Brook Primary School Newsletter

Newsletter 11: Friday 20th November 2026

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Christmas Dates:

Thursday 3rd December - Christmas Market

Friday 4th December – KS1 Christmas trip to the Christian Centre (details to follow)

Monday 7th December – Christmas jumper swap at 3:30pm

Tuesday 8th December - Butterflies Christmas Rhyme time at 9.15am

Wednesday 9th-11th December – Years 2 & 3 Edgmond Residential

Thursday 10th December - Christmas jumper day (Children should wear their school uniform with a Christmas jumper over the top)

Friday 11th December – Year 1 Christmas crafts at 2:30pm (more details to follow)

Monday 14th December - KS2 Christmas Performance at Wordsley church
Years 5 & 6 approx. 10am | Years 3 & 4 approx. 2pm

Tuesday 15th December - Reception Nativity performance at 2pm

Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Dinner Day

Thursday 17th December - Jingle Jammies Day for Mary Stevens Hospice

Friday 18th December - Break up for the Christmas Holidays
(Our Christmas attendance discos will also take place throughout the day)

BROOK BITES

We have a number of exciting lunchtime events planned for the final week of term before Christmas!

🎄 **Christmas Dinner** - Wednesday 16th December
🧸 **Pyjama Day** - Thursday 17th December
🥪 **Box Meals** - Last day of term, Friday 18th December

Brook Bites events will be available to book through **Arbor** from Monday.

Please check the **website** or click on the link https://brook.sch.life/Page/Detail/school-meals for full details.

Pupil achievements!



Well done to Daisy & Liliana who made bracelets together at home and held a bracelet sale after school last week, raising a brilliant £55 for Children in Need!



Well done to Cain from Year 5 who played his first ever football match on the weekend and won trainer of the week!



Brooks Christmas jumper swap

The eco council would like to invite everyone to participate in Brook's Christmas jumper swap! Donate a Christmas jumper and choose a different one for this year!

Last year this was a huge success, and the eco council are keen to organise this event again to give everyone the chance to wear a Christmas jumper at school!

The swap will be held on **Monday 7th December** in the school hall from **3:30pm**.

Anyone can come along and choose a Christmas jumper, ready for our Christmas jumper day Thursday 10th December.

If you are able to donate a Christmas jumper, please send jumpers into school before Friday 4th December.

Thank you from the Eco council.

Gymnastics

The visit to Dudley Gymnastics gave our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils a fantastic opportunity to develop their gymnastics skills in a fun and exciting environment. During the session, the children explored a range of apparatus, including the sprung floor, vault, bars, trampoline and beam.

They practised creating different body shapes, carefully balanced their way along the beam while stepping through a hoop, and developed their upper-body strength by moving across the bars while supporting their own weight. The children also enjoyed using the springboard and jumping off a variety of apparatus.

Here's what some of the children had to say about their experience:

"We had fun on the trampoline. We practised bouncing in a pencil shape and tried tucked jumps."

"My favourite was the bars! I could swing my legs up."

"I liked the beam. I carefully walked along!"

The children approached every activity with enthusiasm, determination and excellent behaviour. It was a wonderful experience for all involved, and we were incredibly proud of how well they represented our school throughout the visit.









Thank you to everyone who has donated so far!





This week we have received numerous complaints regarding parking around school again. We have had reports of parents/carers blocking driveways, parking over the pedestrian crossing and verbally challenging residents. This is unacceptable. Please be considerate and respect our local neighbours and wider school community.

Kinship

For family or friends who step up to raise a child.

Dudley Kinship Coffee Morning



Tuesday 8 December 2026

10:30am - 12:00pm

Stourbridge Fire Station, Parkfield Road, Stourbridge, DY8 1HA

A coffee morning for all Kinship Carers within Dudley and the surrounding area:

- The first session of a brand new peer support group within the local area.
- A chance for carers to meet, listen and support those in similar circumstances. Free to join - a group for adults only

If you would like to attend please register your attendance by contacting **Lisa:**
Email: lisa.webley@kinship.org.uk
Phone: 07355 035 996

We'd love to see you there!

