

The Buzz

6th June 2025



Learning and Achieving Through
Love, Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,

Welcome back after half term! I hope everyone managed to spend some time with their friends and families. The first Sunday of the half term saw the annual **Northcourt Open Gardens**, at which the BSA ran the tea and cake stall. This, as always, was a very popular event, and your delicious cakes went down a treat! Thank you to all those who baked a cake and who helped on the day itself. It raised an incredible amount of money for the school (full amount to be confirmed).



On Tuesday, **Honey Bee class (Y3/4)** enjoyed a fun and informative day at Brading Roman Villa despite the inclement weather. Upon arrival, the children impressed the education officer with their excellent knowledge of the period, and several members of the public later complimented their outstanding behaviour. Their visit began with an overview of how the land beneath Brading Roman Villa evolved from the Iron Age through to the Roman era. In the first workshop, they examined and compared artefacts to identify which historical period each object belonged to, deepening their understanding of everyday life before and after the Roman invasion of Britain. Next, they became junior archaeologists: carefully excavating sand to uncover replica artefacts, then recording their finds and reasoning out each object's likely use.

Throughout the day, the children explored both the museum displays and the villa's excavated remains. They took part in a variety of hands-on activities, especially enjoying the mosaic puzzle and dressing-up sessions where they could imagine themselves as Roman citizens. By the end of the visit, every Honey Bee felt proud to have learned fascinating facts about the Romans who once lived there and to have practised real archaeological skills. Well done, Honey Bees! (See Facebook for photos.)

Y1/2 Bumble Bees also had a fantastic time on Tuesday when we made pancakes as our hook for our new English learning journey. The children followed a recipe to combine all the ingredients before we cooked them on the hob. They smelt delicious, and they were enjoyed with a sprinkle of sugar and a squeeze of lemon. We read our new book today: *Mama Panya's Pancakes*. (See Facebook for more photos of the pancake making session.)



On Wednesday, I took six representatives from our **EARA group** to the EARA network at Haylands Primary School, along with other schools' EARA groups. Minnie Moore led the session, and we did some more work about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. We looked at colourful pictures to see if we could identify examples of the different Articles in the UNCRC. Our children were complimented on their behaviour and excellent vocabulary by the minibus driver as well. Well done!



On Thursday morning, we held a **Making Relationships Work** workshop (see emails sent for further information). There is another session on the morning of Thursday 12th June 9.30am - 11am, which will cover: *Why are strong relationships important for our children's mental wellbeing and ours as parents? What does research show about what make relationships succeed and last? What are the key skills that can build friendship, improve communication and decrease conflict?* You will learn some useful tools and strategies that can make a big difference to your family relationships. Even if you didn't attend the first session, everyone is welcome to next week's session, and you don't need to go with your partner if they are unable to attend. Please do come along; it looks to be really interesting and useful, and there is no need to share anything you don't want to...

Today, **Ivy Bee class** had a very exciting trip to the Mary Rose Museum. We look forward to sharing what they got up to in next week's Buzz.

Breaking news! We are delighted to announce that our summer production, **The Bee Musical**, will be taking place on Tuesday 22nd July with performances at 1.30pm and 6pm. Further information to follow.



I hope you have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes, Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone team

Collective Worship

This week, we been focusing on Pentecost - Knowing God's Presence

The festival of Pentecost comes 50 days after Easter and marks the time when the first disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit.

We listened to the story about this. When Jesus had died, the disciples were upset, confused and frightened, but when they had been filled with the Holy Spirit, they were no longer frightened and worried. They were full of excitement and courage, and couldn't wait to tell people about God's love and about Jesus their Saviour.

There may be times when we feel we have no confidence. At these times we can pray for God's Holy Spirit to fill our lives with His love and to give us courage, inner strength and renewed confidence.

The liturgical colour for Pentecost is red.



Prayer for Pentecost

God the Father, watch over us (arch arms over head)

God the son, walk with us (stretch arms out to either side)

God the spirit, work through us (cross arms over chest)

So that your kingdom will come and your will be done (gesture out to the world)

Amen



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 **£3.20** per day. Yoghurt, fruit, salad and jacket potatoes are available every day.

Baguettes available on Tuesdays and Thursday - Ham, Cheese or Tuna

The school dinner menus can now be found on pp7-8 in the Buzz, and they are always available on our website.

Poetry Corner

All In June

A week ago I had a fire,
To warm my feet, my hands and face;
Cold winds, that never make a friend,
Crept in and out of every place.

Today, the fields are rich in grass,
And buttercups in thousands grow;
I'll show the World where I have been -
With gold-dust seen on either show.

