

# The Buzz



## 13th October 2023



Learning and Achieving Through Love,  
Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,

It is always a pleasure when children come and show me their work. Usually, it is because their teacher or LSA has recognised their achievement or progress, but it's not often that a child takes the initiative to come along themselves. This week, I had a Y5 pupil come along to show me the progress he had made with his handwriting since the beginning of September. He had recognised this himself, and was understandably very proud. Identifying progress and achievement in your own work, including what you have done well, what you need to do next, what you have learnt and how you learnt it, is a valuable part of the learning process (metacognition). Well done, and I look forward to seeing more children at my door!



Following our successful Harvest Festival, we received an email from the **Isle of Wight Foodbank** thanking the school community for their generous donations. Your donation weighed in at 59.04kg. With your help, they have fed 526 people in the last month, including 221 children. Well done, and thank you.

Each year, we take part in the **Remembrance Service** on 11th, organised by the Royal British Legion. As the 11th falls at the weekend this year, we have been asked if any families would like to come along to the family-friendly Remembrance Service on Sunday 12th November. Children can come along and watch, or they can take part in shared poetry readings, a song and laying of wreathes. Please see the email that was sent out this week; we hope to see you there.

As a school, we are trying to reduce the amount of single-use plastic that we use. You will have received an email from Mrs Cousins today asking for help to crochet or knit **poppies** to be used instead of plastic poppies that end up in landfill. These can then be used each year and a donation given to the RBL. If you can help in any way, we would be extremely grateful. Please see the email for more information.



Thursday sees the **BSA's annual pumpkin competition and disco**, which is always lots of fun. Each year, I am amazed by the wonderful and imaginative pumpkin carvings that you create. What a talented bunch you are! We look forward to seeing you at the disco. Please see the BSA Facebook page and this Buzz for further information.

Our wonderful **Rev. Jackie** will be joining thousands of people in Southsea on Sunday for the Great South Run. This will be her first ever 10 mile run and she is doing it to raise funds for our school. Please join us in wishing her all the very best on Sunday and if you would like to, you can sponsor her here: [https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jackie-maw-2?utm\\_term=pV73K2Qrd](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jackie-maw-2?utm_term=pV73K2Qrd) Thanks to your generous donations, she has already raised 65% of her target, which is incredible. Good luck, Jackie; you can do it!



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

With very best wishes,

Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone team



## Collective Worship - Thankfulness

This week, we have been thinking about giving thanks even when times are difficult.

We watched the story of Paul and Silas, who were put into jail. But, even when they were in jail, they were singing! It can be very hard to be thankful when things are tough for us and it is even more difficult to sing!

Can you remember why Paul and Silas were able to sing when they were in prison?

Singing spiritual songs has been the way people of faith have lifted their hearts in the worst of times for thousands of years.

Sometimes things can go wrong, and it can be difficult to stay positive. What can we do to try to remember the things that we are thankful for? These will help us to stay positive and hopeful.

I wonder which songs make you feel better when life is difficult.

Dear God,

We know that you love us and always want the best for us.

Help us to look for the things for which we can give thanks.

Amen



'Always give thanks for everything to God the Father' Ephesians 5.20

## 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 **£2.90** per day.

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

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Macaroni Cheese	Chinese chicken & Rice	Roast Gammon	Beef lasagne	Fish Fingers
Option 2	Tomato Pasta	Tomato Pasta	Tomato Pasta	Tomato Pasta	Veggie dippers
Dessert	Ice cream	Jelly	Shortbread	Flapjack	Oat cookie

## Poetry Corner

### THANKFUL POEM

Thankful for shining yellow,  
drifting blue,  
every single evergreen fellow.

Thankful for drizzly wet,  
blustery blows,  
each dewdropped spider's net.

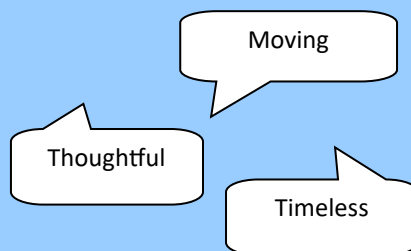
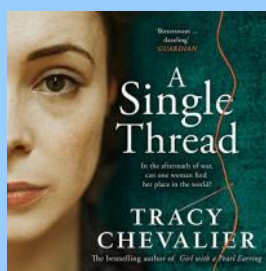
Thankful for all things untamed –  
gentle fire-crackle,  
and my beloved breathing  
my name.

irenelatham.com

## Reading Recommendations

Each week we will include a book recommendation from a child and/or adult.

