

Brockley Primary School Newsletter 16/25

Friday 17th January 2025



Attendance Update

Our whole school attendance this week is **94.8%**. 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 17/01/25

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	87.01%	
Monkey	98.62%	
Giraffe	88.97%	
Elephant	93.68%	
Lion	98%	

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

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Safeguarding Reports and Queries

safeguarding@brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk

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

New Term Collaboration

Home and School Working Together

As we have started a new term, we want to take a moment to remind you of our school's key priorities and, more importantly, how you can play a crucial role in helping your child thrive. We believe that a strong partnership between home and school is essential for fostering a positive and successful learning environment for every child.

How can you help at home?

- Regularly discuss The Brockley Way and what that means to your child – Being their best every day.
- Ensure children are reading at home at least 3 times a week and recording this in their school diary.
- Ensure children are completing their homework on time and it is being checked by an adult at home. This includes TTRS to ensure children are learning their times tables which will help with fluency.
- Having conversations with your child to help develop oracy and limiting the time they spend on screens at home.
- Being actively engaged in your child's learning and school life. It is so important you are part of their school journey. Log into your SeeSaw and Dojo accounts so you can ask questions based on what has been shared by the teaching team.
- Talk to your child about our behaviour policy and remind them of the expectations for high standards of behaviour in school.
- Ensure your child is not taking any holiday outside of term, has good attendance and punctuality so they are not missing out on their education.
- Talk to your children about the importance of social interaction and take an interest in the projects they will be undertaking this academic year. We will let you know when projects are happening.

By working together, we can empower our children to reach their full potential both academically and personally.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's class teacher.



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Good Afternoon Everyone,

We are thrilled to announce an exciting opportunity for our students to take part in a creative and collaborative art project with the incredibly talented illustrator, Sally Anderson. Sally will be visiting our school next week to lead the creation of a stunning jungle-themed mural, which will feature contributions from every child.

As part of her visit, Sally will first give a presentation to inspire the children, sharing her experiences as an artist and illustrator. Following this, she will guide them in designing their own elements for the mural.

Here's how your child will be involved:

- Each child will design either a flower, leaf or a small insect to be incorporated into the mural.
- Younger children (Nursery, Reception, and KS1) will draw their designs directly onto the wall using Posca Pens, with Sally's assistance.
- KS2 students will create stencils of their designs, which they will paint onto the mural.

Here's the planned schedule for the week:

Tuesday, 21st January 2025:

- A 20-minute assembly where Sally will introduce her work as an illustrator.
- Sally will spend the remainder of the day preparing the wall for the jungle-themed mural.

Wednesday, 22nd January 2025:

- Sally will complete the mural outline in the morning.
- Groups of six students (organised by class teachers) will take turns adding their designs to the mural throughout the day.

Thursday, 23rd January 2025:

- Sally will finalise any remaining artwork and add finishing touches to the mural.

This project is a fantastic opportunity for our students to explore their creativity, learn from a professional artist, and leave a lasting legacy in our school. We're sure it will be an unforgettable experience for everyone involved!

There will be a grand unveiling to which all parents will be invited to – date to follow.





Dressed for the Weather

With the freezing temperatures we have seen since returning to school, it's crucial to ensure our children are dressed warmly for outdoor play. Hats, scarves, and gloves are essential, along with a thick coat, especially for our younger children.

Outdoor time is an important part of our curriculum, and we want all children to enjoy it comfortably, not shivering in the cold. Our staff are working hard to make sure, everyone is wrapped up, but we've noticed many children are missing hats and gloves. Please help us keep your child warm and happy by sending them to school with these. Let's make sure everyone enjoys the fresh air and fun! Thank you.

Future dates of workshops and assemblies delivered by Changing Lives

- Children's Mental Health Week is 3rd – 7th February. Changing Lives will be delivering a whole school assembly during this week
- Stress and resilience workshop for Year 6 pupils 3rd April
 - Y6 transition workshop 23rd June
- Managing change workshops for Y1-5 25th June



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Kindness Week (Monday 5th – Friday 9th February 2025)

Throughout the week, we'll focus on the power of kindness—exploring how small acts can make a big difference to others and ourselves. Activities will include:

- **Kindness Challenges:** Encouraging children to complete simple acts of kindness each day.
- **Circle Times and Assemblies:** Discussions on empathy, understanding, and the importance of helping one another.
- **Creative Activities:** Designing “Kindness Cards” to share positive messages with peers and staff.

We hope to inspire the children to embrace kindness not only this week but as a lifelong habit.

NSPCC Number Day (Friday 9th February 2025)

On Friday, we'll combine kindness with fun and learning as we participate in NSPCC's **Number Day** to support their vital work for children across the UK. Here's what to expect:

- **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!) for a small donation of £1 to the NSPCC.
- **Maths-Themed Challenges:** Fun and interactive maths activities will be held throughout the day, tailored to each year group.
- **Fundraising Focus:** Every penny raised will go to support the NSPCC's efforts to keep children safe.

We'd love for you to get involved by:

- Helping your child design a creative outfit for Number Day.
- Discussing the importance of kindness and generosity as we support the NSPCC.
- Encouraging acts of kindness at home to complement what we're doing in school.

Thank you, as always, for your enthusiasm and support. We're looking forward to a fantastic week filled with positivity, learning, and community spirit!

If you have any questions or ideas, please don't hesitate to reach out.

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Only my best is good enough