

# The Buzz



## 27th January 2023



Learning and Achieving Through Love,  
Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,

Another busy week has gone by! It shows how hard the children are working when we have lots and lots of certificates in the Golden Book! It was great to see so many celebrations this morning. Well done to you all; we are all very proud of your achievements.



I always love it when a child turns up at my office door with some work to show, or a request to visit them in class to see some of their amazing work. It's definitely the best part of my job. This week, I had a very excited **Theo** (and Mrs Aram!) from Y1 showing me his fantastic independent work in Maths, a very proud **Tom** (and Miss Smith!) from Y4 showing me his independently written balanced argument, and a very enthusiastic Mrs Aram asking me to come down and watch **Bumble Bee's** video retelling of their story. They retold it from the polar bear's point of view, using great expression and oral sound effects that really made it interesting for the listener. Well done!

Some of our leaders and governors have been carrying out some **learning walks and pupil conferencing** recently as part of our monitoring programme. They have been very impressed with the level of understanding that the children have been demonstrating, as well as their confidence and use of the correct subject specific vocabulary when talking about their learning. Well done to you all.

We have noticed that a few children have been wearing **smartwatches**. If they allow access to the internet, phone or cameras, please keep them at home as this constitutes a safeguarding issue. Thank you for your understanding.



You will have seen a letter sent home today about the **NEU's strike action** that is taking place on Wednesday 1st February. The unions are striving for an improvement in school funding, not just help support teachers' pay, but to help provide a better education through better resources and budgets. Our teachers are passionate about helping children to learn, and it is always a difficult decision to take part in strike action. For legal reasons, until the day of the strike, union members are under no obligation to inform their employers of their intention to strike. The impact of the strike action may be different in every school depending on what unions the teachers belong to and if they decide to take part in the strike action. We have to carry out a thorough risk assessment based on the information

that we have been given at the time, as well as taking into account other possible changes. This is why a second letter was sent out today, following new information that had come to light. Due to the legalities of strike action, any plans may also change on the day itself, and I will keep you informed as soon as possible if this is the case. I thank you for your understanding, and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office: [office@brighstoneprimary.org.uk](mailto:office@brighstoneprimary.org.uk)

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, and I look forward to seeing you on Monday morning.

With best wishes,

Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone Team

## Collective Worship - Courage

This week's Collective Worship theme is **Courage**:  
**Facing a challenge**



We watched a video that showed Derek Redmond in the 1992 Barcelona Olympics. He was destined to win his race, but he tore his hamstring when running. Despite the huge pain he was in, he was determined to hobble on and cross the finish line, with his father by his side. Derek faced a huge challenge.

Have you ever worked really hard to achieve something, that has involved lots of practising and training? This could be for lots of reasons; for example, learning to ride a bike, practising your times tables for a test, running in a race, and more. What challenges have you faced? What helped you to overcome them?

A Prayer for Courage



Father God,

Help us to be strong and courageous.

Help us to face our challenges.

Help us to help others to face their challenges.

Amen

"Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1.9

## 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 **£2.35** per day.

Baguettes now available on Tuesdays and Thursdays instead of JPs (ham, cheese or tuna)

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Pesto Pasta Bake	Bangers and Mash	Fish Fingers	Beef Bolognese	Fish Fingers
Option 2	Tomato pasta	Tomato Pasta	Quorn Dippers	Veg Bolgnese	Veggie Burger
Dessert	Ice Cream	Fruity FlapJack	Jelly	Shortbread	Crispy Bar

## Poetry Corner

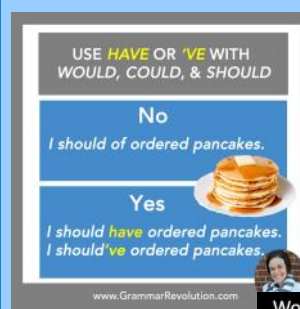


## Grammar and Spelling Matters

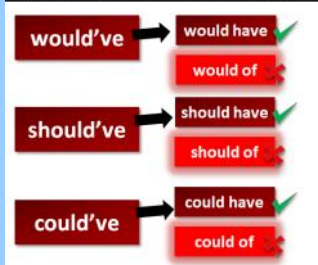
Each week we will include a mini grammar or spelling lesson so you know what your children are learning!

