



**Brockley Primary
School Newsletter**

Issue 36

Friday 11th July 2025

“Only my best is good enough”

Attendance Matters – Our Responsibilities

What YOU must do:

Telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence.

Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.

If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.

If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

What WE will do:

Check your child's attendance every day.

Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.

Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.

If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.

The national attendance target is 96%

Our school attendance this week is 93%

Attendance Band	Class Performance
Zebra	93%
Monkey	95%
Giraffe	92%
Elephant	91.5%
Lion	93.5%

We cannot authorise holiday leave during term time. Any unauthorised absence over 10 sessions (5 days) will be referred to the Local Authority and may result in a fine.

School Contact Information



Report Absences or Ask Questions: 0124-6823344

Website: <http://www.brockley.derbyshire.sch.uk>

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School Facebook Page: [Facebook](#)

Safeguarding Info: <https://www.ddscp.org.uk>



[Summer Reading Challenge](#)

This is for anyone taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge or Winter Mini Challenge online. Click on the [blue links](#) to visit the website.

If you are looking for help with taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge at your local library, please visit [the Library Zone](#).

Please note, the in-person and online Challenges are separate.

Physical incentives like medals and certificates are only available via the library, for those taking part in the in-person Challenge. Please contact your local library to find out which incentives are available in your area for 2025.

Children taking part in the Challenge online will be able to access online rewards as they progress through their Challenge, and a printable PDF certificate when they complete their reading goal.



Brockley Primary School Move Up Day & Transition Tips for New Starters

Starting a new school or moving up a class is a big step for young children and for parents too! At Brockley Primary, we know that with a little preparation, encouragement, and routine, this transition can be a positive and exciting experience.

Here are some helpful tips to support your child through this important time:

Emotional Preparation

Start the conversation early

Talk about the upcoming change in a calm and positive way. Try saying things like,

“After the summer holidays, you’ll have a new classroom with new friends and teachers!”

Read together

Books like **The Cautious Caterpillar** are great for helping children explore their feelings about change through familiar characters.

Acknowledge their emotions

Let your child know it’s okay to feel nervous, excited, or even a little sad. Share your own memories of starting school to help them feel understood.

Build Familiarity and Routine

Visit the school

Attend open days or take a walk past the school to help your child feel more comfortable with the building and journey.

Use a visual calendar

Mark the first day of school and count down together. This helps children understand what’s coming and feel more in control.



Practice the school routine

In the weeks leading up to September, start waking up, getting dressed, and having breakfast at “school time.”

Get them involved

Let your child choose their backpack or lunchbox. Label items together, it builds excitement and a sense of ownership.

Roleplay school scenarios

Act out saying goodbye at the gate, sitting in circle time, or asking for help. This builds confidence through play.

Encourage independence

Support your child in learning to put on their shoes, use the toilet, and open lunch containers on their own.

Strengthen Connections

Arrange playdates

If possible, connect with other children who will be in the same class. Familiar faces can ease first-day nerves.

Share with teachers

Use “All About Me” booklets to help staff understand your child’s interests, routines, and any specific needs.

Stay positive

Children pick up on your emotions. If you’re calm and enthusiastic, they’re more likely to feel secure and excited.

After the Transition Begins

Keep talking

Ask open-ended questions like, “What was the best part of your day?” instead of yes/no questions.

Stick to routines at home

A consistent home routine provides comfort and balance during the early weeks of school.

Celebrate small wins

Whether it's a brave goodbye or remembering their coat, praise their efforts and progress.

Remember: Transitions take time. With gentle support and a bit of planning, you're helping your child build confidence and resilience that will last far beyond September.

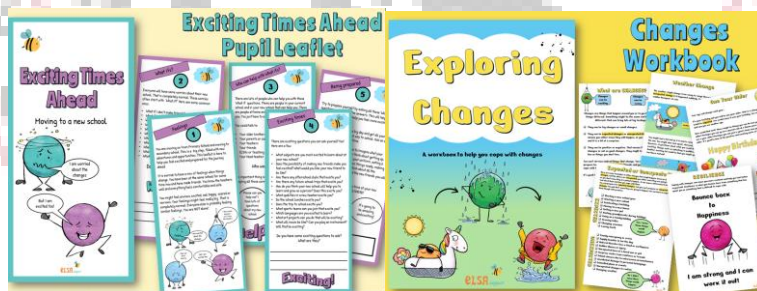
Resources you might find useful:



The Cautious Caterpillar eBook.ex

[Bing Videos](#) – The Cautious Caterpillar video

[Transition school or class - Elsa Support](#)



[Supporting your child at school | Family Lives](#)

Dates for your Diary

July 2025

14 Elephant Class ...	15 Giraffe Class PE New Nursery S...	16 Zebra Class PE Lion Class PE	17 Y5 afterschool ... Reception Tran... Final Y3 Brass ...	18 Monkey Class ... No school swi... New Nursery S... Giraffe Class E...
21 Elephant Class ...	22 Giraffe Class PE Y6 leaver's play...	23 Lion Class PE School closes f... Zebra Class PE	24 Inset Day - sch...	25

Calendar Brockley Primary School

Please note that school closes on Wednesday 23rd July and re-opens to children on Monday 8th September.

Staff will be in attendance for First Aid and KCSIE 2025 Training on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th September but children should not attend.