

The Buzz

20th May 2022



Learning and Achieving Through
Love, Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,

Well, the sun finally came out and shone down on all of KS2 at **The IW Music Hub's Big Sing** in Sandown this afternoon, who took part along with over 600 other school children from around the island as part of a wider celebration of the IOW gaining UNESCO Biosphere status. We were slightly worried this morning that it would be a soggy Big Sing, but fortune favoured us. Even though I couldn't be with them this afternoon, I experienced their beautiful singing yesterday afternoon when their enthusiastic harmonies drifted down the corridor, drawing me towards the hall! You will also have the opportunity to hear them during our Summer Concert on Monday 18th July.



Last week and this week the children welcomed the team from **Sight for Wight**, as part of their education programme. We received some lovely feedback from them today: "All the adults were so welcoming and helpful and the children were a pleasure to teach." (See photos later on in this Buzz.)

You may have seen us in the news this week. **Island Echo** published an article about our Queen's Canopy and Eco-Committee: <https://www.islandecho.co.uk/brighstone-pupils-create-new-habitat-for-wildlife-to-thrive-in-the-west-wight/> Thank you to Mrs Johnstone for spearheading this project, and to the children who have been involved with creating the new habitats and planting the trees. There are more details and photos in the Buzz dated 29th April (available on our school website).



The sun shone down on **Wolverton Folk and Blues Festival** last weekend and it was great to see many of you there. Thank you to all who helped out on the BSA tea and cake stall by donating cakes, helping out with the planning and organising as well as helping out on the day itself. An incredible amount of money was raised for the school: **£1978.40!!** (See p7 of this week's Buzz.)



A reminder that you are welcome to join us for the afternoon of Thursday 26th May from 1.30pm—2.30pm for our **Jubilee Day celebrations**. Children and staff will be wearing red, white and blue, and you are welcome to participate in this as well! Please enter the school site by the back gate where you will be signed in. See more information in the letter that was emailed to you on 6th May, which can also be found on our school website.

Our school grounds became an open-air art gallery this week. Beautiful sculptural **ephemeral art** pieces, inspired by Andy Goldsworthy, were created by the Y2 children who have been inspired by Andy Goldsworthy. Photos will be in next week's Buzz.

I hope you all have fantastic weekend, and I look forward to seeing you on Monday for the final week of this half term.

Best wishes,

Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone team



Collective Worship - Service

This week's Collective Worship focus is: **Service—Looking at the heart**

This week in Collective Worship, we heard about the story of David, son of Jesse, who was chosen by Samuel and God to be king. Even though he was the youngest and smallest of Jesse's sons, and his older brothers were big and strong, David was chosen because Samuel and God saw in his heart that he was kind and would serve the people well.



We then discussed the phrase 'You can't judge a book by its cover'. What do you think this means?

No one is too small, too young or too 'ordinary' to serve God and each other in amazing ways.

God's Plan, Our Prayer

Father God,
You have great plans for all of us!
Help us by your Spirit, to serve you with our whole heart,
As we each play our special part.
Amen



"I did not come to be served, but to serve."
Matthew 20.28



School Dinners

Children in **Year R, 1 and 2** are entitled to a 'universal' **free** school meal everyday.

Children in Years 3-6 are charged at £2.15 per day.

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Mac 'n' cheese	Chicken Noodles	Roast pork	Beef meatballs	Fish fingers
Option 2	Veggie sausages	Veggie Balls	Veg Pastry Slice	Quorn Hot Dog	Veggie Burger
Dessert	Oatie biscuit	Flapjack	Ice Cream	Choc cake	Crispy Bar

Poetry Corner

It's Spring

It's spring
And the garden is changing its clothes,
Putting away
Its dark winter suits,
Its dull scarves
And drab brown overcoats.

Now, it wraps itself in green shoots,
Slips on blouses
Sleeved with pink and white blossom,
Pulls on skirts of daffodil and primrose,
Snowdrop socks and purple crocus shoes,
Then dances in the sunlight.

