# Brook Primary School newsletter

Newsletter 10: Friday 13th November 2026

Respect Resilient Pride Challenge Independent

## Pupil achievements!



Well done to Emma for taking part in the remembrance day parade on Sunday with her Beavers Scouts group.



Well done to Louie for helping raise £1000 on Remembrance Sunday, selling poppies in Mary Stevens Park. Louie enjoyed selling poppies and is very proud of himself and his Great Grandad who served in WW2.



Well done to Carter for achieving multiple football awards including 'Moment of the Season' with his football team Netherton Colts!

Do you want to make a real difference to our school? We need a new **Parent Governor** – could it be you? We're looking for a parent to join our Governing Body.

**Parent Governors help to:**

- Make sure every child gets the best education possible
- Bring a parent's perspective to school decisions
- Support and challenge the school to keep improving

No experience needed – just enthusiasm, commitment and a passion for our children's future. Full training and support will be given!

**What's in it for you?**

- A chance to shape the direction of our school
- New skills and valuable experience
- The satisfaction of knowing you're helping every child thrive

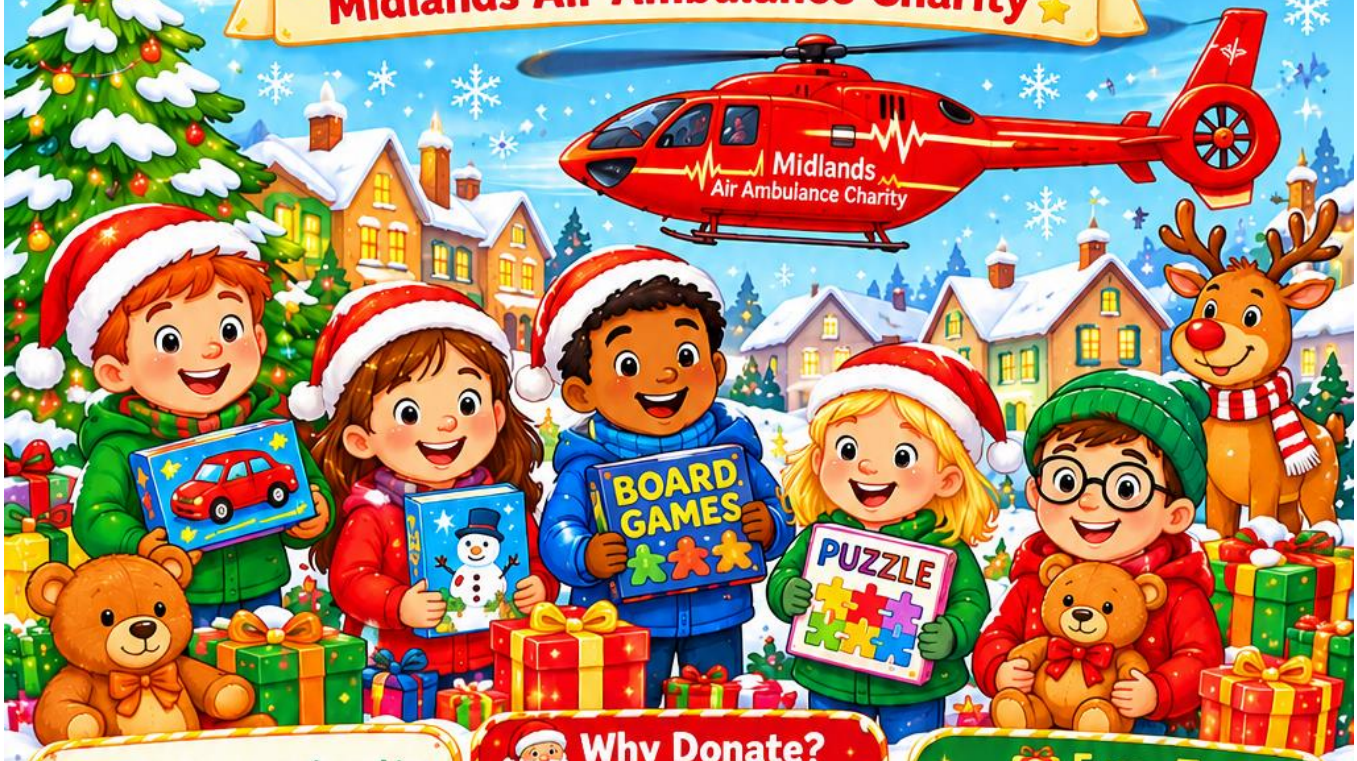



Please pop into the office for more details and an application form.

