

Brockley Primary School Newsletter 20/25**Friday 14th February 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 **21** 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 14/02/2025**

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	91.36%	
Monkey	96%	
Giraffe	94%	
Elephant	93.5%	
Lion	94%	

Number for reporting absences and for any queries

01246-823344

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Ofsted Inspection Update

I am delighted to share that we recently welcomed Ofsted into our school for an inspection. While we must wait a little longer before we can officially share the full details of their report, we wanted to take a moment to reflect on the experience and, most importantly, celebrate our wonderful children and staff.

Throughout the visit, the inspectors spent time in classrooms, observing lessons, and, most memorably, speaking with our children. We could not have been prouder of the way they shared their learning, their enthusiasm, and their love for our school. They spoke with such confidence and honesty, showcasing not only their knowledge but also the kindness and respect that make our school community so special.

A huge thank you also goes to our incredible team of staff, whose hard work, dedication, and passion shine through in everything they do. Their commitment to ensuring the very best for every child was evident throughout the inspection, just as it is every single day.

We look forward to sharing the official report with you as soon as we are able. In the meantime, we want to extend our sincere gratitude to all of you for your ongoing support - it truly makes a difference.



Visit Chesterfield

Half Term in Chesterfield

Our guide to half term in Chesterfield

Looking for inspiration to keep the kids entertained over the half term? You've come to the right place! We've pulled together a list of events and activities taking place across Chesterfield, so you can plan your days and keep the entire family busy.

Explore a [castle](#), enjoy [traditional games](#), gaze at the [stars](#), meet [animals](#), and have [outdoor fun](#).

Half Term in Chesterfield | Destination Chesterfield

History Makers at Bolsover Castle



This half term, try something different with History Makers at Bolsover Castle!

Join characters from the past for historical hijinks and hands on shenanigans at Bolsover Castle. A boy King! Is it a good idea? Find out what happens when a child is left in charge.

Step back in time this half term for historical hijinks. Take part in an interactive show looking at medieval child Kings. Engage in fun sword fighting games for all the family and try on a helmet or feel the weight of a sword at the armour tent.

Venue

📍 Bolsover Castle, Castle St, Bolsover, Chesterfield S44 6PR

Date

📅 Sat 15 February 2025 - Sun 23 February 2025
🕒 10am - 4pm

Prices

- 💎 Free for English Heritage members
- 💎 £14 - Adult
- 💎 £8.50 - Child, 5-17 years
- 💎 £12.50 - Concession
- 💎 £36.50 - Family (2 adults)
- 💎 £22.50 - Family (1 adult)

Contact details:



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HOLIDAY ACTIVITY PROGRAMME



WHAT'S ON:

Dodgeball, football, cricket, basketball, food preparation skills, arts and crafts, castleball and more!

Sessions are free and lunch is provided. 5–11 year olds only.

WHERE AND WHEN:

Brockley Primary School,
S44 6AF

Monday 17 and Tuesday 18
February 10am till 2pm

TO BOOK:

Please scan
this QR code
or visit:

[bit.ly/leisure-
consent-form](https://bit.ly/leisure-consent-form)



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