This week, Mrs Lennon recommends:



1932. After the Great War took both her beloved brother and her fiancé, Violet Speedwell has become a "surplus woman," one of a generation doomed to a life of spinsterhood after the war killed so many young men. Yet Violet cannot reconcile herself to a life spent caring for her grieving, embittered mother. She saves enough to move out of her mother's place and into the town of Winchester. There, Violet is drawn into a society of broderers--women who embroider kneelers for the Cathedral, carrying on a centuries-long tradition of bringing comfort to worshippers. Violet finds support and community in the group. But when forces threaten her new independence and another war appears on the horizon, Violet must fight to put down roots in a place where women aren't expected to grow. This is a timeless story of friendship, love, and a woman crafting her own life.

## 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!

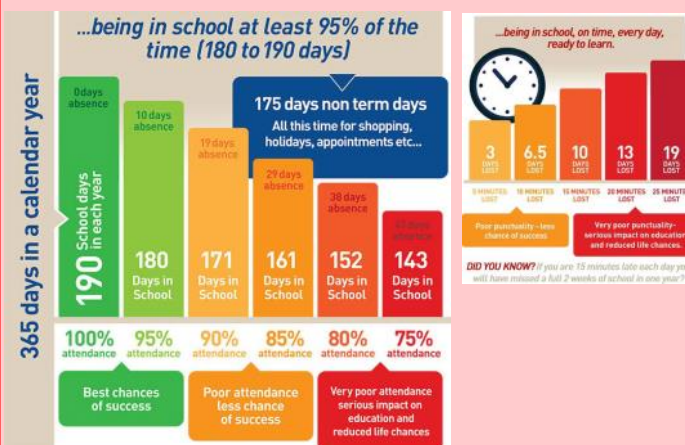
Week Commencing 9th October

Whole School attendance target:

**96.5%**

Actual Attendance: 97.3%

Late marks this week: 6



# Golden Book

<b>Bumble Bee</b>	<b>Ellis</b> because he pays really good attention and joins in with all of our Read Write Inc lessons. <b>Rufus</b> for improved concentration and attitude to his learning.
<b>Honey Bee</b>	<b>Alexander</b> for trying really hard in French and for beautiful pronunciation. <b>Henry</b> for being so sensible this week and applying himself in all lessons.
<b>Ivy Bee</b>	<b>Freddie</b> for the continued high standard and enthusiasm he puts in all of his learning. <b>Lucy</b> for her methodical and co-operative teamwork when carrying out science experiments this week.
<b>Sports Bee</b>	<b>Evan</b> for some fantastic passing and moving skills when working in pairs and in a team. <b>All of Reception Class</b> for an amazing lesson showing different ways of travelling around the room.
<b>Bee-Haviour</b>	<b>Charlotte B</b> for being a great learning partner.



Love

Courage

Respect



## MENTAL HEALTH

### IS...

Something we need to look after

Something everyone has

Worth making time for

Positive and negative

Part of being human

On a continuum

Changeable

Important

Complex

Real

### ISN'T...

Something you can snap out of

Something you decide to have

Always something negative

An interchangeable term

Feeling bad all the time

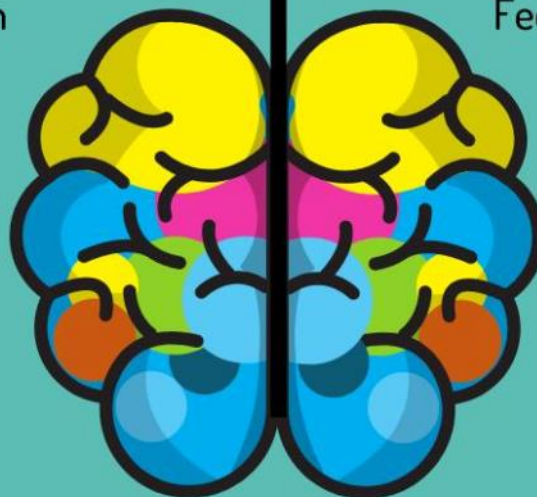
A sign of weakness

All in your mind

Fake news

Shameful

Fixed



It was World Mental Health day on Wednesday. Connections are proven to be vital for our mental health. Take some time to check in with a friend and/or loved one. Send a text to someone you have been "meaning" to catch up with; it could be the very thing you and they need right now!

