

NEWSLETTER

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It has been a long start to the new school year (8 weeks), but the children have settled well and have been working hard. Our thanks go to parents who support their children by listening to them read at home and encouraging them with their homework and with their attitude to school. Doing this, really does help your child. Just listening to them read for 15 minutes per day or sharing a book with them or encouraging them with their work is all it takes. As well as the classroom based learning, some of the children have been out and about on school trips as follows:



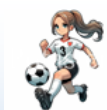
Y2 visited Carlisle Castle where they learned about the castle's history, including its role in defending the border, its time as a prison, and key historical figures like Mary, Queen of Scots. They also learned about castle features like walls, towers, and the lives of people who lived or were held there, including guards and prisoners, by exploring the site and seeing carvings.

Y3 & Y4 went to Ratlingate where they took part in a mix of social, practical, and environmental skills through hands-on, outdoor activities like building shelters, identifying local wildlife, and understanding the natural world. Whilst there we work on developing their confidence, resilience, problem-solving, and teamwork skills all within a natural setting that encourages independence and a love of nature. The children will enjoy another 2 days there later in the academic year.



Sporting events have included:

- a girls' football tournament where the children won the 'best attitude' award. Once again the good behaviour and attitude displayed by children at our school stood out. Well done children - we are very proud of you.



After school activities this half term have included:

Football and maths clubs. Look out for details of what will be on offer next half term.

The children have also enjoyed a **free after school disco** which was organised by the School Council. Thank you School Counsellors.



If you have an important message to give school, for instance, that someone different will be picking up your child or that you need a place in after school club, please could you telephone school on 01228 558724 to let us have this important message. Emails are checked first thing in the morning and at the end of the day. They may be checked at other times if time allows, but we cannot guarantee this, so to prevent urgent messages from being missed, please telephone us rather than emailing. Very many thanks

Reminders and upcoming events:

A KINDLY REMINDER

- If your child is in Y1 or Y2 and you would like them to go to **Breakfast with Santa at Lakeland Gate** you haven't yet signed up for and paid for them to go, please do so as soon as possible. If you need further details, please ask at the school office. Date of the trip is 15th December.
- If you would like your child to go to the free cinema visit on 12 November and you haven't yet signed up for this, please do so as soon as possible.
- If you have a Y6 child and you haven't yet submitted your child's **secondary school application form**, please do so immediately - the deadline to hand in to school is this Friday (24th October) and the deadline for online applications is 31 October. Not submitting on time may result in your child not getting the school of their choice.
- If you would like to **purchase your child's school photograph** you can do this by ordering direct from Tempest Photographers online as shown on the proof copy you have been given or you can hand in the order to school with the cash (by 3rd November 2025 at the latest).
- We are holding a **coffee morning for parents** on Friday 7th November to raise funds for breast cancer. Please look out for details of how you can help and come along if you are able.
- If you **missed having your child vaccinated against the flu** and you would like your child to have this, please contact school and we can find out details about how you can access this.
- We now have **Brook Street School rucksacks** (in 2 different sizes - small and large). If you would like to purchase a rucksack, please call at the school office. The price is £15. They are not compulsory.
- We will soon have a **new look Brook Street School website**. We will let you have further details about this shortly.

Our winners of the following prestigious awards were:

AVRIL BARKER AWARD FOR GOOD CITIZENSHIP

Y6 Tara, Y5 Cindy, Y4 Tahiya, Y3 Louis, Y2 Marni, Y1 Amelia, Reception Maria.

MR POTTER AWARD FOR RESILIENCE

Fathema (Y3) and Hilton (Rec).

MOST IMPROVED READER We hope that you enjoy your visit to Waterstones Book Shop to purchase a book of your choice to keep.

Y6 Sura, Y5 Harper, Y4 Elizabeth, Y3 Orion, Y2 Vedant, Y1 Adelina, Rec Jaycee.

YOU CAN DO IT AWARDS FOR

Getting Along - Pola Y6, Lily Y5, Gurleen, Y4, Tirzah Y3, Isabella Y2, Denver Y1,

Confidence - Pavlin Y6, Mia Y5, Charmaine Y4, Alexandra Y3, Y2 Shalom, Y1 Delilah

Organisation - Jakub Y6, Bryan Y5, Franciszek, Y4, Dominic Y3, Y2 Milly, Y1 Vanessa

Persistence - Y6 Sid, Y5 Ksawery, Y4, Y3, Y2 Jowita, Y1 Deea

HANDWRITING

Y6 Skye, Y5 David, Y4 Maria, Y3 Rosie-Jo, Y2 Max, Y1 Junior

Well done to all of you.

