

We would like to start by first of all congratulating our Y6 children on their amazing achievements in the **SATs (Statutory Assessment Tests)**.

The percentage of children in Y6 who achieved the expected level were as follows:

Grammar, Spelling, Punctuation 73%

Reading 75%, Maths 60%, Writing 56%

The percentage of children who achieved 'greater depth' were as follows.

Grammar, Spelling, Punctuation 20%

Reading 30% Maths 20% Writing 10%

There is no official measure for progress in year 6 this year due to assessments that were missed during Covid. However, **our own tracking and estimates suggest that the current year 6 children made significantly more progress between year 2 and year 6 than the national average. Well done Y6 and all of the staff for this great achievement.**

'We are really pleased with our results this year, right across the school. Every year group who have taken national assessments have worked really hard and both the staff and the pupils should be proud of their results. In particular, we are really pleased with the progress that each and every child has made from their own individual starting points.

Phonics Screening Check in Y1

53% pass rate in the phonics screening check But across the whole cohort, **children have improved their score by over 21 marks from their September baseline which is amazing.** Year 2 - 45% pass rate in the re-takes from Year 1.

In total, **79%** of children have passed the check at the end of key stage one.

Maths Times-tables Check in Year 4

There is no pass mark for this but...

61% of children got full marks and **84%** of children scored 20 or more. We had an average score of **23.4 out of 25.**

Numbers at our **After School Club** have been low this half term but we are to continue to offer this service. Bookings can be made up until 2.30pm on the day, but payment must be made in cash before the club begins. **We continue to charge only £5 for the session which is available from the end of school until 5.45pm.** Look out for fun activities such as film night & craft night which will run on alternate weeks as well as other themed activities such as lego, music & board-game nights.

A **music tutor** will continue to come in to Y5 & 6 next year to deliver music lessons each Wednesday.

As we say 'goodbye' to our Y6 class, we wish them every success in their secondary school education as well as in their life ahead. **You have all been an absolute credit to our school.**

HELLO 🍷 GOODBYE

We look forward to welcoming our new starters into our reception and nursery classes as well as some new starters throughout school. We hope that all families will be very happy and successful here at Brook St.

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'Goodbye and good luck in your retirement Mrs Nugent - we are all going to miss you very much. We hope you will call in to see us from time to time!'



We would like to wish Blessin our cleaner 'all the best' as she moves on and we welcome Zoe who will start with us as our new cleaner in September.

We would also like to welcome 2 new Teaching Assistants, **Mrs Hodgkins and Mrs Tyrrell**, who will be joining our Foundation Stage Unit as well as **3 new apprentice Teaching Assistants, Miss Collins, Miss Pollendine and Mr Bancroft.** Miss Caruthers, who completed her Teaching Assistant apprenticeship with us recently has now taken up a position of qualified Teaching Assistant and will be working in Year 1 again next year. We wish them all great success here at Brook Street School.

HELP IS ON HAND - Please remember that we are here to help should you need it. Do not struggle alone There may be times when your child has a medical, sleep or behaviour problem. Someone in your family has a dental problem and you are unable to access a dentist. You may need legal or housing advice. You may lose your job or need financial advice or if you can't work due to sickness you may need help to provide food. If you do need help, please ask and we will help where we can or refer you to where help can be gained. Details of how you can contact us are shown at the top of this newsletter or you can ask to speak to someone confidentially by approaching the school office or a member of staff on the gate.

GREGGS

Thank you to all parents who attended our Parents' Evening. We hope that it was a positive experience for you. If you ever have any issue that you would like to discuss with your child's teacher, please call the school office so that we can make an appointment for you.

Thanks go to Greggs who continue to support our school by offering help to families in need.

The following children have been presented with these awards:

The Mr Potter Award for Resilience
Colton Y3,
Poppy Y2,
Delilah-Elsie Rec

The Avril Barker Award for Good Citizenship

Y6 Lena Y5 Skye
Y4 Cindy, Y3 Tahiya
Y2 Malvin,
Y1 Mathew Rec Chester

The Most Improved Readers

Y6 Ella-Rose Y2 Georgi
Y5 Nadia Y1 Max
Y4 Jakub M Rec Abdul Atif
Y3 Pravitha

These children will be taken to Waterstones Bookshop to choose a book to keep as a reward.

The Mr Fisher Maths Award was awarded for the best and the most improved mathematicians in Y6 to Natalia S, Helen Y, Aidan Z & Matty P.

This half term the children have enjoyed the following extra-curricular after school clubs:

Netball Club for Y3 & 4

Dance Y1 & 2

Football Club for Y5 & 6

Multi-skills for Rec

Lego for Y3 & 4

These clubs are offered **free** of charge to the children. Many thanks to the staff members who give up their time to run these clubs for the children.

We finish for the half term holiday on FRIDAY 18th JULY at 1.30pm and return on

WEDNESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2025.

We hope that you all have a fantastic summer holiday.

ATTENDANCE As you know, children can only be granted a leave of absence in **exceptional circumstances**. The Government defines this as something **unexpected or unavoidable**. If you wish to apply for any leave of absence you are now required to complete a **leave of absence request form** and submit it to school with as much notice as possible. A copy of this form can be found on our website <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/brook-street-primary-school/UploadedDocument/4501e2bb-377a-45b1-9310-a3025c8b095d/leave-of-absence-request-form.pdf> or ask for a copy at the School Office.

