



Children In Need 2025

So far we have raised **£287.00** for this amazing charity!
Thank you to all parents who have already made a donation.

If every child donates, we will raise **£385**.

Please check your school life message and you will find the
link to pay your £1 donation via Parent Pay!



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.

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 un-manned.

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.

Eco Council

Brook's Christmas Jumper Swap

Eco council would like to invite everyone to participate in Brook's first ever Christmas Jumper Swap. After learning about fast fashion, Year Six wanted to make our Christmas Jumper Day more sustainable. We would like all those who are able, to donate any unwanted Christmas jumpers that are clean and still in good condition before **Friday 28th November**.

On Friday 5th December and Monday the 8th December, the hall will be open for anyone to find a pre-loved jumper free of charge. We hope that this will support our families during this expensive time of year. Hopefully, this will mean all pupils can come to school on Tuesday 9th December to celebrate Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children.

Please send jumper donations in with your child to their class and the Eco Council will go round to collect them.

Thank you in advance for supporting the Eco Council in this event. Mrs Rabone. (Eco council lead)



Well done to one of our Eco Councillors Hudson in Year 3 who made some fantastic bird houses at the weekend with his dad. We are going to put these up in the school garden.



Brook Butterflies

**Do you have a child who is turning 3?
Are you looking for an incredible childcare provider?
Look no further - we have both 15 & 30 hour places**

At Brook Butterflies, we provide:

- A safe, welcoming, and nurturing environment
- Fun, creative, and engaging learning experiences
- Vibrant classrooms filled with curiosity and fun
- A fantastic outdoor area including our very own Brook Village
- A team of qualified, friendly, and experienced staff who truly care

Give your child the best start in a place where they can learn, play, and grow with confidence!



For more information call **01384 389888**
or visit <https://brook.sch.life> to apply.



Epilepsy Awareness

We wanted to share with you some exciting news on behalf of one of our new members of staff, Miss Brant, who works in our Caterpillars hub.

Miss Brant works closely with a charity that supports young people with Epilepsy and during the half term, she had the opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament and speak with her local MP about the lack of support children with epilepsy receive in education.

Miss Brant works hard to raise awareness and is pushing for better understanding, training, and support for children living with epilepsy in schools.



World Diabetes Day



Hi! My name is Elijah and I'm in the Butterflies class.

I was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes just after my 2nd birthday. That means my pancreas no longer makes insulin which is something our bodies need for energy. You might hear my devices beep sometimes; they check my blood sugar and give me insulin through a cannula to keep me alive. Changing them does hurt, but I'm very brave and I'm grateful to have them.

When my blood sugar is low, I might act silly, fall over, speak funny, or feel dizzy and be quiet. I need things like Lucozade or Squashies to help make me feel better and stop me being very poorly. When it's high, I can get very restless, need the toilet a lot, feel sick, get headaches, and sometimes feel upset or angry. Then I might need extra insulin injections and finger prick tests for ketones, which can make me very poorly. Because I am so little I don't know when I feel low or high which is why my sensor and insulin pump are important.

My mummy and daddy (and Mrs Gillespie!) work out how much insulin to give me when I eat and drink. Type 1 is very different from Type 2, I can eat anything, including cake and sweets (which are my favourite!).

Lots of things affect my blood sugar like tiredness, being poorly, the weather, and even my mood. Type 1 can make life tricky sometimes, but I don't let it stop me!

Type 1 can affect anyone, it's often triggered by a mix of genes and a virus like a cough or a cold. **Rates are rising in young children, so if someone shows the 4 T's (Toilet, Thirsty, Tired, Thinner), ask a doctor for a simple fingerprick test. Early testing saves lives!"**



Contact Details

It is important that we have the most up to date contact details in case of emergencies. Please make sure that if your phone number, email address or address changes, you notify the school office so that we can update the system. Please also make sure that your child's consents are up to date.

Pupil Achievements



Well done to Mia in Year 4 who was a flag bearer on Sunday for Remembrance Day.



Well done to Connie in Year 5 who has made 25 Rice Krispie cakes this week for her Children in Need challenge!

Makaton Sign of the week

Rain



Attendance

This week **326** children have had 100% attendance. Well Done!

Well done to class **3B** who had the highest class attendance this week with **99.26%** Attendance!

Our attendance superstar this week is **Alfie** in Year 3!



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**

This week in Buddies we have been busy creating some poppies to make a wreath for remembrance day. We have coloured some medals and we have made Pudsey Bear masks and coloured Pudsey pictures in too. Some of the children have also been learning to play chess.