Please apply by **Friday 27th November.**

# CHRISTMAS TOY & GAMES DONATION APPEAL

## Help Us Support the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity




**This Christmas, we're asking every child to donate ONE toy, game, puzzle or book that is in good, clean condition.**

Your donation will be sold to help raise vital funds for the Mildands Air Ambulance Charity, a wonderful charity that our school proudly supports.

### Why Donate?

Christmas is a time of giving, sharing and kindness.

As many of us look forward to receiving gifts this Christmas, it can also be a great opportunity to help children understand that not everyone is as fortunate as others.

Donating just one toy or game is a simple way to:

- Show kindness and generosity
- Help children learn about giving back to others
- Support a charity that helps save lives in our community
- Give pre-loved toys and games a new home

### Every Toy Makes a Difference!

Donated items can provide affordable gifts for other families at Christmas, while also raising much-needed funds for the Midlands Air Ambulance Charity.

**One toy. One good deed. One life-saving charity.**

### Please send in:

- ✅ Toys
- ✅ Board games
- ✅ Puzzles
- ✅ Books

All items should be complete, clean and in good condition.

**Donations to be received by Friday 28th November**

Please send in with your child or hand in to the main office.

**Give One Toy. Share Some Joy. Help Save Lives.**

# Our New Morning Routine

A little change to help everyone start the day calmly and ready to learn!

**8:40am** — **Doors open – learning starts!**
Activities will be on the board ready for children to start straight away.



**8:50am** — **Every child should be in class!**
Register is taken.



**8:50 – 9:20am** — Children who arrive between these times will receive a 'L' mark.




**After 9:20am** — Children will receive a 'U' mark which is a unauthorised session for the whole morning and has a direct impact on their attendance data.




**Let's work together to make every morning count!**

## Punctuality matters!

As you are aware, at the end of last term we shared our intention to place a greater focus on punctuality, as we had seen an increasing number of children arriving late to school. We reminded families that all children should be in class and ready to learn by **8:50am**.

To support this, we have adjusted our morning arrangements. The school gates are now opened earlier, and cloakroom doors open from **8:40am**, giving children ten minutes to settle into school and prepare for the day ahead. Learning begins from the moment children arrive, and those first few minutes are an important opportunity for them to engage in activities, connect with their classmates and start the day positively.

We are delighted that this initiative has got off to such a positive start and would like to say a huge thank you to those families who have made a real effort to ensure their children arrive on time. Your support makes a significant difference and helps ensure every child starts the day ready to succeed.

We would also like to remind parents that, prior to entering school, children remain the responsibility of their parent or carer. During this time, children should be supervised at all times and should not be using the playground equipment before school.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to ensure every child gets the very best start to their day.

# Children in need: The change train!

The children have thoroughly enjoyed today's change train challenge! There was a lot of positive competitiveness as each class worked out their overall total and length of train.

Thankyou so much to everyone who dug out their spare change! We have counted over a whopping £700 in change that will be donated to this fantastic charity! Everybody should be proud of their contribution!

The class with the highest amount AND length is … **6H** with £90.87 and 64m 28cm!!







# Helping to Keep Everyone Healthy

As we move into the season of coughs, colds and other winter bugs, we will be spending time in school reminding children about the importance of good hand hygiene.

Handwashing remains one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of germs and illness. In fact, research shows that regular handwashing can reduce respiratory illnesses, such as colds, by **16–21%**, and can significantly reduce the spread of many common infections.

Over the coming weeks, staff will be talking to children about when and how to wash their hands properly, including washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and drying hands thoroughly.

