



Happy Half Term Break!

Although this term has only been four weeks,
it has been extremely busy!

Following the half term break, we then only have 7 weeks before
the summer and this term is sure to be even busier with lots of
trips, end of year transition, reports and of course, Brookfest!

Please enjoy the week off with your children and take some time
of relax before the end of term madness resumes on

Monday 2nd June.



Summer Holidays Sports Club!

Early announcement! If you are worried about childcare during the six-week break,
please be assured that we will be hosting our sports club again for the first two
weeks of the holiday. Further information will follow after the half term holiday.

Breaktimes

Here at Brook, we value our breaktimes for both staff and children and recognise the importance of being able to get some fresh air, take a break from learning and to socialise with friends. However, there are occasions when we keep children in for breaktime, up to a maximum of five minutes. For example, this may be to practise lining up, expectations for assembly, opportunities for restorative work or to complete missed work due to behaviour choices. We recognise the importance of playtime and fresh air which is why we do not take whole play/breaktimes from children generally. The five minutes rule ensures that the children then have ample time to still have a break outside and eat their lunch/snack.

Unfortunately, we do have to deal with some severe behaviours/bullying. Thankfully these are infrequent but, on these occasions, we may need to take a child's breaktime in full, but this is always communicated with the parent and an alternative time to have a run around/access to fresh air will be organised, because we understand its importance.

Whilst keeping children in at break is not our preferred consequence, there are times when it is necessary. Thank you for your continued support.

Online Safety

With the half term break and summer holidays fast approaching children and young people will have more free time to spend with friends, family and online.

For some, this will be spent using the internet to keep in touch with friends, catch up with the latest apps and online trends, and playing their favourite games. Unfortunately, whilst the internet has many benefits there are also many dangers, particularly for children. It is essential that children are supervised when using the internet and that you regularly talk to them and check their online use, in order to keep them safe. There are a number of websites that give parents practical advice about keeping our children safe online:

[Support for parents and carers to keep children safe online - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/keeping-children-safe-online)

Diary dates 2025

Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025	<u>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</u>
Monday 2nd June 2025	Children return to school
Friday 6th June	Year 3 trip to Botanical gardens
Monday 6th -13th June	Year 1 Phonics screening
Friday 13th June	VR day for years 3, 5 & 6
Monday 16th June	Yr5 trip to Harry Potter Studios
Monday 16th June	9.15-10.30am Key stage 1/Reception Sports Day Butterflies Sports Day Times TBA
Tuesday 17th June	Reception R Loved ones lunch
Wednesday 18th June	Reception B Loved ones lunch
Wednesday 18th June	9.15-10.30am Y5&6 Sports Day 2-3.15pm Y3&4 Sports Day
Thursday 19th June	Individual School Photos
Thursday 26th June	Year 4 trip to Wroxeter
Monday 30th June-Friday 4th July	Year 4 & 5 trip to Ingestre
Thursday 10th July	Brookfest
Friday 18th July 2025	Children break up for Summer holidays at the end of the day
Monday 21st July 2025	Inset day - school closed to children

Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are changing from 19th August 2024

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices issued by DfE, the following changes will come into force for School Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

National Threshold

There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period.

These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence.

The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

Please note: The DfE does not consider a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation to be an exceptional circumstance.

First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Per Parent*, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent*, for each child that was absent.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

Second Offence (within 3 years)

The Second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

*Parent

Section 576 of the Education Act 1996 defines "parent" as:

- All natural (biological) parents, whether they are married or not.
- Any person who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility for a child or young person.
- Any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case could be presented straight to the Magistrate's Court. Prosecution can result in Criminal records and fines of up to £2,500

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court may show on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

Well done to Kristian in Year 2 who has won our attendance prize for May half term.

He has 100% attendance and no lates to school.

Well done Kristian!



Pupil Achievements



Well done to Jacob in Year 1 who completed the AJ Bell Great Birmingham run for Birmingham Children's hospital and collectively raised just under £1500 so far.



Well done to Wilbur in Year 2 who was awarded Trainer of the week at football this weekend.



Well done to Finley in Butterflies who has received an award for his improved skills in football.

In association with **Connect2Dudley**

under 5s day

featuring the famous **Himley Beach**

Friday 27 June 10am to 3pm

Himley Hall and Park

Enjoy baby and toddler sessions throughout the day and enjoy all the fun of the seaside at Himley's Beach.