### Grammar: Commonly misused words

Could have or could of?



#### Would've, Should've, and Could've



## Safeguarding

If you have a concern about a child you can call the police on 999 if you feel they are at risk of immediate harm

Contact us: [safeguarding@brighstoneprimary.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@brighstoneprimary.org.uk)

Speak with our DSL Mrs Jones in the school office

You can contact the NSPCC:

### Contact the NSPCC Helpline

If you have any concerns at all about a child's safety or wellbeing, don't hesitate to contact us.

Call us or email [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)

0808 800 5000

Find out more

Or call children's services 0300 300 0117

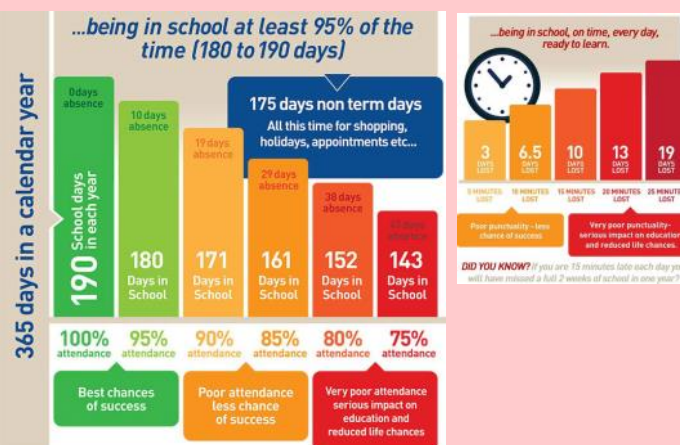
## Attendance Matters!



Week Commencing 23rd January  
Whole School attendance target: **96.5%**

Actual Attendance: **96.77%**

Late marks this week: 2



## Free Training for Parents/Carers

This is an upcoming free event for parents/carers/foster carers on the Isle of Wight, taking place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February starting at 7pm at Gatten & Lake Primary School.

It is strongly suggested that adults do not bring their children/young people with them.

No booking is required to attend, and capacity will be around 200 people.

### 'EYES-WIDE' Gang and Youth Violence Awareness Training for Parents and Carers

**When: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February  
7pm - 8:30pm**

**Where: Gatten & Lake Primary School,  
Oaklyn Gardens, Shanklin PO37 7DG  
Tel: 01983 869910**

This training event is informative about street crime, including language as well as signs and symptoms of gang involvement. Do you want to find out more about county lines, CCE (Child Criminal Exploitation) and knife crime? Then come along to this informative, proactive session for awareness.

**Presenter: Dean Cody  
Urban Solutions**

There will be an opportunity for informal discussions at the end of the main information session for parents/carers to ask robust questions for advice.

**This evening session is for adults only.**



# Golden Book

<b>Bumble Bee</b>	<b>Theodore</b> - for working hard with his writing. <b>Evan</b> - for great use of vocabulary in Science. <b>Theo F</b> - for great independent Maths work. <b>Mykola</b> - for super work in Maths and reading. <b>Annie</b> - for brilliant Maths.
<b>Honey Bee</b>	<b>Maddie</b> - for trying really hard in Maths. <b>Flo</b> - for being the most fantastic role model. <b>Freddie K</b> - for working really hard in Maths and helping other children.
<b>Ivy Bee</b>	<b>Arya</b> - for always being conscientious, attentive and fully ready to participate in Science. <b>Alfie M</b> and <b>Ferguson</b> - for positive behaviour and helpfulness with the laptop cables!!
<b>Sports Bee</b>	<b>Charlie E-T</b> - for ALWAYS being a great role model during PE, clubs and fixtures.
<b>Bee-Haviour</b>	<b>Zara</b> - for sharing her worry, taking on a challenge and succeeding.



# News from the Classrooms

## Honey Bee Class

In English, we have been watching The Lone Robot, a short animation, on The Literacy Shed. As part of our learning journey, we wrote a balanced argument to practise the skills and knowledge we learnt in a previous learning journey.

Miss Smith was particularly proud of Tom's work. I think you can see why!

Well done, Tom!

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Farne January 2023

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Drop in Write

A balanced argument - Should the Lone Robot enter the factory or not?