By John Foster

Can you spot the metaphors in this poem?



Grammar and Spelling Matters

Each week we will include a mini grammar or spelling lesson so you know what your children are learning!

Figures of Speech—Similes and Metaphors

Simile

Compares two different things.

Something is **like** or **as** something else.

For example:

- He was **as** quiet **as** a mouse.
- She swam **like** a fish.



Metaphor

Compares two different things.

Something **is** something else.

For example:

- Ali **is** a walking dictionary.
- Time **is** money.



Can you make up some similes and metaphors?

Golden Book

Koala	Meadow and Holly - for good concentration in RWI and lots of enjoyment when reading their book.
Polar Bear	Henry, Daniel and Fred C - for showing perseverance with their reading quiz.
Lemur	Emily - for great teamwork in class. Iris - for always modelling good listening and being ready to learn.
Chimpanzee	Jack S-C - for enthusiasm, engagement and good learning behaviours during Science.
Orangutan	Dominic - for his consistently excellent learning behaviour across the whole curriculum.
Bee-Haviour	Skye - for showing the school values so beautifully this week with the new member of our class.
Sports Bee	Martha, Will, James and Jessica - for demonstrating schools games values.

Whole school dates

See p4 of the Buzz

Reminders

Check our **FACEBOOK** page for updates!

<https://www.facebook.com/BrighstoneCEPrimarySchool>

All long hair (boys and girls) should be tied back in school colours.

The one-way system is still in operation in the mornings.



Attendance Matters!

Week Commencing 16th May

Whole School attendance target: **96.5%**

Actual Attendance: **97.38%**

Late marks this week: **12**

Keep up the good work!



World Bee Day – celebrated annually on 20 May – is a day adopted by the United Nations from the Slovenian Beekeepers Association to raise awareness of the importance of protecting and preserving bees and other pollinators. It honours not just honeybees, but bumblebees (of which there are 21 species) and the 77 species of solitary bees, too.

While bees are most commonly known for honey, these intelligent creatures are also behind most of the food we love – fruit, veg, chocolate and even coffee.

And Albert Einstein once famously said that “if the bee disappeared off the face of the Earth, man would only have four years left to live”. But why are bees so important?

Essentially, bees are crucial for the pollination of plants – pollinating a third of the food we eat and 80 per cent of flowering plants – many fruit, veg and crops that feed livestock depend on bees to pollinate them.

While there are other methods of pollination – including wind, birds, bats and other insects – wild bees are among the most important, because they are capable of pollinating on a much bigger scale.

Their importance is so great, that it has been estimated that if wild bees disappeared, it could cost UK farmers £1.8bn a year to pollinate crops manually, making them essential for our food supply.

Sadly, the bee population is depleting. Since 1900, the UK has lost 13 species of bee, and a further 35 are considered to be under threat of extinction. The known causes of bee decline include pesticides, habitat loss and climate change.

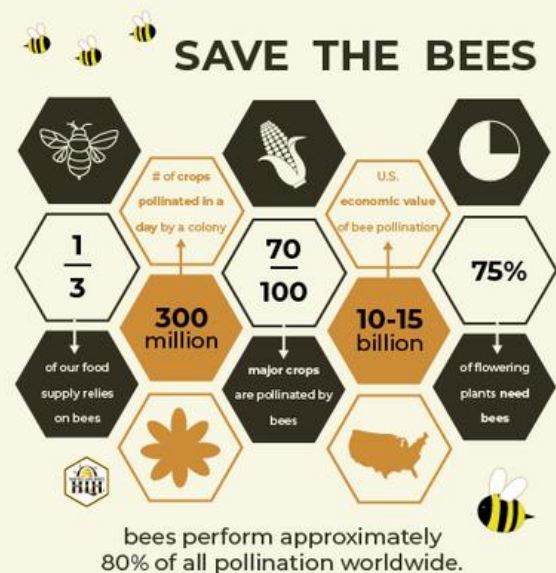
But it's not all bad news. Plantlife previously told *The Independent* that thanks to the lockdown measures that were in place, a number of insect-harming practices have been unintentionally put on hold, such as mowing roadside verges. This has benefited bees because they depend on full, flower-rich verges for survival. Just one hectare of road verge can produce 60kg of nectar sugar – which is said to be enough to support more than six million honeybees.