We would be grateful if parents could help reinforce this message at home by encouraging regular handwashing, particularly before eating, after using the toilet, and after coughing or sneezing. By working together, we can help keep our school community as healthy as possible throughout the winter months.



Over the coming weeks, the children will be taking part in activities linked to **Road Safety Week**, focusing on this year's theme, **"Safe People on the Move."** Through discussions and practical activities, we will be helping children learn about the different people who use our roads and how we can all make safe choices to keep ourselves and others safe.

To support this learning, we would be grateful if you could spend some time talking to your child about road safety before these lessons take place. This might include discussing how to cross roads safely, the importance of staying alert near traffic, wearing seatbelts, and looking out for others when walking, cycling or travelling. Here is a link with more information- Layout 1

Thank you for your support in helping to reinforce these important safety messages. We look forward to sharing this valuable learning with the children.

# Dear parent or carer,

**This week we are taking part in Road Safety Week, which is organised by Brake, the road safety charity.**

**Road Safety Week is a great opportunity for us to help our children learn about road safety, remember people who are killed or hurt on roads, and raise funds to help Brake support families affected by road crashes.**

## SAFE PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

Every journey. Every time.

Road Safety Week



This year's Road Safety Week is all about people. It's about the way we use our roads and the people we share our roads with. We are talking to children about the benefits of active travel and how we can all use roads safely, to protect ourselves and other people.

It's never a nice fact to hear, but road crashes are the leading cause of death for children and young people worldwide, and seven children are killed or seriously injured on UK roads every day – that's equivalent to a whole class of children every single week. We are doing our bit to try and make sure this never happens in our community.

Please help us by supervising your child closely on roads and continuing to teach road safety whenever you can.

Here are some simple ways you can help your child to make safe and healthy journeys, every day:

- Help them walk and ride more on safe paths away from traffic
- Always hold their hand when you are walking near roads
- Always cross roads at safe places
- Always drive at a safe speed and never use a phone while driving.

You can also help keep them safe by:

- Making sure they always sit in a suitable child seat for car journeys
- Never driving while tired or distracted.

Please continue to talk to your child about road safety and show them you understand the importance of using roads safely to protect ourselves and everyone we share the road with.




**Thank you for your support.**
**Together we can make our roads safer for everyone.**

Brake is a road safety charity that supports families after road crashes and campaigns to end road death and injury. Donations are a vital source of funding for the charity's work. To find out more or make a donation, go to www.brake.org.uk

Organised by Brake the road safety charity

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www.brake.org.uk/road-safety-week
#RoadSafetyWeek










Our **Christmas Market** will be taking place on **Thursday 3rd December**.

Please save the date in your diary. We look forward to welcoming families and friends for a festive afternoon of fun, shopping and seasonal cheer!

Our **KS2 Christmas Carol service** will be held at Wordsley Church on Monday 14th December.

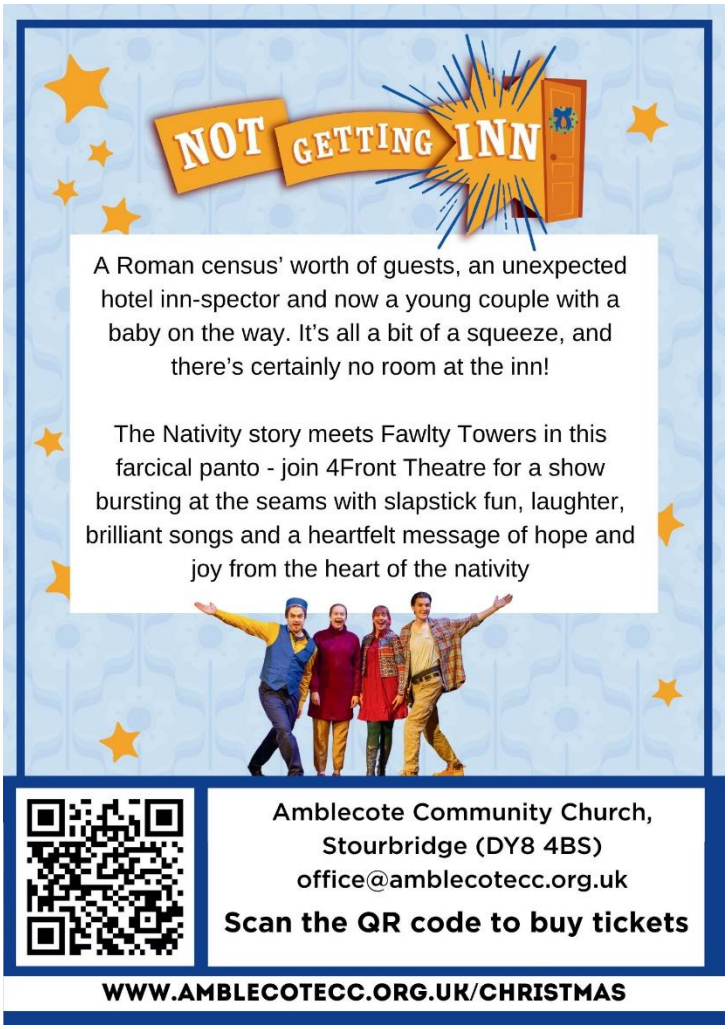
**Years 5 & 6** : Morning, approximately 10am

