Newsletter

Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Attendance (year to date):
Whole school attendance: 92%
Mighty Oaks: 94.8%
Young Oaks: 92.7%
Saplings: 93.3%
Little Acorns: 95.1%

Satisfactory attendance is 95%+

WELL DONE: End of Term Awards – end of Term 4

Attendance winners for the term: **Mighty Oaks!**
House Team winners for the term: **Grasshoppers! (Green) – second term in a row**

Termly **Headteacher award winners** – these children were awarded for always showing that they are ready, respectful and safe and will have a hot chocolate treat along with a game with Miss McCabe this week:
Little Acorns – **Emily**
Saplings – **Jordyn**
Young Oaks – **Tommy**
Mighty Oaks – **Maison**

Special 'Brook Badger' **Pupil of the Term** award, for demonstrating consistent approach to our values: **Ava**

Huge well done to all these children!

DIARY DATE: Whole School Sponsored Walk

At the end of this term, we will be going on our annual whole school walk. As for last year, there will be two options available to children:

1. Full walk up to the downs (around 4 miles)
2. Shorter walk around the Church and back

The walk is a fundraiser for school and therefore the children will come home with a sponsorship form soon with further details about the walk.

Please either return the form or submit which walk your child would like to do on Arbor under Trips.
You can make sponsorship payments via cash to the office or via Arbor in the School Shop.

IMFORMATION: Easter Egg Hunt and Raffle

Thank you to the parents and carers who organised this great event!
Well done to the raffle winners too!
We raised a total of: £230
We also raised a further £65 with the silver coin jars last term, Young Oaks raised the most per pupil head and will do a treat/activity this term.
This will go towards enhancing our playtime and lunchtime equipment and activities.

UPDATE: Uniform survey

Thank you for completing the survey last term. The results are available at the end of this newsletter.
The next steps are to present this survey to the Governors. We will keep you updated with any potential changes arising from this feedback in due course.

HELP PLEASE! – Summer Fair

Although it seems a long way off, we are starting to make plans for our summer fair, which will take place after Sports Day on Friday 27th June.

We would like to have a collection of typical fair games for the afternoon and, although we can run some as staff, the more we have, the better the fair will be!

If you are willing and able to run a games stall for the fair, please let us know by emailing Mr Hill on the office email. Once we have some volunteers, we can allocate different stalls and start to organise the fair. We have a couple of things booked already!

CLUBS

Please book a space and pay through Arbor.
All clubs will run from Week 2 (next week) until week 5 (last week of term).

Club	Day	Club Lead	Classes	No. of pupils	Sessions this term	Cost
Football	Monday 3.15-4.15pm	SET coach	MO YO	15	3 sessions *(due to bank holidays)*	£3
Multi-Skills	Tuesday 3.15-4.15pm	SET coach	LA Saplings	15	4 sessions	£4
Bunny Club	Thursday 3.15-4.15pm	Parent Volunteers	Year 1-6	6	4 sessions	£8
Forest School (onsite)	Thursday 3.15-4.15pm	Mrs Jones	All ages	10	4 sessions	£4

There are also the following two clubs which run on a Friday afternoon (not after school).

Club	Day	Club Lead	Classes	No. of pupils	Sessions this term	Cost
Choir	Friday PM	Mrs Britton	YO MO	20	5 sessions	Free
Green Gang This should now run every week!	Friday PM	Miss McCabe	YO MO	10	4 sessions	Free

2024-2025 Calendar

Every effort will be made to keep these dates in place but please be aware, changes may occur.

Updates/changes are highlighted.