Luckily, there are plenty of other ways you can be a hero and do your bit to protect these all important creatures – most of which can be done in the comfort of your own home or outdoor space.

More info:

<https://www.independent.co.uk/extras/indybest/house-garden/world-bee-day-2022-uk-b2083463.html>

<https://www.nationalworld.com/news/environment/world-bee-day-2022-when-is-it-theme-uk-activities-how-many-wings-do-bees-have-3702329>



Key dates this term

- Thursday 26th May: Jubilee Day celebrations
- Monday 6th June: Staff development day (children return to school on Tuesday 7th June after the half term holiday)
- Wednesday 15th June: Reception and KS1 Messy Church (more details to follow soon)
- Wednesday 22nd June: Y6 Leavers' Service at Portsmouth Cathedral (more details to follow soon)
- Monday 27th - Wednesday 29th June: Y4 residential at Kingswood
- Thursday 30th June: Class photos
- Friday 1st July: Sports Day (contingency date Monday 4th July)
- Friday 1st July: Reports go home
- Tuesday 5th—Wednesday 6th July: Y6 residential in London
- Tuesday 5th July: Parents Evening YR—Y5
- Monday 18th July: Summer Concert (more details to follow soon)
- Wednesday 20th July: Last day of term for the children

News from the Classrooms

Sight for Wight Workshops



Sporting News

We have had another busy week in our sporting calendar at Brighstone, with children from Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 taking part in cricket and handball events.

On Monday, the Year 5&6 cricket team took on Queensgate and Niton at the Rec. Despite some great batting and fielding in particular, we were defeated in both games, but the highlight was a spectacular diving catch in each match from Will.

On Thursday, ten of our Year 2s and 3s travelled to Ventnor Cricket Club to take part in a Cricket Skills Festival. They were able to take part in batting, bowling and fielding challenges and had fun scoring lots of points throughout the morning.

Later that afternoon, our handball team went to Smallbrook for a tournament. In our first game we were beaten 5-3 by Nettlestone, before we defeated Oakfield 5-2. Our final group game then saw an exciting 2-2 draw against Queensgate.

Finally, we faced Ryde School and were defeated 10-5 in a high-scoring contest, meaning we finished the event in joint 7th place. A special mention goes to Connie, for scoring seven times across the four games.



Who are Brighstone School Association (The BSA)?

We are simply a group of parents and teachers working in partnership to raise much needed funds for our children. We meet about once every half term. Most of us have full time jobs and other commitments as well as our own families.

Chair - Katherine Harrison; Vice Chair - Franki Barker;

Treasurer - Sarah Cartmell; Secretary - Kate Cambridge

What do we do?

We explore fundraising ideas such as cake sales, mufti, bingo, community events, school discos and Mothers' Day shop, to name a few.

One of our biggest fundraisers is Wolverton Folk and Blues Festival and we desperately need volunteers throughout the day!

We then use this money to support your children's education and enjoyment, such as paying towards trips, buying Easter and Christmas gifts, and donating towards equipment such as a new trim trail for the playground (coming soon).

How much do we need to raise each year?

On average we need to raise about £5k every year!

How can you help?

Join us: you are already a member as your child goes to our school! You can attend meetings and share your ideas too!

Support us: volunteer to help at events, bake cakes for cake sales. If every parent helped at one event every year it would make an incredible difference!

Promote our events: Attend events and share via social media and word of mouth. Join us on Facebook and Instagram!!



Brighstone School Association

Preloved Uniform Sale

Every 3rd Monday of each Term.

Next Sale

To be confirmed

After School in the Playground

Unwanted uniform donations welcome. Please place in box in office foyer the week before each sale.