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/.../world-mental-health-day>

# Online Safety

Follow the **SMART** rules to help stay safe online.

## Safe

# S

Stay **safe** online by not sharing your personal information.



## Meet

# M

Do not **meet** anyone who you have only become friends with online.



## Accept

# A

Do not **accept** messages and friend requests from people you do not know.



## Reliable

# R

Not everything online is **reliable**. People online are strangers and you can't always trust everything they say.



## Tell

# T


**Tell** an adult you trust if anything happens online that you do not like.







Brighstone School Association



# AGM

## Annual General Meeting

### Monday 16th October 7.30 pm @ School

As you will be aware, we need a new team to carry on the fantastic work of the BSA, if you are interested in carrying out a role please put your nomination in writing to our email - [brighstoneschoolassoc@gmail.com](mailto:brighstoneschoolassoc@gmail.com), or contact us via our Facebook page prior to the meeting. You can also let Katherine know directly.

See separate poster for options on how the future of the BSA could be run with your help.

Can't join us in person? You can Zoom into the meeting.  
Meeting ID: 731 7226 7173 Passcode: 46DgRv

Website: [brighstone.wiki.com](http://brighstone.wiki.com)

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### Options for the new committee

<p>Option 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Chair</li> <li>*Vice Chair</li> <li>*Secretary</li> <li>*Treasurer</li> </ul>	<p>Option 2</p> <p>*Chair and Secretary roles split into 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Treasurer</li> </ul>	<p>Option 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Chair</li> <li>*Treasurer</li> <li>*Event leaders/Teams to cover all jobs</li> </ul>
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All options need to have a named Chair and Treasurer as Trustees.

The new committee can split the roles up as they see fit and works for them

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### General Job Descriptions

#### Chair

The BSA Chair directs the committee's meetings, making sure everyone's views are heard, and that everyone is involved in the meeting. They should make sure all committee members are familiar with the association's constitution and their role and responsibilities as a committee member (and trustee, if your PTA is registered as a charity). The BSA Chair also holds the casting vote where there is a tied vote. This usually defers the decision to the following meeting, allowing committee members more time to consider and discuss the matter.

#### Treasurer

The BSA Treasurer ensures accurate financial records are kept, and that best practice procedures are followed for counting money, banking, and making payments. They should keep your committee updated with regular reports, and ensure end-of-year reports are completed for the association's AGM and, if your PTA is registered as a charity, the relevant Charity Commission's annual return.

#### Secretary

The BSA Secretary supports the BSA committee to build effective communication links between the school and the association. They also maintain accurate records.

**Full job descriptions on request**  
**These roles can be adapted and shared out for the new committee.**

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### Other possible BSA committee roles and responsibilities

There are other informal positions on the committee which can be beneficial to fill in order to spread the work load, here are the most common and roles will be decided by the new committee

- \* **Vice Chair**  
Some PTAs choose to spread the responsibilities of the Chair between two people, which can be a great way of working around individuals' schedules and prior commitments.
- \* **Communications Officer**  
To assist the Secretary, this role may take on the responsibilities of emails, newsletters and social media, as well as promoting the PTA more widely.
- \* **Events Manager**  
From planning, bookings, and licences, to organising volunteer roles on the day, an Events Manager can help ensure your events go smoothly every time.
- \* **Raffles/Lotteries Officer**  
This role involves liaising with local businesses for raffle prizes, services and sponsorships, and coordinating ticket sales and prize giving.
- \* **Preloved uniform coordinator**  
Someone to sort through uniform donations and arrange sales.
- \* **Grants officer**  
Grants can be an incredible source for fundraising, and having a role dedicated to researching and applying for these funding opportunities helps speed up the process.

