

Brockley Primary School Newsletter 24/25

Friday 1st May 2025



Attendance Update

Our whole school attendance this week is **91.5%**. This is below both National average and the Westminster average. The lower than usual percentage is due to illness and **15** families were absent for a day or more at the end of last term and the beginning of this term. We want to remind you that we are unable to grant any holiday leave a duty to refer unauthorised leave of over 10 sessions (5 days) to the Local Authority who may pursue a fine.

Why does attendance matter so much?

Research by the Department for Education (DfE) shows a direct relationship between school attendance rates and GCSE performance.

Pupils who attend school regularly are more likely to perform better academically.

This is because consistent attendance ensures greater exposure to instruction, classroom interactions, and learning resources.

Studies show that even a small amount of missed school can negatively impact a pupil's performance. Persistent absenteeism (missing 10% or more of school days) is particularly harmful.

Please make sure you send your child in every day for the rest of term.

Polite reminder

The gates open at 8.30am and close at 8.40am in the morning. If you arrive after 8.40am then please bring your child through the office.

Attendance

Week Ending 01/05/2025

School attendance is a legal requirement and with the new Penalty Notice Fine Procedures in place it is vitally important that your child attends school on time daily.

Each week in the newsletter we'll report on the attendance for each class so as a community you can see how well our children attend school.

The national attendance target for all schools in England is at least 96%

90% + below	In-between 90% & 96%	96% + above
Zebra	98.3%	
Monkey	91.07%	
Giraffe	91.48%	
Elephant	87.83%	
Lion	88.4%	

Number for reporting absences and for any queries

01246-823344

Social Media

Follow us Facebook: [Facebook](#)

School website for all policies and information

www.brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk

School email address

info@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk

Headteacher's direct email address

headteacher@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk

Safeguarding Reports and Queries

safeguarding@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk

[Derby Safeguarding Children Partnership \(ddscp.org.uk\)](http://Derby Safeguarding Children Partnership (ddscp.org.uk))



Wheelchair Sports Week!

Sport is a language spoken by all, transcending boundaries and backgrounds. This week, all Brockley children have taken part in various wheelchair sports. The aim was to promote inclusivity and highlight to the children that anyone can take part in sports no matter what challenges they may face.

Children have taken part in:

- Wheelchair skills
- Wheelchair rugby
- Wheelchair tennis
- Wheelchair archery
- Wheelchair basketball

As you can see from the photos, children have thoroughly enjoyed their week and have been a credit to the school. A huge thank you goes out to Dan from Express Coaching for running the sessions.



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EBSA WORKSHOP

EMOTIONALLY BASED SCHOOL AVOIDANCE

Tuesday 20th May, 10am - 11am



**Fairplay Centre,
Alexandra Road West,
Chesterfield,
S40 1NP**



Limited places - Please phone the office on 01246 203963 or email neurohub@fair-play.co.uk to book your place!

Aims & Outcomes:

- To build on parents/carers' understanding of how feelings of anxiety can impact children's school attendance & engagement
- Explore what anxiety is & what it might look like in our children
- A brief introduction to Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA) & an overview of the Derbyshire & Derby City Attendance Project will be offered & strategies how you can support your child
- To help parents/carers to feel more confident recognising feelings of anxiety in children & young people, as well as using strategies to support children & young people that feel anxious about attending school

This training is being delivered by Derbyshire Educational Psychology Service

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EMOTION COACHING

Using Emotion Coaching to support children and young people to regulate feelings.

This is a 2 part course and both must be attended.

Part 1: Thursday 15th May, 1pm-2pm

Part 2: Thursday 19th June, 1pm-2pm



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Session 1: will introduce Emotion Coaching as a practical parenting approach that helps children to understand and manage their feelings more effectively over time

Session 2: will give an opportunity to share your experiences of using Emotion Coaching & develop your skills

The Aims & Outcomes are for parents/carers to develop their:

- Understanding how children's brains regulate difficult feelings
- Understanding how Emotion Coaching can be effective at developing children's ability to regulate their emotions
- Skills using Emotion Coaching to support their children

This training is being delivered by Derbyshire Educational Psychology Service

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Key Dates

5th May

Bank Holiday – School closed

7th May

Class photos

9th May VE DAY Street Party

This event will give children the opportunity to learn about Victory in Europe Day, celebrate community spirit, and take part in a range of fun, themed activities and we would love for you to join us (weather dependent).

Children are invited to come dressed in red, white and blue, or in simple 1940s-style clothing (e.g. flat caps, dresses, or homemade evacuee name tags). Please ensure your child brings appropriate outdoor clothing, as we hope to enjoy the celebration outside.

Monday 12th May – Thursday 15th May

KS2 SATs for Year 6 pupils – please speak to Miss Wheeldon or Mrs Powdrill if you require any further information.

Wednesday 14th May – Friday 16th May

Willersley residential for Year 4 and Year 5 children.

23rd May 2025

OPAL Parents stay and play!

1.15pm – 1.30pm Talk on the OPAL Primary Programme by our OPAL team

1.30pm – 3.00pm Free play session with children

Please dress for all weathers and for play!

Week commencing 9th June

Phonics Screening Check – this is designed to confirm whether pupils have learnt phonic decoding to an appropriate standard. Further information will be sent to parents of children involved nearer the time.