A massive thank you to everyone who donated cakes, to everyone who helped with the planning and to everyone who helped on the day. We couldn't have done it without you all and we raised a whopping £1978.40 PROFIT! This will help reduce the cost of the Year 6 residential and provide leavers hoodies for them all.

The planning for next year has already started!

Thanks again from The BSA

Thank you

Brighstone School Association

Registered Charity No. 103977

Breakfast and Afterschool Provision

If you wish your child to attend
Breakfast or Afterschool provision at
Brightstone Preschool
please text or phone 07707319843.

Booking is recommended in advance to secure your place
but please don't hesitate to contact us for last minute bookings
as there may be space available.
We will allocate your child a space if we can.

Breakfast Provision 7.30am - 8.25am:

Bookings will be charged at a standard hourly rate
£4.00.

Breakfast 50p.

Afterschool Provision 2.45pm - 5.00pm:

Bookings will be charged at a standard hourly rate for the
first hour £5.00 (regardless of time attended)
Thereafter you will be charged £1.25 per
15 minutes increments.





Saturday 21st May: Activities Day: Open to Families and SWAY Young People (camping o/night available)

10.30 am Arrival and signing in

- Bug Hunt/ Nature Trail morning for **families**
- Team Building Games/ Challenges for the **young people**

1pm Lunch: bring own **packed lunch/picnic** (SWAY will provide drinks and cakes)

- 2pm **Family** Rounders Game
- 4-7pm Kayaking Groups and Raft Building-**Young People** (suitable clothing and footwear & change of clothes). NB: Changing rooms are available.

7.30pm SWAY providing Hotdog Evening Supper (**Families** & donations welcome)

8.30pm Campfire & Music (**Families**)

9:30pm Depart/Pick up:

Saturday, 21st May Cost: £20 per Young Person, including all activities & evening supper (only £10 for each additional sibling). Payment details will be sent with your booking confirmation along with a SWAY Parental Consent and Agreement Form.

Note: Camping Saturday open to young people & Families £5pp (under 11s will need to camp with a parent/ guardian).

We are asking that **visitors make a £2:50 voluntary donation to access Corf Camp** facilities and an additional donation for the evening supper would be appreciated if not taking part in the kayaking/raft building activities.

Please let us know if you intend to join in with the family events, staying for the evening supper or camping overnight on the Saturday.

Sunday, 22nd May: All families and Young People.

10am Walk to Newtown Church from camp

10.30am SWAY celebration at Newtown Church.

12 noon Return back to camp for tea & coffee and pack up.

12:30pm Pick up/finish

Please book by emailing Catherine at swayoffice1@gmail.com. Please don't let cost be a difficulty, any questions please email Catherine or contact Andy on 07552236067.

It will be a great opportunity for young people and families to meet with friends and have fun.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Best Wishes,



Have a passion for catering, would like to train on the job if not already then School Catering could be for you!

Chartwells are the leading school meal providers, and we have an opportunity at sites for the following positions:

Brighstone Primary School

25hr (5hrs daily) school cook, prepares the lunches for each day. Ordering, weekly stock take plus usual kitchen duties.

Job Type: Term Time only

Position availability: From now

Hourly rates: Upon application

If you are interested, please apply by ringing the IOW office 01983 550500

Good luck and we will be in touch very soon.



The Queens Platinum Celebration
Sunday 5th June 2022 in the Recreation Ground
Picnic in the Park
Programme



2-6pm

Please note - In the event of wet weather the event will not go ahead

1.30pm Parents and children (in Royal themed fancy dress) gather at Methodist Chapel.	2.30pm Brighstone Barnacles
1.45pm Band, children and parents proceed to the rec ground.	3pm Bohemia
2pm Marching Band Display.	3.30pm Winner of fancy dress announced
2.30pm Childrens fancy dress judging to take place on the cricket square.	3.30pm Simon
	4pm Dirty Little Secrets
	4.30pm Rev Jackie Maw

Live Music
Bring your own picnic
(No BBQ's please!)

We regret on site parking and toilets are not available

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All activities must be booked in advance including fun hours and swimming.

