



## Welcome Back From Mrs Fellows

A huge welcome back to the academic year. I hope you had a fabulous holiday and were able to have some much-needed family and/or relaxation time to recharge the batteries. The beginning of the year can often evoke some nerves but hopefully mixed with some excitement too for the new year ahead. As always, we have lots of plans for the year including residentials, fundraising events, extra-curricular opportunities, trips and visits to ensure that your children have lots of fun whilst they learn along the way too! Please remember that we are here to support our pupils and families so if we can do anything to help, please make contact as we really do care about our community.

Today you will have received your year group newsletters which gives information about what the children will be learning this term, PE days, passwords and general notices. Please make sure you read these and make use of them when talking to your children about the new things they are learning. The children have come back looking very smart in their uniforms, thank you for supporting us with this to ensure that our pupils come to school with pride. As our PE days start next week, it is also important that children come to school in the correct PE kit (more information below) as we want to uphold our high standards.

Finally a huge thank you for the many gifts, cards, messages and kind words at the end of last year- they really are appreciated. It was a very difficult year for me personally last year and whilst I will never forget my beautiful girl, I am looking forward to a positive year ahead. I love working at Brook primary and I'm immensely proud to be the Headteacher so with your continued support, I am hopeful of another successful year.

## PE Kit Reminder

Can we remind parents that the correct school PE kit is as follows:

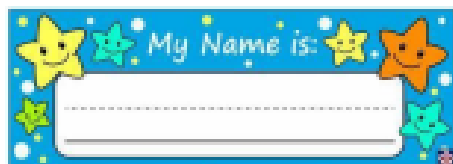
**Plain Black** or **Blue** bottoms

**Plain** white or house coloured T-shirt

**Plain Black** or **Blue** Zip up jacket or hoodie

**Plain Black** or white trainers or pumps

It is essential that you label everything that your child wears and brings to school. This helps us to return any lost items back to children preventing a build up of lost property.





Please see below the planned PE days for each year group. Children are to come to school in their PE kits on their PE days.

**Rainbows-** Thursday

**Raindrops-** Tuesday

**Reception** - Friday

**Year 1** - Monday & Friday

**Year 2** - Wednesday & Thursday

**Year 3** - Tuesday & Friday

**Year 4** - Tuesday & Thursday

**Year 5** - Tuesday & Thursday (5S)

**Year 6** - Tuesday & Friday



# Huge Thank You!

Mrs Fellows has been doing lots of charity work since Christmas and is on a quest to raise £50000 for a range of charities. There are three families, who have kindly completed fundraising activities including selling bracelets, selling butterfly products and doing a 5K walk to raise money. Mrs Fellows wanted to say a HUGE thank you for supporting her charity work.

## Inset days 2025/26

Monday 3rd November 2025

Monday 13th April 2026

Monday 20th July 2026



Reading allows us to be transported from our own world to another. Between the pages of a book, we can become immersed in the lives of fictional characters and learn about a culture entirely different from our own. We can also learn new words and phrases, experience a range of emotions, and acquire skills and knowledge.

Please make time to read with your child at least 3 times per week- it is so important and will really help your child.

When reading with your child simply make a quick note in their reading record too- we love to celebrate our children who read lots at home!



# Attendance

At Brook Primary School we know that every school day counts. Regular attendance is one of the most important factors in helping children succeed—not only academically, but also socially and emotionally. Each day in school provides valuable opportunities for learning, building friendships, and developing the routines that prepare children for future success.

When a child misses school, even for just a few days, it can be difficult for them to catch up. Gaps in learning can quickly build, and children may feel less confident when returning to class. By attending consistently, children stay connected, engaged, and ready to make the most of their education.

If you are planning a holiday during school dates, please remember to complete a **holiday request form** in advance. This helps us work together to support your child's learning and ensures we are aware of their absence. Forms are available from the school office.

If your child is unwell, please report your child's absence by phoning our absence line.

## Early Collections

We would like to remind you that you should **NOT** be collecting your child early from the school office unless in exceptional circumstances.

During the last school year, we had lots of parents/carers coming to collect their children early (between 2pm and 3:15pm) from the school office. Whilst we do appreciate that you may have a good reason to do this, it puts a huge strain on our staff.

We understand that some parents have pre-agreed alternative collection arrangements due to exceptional circumstances which we wish to continue to support.

As you know, we are a large school and it takes time to be walking children to and from the office and this is just not manageable due to not being able to leave the school reception unmanned.

Please be aware therefore, that we may not be able to collect your child immediately for this and you may have to wait a while until we are able to fetch your child.

**Please remember that all parents/carers must provide notice in advance and with a relevant reason if you are collecting your child early from school. Please note you will be asked to provide proof of appointments.**

We apologise for this but I am sure you can imagine that it can become very unmanageable very quickly.

Please don't hesitate to come and speak with us about this if you have any questions or concerns.



## Pupil Achievements



Well done to Jensen in Year 6 for being nominated for Badger of the year award out of the whole West Midlands and for also achieving his 2000 meter swimming badge.

Also Archie got his first learn to swim award in the holidays and star of the week. We are super proud of him.



# 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.**

### **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!

To get in touch, please call our mobile: **07970704158**

Our email is **Buddies@brook.dudley.sch.uk**

Thus week in Buddies we have enjoyed meeting lots of new friends. We have enjoyed tasting some of our home grown produce from our garden. We have had fun seeing our friends and learning all about what they have been doing.

**Please note we now open at 7:30am and close at 5:45pm**