- An introductory paragraph
- More than one 'for' paragraphs
- More than two 'against' paragraphs
- Fronted adverbials
- Formal 'balanced argument' sentence starters
- Conclusion in 3rd person

One of the main arguments is that he should go in because his family. It is a fact that he should go in because he can find where he was made.

On the other hand he might get a hole over by a big metal things. Evidence suggests that he might be destroyed by a human. Some people think that he might get lost and never get out again.

To conclude my balanced argument, I personally think that he is a hero because he trusted that he the train took him to where he was made.

# News from the Classrooms

## Bumble Bee Class

Year 1 and 2 have become green-fingered this afternoon. They've been learning about mixing primary colours over the weeks, and today they made different shades of green.



## Key dates this term

- Wednesday 1st February: NEU industrial strike action—school partially closed (see separate letter)
- Friday 10th February: Last day of term
- Monday 13th—Friday 17th February: Half term
- W/C 13th March: Parents Evenings (further information to follow)
- Monday 3rd April—Friday 14th April: Easter holidays
- Monday 8th May – Extra Bank Holiday (due to the King’s Coronation)
- Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June: Half term
- Thursday 20th July: School closed for staff development day
- Friday 21st July: School closed for staff development day







Brighstone School Association

# Preloved Uniform Sale

Every 3rd Monday of  
each Term  
Next Sale

**23rd January 2023**

**Sale rail will be up by the school  
office for one week, with a  
donation box**



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







**16-18 FEB 2023**  
 iwstoryfestival.com  
 @ Quay Arts Newport





**Horrible Histories' and Ghosts' Simon Farnaby**

**TICKETS**  
 quayarts.org

**THURSDAY 16 FEB**  
 10 years or over? THIS IS FOR YOU  
 THURSDAY 16 FEB from 1pm

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 Peter Siddons  
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**DECEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER**

**I.W. STORY FESTIVAL**  
 DON'T MISS THIS FUN FAMILY FESTIVAL  
 DURING FEBRUARY HALF TERM!  
 Friday 17th & Saturday 18th February  
 Plus, new for this year, Thursday 16th for the over-12s



Have you got your tickets yet?

Tickets are now on sale for the I.W. Story Festival at Quay Arts in Newport during February half term from [www.quayarts.org](http://www.quayarts.org)

It's a chance to meet well-known performers and writers like **Simon Farnaby** (from Paddington 2, Horrible Histories and Ghosts) who will be talking about his **Wizard in My Shed** series of books.



Former CBeebies star, **Cerrie Burnell**, will also be there with her exciting adventure story about being different, **Wilder than Midnight**.

For younger children we have a world-exclusive. Author and illustrator Nicholas Allan will be revealing for the first time **The King's Pants** (some of you may already know and love one of his most famous books, **The Queen's Knickers**.)

There will be lots of other authors and illustrators for you to meet, some of them you may have heard of, some of them you may not. But all of them are worth seeing. Why not check some of them out before you come along: **Laura Ellen Anderson, Neal Layton, Jamie Littler, Gareth Pator, Kieran Larwood, Jules Harriner, Felicity Fair Thompson and Peta Rainford**

**FAQs**

**Q: Do I need to get my tickets in advance?**  
 A: It's a good idea. Tickets are selling fast! Get them from [www.quayarts.org](http://www.quayarts.org)

**Q: How much are tickets?**  
 A: Some sessions are free, others cost between £3 and £6

**Q: Is it just for people who like reading?**  
 NO! The I.W. Story Festival isn't just about books! We've got lots of hands-on activities for you to get involved with – from making puppets to making rockets, illustrating comics to sewing a story. There will be storytellers and theatre performances too!

**More information from: [www.iwstoryfestival.com](http://www.iwstoryfestival.com)**

Registered charity number: 1188024

## Privilege Seat Application Window – Academic Year 2022/2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

The dates for the privilege seat application window for academic year 2022 have been finalised. Should you wish to apply for a privilege seat for your child to use the school bus service you will need to apply from **9am on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022**. Please note that the online form will be live until on or around 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

Further information on the privilege seat process can be found online, here: <https://www.iwight.com/Council/OtherServices/School-Transport/Privilege-Seat-on-School-Transport>. Please also note the FAQs, Code of Good Practice and Ticket Terms and Conditions sections available via this webpage. If you scroll to the bottom of the above webpage you will see the bus services for which you can apply. **This information will be live from 9am on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022.** Should the service you require not be listed you will not be able to apply for that service at this time.