Please be advised that there are new expectations on Local Authorities and schools to secure good attendance. **There are also new powers of enforcement by Local Authorities**. Where children do not have good attendance and families are not acting to improve this attendance, they should expect the Local Authority to take enforcement action. After you have submitted your leave of absence form, we will contact you to let you know whether the absence will be classed as authorised or unauthorised. If it is unauthorised, and your child misses 10 sessions (5 full days) or more in a 10-week period, the Local Authority will probably issue a fixed penalty notice or prosecute parents. This could mean receiving one of the following:

- a **penalty notice** - the first penalty notice issued to a parent in respect of a particular pupil will be charged at £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days. A second penalty notice issued to the same parent in respect of the same pupil is charged at a flat rate of £160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days (with no option for a reduction). **If a penalty notice goes unpaid after 28 days, then court proceedings will be initiated** which could result in prosecution. **Prosecution** means that the parent is guilty of an offence and may be sentenced to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a community service order and/or a 3-month custodial sentence as set out in section 444 of the 1996 Education Act.

If a previous penalty notice has been issued, the Local Authority may decide to proceed directly to prosecution.

Please therefore ensure that you take any holidays or time abroad during the school holidays. There are 13 weeks of school holidays as shown on this link <https://www.brookstreetschool.co.uk/term-dates-and-school-day/> or you can ask for a copy of them at the school office.

Persistent absence or lateness could also result in a fine or prosecution. If you are having difficulty with your child's attendance, please ask for help in school. We want every child to achieve the best that they can and we can only do this if they are at school, on time, every possible day. If your child's attendance is poor or if they are often late, you will be invited into school to meet with us so that we can work together to improve this, and in doing so, improve your child's prospects in life.

2025 to 2026 Term Dates

	Start of Term	End of Term
Autumn 1	Wed 3rd September	Friday 25th October
Autumn 2	Mon 3rd November	Friday 19th December
Spring 1	Wed 7th January	Friday 13 February
Spring 2	Mon 23 February	Friday 27 March
Summer 1	13 April	Friday 22 May
Summer 2	1 June	17 July

Holiday dates next school year are 25 October-2 November, 20 December-6 January, 14 February-22 February, 28 March-12 April, 23 May-31 May, 18 July-1 September 2026.

School is also closed for May Day Monday 4 May.

We've had visitors into school as follows:

-A **Theatre Group** who delivered a performance on air quality to Y5.

-The **NSPCC** who spoke to the children in Y2, 5 & 6 about keeping themselves safe and how to raise any concerns safely.

-Nat and Jack came in to deliver **wheelchair basketball sessions** throughout school.

-Mr Kennedy brought the **Library Bus**.

-**Cyclewise** taught children in Y6 basic road safety.

-Jane Mastin, **Health Protection Officer** came to school to speak to parents about the importance of the **flu vaccine**. Some parents from school helped her with relaying this important message by being filmed giving their views. This video will then be broadcast in GP surgeries and other relevant locations. **Many thanks to Leanne, Jacob & Isabelle and also Sophie and Seb for helping with this project.**

-The flu vaccine will be given to children in reception up to Y6 on 23 September. Please check your emails from us and sign up for this if you haven't done so already.

Trips out have included - a day at Melbourne Park for Y6, a day at Bitts Park for Y1 & 6, Swimming lessons for Y2, 3 & 4 (2 week block). **Y6 delivered the most fantastic performance of Aladdin** to parents and children in school. Well done to everyone in the class, who learned their lines, then had the confidence to stand up and perform in such a professional manner. Y1 & 2 took part in outdoor education at Susan's Farm once per week for 5 weeks.

Fare Share continues to be sold each **Wednesday (between 2.45pm - 3.15pm)** from the door beside the double gates. As you know, we never know what food we will receive, but it is always good, usable food which is sold at £1 for a bag of approximately 8 items. This is sold on a first come/first served basis. One bag per family. We would like to **thank Fare Share** for organising this fantastic scheme and **also the Cumberland Building Society** who are donating towards it and allowing us to purchase food that we can pass on to you at such a low cost.

School Uniform. Please ensure that your child comes to school in correct, full school uniform. Details are shown on our website

<https://www.brookstreetschool.co.uk/uniform/>

We ask any parent who has uniform, that is still in good condition, that is now too small for their child, and they have no younger siblings to pass it on to, to consider donating it to school for us to offer, free of charge, to other parents. We take donations of uniform at any time. Please look out for letters coming home regarding 'Used Uniform' events in school. Many thanks to all those who donate.

For anyone who is interested, we sell a bag of **fresh fruit, vegetables or salad for £3.50** for a mixed bag. Orders taken at the school office on a Tuesday and delivered to school on a Thursday. Please ask at the school office for more details.

If you have 1 child & your **household income is below £22,700** or if you have 2 children & it is below **£26,300**, you may be eligible for **free school meals, a clothing grant of £50 pa & supermarket vouchers for the holiday periods**. Further details and how to apply can be found on the link below.

<https://www.cumberland.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals-and-activities/free-school-meals-and-clothing-vouchers> or you can ask for help at the school office. Those who already qualify will have had the link for vouchers emailed to them in readiness for the summer holiday. **Those with no recourse to public funds are able to apply** for free school meals & vouchers if their income is below that shown above. Ask for help in school if you need it.