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# Preloved Uniform Sale

Next Sale from

**25th September 2023**

The sale rail will be up by the school office.  
Money will be collected in the donation box.

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

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# End of Term DISCO

Thursday 19th October

KS1 - 4.30PM - 5.15PM  
KS2 - 5.30PM - 6.15PM

Please send money in a named/Year group envelope to the office or pay online @ [pta-events/brighstoneschoolassociation](https://pta-events/brighstoneschoolassociation)

**TICKETS £2.50 EACH**  
**FANCY DRESS OPTIONAL**



If your message is **urgent** or about **attendance** contact Mrs Pelosi in the **office**:  
**01983 740285**  
office@brighstoneprimary.org.uk  
Office Hours 8am - 4pm

If you would like to speak with the **Headteacher** Mrs Lennon, you can find her at the school gate every morning or you can call 740285 to make an appointment with her



For **general enquiries** you can call or email the office, text the school messaging service or send a message to our school **Facebook** page: <https://www.facebook.com/BrighstoneCEPrimarySchool>  
*Our Facebook page is open so you do not need a personal account to view it*

If you have concerns about your child's **learning** and progress, email the class teacher in the first instance and allow at least 1 working day for a reply:

Years R, 1 & 2 - teacher.bumblebee@brighstoneprimary.org.uk  
Years 3 & 4 - teacher.honeybee@brighstoneprimary.org.uk  
Years 5 & 6 - teacher.ivybee@brighstoneprimary.org.uk

If you have concern regarding **safeguarding** or your **child's mental health and wellbeing** please contact Mrs Jones. You can speak to her on the playground every morning, call into the school office or email m.jones@brighstoneprimary.org.uk  
safeguarding@brighstoneprimary.org.uk

Our **Newsletter** is published every Friday with key information for parents and carers. You can find it on our school website: <https://www.brighstoneprimary.org.uk/category/the-buzz/>

## Contact us



If you have a **safeguarding** concern about a child outside of school hours you can call the police on 999 if you feel they are at risk of immediate harm or contact Children's Services on 0300 300 0117

### School Day Timings

From September 2023, the school day is as follows:

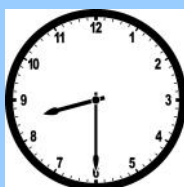
8.25am: Gates open

8.30am: School starts

3pm: School ends

3.10pm: Gates close

Many thanks.





## Key dates this year

### 2023-2024 academic year

- Monday 16th October: School photos
- Thursday 19th October: Last day of term
- Friday 20th October: School closed for staff development day
- Monday 23rd October - Friday 3rd November: Half term
- Monday 6th November: Back to school
- W/C Monday 13th November: Inter Faith week
- Tuesday 21st November: Parents Evening 3.15pm - 6pm
- Wednesday 22nd November: Parents Evening 3.15pm - 5pm
- Tuesday 12th December: Nativity (afternoon)
- Wednesday 13th December: Nativity (evening)
- Thursday 14th December: Christingle service (2pm)
- Tuesday 19th December: Last day of term
- Wednesday 20th December - Monday 1st January: Christmas holidays
- Tuesday 2nd January: Back to school
- Friday 9th February: Last day of term
- Monday 12th - Friday 16th February: Half term
- Monday 19th February: Back to school
- Tuesday 5th March: Parents Evening 3.15pm - 6pm
- Wednesday 6th March: Parents Evening 3.15pm - 5pm
- Thursday 7th March: World Book Day
- Thursday 28th March: Last day of term
- Friday 29th March - Friday 12th April: Easter holidays
- Monday 15th April: Back to school
- W/C 13th May: Y6 SATs
- Friday 24th May: Last day of term
- Monday 27th - Friday 31st May: Half term
- Monday 3rd June: School closed for staff development day
- Tuesday 4th June: Back to school
- Friday 12th July: Reports go home
- Tuesday 16th July: Parents Evening 3.15pm - 6pm
- Thursday 25th July: Last day of term
- Friday 26th July: School closed for staff development day

Term dates are also available on our school website.