Do bear in mind that making an application for a privilege seat does not guarantee a seat on the school bus.

Privilege seat ticket prices are set costs as follows.

- Up to a full term £130.00
- Up to half a term £65.00
- Up to a full-term AM or PM only £65.00
- Up to half a term AM or PM only £32.50

Should you have any queries please contact the Transport Team at the Council via email: [transport.info@iow.gov.uk](mailto:transport.info@iow.gov.uk) or telephone: 823780.

### Important Points to Note

- Information on bus services that can be offered will be available on the website from **9am on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022**.
- We may not be able to provide an update on the number of seats available before the application window opens but please be aware seats availability will be very limited.
- Services available are listed at the bottom of the Privilege seat webpage
- There will be a strict payment deadline for making payment. Should you miss this deadline, the seat offered to your child will be offered to the next child on the waiting list (should one exist) and your application will be cancelled.
- Once applications have been processed by the Transport Team you will be able to see the status of your application online as well as make payment without having to contact the Council.



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FOR AGES  
**3-7**

# **CURIOUS INVESTIGATORS**

**"really great children's theatre"**

*Exeunt on We're Stuck!*

**TUE 4 APR, 2PM**  
**Quay Arts Centre**

Sea Street, Newport Harbour, Isle of Wight, PO30 2EF  
Book your tickets: **01983 822490** [quayarts.org](http://quayarts.org)



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Attitude Youth Group: Friday, 10th February,

School Years 7 to Year 11

South Wight Area Youth (SWAY) are inviting you to join in with our next Attitude Youth Group. There are fun activities, table tennis, games and chance to meet up with friends. Marie Willis (Youth Worker), Olivia, Jacob and Peter Johnson will be there to welcome you.

Tuck is available

7pm-8:30pm at Shorwell Village Hall, Russell Road, Shorwell, PO30 3JT

No need to book. If you live in the South Wight villages, it will be great to see you there. Any questions please contact Catherine at the SWAY Office on 07880951243.

To find out more about SWAY visit : <https://www.southwightyouth.org/> or

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

Older siblings of Brighstone Primary School pupils (in school years from Year 7 to Year 11) who live in the South Wight villages of Chale, Brighstone and Shorwell, are also welcome and invited to join this local Attitude youth group; a welcoming, fun and safe place to meet and make friends. Currently Attitude is being held once a month

## Group posts



**Isle of Wight Youth Football 2**



Gavin Armiger · 12 Jan · 📷

West Wight Youth FC U11s are looking for a couple of players to join our squad.

We currently have a squad of 11 players for 9v9 so there is opportunity for plenty of playing time.

For further details pls msg me on Facebook Messenger

Many thanks



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
- Minimum age for swimming lessons is 4 years.

#### ONLINE BOOKINGS – CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

- Only Fun Hour and Open Swim 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

#### SWIMMING COURSES

- In the event of a cancellation of a swimming course 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:



## What are you doing this Half-Term?

Swimming Lessons • Kayaking  
Skateboarding • Snorkelling  
Raft Racing • Climbing  
Sports Club • Diving • Mermaids  
Open Swim Sessions • Fun Hours

# February Half-Term Activities

13-19 February, 2023



West Wight  
Sports & Community Centre

Freshwater, Isle of Wight, PO40 9XH

Tel: (01983) 752168  
www.westwight.org.uk  
E-mail: info@westwight.org.uk

Reg. Charity No. 27334

# February Half-Term Activities

## Swimming lessons 5 day week £36.50

### Learner Pool

0900-0930 – Non Swimmer Happy to go in the water in armbands.  
0930-1000 – Beginner Swimmer Ready to swim without armbands.  
1000-1030 – 5m Water confident, can swim 5-10m on front and back.

### Main Pool

0900-0930 – 10-50m Can swim minimum 10m on front and back and happy to put face in water.  
0930-1000 – 50m+ Can swim minimum 50m using good front crawl, back crawl and breaststroke.

## Monday

**Kayaking** – 1000-1100 – 8-11 years – £8 – An introduction to kayaking through fun and games. Must be able to swim at least 25m.

