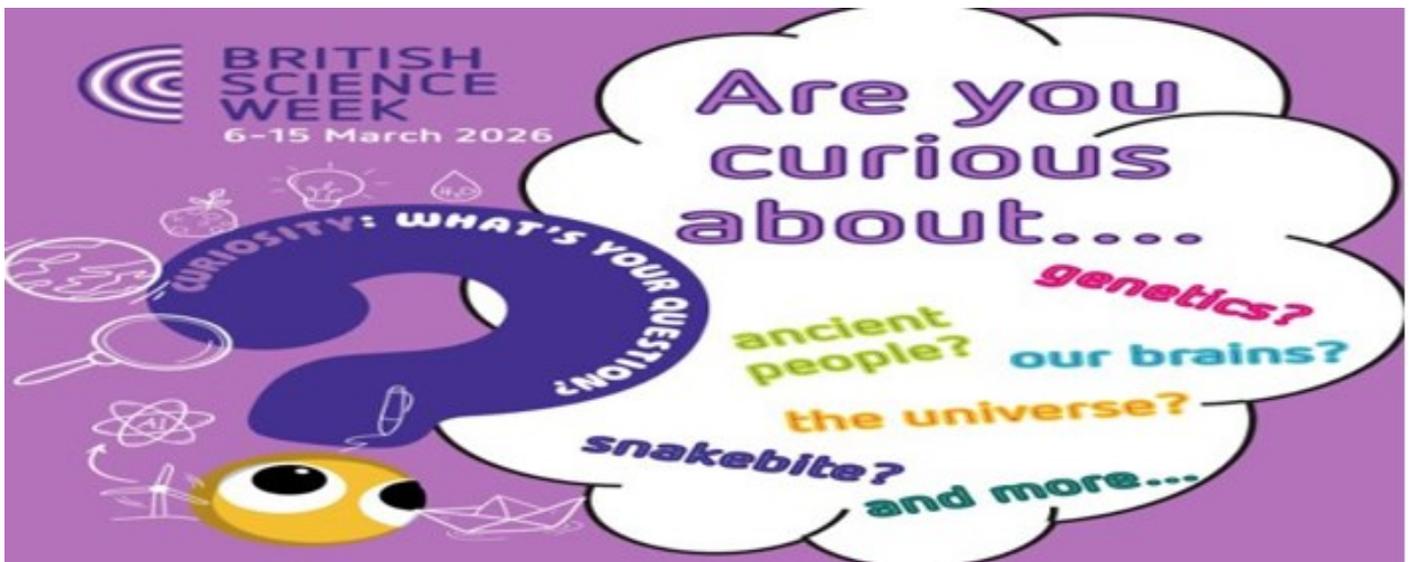
**WITH SPECIAL GUEST COMPERE SARAH BISHOP
(NEE FALKLAND) FORMERLY OF "BBC MIDLANDS TODAY"**

**HALESOWEN TOWN HALL
HAGLEY STREET
HALESOWEN
B63 3AT**

**SATURDAY 16TH MAY 2026
7PM
TICKETS £10 EACH
(UNDER 5'S FREE)**

**TICKETS available from: tickets@vihchoir.org
Rob 07538 594068
Millie 07845 819138**

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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?'

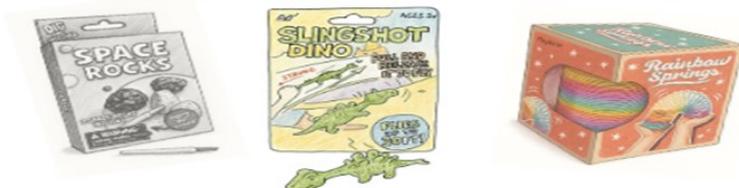
Judges will be looking for a **creative approach**, clear **content** (thoughtful response to the research question) and a poster that effectively **communicates** ideas in an **engaging** way.

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 !***



Pupil Achievements



Well done to Hayden in Year 4 who has achieved his 3rd tag to his brown and white belt in Martial arts.



Well done to Ivy-Mae in Year 1 who has achieved her 10m swimming badge.

Good Luck

We are aware that some of our students will be dancing at the WDO World Formation Championships this weekend at Blackpool Tower!

We would like to wish them all the best of luck in their competition!



Brook
Primary School

Have you signed up to the Arbor Parent Portal/App yet?

UK Health
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MMRV Vaccine

From 1st January 2026 MMRV will be offered as part of the routine immunisation schedule to protect children from:

- ✓ measles
- ✓ mumps
- ✓ rubella
- ✓ chickenpox (varicella)



✓ Read the leaflet here



If your child was born on or after 1 January 2025 your child needs to have their MMRV at:

- ✓ first dose 12 months
- ✓ second dose at 18 months of age

to have the best protection from all four diseases. Speak to your GP practice and have your Red Book ready.

Or enter this shortlink <https://qrco.de/ukmmrv> if you cannot scan.

Attendance

This week **346** children have had **100%** attendance. Well Done!

Well done to class **5S** who had the highest class attendance this week with **99.6%** Attendance!

Our attendance superstar this week is **Eli** in Year 6!



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 enjoyed making some rainbow fish and we have collaged some paper plate octopus. The children have really enjoyed building with the construction toys this week too.