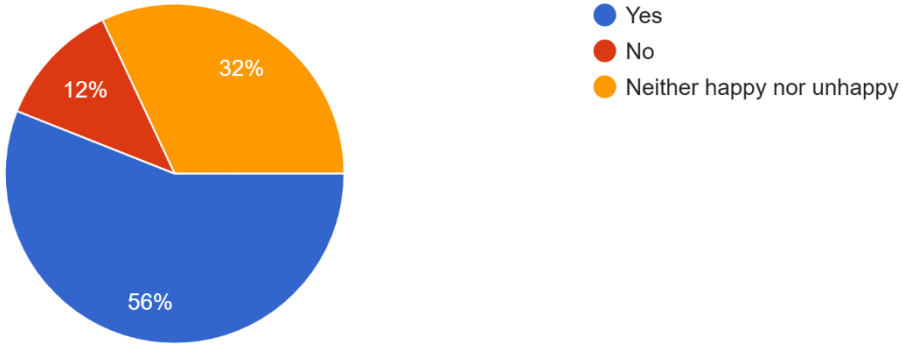
TERM 5 – 2024/25			
Week	**Day/Date**	**Event**	**Further information**
1	Mon 21st April	Bank Holiday	
	Tues 22nd April	**Term 5 begins**	
2		Clubs start this week	
	Wed 30th April	Environment-led learning – Young Oaks	Off-site
3	Mon 5th May	Bank Holiday	
	Thurs 8th May	Class Assembly – Little Acorns	Hall, 9.00am
	Thurs 8th May	Environment-led learning – Saplings and Little Acorns	Off-site – Little Acorns first off-site visit
	Fri 9th May	Own clothes for Grasshoppers	
4	12th – 15th May	Year 6 SATs	
	Wed 14th May	Environment-led learning – Young Oaks	On-site
	Thurs 15th May	Environment-led learning – Saplings and Little Acorns	On-site
	Fri 16th May	Year 6 Fun morning at the park	
	Fri 16th May	Environment-led learning – Mighty Oaks	On-site
	Fri 16th May	Brilliant Brook Day	(MO incorporate into outdoor learning)
	Fri 16th May	Coffee Morning	9.00am, All welcome (library)
5	Thurs 22nd May	Environment-led learning – Mighty Oaks	Off-site
	Fri 23rd May	FUNDRAISER! Whole School Walk	
	Fri 23rd May	**End of Term 5**	

TERM 6 – 2024/25			
Week	**Day/Date**	**Event**	**Further information**
1	**Mon 2nd June**	**Term 6 begins**	
	Thurs 5th June	Class Photographs	
	2nd – 13th June	Year 4 Multiplication Check	
2	w/c 9th June	Year 1 Phonics Screen	
	TBC	Transition begins	
3	Fri 20th June	World Music Day – Music Concert	
4	Fri 27th June	Sports Day and family picnic	
	Fri 27th June	FUNDRAISER! Summer Fair	
5	Fri 4th July	Mighty Oaks Camp Out	TBC
	Fri 4th July	SEN/D Provision Review Meetings	By Invitation
6	Fri 11th July	End of Term reports issued	
	Fri 11th July	Year 6 trip	TBC
	Fri 11th July	Coffee Morning	9.00am, All welcome (library)
7	Mon 14th July	Parents' Open Afternoon/Evening	3.30-5.00pm
	Tues 15th July	Mighty Oaks' Show	1.30pm
	Wed 16th July	Mighty Oaks' Show	5.00pm

	Thurs 17th July	Year 6 Forest Party	
	Fri 18th July	Year 6 Leavers' Service - St Mary's Church	Time TBC
	Fri 18th July	**End of Term 6**	
	Mon 21st July	Staff Development Day 4	
	Tues 22nd July	Staff Development Day 5	
Environment-led learning days will take place as usual this term. Dates TBC nearer the time.			