**Climbing** – 1300-1400 & 1400-1500 – 7-12years – £15

A fun session suitable for all abilities. Waiver form will need to be completed.

**Skateboarding** – 1600-1650 & 1700-1750 – 5-17 years – Suitable for all abilities and equipment provided. Book via [www.bookwhen.com/skateclub](http://www.bookwhen.com/skateclub)  
£6 per session or book 4 sessions to receive an automatic discount to £20.

## Tuesday

**Snorkelling** – 1000-1100 – £5.50. Must be able to swim at least 25m and be happy under the water.

**Climbing** – 1400-1500 & 1500-1600 – 7-12years – £15. A fun session suitable for all abilities. Waiver form will need to be completed.

## Wednesday

**Raft Racing** – 1000-1100 – 6yrs+ – £5.50 – Fun and games in teams racing on our specially built rafts. Must be able to swim at least 50m.

## 13-19 February, 2023

### Thursday

**Sports Club** – 0900-1000 – 7-11 years – £5.50

A fun session with a range of sports, games and activities, including an introduction to archery using soft arrows.

**Diving** – 1000-1100 – £8.

Must be able to swim at least 25m, be happy underwater and be able to perform a head first entry into the pool.

**Climbing** – 1400-1500 & 1500-1600 – 7-12 years – £15

A fun session suitable for all abilities. Waiver form will need to be completed.

### Friday

**Mermaids Main Pool** – 1000-1030 – £5.50

Must be able to swim at least 25m+ and happy under the water.

**Mermaids Small Pool** – 1030-1100 – £5.50

Must be able to swim at least 10m+ and happy under the water.

**Climbing** – 1130-1230 – 7-12years – £15

A fun session suitable for all abilities. Waiver form will need to be completed.

## Open Swim Sessions

No lanes, diving boards in use – great for a family swim session.

Adults £5.50, Children/under 20s £3.

Monday-Sunday 1400-1500, Monday-Thursday 1500-1600.

## Fun Hours

Fun and floats in our pool. Under 8's MUST be accompanied in the water at all times. £4.

Monday-Friday 1100-1200; Saturday & Sunday 1000-1100





# LAST CHANCE FOR FLU VACCINATION!

Has your child received their flu vaccination since Sept 2022?

If your child has not received their flu vaccination since September 2022 and it remains outstanding, please check your emails from school to access the online consent link to book into our last clinic. Alternatively contact us and we can assist you with any questions.

## flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



- 1. Protect your child**  
The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia
- 2. Protect you, your family and friends**  
Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family
- 3. No injection needed**  
The nasal spray is painless and easy to have
- 4. It's better than having flu**  
The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record
- 5. Avoid costs**  
If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

For more information visit  
[www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)

**Flu 1** mmunisation  
Helping to protect children, every winter

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Flu vaccination for  
all children in  
Reception year to  
Year 9

Available for  
children with  
underlying health  
need in Years 10 & 11

Last community  
clinic will be 11th Feb  
at the Riverside  
Centre in Newport

Children aged 2yrs-  
4yrs also eligible,  
please contact us for  
information

### CONTACT:

School Aged Immunisation  
Team:

0300 123 5074

[schooledimmunisation@nhs-low@nhs.net](mailto:schoolagedimmunisation@nhs-low@nhs.net)

# Day of Prayer for our NHS

# NHS

Meet at St Peter and St Paul's  
Church in Shorwell

11am Saturday 28th January



Our NHS is in crisis. Let's get  
together to pray for all those who  
work in the NHS seeking o give life  
giving care to our communities.



# WHOLE SCHOOL OPEN MORNING

SATURDAY 4 FEBRUARY 10.00AM UNTIL 12.30PM

Join us for tours of the School, a Q&A session with the Head Master and senior team and an opportunity to talk to pupils, staff and parents. Enjoy displays, live music and drama rehearsals and join in with science experiments.

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER FOR OPEN MORNING:**

Call +44 (0)1983 617970, email: [admissions@rydeschool.net](mailto:admissions@rydeschool.net) or visit [www.rydeschool.org.uk/admissions/open-day-visits](http://www.rydeschool.org.uk/admissions/open-day-visits)

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