Visit kinship.org.uk to learn more about the free advice, support and training on offer

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Dudley Kinship Carers

Second Tuesday of each month



10:30am to 12:00pm Term time only

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Upcoming dates: 8 December 2026, 12 January 2027, 9 February 2027 and 9 March 2027

A peer support group for all kinship carers:

- our peer support group offers kinship carers the opportunity to meet, listen, share and support others facing similar challenges
- we always welcome new members - a group for adults only. Free to join
- If you have any questions or would like to join the group please contact **Lisa**

email: **lisa.webley@kinship.org.uk**
telephone: **07355 035996**

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Important Online Safety Guidance for Parents / Carers

Guidance on GTA VI

Remember: age rating relates to the suitability of the game's content, not the difficulty rating.

Few video games have generated as much attention as the newest release of GTA VI. However, with graphic violence, explicit sexual content, drug and alcohol use and mature social commentary **it is firmly intended for adults**, despite media displaying its potential appeal to younger audiences.

While you may not purchase the game for your child / children to play, please be aware that they will still be access content on the game through other streaming apps such as YouTube or TikTok. The content in GTA VI includes:

- Graphic violence: realistic violence, blood, injury and criminal activity.
- Sexual content: nudity, sexual activity and adult sexual themes.
- Drugs & alcohol: depictions of illegal drug use and alcohol consumption.
- Strong language: frequent swearing and offensive language.
- In-game purchases: opportunities to spend real money on additional content.



For further guidance, visit the PEGI website to view further details on what content the game features.

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ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2026

BREAKING THE SILENCE

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about bullying this **Anti-Bullying Week**

Monday 16 to Friday 20 November

Rachel by your side | #BreakTheSilence

A FANTASTIC START TO THE WEEK!

ODD SOCKS DAY



Our children loved wearing their colourful, creative and mismatched socks to celebrate that we are all unique and our differences should be valued and respected.

Congratulations to our Odd Socks Day winners! One winner from each class received a prize for their fantastic efforts.

LEARNING TO BREAK THE SILENCE

Pupils took part in activities, discussions and scenarios, and joined the BBC Live Lesson to think about how to speak up if they see bullying or are being bullied.

WE THOUGHT ABOUT...

- How to speak up when something is not right
- Who we can talk to if we need help
- How to support friends who may be worried or upset
- How to create a kind, respectful and inclusive school community
- Why nobody should suffer in silence

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We are incredibly proud of the thoughtful discussions, kindness and maturity shown by all our pupils throughout the week.

Together, we can break the silence and ensure everyone feels safe, valued and heard.

KINDNESS MATTERS • EVERY VOICE MATTERS • BREAK THE SILENCE

Staff updates

We would like to wish Miss Nicklin all the very best as she goes into hospital on Monday for an operation. We hope everything goes smoothly and wish her a speedy recovery. The children, staff and wider Brook community will certainly miss her, and we look forward to welcoming her back to school as soon as she is ready.

During Miss Nicklin's absence, Miss Walters will be acting as school SENCo. If you have any concerns regarding your child's special educational needs, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. Additional support and guidance can then be sought from Miss Walters where required. As always, Mrs Fellows and Mr Allen are also available to offer support and assistance.

We thank you for your understanding. Please join us in wishing Miss Nicklin a successful recovery.

ATTENDANCE UPDATE



This week **338** children have had 100% attendance.
Well done!

Well done to 5WE who had the highest attendance this week with 99.33%!

Our attendance superstar this week is Tiffany!

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

Afterschool club:
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: **07970 704158**
Our email is **Buddies@brook.dudley.sch.uk**

This week in Buddies we have enjoyed doing some painting using different objects.

Our topic we are looking at this week is the weather and we have made some lovely weather pictures as part of this.

We have also made some snowflakes!