

Brockley Primary School Newsletter 29/2025**Friday 9th May 2025****Attendance Update**

Our whole school attendance this week is **94%** this is below both National Average. The lower than usual percentage is due to illness. **19 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.

Polite reminder

The gates open at 8.30am and close at 8.40am in the morning. If you arrive after 8.40am then please bring your child through the office.

Attendance**Week Ending 01/05/2025**

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	92%	
Monkey	95%	
Giraffe	93%	
Elephant	93%	
Lion	94%	

Number for reporting absences and for any queries

01246-823344

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To Our Amazing Year 6 Pupils

Next week, you'll be sitting your SATs and we just want to say how incredibly proud we are of each and every one of you.

These tests are just a small part of your journey. They don't measure your creativity, your kindness, your sense of humour, or the way you light up a room. They don't show how far you've come, how hard you've worked, or how much you've grown.

All we ask is that you try your best that's all anyone can ever ask of you. Your best is always enough.

So, walk into those tests with your head held high. You've got this. We believe in you. And no matter what, we'll be cheering you on every step of the way.

You are more than a score.

You are brilliant.

You are brave.

You are Brockley.

With pride and support

Mrs Rodgers &

All at Brockley Primary School

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EBSA WORKSHOP

EMOTIONALLY BASED SCHOOL AVOIDANCE

Tuesday 20th May, 10am - 11am



**Fairplay Centre,
Alexandra Road West,
Chesterfield,
S40 1NP**



Limited places - Please phone the office on 01246 203963 or email neurohub@fair-play.co.uk to book your place!

Aims & Outcomes:

- To build on parents/carers' understanding of how feelings of anxiety can impact children's school attendance & engagement
- Explore what anxiety is & what it might look like in our children
- A brief introduction to Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA) & an overview of the Derbyshire & Derby City Attendance Project will be offered & strategies how you can support your child
- To help parents/carers to feel more confident recognising feelings of anxiety in children & young people, as well as using strategies to support children & young people that feel anxious about attending school

This training is being delivered by Derbyshire Educational Psychology Service

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EMOTION COACHING

Using Emotion Coaching to support children and young people to regulate feelings.

This is a 2 part course and both must be attended.

Part 1: Thursday 15th May, 1pm-2pm

Part 2: Thursday 19th June, 1pm-2pm



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Session 1: will introduce Emotion Coaching as a practical parenting approach that helps children to understand and manage their feelings more effectively over time

Session 2: will give an opportunity to share your experiences of using Emotion Coaching & develop your skills

The Aims & Outcomes are for parents/carers to develop their:

- Understanding how children's brains regulate difficult feelings
- Understanding how Emotion Coaching can be effective at developing children's ability to regulate their emotions
- Skills using Emotion Coaching to support their children

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Key Dates - Reminder

Monday 12th May – Thursday 15th May

KS2 SATs for Year 6 pupils – Breakfast Club starts at 8am to enable the children to have a calm and supportive start to the tests each day.

Wednesday 14th May – Friday 16th May

Willersley residential for Year 4 and Year 5 children.

23rd May 2025

OPAL Parents Stay and Play!

1.15pm – 1.30pm Talk on the OPAL Primary Programme by our OPAL team

1.30pm – 3.00pm Free play session with children

Please dress for all weathers and for play!

23rd May 2025

School Closes for half term on Friday 23rd May for one week

Week commencing 9th June

Phonics Screening Check – this is designed to confirm whether pupils have learnt phonic decoding to an appropriate standard. Further information will be sent to parents of children involved nearer the time.



OPAL Request

The OPAL Team are asking for donations for The Brockley Bouffant Hairdressers being established as part of our creative lunchtime play.

We would greatly appreciate any of the following items:

- **Hairbrushes and combs** (plastic or wooden)
- **Hair clips and bands**
- **Plastic spray bottles** (for water)
- **Old towels or capes**
- **Plastic mirrors** (handheld or small table top)
- **Empty shampoo and conditioner bottles** (cleaned out)
- **Hair rollers** (plastic) **Old styling tongs and hairdryers** (these will be made safe in school)
- **Play scissors** (blunt-tipped and safe for children)
- **Hair accessories** (like ribbons and headbands)
- **Wigs or hairpieces** (synthetic and safe for children)

Thank you for your support in making our creative playtime a success.



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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

10am–2pm, Tuesday 27 and
Wednesday 28 May.

TO BOOK:

Please scan
this QR code
or visit:

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



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