Activities include: small petting zoo, Lego for younger children, miniature railway, giant tortoises, Punch & Judy shows, arts and crafts, funfair, sandpit and main stage with interactive singing.



Book now at www.himleyhallandpark.co.uk/under5s

NEW TODDLER GROUP

**AT AMBLECOTE
BRITISH LEGION**

FIRST SESSION - HALF PRICE
CONTACT SALLY 07807348107 OR JUST
TURN UP ON THE DAY £5 A SESSION

Starting Thursday 5th June 2025

Two Sessions

MORNING 9.30 - 11.30

AFTERNOON 1.00 - 3.00

COME ALONG AND ENJOY SOME
FUN, REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

31st May Gates Open 12pm KO 2pm

£5 Adult
£1 Child

Stourbridge Rugby Club

Charity Football Match

Please come along and show your support

Grace's Dream Team



- Tombola's
- Lucky Dip
- Cake stall
- Bracelets/Key rings
- Sweet Cones
- Bouncy Castles
- Raffle

Food Venders:

Event
sponsored by:



INSIDE AND OUTSIDE BAR OPEN

IN AID OF BIRMINGHAM CHILDRENS
HOSPITAL AND GRACE

Birmingham
Children's Hospital
Charity



LIBRARY NOTICE

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES AT WORDSLEY LIBRARY

→ ALL ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS MUST BE BOOKED! ←

SATURDAY 24TH MAY

SATURDAY FAMILY CRAFTS
10.00-1.00
SUITABLE FOR AGES 3+
DROP IN

TUESDAY 27TH MAY

RATTLE & RHYME
10.30 - 11.00
SUITABLE FOR AGE 0-4 YRS
BOOKING ESSENTIAL

TUESDAY 27TH MAY

LEGO SPIKE
2.00-3.00
SUITABLE FOR AGES 6+
BOOKING ESSENTIAL

WEDNESDAY 28TH MAY

FLYING ROCKET CRAFT
10.30-11.30
SUITABLE FOR AGES 4+
BOOKING ESSENTIAL

THURSDAY 29TH MAY

BADGE MAKING
10.30-1.30
SUITABLE FOR AGES 3+
DROP IN

THURSDAY 29TH MAY

ANGIE'S ANIMAL ANTICS
2.30-3.30
SUITABLE FOR AGES 4+
BOOKING ESSENTIAL

FRIDAY 30TH MAY

MINECRAFT MASK & SWORD
CRAFT
10.30-11.30
SUITABLE FOR AGES 4+
BOOKING ESSENTIAL

SATURDAY 31ST MAY

SATURDAY FAMILY CRAFTS
10.00-1.00
SUITABLE FOR AGES 3+
DROP IN

PLUS!! ALL WEEK!!... Take part in our library Treasure Trail!!

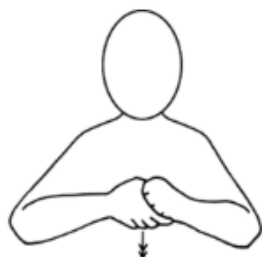
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For more details contact Wordsley Library
on 01384 812765 or email
wordsley.library@gll.org

Dudley
Metropolitan Borough Council

Makaton - Sign of the week

Friends



Play



Last weeks attendance

W/C 05/05/25

were the highest
attendees in KS2 and
were the highest in KS1

Rec B	98.50
Rec R	92.41
1D	97.40
1H	97.50
2C	98.75
2T	92.92
3F	96.67
3S	96.67
4HD	96.98
4W	95.83
5I	96.12
5SW	93.53
6AH	99.58
6E	99.14
School Total	96.28
Target	97%



Brook Buddies



**** Please ensure you have an updated agreements form completed ****

<https://forms.office.com/e/V2Sw2WJSHb>

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:

8:00am-8:45am - £3.50

Afterschool club:

3:20pm-5:45pm - £8.00

All bookings must be made by Thursday of the week before you require childcare.

Please note: (Summary from Brook School policy)

Parents should collect their child promptly at the end of a session otherwise you will be charged a fee of **£10.00** to cover staff costs if they are **more than 10 minutes late**. If this situation arises more than three times in one term, their child's place at Brook Buddies may be forfeited!