Till to my garden back I come;
Where bumble bees, for hours and hours,
Sit on their soft, fat, velvet bums,
To wriggle out of hollow flowers.

W. H. Davies



Reading Recommendations

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

This week, Alyssa and Helena recommend A Visitor's Guide to Ancient Rome by Usborne Publishers.

We recommend this book because it's got lots of facts about the Roman times back in History. It's got a helpful map if you ever go to ancient Rome. It's based on the travels of Lucius Minimus Britanicus. The pictures are really funny and it's really helpful when you're learning about ancient Rome.



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

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

0808 800 5000

Find out more

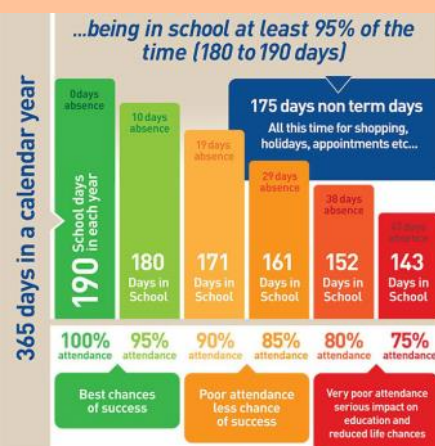
Or call children's services 0300 300 0117

Attendance Matters!

Week Commencing 3rd June
(Whole school attendance target: 96.5%)

Actual Attendance: 94.49%

Late marks this week: 3



<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Golden Book

Bumble Bee	<p>Arthur G for having a go and being so proud of his writing about Bod's dog.</p> <p>Arloh M for checking his friend was okay when he fell over and he offered to go and get an ice pack for him.</p> <p>Jacob for being more focused in RWI and trying hard.</p> <p>Edmund for settling into Y1 so well.</p>
Honey Bee	<p>Holly for her recall of the Iron Age and her ideas of the Romans on our trip to Brading Roman Villa.</p> <p>Kaiden for his enthusiasm for our Roman topic and recalling Roman facts to the class that he remembered from a previous trip to the Roman Villa.</p>
Bee-Haviour	<p>Skye M for showing courage when going to the Roman Villa.</p>
EARA	<p>Alice and Alexander for cleaning up the pencils when they were all messy <i>nominated by Bethan Y3.</i></p> <p>Samuel for persevering in his reading test <i>nominated by Helena Y4.</i></p> <p>Zara for persevering on her Maths test and not giving up <i>nominated by Annie Y3</i></p>



Plea for donations of: Table lamps, fairy lights, cushions and plants!

At Brighstone, we would like to develop our classrooms into calmer, more neutral 'therapeutic classrooms'.

"Therapeutic classrooms are a new approach that redefines the traditional classroom set up. The average UK classroom is bright, cluttered, overwhelming and outdated, and is not designed around the needs of our children today."

Children deserve to feel comfortable, safe and inspired, especially when we know there has been a rise in the numbers of children struggling with their social, emotional and mental health. Teachers up and down the country are reporting increases in school refusal, dysregulated behaviours, disengagement and low social skills. Making changes to the classroom can help."

What is a therapeutic classroom?

"Therapeutic classrooms are welcoming, safe, inviting environments that cultivate learning through their design. They calm stress hormones and increase feelings of emotional safety, whilst meeting the emotional and mental health needs of the children. Therapeutic classrooms include calm spaces and flexible seating in every room as standard, and allow children to work where they feel most comfortable."

They take into consideration space, lighting, comfortability, accessibility, inclusivity and connective learning. Therapeutic classrooms are inspiring places that children want to be in and are underpinned by science. "

<https://www.tpctherapy.co.uk/therapeutic-classrooms/>

To start this process, we are looking to introduce **table lamps** and **fairy lights** (so we can turn off or reduce the use of the bright overhead lighting), **cushions** (to make comfy seating areas) and **plants**.

As budget is tight, we are wondering if you have, or know of anyone who has, any spare table lamps, cushions, fairy lights and plants that you no longer need. To minimise the use of bright colours, ideally these new furnishings need to be in neutral colours.

Please contact the school office if you have anything that you would like to donate.

Thank you!





*Grow a few
extra
for us!*



Remember to bear our plant sale in mind when growing your seeds over the next few weeks.
The BSA plant sale will be after half term...details to come soon!



*Parents,
Family members
& friends of Brighstone
Primary School*

**Does your place of
work offer the Match
Funding Scheme?**

Get in touch with us if your employers could help our BSA fundraisers via email at brighstoneschoolassoc@gmail.com

BSA ASTRA RECYCLING BIN

We take...

Clothes
Shoes
Bed Linen
Accessories
(Such as belts, hats & handbags)
Soft Toys

We can't take...

