



## Message from Mrs Fellows

This week's soaring temperatures have presented a significant challenge for the whole school community. Despite the extreme conditions, we have worked hard to keep the school open, carefully balancing the need to support our families with our responsibility to safeguard the health and wellbeing of our pupils. As a community school, we recognise how important it is for working parents to have continuity and support, and we are grateful for your understanding and cooperation. School leaders are often required to make decisions in challenging and rapidly changing circumstances; while these decisions may not always meet every expectation, they are always guided by a commitment to the safety, wellbeing, and best interests of all pupils.

As stated, not all parents will agree with my decision, and some believe that the school should have closed. However, as a community school, I did not feel this would have supported our working families, alongside the missed learning opportunities and therefore the decision was made to remain open. One thing I do ask is that parents respect the decisions made during these challenging times.

Our office staff, in particular, have had to deal with some very difficult situations this week, including receiving rude and disrespectful communication, when they are simply doing their job and trying their very best for our children.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to our pupils and staff, who have shown real resilience, adaptability and positivity throughout this very challenging week.

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On the back of this, we would like to remind parents it is essential that you contact us to let us know the reason your child is not at school so that we can update the register accordingly.

You can do this by:



Leaving a voicemail on the absence line

Emailing [info@brook.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@brook.dudley.sch.uk)

Sending us an in-app message on Arbor

Calling the school office on 01384 389 888



Monitoring attendance this week has been extremely time-consuming, and the situation could have been improved with clearer communication.

# WHAT A COOL DAY!

WHAT AN AMAZING DAY!

OUR CHILDREN HAVE HAD THE BEST DAY EVER!

Today has been full of fun, laughter and clever ways to keep cool! Our children have enjoyed a day of sunshine, smiles and lots of brilliant ideas.



## TODAY WE ENJOYED...

- Getting cooled off with the hose pipe!
- Putting our feet in cold water while doing our lessons!
- Enjoying delicious Tip Tops!
- So many imaginative ways to keep cool!

## SOME OF OUR CHILDREN SAID...

“I've had the best day ever!”

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Together, we're making school a cool and happy place to be!

## Cupola

Over the next few days we will be sending a plastic cup home which we would really appreciate you filling up with goodies in preparation to sell them at Brookfest!

## Raffle tickets

Over the next few days children will be coming home with a book of raffle tickets. There are 5 raffle tickets per book priced at £1 each - Please complete the contact details slips and send them back in with the correct money if you would like the chance to win some great prizes!

With temperatures soaring, our staff worked hard to ensure that all children remained safe, comfortable, & had lots of fun while staying cool.

Throughout the day, the children enjoyed a variety of creative activities designed to beat the heat. From cooling off with the hose pipe & enjoying refreshing water play, to dipping their feet in cold water trays while continuing with their learning, there were smiles everywhere you looked!

Of course, one of the highlights of the day was enjoying delicious Tip Tops, which proved to be a huge hit with the children. Staff also came up with lots of imaginative ways to help children stay cool whilst keeping learning fun and engaging.

The feedback from the children has been wonderful. One child even told us it was "the best day ever!" - and we heard similar comments from many others throughout the day.

We are incredibly proud of how well the children adapted to the hot weather and grateful to our staff for their creativity and enthusiasm in making the day such a positive experience.

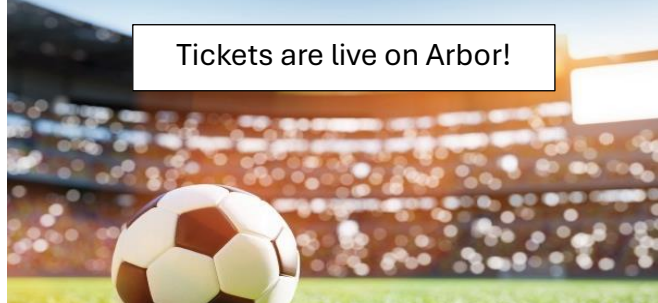


Thursday 2 July 2025 • 3.45 - 5.30pm

Lots of lovely stalls, games/activities, dancers, musicians, and Young Voices Choir performances and lots of yummy cakes, sweets, ice cream and refreshments.

Entrance: £1 (payable via Arbor) • Brook children and under 5's free

Tickets are live on Arbor!



# Ingestre Hall 2026

A few weeks ago, our Year 3, 4 and 5 children had the incredible opportunity to spend a week at Ingestre Hall, immersing themselves in the arts.

