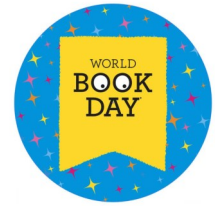


A Huge Thank You for an Incredible World Book Day!
A massive thank you to all our parents, carers, staff and children for the fantastic effort put into this year's World Book Day costumes!



The variety and creativity have been truly amazing!

We've seen Harry Potter casting spells, The 3 Little Pigs stomping around, and even Alice stepping straight out of Wonderland!

You have all outdone yourselves, our wonderful children have truly embraced the spirit of the day, showcasing their fantastic outfits inspired by beloved characters from their favourite books and the excitement for reading today has been incredible because of it!

The children have been truly immersed in the magic of books, and we love to see their enthusiasm grow.





Honesty is the best policy!

Children are very vocal and excited to share with friends and even teachers about their exciting plans and times away from school, but it can be very awkward when we speak to parents who tell us that they are ill or provide no reason!

Any absence that we aren't provided a reason for will be marked down as an unauthorised absence.

If you are taking your children away for a holiday or break, even if only for 1 or 2 days, it is essential that you fill out an absence request form so that we can process the correct code on the registers for attendance purposes.



Year 2 have had a very egg-citing delivery of 6 duckling eggs, 3 of which have already successfully hatched! The children are enjoying the responsibility of looking after them and learning about their growth each day!

You may have noticed that our pirate ship has disappeared off the playground ... but we have something very exciting being built in it's place!

All will be revealed shortly!



Gandeys Circus is coming to Merry Hill 6th - 23rd March and we have been given a discount code to share with our families at school. Treat your children to a unforgettable experience at Gandeys circus and save money when you use code "MHSC5"



Easter holidays sports camp

Our ever popular Easter holidays sports club is back!

We will be running the club over both weeks of the Easter holidays, excluding the bank holidays (Good Friday and Easter Monday) :

Week 1: Monday 14th | Tuesday 15th | Wednesday 16th | Thursday 17th April

Week 2: Tuesday 22nd | Wednesday 23rd | Thursday 24th | Friday 25th April

Times of the course: 9am - 3:30pm (Lunch 11:30am-12:30pm)

Holiday club costs:

1 day = £20 | 2 days = £35 | 3 days = £50 | 4 days = £70

Our sports providers, Sports Plus, will be facilitating our Easter Physical Activity and Sports Camp. The Sports Camp will be led by Highly Qualified and Experienced Sports Coaches who work within Primary Schools during term time delivering Physical Education Support.

All Sports Plus Professionals are Fully Insured, 1st Aid Trained and DBS Enhanced Checked to work with Children.

Activity: Multi Sports Camp (Reception-Yr 6) A range of activities designed to incorporate team building games, as well as individual skill-based activities. Games will include racket games, ball games and various multi-skills and fun activities. All games are designed to improve children's confidence within a sporting environment with an emphasis on FUN at all times.

The pupils will be split into two groups of 16, a key stage 1 and key stage 2 group dependent upon numbers. There are 32 places in total. Our previous holiday camps have been extremely popular and places will be given on a first come, first served basis. Each child will receive a certificate and medal at our presentation held on the last day of Camp @ 3:00pm

[If you would like to register your child's interest in joining the sports club, please complete the following online form. Shortly after, we will reply with a confirmation and further details including making payment.](#)

<https://forms.office.com/e/d8mvMfHgOV>

HAF families - We have 12 spaces allocated to any families who are entitled to HAF. Please log onto the HAF website and book your space via their website, then complete the above online form including your HAF reference number.

If you receive free school meals but aren't yet signed up to HAF, please search for Dudley HAF online and sign up on their website!

Pupil achievements



Last weekend Riley spent the day on a filming set and actually took part in filming for a short movie called 'Go To Hell', where he played the part of a trick or treater. The film should be out later in the year!



Well done to Flo from year 1 for achieving her Level 1 gymnastics award!

7 - 16 March



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The British Science Week 2025 poster competition is open now!

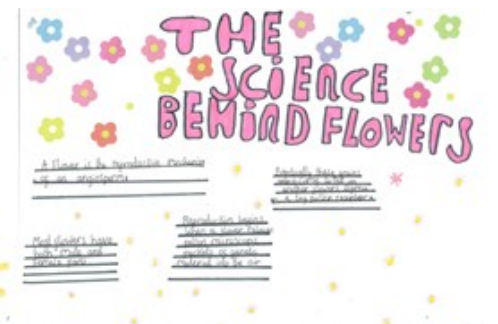
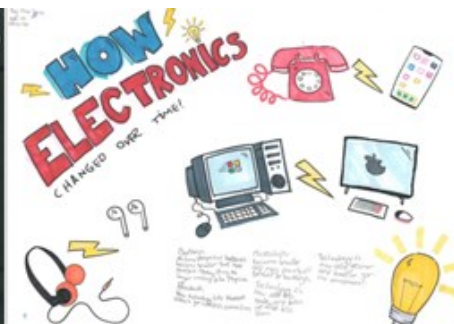
The theme this year is '**Change and Adapt**'! Pupils could create a poster showing how plants and animals adapt to changing seasons or surroundings, or how humans have adapted to changing technology. They could look at climate change and how we can adapt our behaviours to protect the environment, or their favourite science experiment and how it shows change. The more creative the interpretation of the theme, the better!

Judges will be looking for a **creative approach**, clear **content** (accurate information about a STEM topic) and a poster that is presented 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 sent off. (Please note if you do not wish for pupil's name and age to be submitted to the competition then please make this clear on the entry and only the school name will be shared.)

Entries will need to be submitted to Ms Tsang by Friday 21st March.

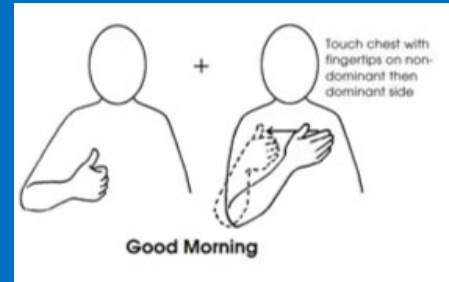
Full terms and conditions can be found at [Poster competition - British Science Week](#)

Here are some lovely entries from 2024:



Makaton- Sign of the week

Children communicate in a variety of ways some of these include Makaton signs and symbols. We are going to be introducing 'sign of the week' to staff, children and parents/ carers. Our second sign is "Good morning". Each week we will be sharing a new sign with the children. We encourage you to practise this at home with your child. Thank-you for supporting us with this.
Miss Jones and Mrs Humphries



Good morning

<https://youtu.be/5XtH1Q3T0Eq>

Last weeks attendance:

24/02/25 - 28/02/25

4HD were the highest attendees in KS2 and 1H were the highest in KS1.



Rec B	99.52%
Rec R	98.61%
1D	91.67%
1H	99%
2C	95.83%
2T	87.92%
3F	97.41%
3S	98.75%
4HD	100%
4W	98.28%
5I	92.50%
5SW	97.92%
6AH	96.25%
6E	98.28%
School Total	96.60%
Target	97%

Brook Buddies

**** Please ensure you have an updated agreements form completed ****

<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:

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 Butterflies we have been creating cotton wool sheep, doing some scourer butterfly printing whilst enjoying playing lots of board games too.

Please can we remind parents to be mindful of speeding on the car park.