



Message From Mrs Fellows

We've finally reached the end of the longest half term of the year- 8 weeks! Some of our children were definitely tired this week so we hope that they get a good rest over the holiday. The children have made an excellent start to the school year and we are very proud of their hard work. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 4th November. Enjoy the October half term break!

Something Spook-tacular happened at lunchtime!

Our kitchen and hall got a spooky makeover - complete with creepy treats and ghostly décor! A huge thank you to our amazing kitchen staff for turning lunch into a frightfully fun feast for all our little monsters.



A huge congratulations to the following children:

Isabella - Butterflies

Lexie - Reception

Sophie - Reception

Thomas - Year 1

Alana - Year 1

Amelia - Year 2

Roxanna - Year 2

Joshua - Year 3

Riley - Year 3

Erin - Year 4

Hurriyah - Year 4

Thea - Year 5

Lily - Year 5

James - Year 6

Maya-Rae - Year 6

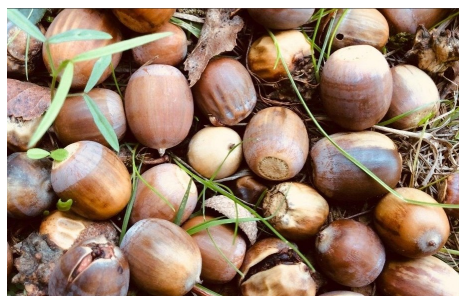


They have all worked incredibly hard this half term and have been invited to Hot Chocolate Friday with Mrs Fellows to say well done.

Autumn Science News

Have you noticed an abundance of acorns this year? Oak trees seem to be having a mast year - an unusually large and synchronised crop.

This natural event is beneficial for woodland ecosystems because they provide a feast for wildlife as well as ensuring some seeds survive to grow into new trees. Why not take a woodland walk and discuss signs of the changing seasons.



Or take your learning further and participate in 'Nature's Calendar' and help scientists monitor the effects of climate change on wildlife by recording these signs of the changing seasons. You can join thousands of other people and let The Woodland Trust know what is happening to wildlife near you by registering using the link below. <https://naturescalendar.woodlandtrust.org.uk/add-a-record/>

Punctuality

We would like to remind all families of the importance of arriving at school on time. Our doors open at **8:45am**, and children should be in school by **8:50am** wherever possible. While the doors remain open until **9am**, arriving at this time means your child may already have missed at least ten minutes of valuable learning, as well as the time it takes to settle into class.

A prompt start to the day helps children feel calm, confident, and ready to learn. Thank you for your support in helping us to make sure every child gets the best possible start to their school day.

PUNCTUALITY MATTERS

Being on time is more than just a habit - it's a sign of respect, responsibility and readiness to learn. Lateness can have a ripple effect on learning, relationships and personal development.

THE IMPACT OF LATENESS

- ❗ **Disruption to learning**
Arriving late interrupts lessons and affects the concentration of others.
- ❗ **Missed Opportunities**
Important instructions, discussions or activities often happen at the start of the day.
- ❗ **Negative Perception**
Regular lateness can lead to a reputation for being unreliable or disengaged.
- ❗ **Academic Consequences**
Studies show that students who are frequently late tend to perform worse academically.

TIPS FOR IMPROVING PUNCTUALITY

- ✅ **Establish a Routine**
Go to bed and wake up at a consistent times. A solid morning routine sets the tone for the day.
- ✅ **Use Timers and Alarms**
Set multiple alarms or reminders to stay on track.
- ✅ **Track Your Time**
Notice where time is lost in the morning and adjust accordingly.
- ✅ **Plan for the Unexpected**
Leave a buffer for traffic, weather and other delays.
- ✅ **Stay motivated**
Set goals or rewards for being on time consistently.



REMEMBER - Punctuality is a skill that benefits your child for life - in school, work and beyond.



Year 6 residential

At the Frank Chapman Centre, we had an extremely pleasant time doing many activities: tree climbing, caving, abseiling, high ropes, geocaching, archery and more, in which we were tested on our teamwork, resilience and quick thinking. The staff were very friendly and helpful, letting us know exactly what was happening. The lunches were delicious (especially dessert) and we all enjoyed them, as did the teachers!! In the high ropes, we had to stack crates until we fell then we did a climbing challenge course, in which we had to be resilient and trust your friends.