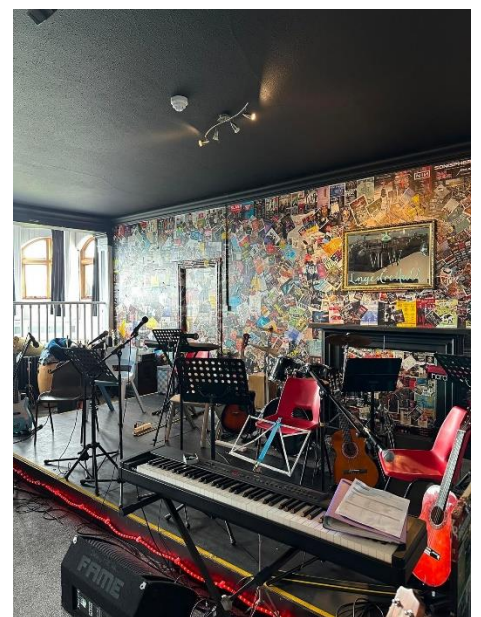
Throughout the week, every child committed wholeheartedly to their chosen workshops — dance, music, drama or art. They approached each workshop with enthusiasm, resilience and a willingness to challenge themselves. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they developed new skills and expressed their creativity.

For many, this was also their first experience of staying away from home. The children showed remarkable independence and responsibility, supporting one another and embracing every aspect of residential life.

We are incredibly proud of all they achieved during their time at Ingestre. It is a residential that Brook is delighted to offer — a truly memorable experience that enriches our curriculum and one that should not be missed.

We would also like to extend a huge 'thank you' to our dedicated staff, who generously gave their time to support this residential. Taking 50 children away for a full week is no small task, and their care, energy and commitment ensured the experience was safe, memorable and full of joy.

Residentials like this simply wouldn't be possible without them!



## Pupil achievements



Well done to Anabia & Abdulhadi who took part in 'Ready Steady Ride' for the scotty & cycle riding event in Birmingham! They both achieved medals as well as fundraising for the water project.



Well done to Finley for his football player of the year award!



Well done to Kendall who has caught her flying wings completing an ifly last weekend!

## Summer Holiday Camps at Brook Primary School

### Multi Sports

9am - 3.30pm (lunch 11.30am - 12.30pm)

Week 1: Monday 20, Tuesday 21, Wednesday 22, Thursday 23, Friday 24 July

Week 2 - Monday 27, Tuesday 28, Wednesday 29, Thursday 30 and Friday 31 July

Activities include: Climbing Wall, Archery, Basketball, Football, Dodgeball, tennis, table tennis, rounders and fun games

Cost: 1 day: £20, 2 days: £35, 3 days: £50, 4 days: £65, 5 days: £80

For children in Reception to Year 6. Medals and certificates will be given at the end of each week. All sessions will be led by experienced, fully qualified, DBS checked Sports Plus Coaches.

If you would like to book your child a place on either of the Holidays Camps, please book and pay for sessions you would like them to attend through Arbor.

Once payment has been made a confirmation email will be sent out to confirm your child/children's place.



Spaces for our Summer holiday sports camp are now live and available to book on Arbor.

If you claim free school meals make sure you sign up to Dudley HAF if you haven't already as this may ensure you're entitled to free school holiday activities and clubs.



It is really important that you ensure Arbor is set up and you are logged into the app on your phone. All emails, messages, links and communications are sent out via Arbor, so it is really important that you don't miss anything.

If the app isn't working, you can just log into the desktop website and view exactly the same as you would on your mobile device.



Last Thursday, Year 4 visited the historic Red House Glass Cone to enrich their learning in both history and art this half term. As part of their work on the local history of glassmaking, the children explored how Stourbridge became famous for its world-class glass and the craftsmanship that shaped the industry.

During their visit, the children enjoyed a guided tour of the museum, discovering the fascinating process of glass production and seeing first-hand the tools, techniques and traditions used by glassmakers over the centuries. They were captivated by the scale of the cone and the stories behind the people who once worked there.

The highlight of the day was a glass-fusing workshop, where the children created their own unique glass tiles. Having already planned their designs back at school, they were excited to bring their ideas to life using real glass materials. Their focus, creativity and care were wonderful to see.

It was a fantastic day of hands-on learning, and the children returned to school buzzing with new knowledge and inspiration for their upcoming art and history work.

On Friday 19th June, year 6 enjoyed an inspiring Careers Morning, filled with engaging talks and lively question and answer sessions. Pupils met professionals from a wide range of fields, including the police, a mortgage advisor, engineers, a DJ, architects, an educational psychologist and many more careers. Each visitor shared insights into their daily work, the skills they rely on, and the paths that led them to their careers. The children asked thoughtful questions, explored new possibilities, and left feeling inspired about their own futures. It was a thoroughly enjoyable and memorable morning for everyone involved.



**CAREER DAY**



# ATTENDANCE UPDATE



This week 210 children have had 100% attendance. Well done!

Well done to 5WN who had the highest class attendance this week with 87.78%.

Our attendance superstar this week is Darcey!



## Brook Buddies



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:**

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 704 158**

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

This week in Buddies has been a very hot one. We have been staying cool out of the sun, we have enjoyed building with the construction and challenging each other with board games.

We have also enjoyed some ice pops to keep us cool.

Please could we remind parents that Buddies after school is closed on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July due to Brookfest. We also close at 4:45pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July.