



Respect



Resilient



Pride



Challenge



Independent



Thank you to everyone who donated cakes, donated money or who came to our Macmillan coffee morning on Thursday.
We raised over **£150** for this incredible cause!



At Brook Primary School, safeguarding is one of our highest priorities. We are committed to creating a safe, nurturing environment where every child feels secure, valued and supported to thrive. We encourage parents and carers to work in partnership with us and to share any concerns they may have about a child's safety or wellbeing.

If you have a safeguarding concern, please contact our safeguarding team via **dsl@brook.dudley.sch.uk**. This dedicated email address is monitored regularly by our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs), and any concerns raised will be reviewed and addressed promptly. By working together, we can ensure that all children remain safe, happy and able to achieve their full potential.

Reading Volunteers Needed!

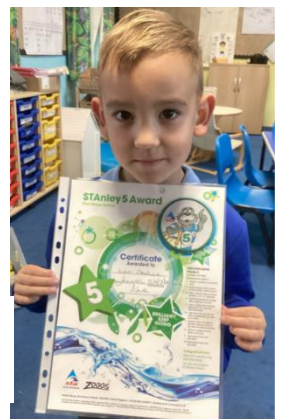
We are incredibly fortunate to already have some wonderful reading volunteers who give their time to listen to children read and help nurture a love of books. We would love to welcome more volunteers to support children across school, if possible. Regular reading practice is vital in helping children develop confidence, fluency, comprehension skills and a lifelong enjoyment of reading. If you have some spare time, preferably during afternoons 1-3pm, and would be interested in supporting our pupils by reading with them on a one-to-one basis, please contact the school office for further information. Your support can make a real difference to a child's learning journey.

Pupil achievements!



Well done to Hudson in year 4 who scored and won player of the match for his team, Wordsley Wasps under9's!

Well done to Leo from year 1 for achieving his Stanley 5 swimming certificate!



This Harvest, we are supporting Black Country Foodbank to help local families in need.

Black Country Foodbank operates with the core principle of 'being resourced by the community, for the community', and schools across the region play an important role in supporting their work.

We would encourage families to take a look at the Harvest Shopping List for suggestions of items to donate.

Donations should be brought into school by **Monday 19th October** and can be sent in with the children or sent directly to the front office.

Even a single item can make a meaningful difference to someone in need. Thank you for your continued support.



HARVEST 2026

SHOPPING LIST

BLACK COUNTRY FOODBANK HELPS VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN CRISIS THROUGH THE PROVISION OF AN EMERGENCY FOOD AND TOILETRY PARCEL, WHILE A LONGER-TERM SOLUTION IS DEVELOPED

PLEASE SUPPORT US BY DONATING ITEMS FROM OUR SHOPPING LIST

- CARTONS OF UHT MILK
- TEA BAGS BOX OF 40'S
- SMALL JARS OF COFFEE
- CARTONS OF LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE
- CORDIAL/SQUASH
- TINNED POTATOES/MASH
- TINNED CHOPPED TOMATOES
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- TINNED FISH
- TINNED SOUP
- TINNED READY MEALS (MEATBALLS/MACARONI CHEESE/CHILLI)
- TINNED MEAT
- TINNED FRAY BENTOS PIES
- BREAKFAST CEREAL
- PASTA SAUCE
- SAVOURY RICE
- INSTANT NOODLES
- TINNED FRUIT
- TINNED CUSTARD/RICE PUDDING
- BARS OF SOAP
- SHOWER GEL
- TOILET ROLL
- ROLL ON DEODORANT
- SHAMPOO



PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE TO RECEIVE A WEEKLY REMINDER OF OUR SHORTAGES LIST ON YOUR SHOPPING DAY

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Class photographs will take place on **Thursday 15th October**.

If your child has PE on this day, please come in uniform and bring PE kits in a bag.

Since returning to school, we have placed a strong focus on our school value of **Pride**, encouraging children to take pride in all aspects of their learning. Across the school, from Early Years through to Year 6, we have been reinforcing our expectations for presentation and handwriting, ensuring that pupils produce their very best work every day.

To support this, we are using the **3 Ps** as a consistent reminder for excellent handwriting: **Posture**, **Position** and **Pen Grip**. These three elements are essential in helping children write comfortably, form letters correctly, improve stamina and develop a neat, fluent handwriting style. We have been delighted to see children embracing these expectations and taking greater pride in the quality and presentation of their work.

Ready to Write

Get set... Focus... Write!

P Posture



- ✓ Sit up tall
- ✓ Keep your back straight
- ✓ Relax your shoulders
- ✓ Keep your feet on the floor

P Position



- ✓ Keep your paper at a slight angle
- ✓ Place it in front of you
- ✓ Use your non-writing hand to hold the paper
- ✓ Keep your elbows close to your body

P Pen Grip



- ✓ Hold the pen with a tripod grip (Pincers, Pillow and Push back)
- ✓ Keep it relaxed (not too tight)
- ✓ Angle the pen slightly
- ✓ Let the pen do the work!

Good posture + Right position + Proper grip = Neat handwriting!

Small changes make a big difference!

Ready to Write

Get set... Focus... Write!

Small steps make a big difference!

Use this checklist to help you get ready to write.
When you are ready, you can write with confidence!

Posture Sit smart!



- ☐ My back is straight and against the chair.
- ☐ My feet are towards the floor.
- ☐ My head is upright.
- ☐ My body is facing the table.

Good posture helps you write with control and comfort!

Position Keep it steady!



- ☐ My writing hand is resting on the table.
- ☐ My non-writing hand is holding the paper.
- ☐ My body is facing the table.
- ☐ My shoulders are relaxed.

A steady position helps you make neat and controlled letters!

Pen Grip Hold it gently!



- ☐ I use a tripod grip... nip, flip and grip!

A good grip gives you control, helps your hand and stops it from getting tired!

Other things to remember...

☐ I have the right tools.

☐ My workspace is tidy and clutter free.

☐ I take my time and don't rush.

☐ I try my best and be proud of my efforts.

☐ I can do it!

Ready... Steady... Write!

Last week, our Year 6 pupils took part in an important PSHE session delivered by a Road Safety Officer from Dudley Council. With many of our Year 6 children already walking to and from school independently, and with their upcoming transition to high school in mind, the session provided valuable guidance on staying safe near roads and making sensible decisions while travelling.

The children had the opportunity to discuss a range of road safety topics, including safe crossing points, potential hazards and distractions, visibility, and how to stay alert when walking with friends or using mobile devices. The session was both informative and engaging, helping to prepare our pupils for the increased independence they will experience as they move on to secondary school.



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ATTENDANCE UPDATE



We have sent our attendance newsletter out to all parents/carers. On the newsletter it explains the new banding system we are using. Anyone in band 1 by the 22nd October will be invited to our attendance disco! This will be taking place during school time and will be great fun!

This week 347 children
have had 100% attendance.
Well done!

Well done to **4C** and **5S** who
had the highest attendance
this week with 100%

Our attendance superstar
this week is Harley!



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: **07970704158**

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

This week in Buddies we have enjoyed creating some pictures of space and have created our own planets!

We have also enjoyed trying some fried onions, mashed carrots, raw carrots and onions that we harvested from the garden.