Geocaching was extremely frustrating at first, but we got there in the end. In addition to that, we had to show our focus and coordination in archery and caving. We had to put our minds into what we were doing in the team building: working out what to do.

Overall, this residential was amazing!

Written by Zoya



Year Six pupils who remained at school also had a focus on team building. They worked in pairs to complete a project where they had to create a video to promote the school. They were also given the opportunity to take part in forest school and had a lovely afternoon on the climbing wall.

Visit to the Black Country Foodbank

On Thursday 23rd October, the Year 3 and 4 School Council visited the Black Country Foodbank to deliver our Harvest donations. During the visit, the children learned about how the foodbank operates and the people it supports. They discovered how many families were helped throughout 2025 and how many individuals access the foodbank each year. The children also found out which items are most essential and most frequently used.

A big **thank you** to all our families who kindly supported our Harvest appeal and sent in donations — they were greatly appreciated!



Keep On Reading!

Half term holidays are the perfect time to slow down, reconnect, and enjoy simple, meaningful moments together. One of the most rewarding ways to do this is by reading with your child. Sharing stories not only strengthens family bonds but also sparks imagination, builds vocabulary, and nurtures a lifelong love of learning.

Don't forget to clearly sign your child's reading record so we can see who has read with them at home.

Your child will be rewarded for every parent/carer signature we see in reading records!



BIG BOUNCE

Well done to **Frankie** in Year 4 who has won a Big Bounce voucher for 100% attendance and no lates since September! Keep it up Frankie and enjoy the Big Bounce event!

WOLFIE'S HALLOWEEN BALL

During half-term:
Wednesday 29th October
at 11am or 2pm for two hours

Halloween themed activities, games and prizes plus a spooky "Bella Bright" book reading with author Carolyn Ward!

BOOK NOW

**TICKETS
£8.00**



INSPIRED TO TRY...



Swimming, Diving & Water Polo

Calling all kids aged 7–17! Join us for a fun-filled morning where you'll rotate through three exciting aquatic sports — swimming, diving and water polo.

All you need to be able to do is swim 25m and tread water.

When: Monday 27th October

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm

Where: Sandwell Aquatic Centre, Londonderry Ln,
Smethwick B67 7EW

Any Questions, email:
Holly.Gregory@slt-leisure.co.uk



Swim England

Enchanted Butterflies Lantern Workshops

A wonderful time was had by everyone who joined our lantern workshops over the past two weeks! It was fantastic to see so many families come together to enjoy an afternoon of creativity and crafting fun.

A huge thank you to everyone who came along to take part and support — your lanterns look absolutely magical!

Don't forget to bring your beautiful creations to the Enchanted Fireworks Night on November 6th for a very special lantern parade!



Brook Butterflies

Do you know a child who's turning three?

Are their parents looking for a warm, nurturing, and high quality childcare provider?

Look no further! Call us today on 01384 389888 to find out how to secure a place for a January start at Brook Butterflies.

Tickets are now on sale for our Firework event and are available to purchase on Parent Pay!

BROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL PRESENTS
BROOK FIREWORKS

Enchanted
BUTTERFLIES

Thursday 6 November 2025
6.30pm - 8pm

Firework Display (lower noise)
Outdoor Disco & Lantern Parade

- Hot food and refreshments •
- Tickets available in advance from Brook Primary School •
 - Family £20 (2 Adults & 2 Children) •
 - Adult £8.00 • Child £4.00 (under 3's free) •
- Payment on the night will be £9.00 per person (adult or child) •

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- This is a walk to event
 - There will be **NO parking** available
 - No unaccompanied under 18's, ID may be asked for



Pupil Achievements



Well done to Kendall-Rae in Year 1 who has been awarded a Blue Peter badge for her work to help the environment!



Well done to Viena-Rose in Reception who has achieved her 15 meter swimming certificate!



Well done to Mia in Year 4 for achieving her Shark 1 swimming certificate!



Well done to Eliza in Year 3 for achieving her 5m swimming badge!

Attendance

This week **309** children have had 100% attendance. Well Done!

Well done to class **6HI** who had the highest class attendance this week with **100%** Attendance!

Our attendance superstar this week is **Lyla** in Reception!



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**

In Buddies this week we have enjoyed creating some rangoli patterns and some Diwali pictures. We have created some spooky ghosts and Halloween pictures. We have also carved some pumpkins, the children designed the faces for them.

Please remember we are closed in after school club on Thursday 6th November.