

Brockley Primary School Newsletter 18/25

Friday 31st January 2025



Attendance Update

Our whole school attendance this week is **93.67%**. 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, 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 31/01/25

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	95.26%	
Monkey	98.62%	
Giraffe	92.07%	
Elephant	94.09%	
Lion	88%	

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))



Next week, children at Brockley will be taking part in a variety of activities in their class as well as whole school assemblies. There is something for everyone, and we hope children will enjoy this journey of self-discovery! To celebrate, we have three opportunities for dress up days!

Monday 3rd February – Children can come to school in their favourite colour, or something with a positive message on



Thursday 6th February – In partnership with Young Voices and the Bob Marley Foundation Charity, children will celebrate Bob Marley's 80th birthday with a singalong together. Children are invited to wear red, yellow or green (the foundation's flag colours) or their school uniform on this day. Here is a link to the singalong if children would like to practise at home: [yV2025 Marley Magic Lyric Video Full Vocal](#)



Friday 7th February – NSPCC Number Day Dress as a Digit: Children can come to school dressed as a number or something math-related (e.g., a dice, calculator, or even a mathematical symbol!)



Only my best is good enough



Kung Hei Fat Choi!

EYFS the children have been learning all about a Chinese New Year and have celebrated with a dragon parade for the whole school. We also made a wishing tree and invited all members of our school community to add their wish to the tree. 2025 is the year of the snake.



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LET'S FIGHT HEAD LICE TOGETHER

Head lice are a normal part of childhood and by checking for them regularly and using an appropriate treatment, they can be dealt with quickly and easily. The guidance has been produced by Hedrin in association with the Medical Entomology Centre, a world-leading authority on head lice. Download the [step-by-step](#) guide that tells you everything you need to know about checking for and treating head lice. Alternatively, visit the link below to find out more.

[Let's fight headlice together - Once a week take a peek](#)

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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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