

Brockley Primary School Newsletter 24/25

Friday 25th April 2025



Attendance Update

Our whole school attendance this week is **93.93%**

This is below both National average and the Westminster average. The lower than usual percentage is due to illness and **16** 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.

Attendance

Week Ending 25/04/2025

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	97.06%	
Monkey	92.41%	
Giraffe	93.87%	
Elephant	93.38%	
Lion	93.47%	

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))

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**Brockley Primary School
VE Day 2025 Brockley Street Party Celebration**

Date: Friday 9th May 2025

Time: 1:30pm until 2:45pm

Location: Weather Dependent

Dear Brockley Families,

To mark VE Day 2025, we are excited to be holding a special 'Street Party' celebration in school on Friday 9th May. 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).

What's Happening:

- Street Party Style Cake Picnic – tables set up outdoors (weather permitting)
- 1940s Music and Dancing
- Traditional Games and Craft Activities
- Make-Your-Own Medal and Wartime Hats
- A Moment of Reflection to help children understand the meaning and significance of VE Day

What Children Need:

- 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)

The school will provide drinks, cakes, and all the materials needed for the day's activities.

Please ensure your child brings appropriate outdoor clothing, as we hope to enjoy the celebration outside.

We're really looking forward to a joyful afternoon of learning, remembrance, and community celebration.

Thank you for your continued support.



We have been delighted to open the field to children this week. The children have particularly enjoyed our den building area and have been using their imaginations to build some fantastic creations!

If you have any items that you could donate to enhance their play even further then we would greatly appreciate it.

We are especially on the lookout for the following:

- Tarpaulin
- Bamboo sticks
- Bed sheets
- Tent pegs



Key Dates

9th May VE DAY Street Party

See page 2 of the newsletter for further details

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!

Schedule:

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.



NATIONAL GARDENING WEEK

28th April – 4th May 2025

Zebra class will be celebrating garden week and would appreciate donations of flowers and compost for their garden.