All under 8's must be accompanied by an adult on the premises during all activities.

Swimming pool – book online – to book online you need to register with us on 752168 and we will give you a PIN.



Booking terms and conditions

ACTIVITIES

- Payment must be made in full at time of booking
 - Users and members are asked to notify us as soon as possible if attendance at a booked activity is not possible
 - Bookings can be cancelled at any time. No refund will be given for cancellations less than 24 hours before a booked activity
 - Members who do not attend booked sessions will be required to pay the cost of a non-member at that session
 - We reserve the right to refuse further bookings from anyone who repeatedly does not honour their booking or the terms and conditions
 - Bookings can be made 9 days ahead.
 - Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult on the premises during all activities
- #### ONLINE BOOKINGS
- Only Fun Hour, Open Swim, Public Swim and Court Hire can be booked online
 - Users/members must be registered, with a valid email address and issued with a unique PIN in order to be able to access the online booking portal. Please telephone and ask for your PIN and details
 - We reserve the right to suspend an online booking account at any time

- Bookings can be made online up to 2 hours before the time of the booking. After that time bookings should be made over the phone
 - Bookings can be cancelled online no later than 24 hours before the booking. After that time bookings must be cancelled over the phone
 - Payments cannot be refunded online. Please call us to process your refund
- #### COURSES
- Courses (i.e. activities that are repeated over a period of time) cannot be booked online.
 - All courses must be paid for in full at time of booking
 - In the event of a cancellation by a customer, full fee will be retained unless the place can be re-sold, in which case a refund of 80% of the fees or pro-rata if the course has commenced
 - In the event of cancellation by us 100% refund will be issued or pro-rata if the course has commenced

We accept the following payment cards:



Whitsun Holiday 2022: 28 May – 5 June

JUBILEE WEEK ACTIVITIES

Activities everyday for families and children, including

Mermaids • Pool Olympics
Pre-Sailing Skills • Kayaking
Family Rounders & Kwik Cricket
Skateboarding • Teens Circuits
Snorkelling • Climbing • Fencing
Diving • Raft Racing • Public Swim
Junior Duver Dash* and Junior Fun Run
and much, much more, including...

Platinum Jubilee Party
at Jubilee Field



*Junior Duver Dash taking place at St Helens.

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Reg. Charity No. 272334

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JUBILEE WEEK ACTIVITIES

MONDAY

Snorkelling – 0900-1000 – £5.50 – Must be able to swim at least 25m and be happy under the water.

Pool Olympics – 1000-1100 – 6 years + – £5.50 – Team races and games in the pool. Must be able to swim at least 50m.

Pre-Sailing Skills – 1200-1430 – £29 – Introduction to sailing skills in a safe and warm environment. Session includes dry sailing skills/games and pool work. Please bring a buoyancy aid if you have one.

Family Rounders & Kwik Cricket – 1400-1500 – £3 per person – A fun session for people of all ages.

Skateboarding – 1600-1700 U10's and 1700-1800 11+ – Suitable for all abilities and equipment provided.
Book via www.bookwhen.com/skateclub – £6 per session or book 4 sessions to receive an automatic discount to £20.

Teens Circuits – 1645-1745 – 14-17 years – £4 – Circuits class for 14-17 year olds, including a variety of CV and resistance work.



TUESDAY

Parent & Baby (Small Pool) – 0900-0945 – Under 3's – £6 (£3 for every other sibling) – Instructor-led, this session is suitable for under 3's accompanied by an adult. Includes games, songs, structured activities and lots of fun.

Kayaking – 0900-1000 – 8-11 years – £8 – An introduction to kayaking through fun and games. Must be able to swim at least 25m.

Raft Racing – 0900-1000 – 6 years + – £5.50 – Fun and games in teams racing on our specially built rafts. Must be able to swim at least 50m.

Climbing – 1300-1400, 1400-1500, 1530-1630 and 1630-1730 – 7-12 years – £15 – A fun session suitable for all abilities. Waiver form will need to be completed.