We finish for the October half term holiday at normal time on FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2025

and return on

MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2025

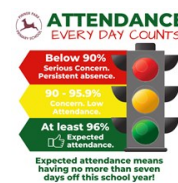
We hope that you enjoy the holiday

ATTENDANCE The evidence is clear - even a few days of missed school can have a significant impact on a child's education and future prospects. At primary school, children who attend school nearly every day in Year 6 (95-100% attendance) are 30% more likely to reach the expected standard in reading, writing and maths compared to similar pupils who attend 90-95% of the time. As a parent you have an important role in making school attendance a priority. **Only keep your child off school when they are genuinely too ill to attend. Please book medical, dental or opticians' appointments outside of school time whenever possible** and please **do not take holidays during term time**. Talk to us at school if you're having difficulties with attendance and we will do everything we can to help with this. **If your child is genuinely ill, please call school by 9.15am to let us know the reason for the absence. If they have sickness (vomiting) or diarrhoea, please keep them at home for 48 hours from the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. Other infectious diseases will have a quarantine period i.e. chicken-pox. Please check with school for quarantine timings should this apply to you.**

It is very important that your child is not late for school, so please ensure that they are here and ready to begin school for 8.45am at the latest. The School yard will be manned by staff from 8.35am. Why not send them to our **free Breakfast Club?**

This starts at 8.00am each morning and is completely free. It is a chance for them to enjoy a free breakfast whilst spending time, before school, with their friends. There is toast, cereal, yoghurts, crumpets, scotch pancakes, fruit and milk available for them to enjoy. There is no need to book, they can just turn up any enjoy any time from 8.00am.

Please remember that the Government now fine or prosecute parents who take their children out of school for a holiday or time abroad during the school term. The first fine will be £160 per child and per parent (reduced to £80 per child, per parent if paid within 21 days). A second fine would be £160 per child and per parent but this time there would be no option to reduce the fine. If this happened for a third time, parents would be prosecuted which could result in a fine of up to £2,500. Fines will be imposed if parents take their children out of school for 5 days or more within a 10-week period. We would like to thank parents for helping us to help their child by ensuring good attendance.



FARE SHARE is still on offer to parents for £1 per bag. This is on sale on a first come//first served basis each Wednesday from around 2.55pm (on sale in the school yard). As you know, we never know what will be in the bags, and some weeks are better than others, but it is usually good usable food. Many thanks to the Cumberland Building Society who make a donation to the school to help towards the cost of



SCHOOL UNIFORM. At Brook Street School we always ensure that we are not asking parents to buy expensive or excessive uniform for school. The sweatshirts and PE kits that we sell are offered to parents at the lowest possible price. You can of course, if you choose to, buy these items (without the school logo) from other retailers. So to recap, your child can wear a navy blue sweatshirt and a white polo-shirt (with or without the logo) and for PE they must have plain navy blue shorts and a white tee shirt. Trousers, skirts and pinafore dresses can be black, navy blue or grey and these should be bought from retailers.

As you know, from time to time we have a used uniform event, where parents can come in and take for free whatever uniform has been donated. To enable us to do this, could we ask parents to donate uniform that their children have grown out of, so that others may benefit from this. Please bring any donations to the school office at any time. Many thanks.

Children are given a free book bag and PE bag when they first start with us. If you need to replace them, there is a charge of £6 for a PE bag and £7 for a book bag (on sale at the school office). We also sell warm, waterproof winter coats at a cost of £xx. Shoes or trainers should be plain black, with no logos. Navy blue jogging bottoms can be worn in the winter for PE, but they are not compulsory. You can buy them in school (£13) or cheaper ones can be purchased from retailers.



HELP IS ON HAND

Please remember that we are here to help parents as well as children, so if you are struggling with anything whether it be financially, or with housing, medical issues, dental issues, with problems such as your child's sleeping, eating, behaviour, bed wetting or a medical problem etc. Please ask in school, where confidential advice can be given.

If you are unable to work for a period of time and your family is struggling financially please speak to us as we may be able to access a food parcel.

If you need help with completing forms to register for free school meals, please ask at the school office where we will be able to assist you.

Also if you need help with applying for a 30 hour nursery code, please ask us for help.

Very many thanks must go once again to GREGGS who are now supporting our After School Club by donating funding towards the costs associated with this.



Our After School Club continues to run each day from the end of the school day until 5.45pm for those who need childcare after school. The cost remains at £5 per session and includes a drink and snack for the children. Bookings are taken up until 2.30pm each day. At the moment the payment must be made by cash.