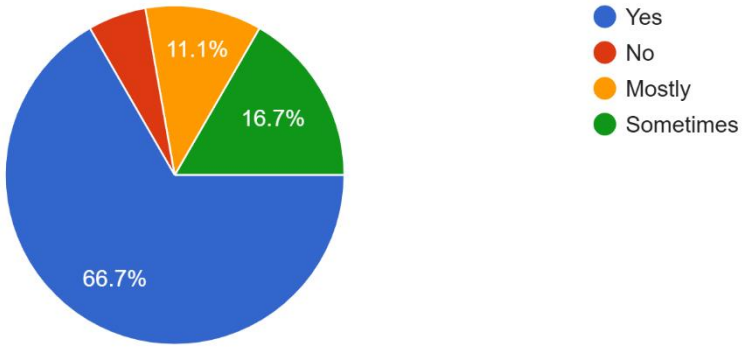
Are you happy with the current school uniform?

25 responses



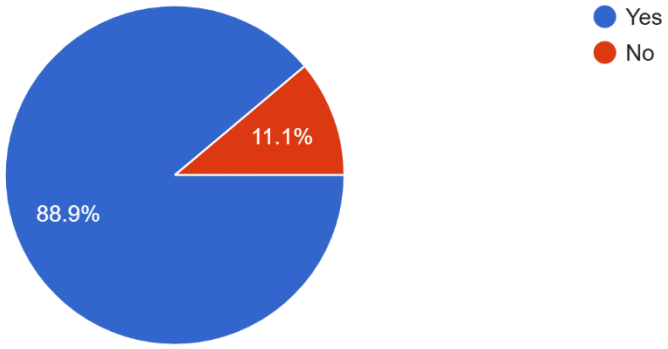
Does your child wear the correct uniform to school each day?

18 responses



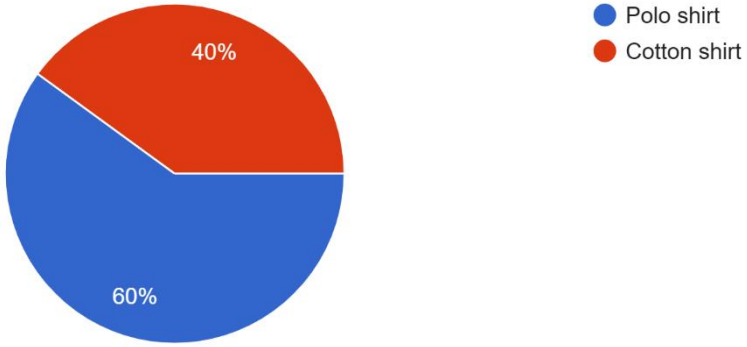
Does your child currently wear any Brook branded items? (logo)

18 responses



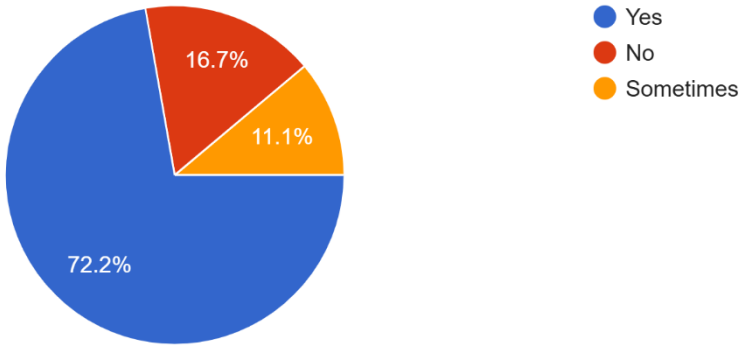
What shirts do you prefer your child to wear?

20 responses



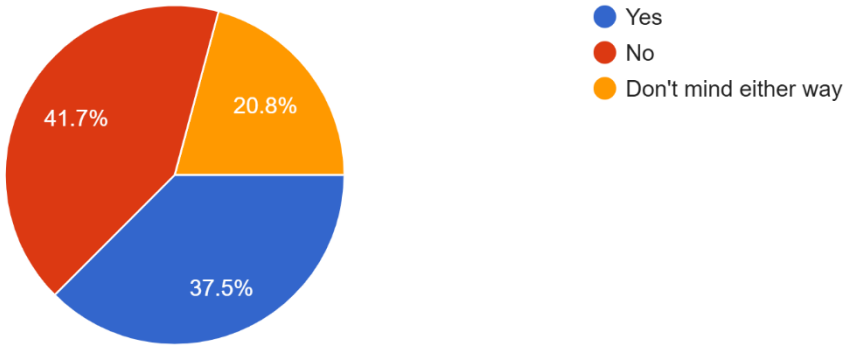
Does your child currently wear a tie to school?