Fencing – 1330-1500 – 9-14 years – £5.50 – Have a go at this Olympic sport with top Island fencer Nick Stewart. A great taster session for beginners.

Family Team Games – 1400-1500 – £3 per person – A fun session for people of all ages.

OPEN SWIM SESSIONS

No lanes, diving boards in use – great for a family swim session.
Adults £5.50, Children/under 20's £3.
Sat 28 May and Sun 29 May – 1400-1500.
Mon 30 May – Wed 1 June – 1500-1600.
Sat 4 and Sun 5 June – 1400-1500.

FUN HOURS

Fun and floats in our pool.
Under 8's MUST be accompanied in the water at all times. £4.
Sun 29 May – 1000-1100.
Mon 30 May – Wed 1 June – 1100-1200.
Sat 4 and Sun 5 June – 1000-1100.

WEDNESDAY

Parent & Baby (Small Pool) – 0900-0945 – Under 3's – £6 (£3 for every other sibling) – Instructor-led, this session is suitable for under 3's accompanied by an adult. Includes games, songs, structured activities and lots of fun.

Diving – 0900-1000 – £8 – Must be able to swim at least 25m, be happy underwater and be able to perform a head first entry into the pool.

Mermaids Main Pool – 1000-1030 – £5.50 – Must be able to swim 25m+ and happy under the water.

Mermaids Small Pool – 1030-1100 – £5.50 – Must be able to swim 10m+ and happy under the water.

Mini Movers – 1030-1130 – Pre-school age – £4 per child – A fun filled parent and toddler session including soft play, action songs and games in the Sports Hall.

Climbing – 1200-1300 – 5-6 years – £15 – A fun session suitable for all abilities. Waiver form will need to be completed.

Climbing – 1300-1400, 1430-1530 and 1530-1630 – 7-12 years – £15 – A fun session suitable for all abilities. Waiver form will need to be completed.

THURSDAY

Public Swim – 1000-1600 – Adults £5.50, Children/under 20's – £3.
Court hire – 1000-1600 – £8.50 per hour.

FRIDAY

Parish Council Platinum Jubilee Event

To celebrate the Queens Jubilee, Freshwater Parish Council are holding a community party at Jubilee Field from 1100-2000.



ISLE OF WIGHT FESTIVAL OF RUNNING

The Isle of Wight Festival of Running takes place 29 May – 5 June with Junior events on 29 May – The Junior Duver Dash at St Helens; and 5 June – the Needles Junior Fun Run at WWSCC. Details of all the Festival of Running events throughout the week for adults and children of all ages can be found at www.iwfor.co.uk





Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration

Supported by Freshwater Parish Council

**Jubilee Field
Freshwater**

Friday 3rd June 11am - 8pm

Live Music | Beer Tent

Arts & Crafts | Stalls

Children's Activities

Family Friendly Entertainment





The Vectis Vintage Tractor & Engine Club (VVTEC) would like you to know that they are organising a West Wight charity tractor run on Sunday, 29th May 2022. It starts at 10:30 am from The Three Bishops pub. Maybe some of our Brighstone pupils might enjoy seeing the line-up of brightly coloured old tractors and see them drive off.

Of course, there will be donation buckets around the place for our chosen charity Isle of Wight Prostate Cancer Support Group.

IW Fostering

The Isle of Wight Council are recruiting Foster Carers.

Could you change a child's life?

During Fostering Fortnight our recruitment stand will be popping up across the Island. Come along to meet our team on the following dates, from **9:30am to 4:30pm**.

Monday 9th May
Kings Square, East Cowes

Wednesday 11th May
Ryde Town Square

Friday 13th May
St James, Newport

Sunday 15th May
Freshwater Bay

Thursday 19th May
The Heights, Sandown

Saturday 21st May
St James Square, Newport

For event information and updates follow us on Facebook @IWFostering or call 01983 823160



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Half Term



Family Workshop



Work together to
make your very own

bug hotel



Tuesday 31st May

drop-in 10am—12 noon

One Horse Field, Totland

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Book your free place:

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