

**Brockley Primary School Newsletter 21/25**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025**



**Attendance Update**

Our whole school attendance this week is **94.79%**. 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, we have 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 for**

**Week Ending 28/02/25**

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	97.38%	
Monkey	97.59%	
Giraffe	93.1%	
Elephant	92.02%	
Lion	93.2%	

**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](http://www.brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk)

**School email address**

[info@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk)

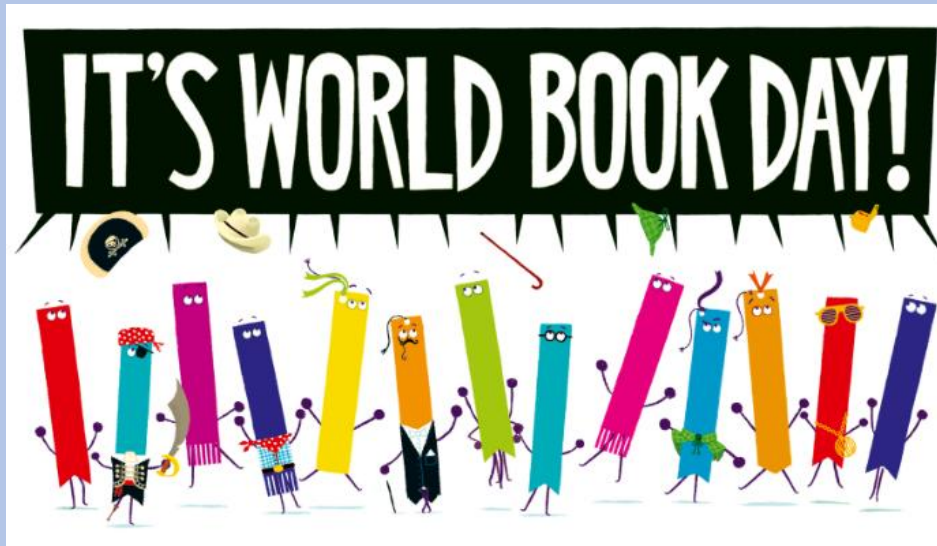
**Headteacher's direct email address**

[headteacher@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk)

**Safeguarding Reports and Queries**

[safeguarding@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk)

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



Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025

## Bedtime Stories

Years 1-6 will be celebrating World Book Day this year by theming our day around bedtime stories. Children can come to school in their pyjamas and bring their favourite teddy/blanket and get ready to enjoy the journey their reading will take them!

Slippers can be brought in to change into but children should still come in outdoor shoes so they can enjoy their playtime outside.

Children in Zebra Class can come in either pyjamas or a costume.



28.02.2025



## Tree Planting in the local community

Children were honoured to be invited by the council to plant trees in the local park. Please see the letter of thanks below.



On behalf of Old Bolsover Town Council, I would like to express our thanks to you, your staff and students, for their incredible support at yesterday's tree-planting session at Shuttlewood Park. Thanks to your dedication and hard work, we successfully planted 200 new trees—an achievement to be truly proud of!

Your efforts have made a meaningful contribution to a greener, healthier future for our community. Trees not only provide clean air, shade, and habitats for wildlife but also play a vital role in protecting our environment for generations to come.

We are incredibly proud of your commitment and appreciate your willingness to take action in protecting our planet.

Once again, thank you for your kindness, energy, and hard work. Keep up the great spirit of making the world a better place!



**Only my best is good enough**

Zebra Class Invite - please RSVP to Zebra Class staff



**JUNIOR  
BAKE OFF**

**JOIN THE CLASS OF 2025!**

**JUNIOR BAKE OFF**

... IS LOOKING FOR BRILLIANT BAKERS, AGES  
9-15 FOR THE NEXT NEW AND EXCITING  
SERIES!

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE  
SUNDAY 23RD MARCH**

**[APPLYFORJUNIORBAKEOFF.CO.UK](https://www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk)**