18 responses



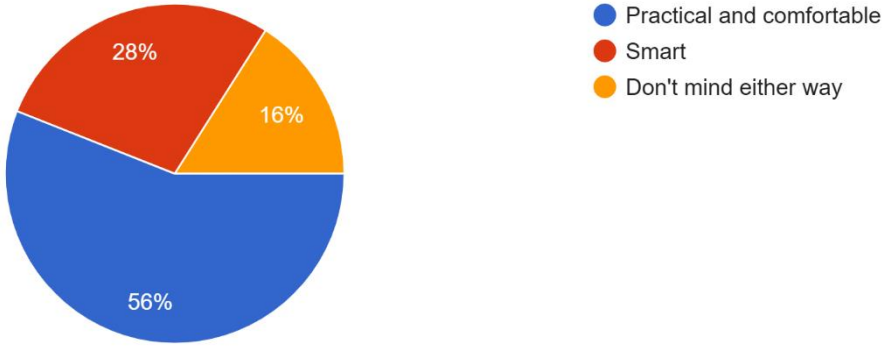
Do you like the school tie as part of the uniform?

24 responses



What is your preferred school uniform style?

25 responses



Do you have any comments or suggestions regarding our school uniform?

12 responses

It is great that you allow cheaper non logo uniforms and comfortable shoes. I have modified the tie with a velcro for ease of use and safety, but no ties would be better.

I think a slightly different uniform for KS1 & KS2 would be good - polo shirt with no tie for the younger ones and smart uniform for the older ones - rather than moving away from smart uniforms entirely.

The current school uniform is very smart. It's nice to see the children looking so smart and when out of school in their uniform they represent the school in a very good light.
Iv had many people say how smart my child looks when been out in public in their school uniform and it's nice to hear, and gives my child pride going to Brook school.

Given Brook's ethos of being the "muddy" school I think that a uniform that reflects this wold be better suited - navy polo shirts (without tie), fleece jumpers, leggings/ tracksuit bottoms/ shorts/skorts and trainers/plimsols this would then be practical (possibly with some extra layers for forest school/outdoor learning and PE days). However I think for events like the music concert, church services it would be nice if children could all have a branded white polo/ jumper and smart trousers/shirt etc.. so that they all look smart when moving to/from the school. Current policy / application of policy seems to leave a lot of room for interpretation / variation so that children do not necessarily look/feel like they are a single group from Brook school

I think a uniform is good but I notice that gradually a lot of children end up wearing their own clothes in some way. Tops, zip up football jackets etc.
I worry that some children will be picked on for the clothes they wear. Maybe a more Casual appearance will help. Polo shirts and joggers but still blue and white? Comfortable but still the same as eachother, it's getting people to stick to the rules of the uniform.

Although ties look look smart I don't feel it's nessacery to look smart, and if uniform is to be an option then the school colours sure be wearn.

Would be great to change the white tops to a navy top, I have purchased so many white polo tops due to staining.

Smart uniform but with a polo top instead of shirt. I feel like the uniform should be smart but also practical

I'd prefer not to iron shirts. But like that they dress smartly. The boys like wearing the shirt and tie.

I would be happy with white polo shirt under jumper (so the collar sticks out) as I think that looks smart enough and is probably easier/more comfortable for more children to wear! I like smart with ties and shirts, but it's difficult to maintain that high level of smartness, so a more practical uniform might be easier to enforce, leading to an overall smarter and more cohesive look! :D

Polo shirts over cotton shirts/tie for comfort.

I feel changing the shirt to a logo polo, but keep smart trousers/shorts