

Brockley Primary School Newsletter 22/25

Friday 7th March 2025



Attendance Update

Our whole school attendance this week is **94%** This is below both National average and the Westminster average. The lower than usual percentage is due to illness and **17** 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 07/03/2025

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	91.5%	
Monkey	96%	
Giraffe	94%	
Elephant	93%	
Lion	96%	

Number for reporting absences and for any queries

01246-823344

Social Media

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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))

Supporting Each Other – The Brockley Way

We know that family life can be full of joys, but it can also come with its fair share of stresses and challenges. Balancing work, home life, finances, and the everyday pressures of raising children isn't always easy. At Brockley, we want to reassure you that you are not alone - we are here to support you, whether that means offering a kind word, a listening ear, or simply a warm hug on a tough day.

We also recognise that sometimes; practical support is needed. If you ever require guidance on financial matters, parenting advice, or emotional well-being, we can help signpost you to services that may be useful. Our school is more than just a place of learning - it is a community where kindness and care for one another are at the heart of everything we do. That's "*The Brockley Way*".

In the same way we encourage our children to be thoughtful, respectful, and kind, we ask that as a school community, we extend that same kindness to one another. Life can be tough at times, and we may not always be aware of the struggles others are facing. A smile, a moment of patience, or a gentle word can make a world of difference to someone who may be going through a difficult time.

As human beings, we all have our own pressures, and there will be moments when we find things challenging. But together, we can create an environment where kindness, empathy, and understanding are at the forefront of everything we do.

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." – Aesop

If you ever need support, advice, or simply a little reassurance, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are always here, and we will always be kind.



World Book Day at Brockley 2025

A Celebration of Stories!

At Brockley, World Book Day 2025 was a magical celebration of stories, imagination, and the joy of reading together! This year, we embraced the theme of Bedtime Stories and Pyjamas, making the day extra special and cosy for everyone.

Children and staff arrived at school in their favourite pyjamas, ready for a day filled with storytelling, creativity, and a shared love of books. From classic fairy tales to new adventures, everyone had the chance to talk about their most-loved stories, listen to captivating book readings, and take part in exciting book-themed activities.

One of the highlights of the day was our special storytelling sessions, where teachers and guest readers brought books to life, whisking us away into magical worlds. The joy of snuggling up with a good book and sharing stories with friends made the day truly unforgettable.

World Book Day at Brockley reminded us all of the power of books - how they can transport us, teach us, and bring us together. We loved every moment and can't wait for next year's celebration!

Please see SeeSaw for class photographs.

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Free Breakfast Club for Brockley Children & After-School Club Price Increase

We are delighted to announce that after Easter, our Breakfast Club will be **FREE** for all Brockley children, thanks to the support of the Greggs Foundation Breakfast Club. This fantastic opportunity ensures that children can start their day with a nutritious breakfast, setting them up for a great day of learning.

To help us manage staffing levels effectively, we will be introducing a new booking form for Breakfast Club, we will trial this before the holiday to tease out any glitches or issues. This form must be completed the evening before at the latest to secure a place for your child.

Additionally, due to the increasing popularity of our After-School Club (ASC) with Mrs. Bradley and the need to maintain appropriate staffing, there will be a slight price increase to £7 per session after Easter. This fee includes a snack for your child and resources.

Thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.



Year 3 Adventure to Castleton

Exploring Mam Tor & Treak Cliff Cavern!

Year 3 had an unforgettable adventure in the beautiful Derbyshire countryside, visiting the charming village of Castleton and exploring its famous landmarks. From conquering Mam Tor to discovering the wonders of Treak Cliff Cavern, the trip was packed with excitement, learning, and plenty of fun!

Conquering Mam Tor

With backpacks on and spirits high, the children set off to climb Mam Tor, also known as the "Shivering Mountain." The hike was a challenge, but the breath-taking views from the top made it all worthwhile. Standing at the summit, they could see the rolling hills of the Peak District, and they even spotted some curious sheep along the way!

Unearthing the Magic of Treak Cliff Cavern

Next, the children ventured underground into the Treak Cliff Cavern, famous for its sparkling Blue John stone. Guided by expert cavers, they explored twisting tunnels, magical stalactites, and glittering rock formations. It felt like stepping into another world, and they were fascinated by the stories of miners who once worked there.

A Cosy Stay at YHA Losehill Hall

After an exciting day of adventure, the group arrived at YHA Losehill Hall, their home for the night. The bunk beds were super comfy, and the children loved the cosy atmosphere of the hostel. Dinner was a treat - a delicious meal that refuelled everyone for the next day's activities. Laughter and stories filled the evening before everyone settled in for a good night's sleep.

The trip to Castleton was a memorable experience, full of exploration, teamwork, and new discoveries. Year 3 returned home with exciting stories, happy memories, and a deeper appreciation for the natural world.

What an adventure!