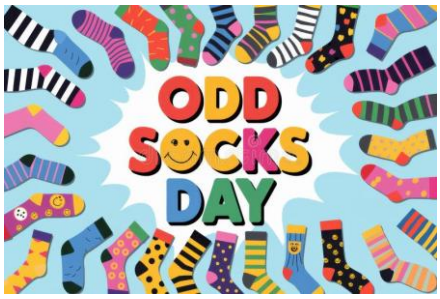
**Years 3 & 4** : Afternoon, approximately 2pm.

Please keep an eye out for further details.

Thank you to all the children who bought Poppy merchandise throughout the week. They wore them with pride as we stood outside and took part in our 2 minute silence to remember those who have made sacrifices for us. We were very proud of all our children.




We are looking forward to celebrating **Anti-Bullying Week 2026**, which takes place from Monday 16th to Friday 20th November.

This year's theme is **'Break the Silence'**, encouraging everyone to speak up, start conversations and help break down the barriers that can sometimes make it difficult to ask for help.

To kick-start the week, we will be celebrating Odd Socks Day on **Monday 16th November!**

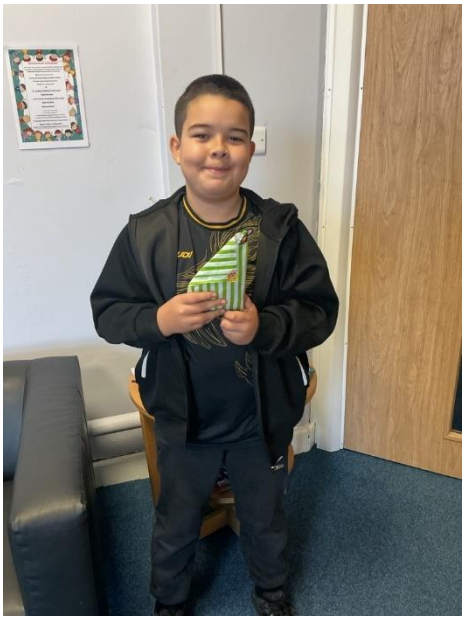
Odd Socks Day is all about celebrating what makes us unique, embracing our differences and spreading kindness. It's a chance for everyone to have a little fun, be themselves and show that being different is something to celebrate!

Children are invited to come to school wearing their usual school uniform, but with their most colourful, creative and completely odd socks!

There will be a prize in each class for the child wearing the most creative odd socks!

There is absolutely no expectation for donations – we simply want everyone to get involved and have fun.

# ATTENDANCE UPDATE



This week **338** children have had 100% attendance.
Well done!

Well done to 1D who had the highest attendance this week with 100%!

Our attendance superstar this week is Ziah!

# 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 made some poppy wreaths and medals to remember our fallen heros and animals.**

**We have also enjoyed doing lots of jigsaw puzzles too.**