Duvets or Cushions
Off Cuts
Carpet or Curtains



Find our recycling bin at the front entrance of the school.



BSA MEETING

**Monday
9 June 2025
19:00**

HONEY BEE CLASSROOM

**BRIGHSTONE PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

*Come join us to plan for our fundraising
activities for the final summer term!*

BRIGHSTONE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
GOVERNORS PRESENT

SUMMER SHINDIG

THURSDAY 24TH JULY

7PM - 10:30PM

SCHOOL FIELD
WARNES LANE
BRIGHSTONE

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF LIVE MUSIC,
DANCING AND GREAT FOOD.
RAISING FUNDS FOR
BRIGHSTONE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

ADULT TICKETS £10 | TEEN TICKETS £5
(UNDER 12S GO FREE)

ALL UNDER 18S MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

SCAN THE QR
CODE TO BOOK



IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS BOOKING PLEASE CONTACT
EMILY ON E.RUFIAN@BRIGHSTONEPRIMARY.ORG.UK

[HTTPS://BRIGHSTONE-CE-PRIMARY-SCHOOL-GOVERNORS-PRESENT.SQUARE.SITE/](https://brighstone-ce-primary-school-governors-present.square.site/)

SPRING/SUMMER 2025 MENU

WEEK 2

W/C: 28/04/2025, 19/05/2025, 16/06/2025, 07/07/2025, 28/07/2025,
15/09/2025, 06/10/2025

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Macaroni Cheese	BBQ Chicken Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Gammon Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Bolognese Served with Wholewheat Pasta	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	OPTION 2	Veggie Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Wholegrain Rice	Meatless Feast Cheesy Pizza Served with Potato Wedges	Sweet Potato, Chickpea and Herb Roast Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetable Fajita Wrap Served with Wholegrain Rice	Quorn Dippers Served with Chips
	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD						
DELI DISHES	OPTION 4	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Toppings	Ham or Tuna Baguette	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Toppings	Ham or Tuna Baguette	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Toppings
	OPTION 5	No Baguette	Cheese Baguette	No Baguette	Cheese Baguette	No Baguette
DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD						
DESSERT		Apple and Golden Syrup Cake	Strawberry Jelly	Flapjack with Fruit	Chocolate Ice Cream	Lemon Cake



AVAILABLE DAILY
Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water



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Schools

Vegetarian
 Vegan
 Oily Fish
 Wholegrain
 Fruity!
 Nutritionist's Choice

Our menu is subject to change. Please be assured that all notified medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for.

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SPRING/SUMMER 2025 MENU

WEEK 3

W/C: 05/05/2025, 02/06/2025, 23/06/2025, 14/07/2025, 01/09/2025,
22/09/2025, 13/10/2025

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza Served with Wholewheat Pasta	Sausage Hot Dog Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Oat Crusted Chicken Served with Wholegrain Rice	Fish Fingers Served with Chips
	OPTION 2	Chilli No Carne With Crispy Tortilla Served with Wholegrain Rice	Veggie Sausage Hot Dog Served with Potato Wedges	Roast Quorn Served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Meatless Shepherd's Pie Served with Gravy	Quorn Dippers Served with Chips
	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, Homemade Tomato Sauce with Pasta
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD						
DELI DISHES	OPTION 4	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Toppings	Ham or Tuna Baguette	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Toppings	Ham or Tuna Baguette	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Toppings
	OPTION 5	No Baguette	Cheese Baguette	No Baguette	Cheese Baguette	No Baguette
DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD						
DESSERT		Flapjack	Peach and Ginger Pudding	Oatie Cookie with Fruit	Vanilla Ice Cream	Crunchy Chocolate Mousse



AVAILABLE DAILY
Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water



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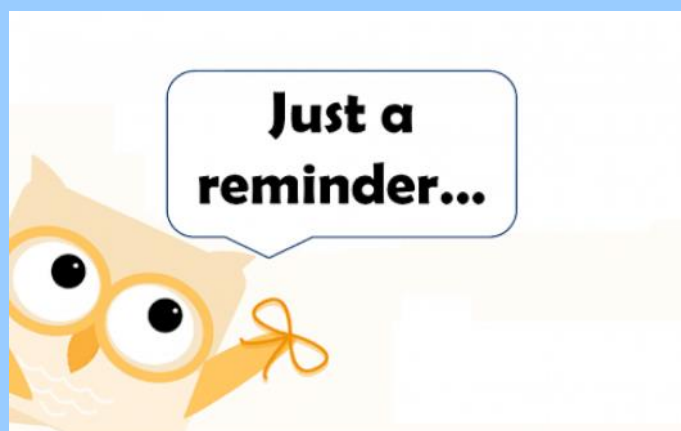
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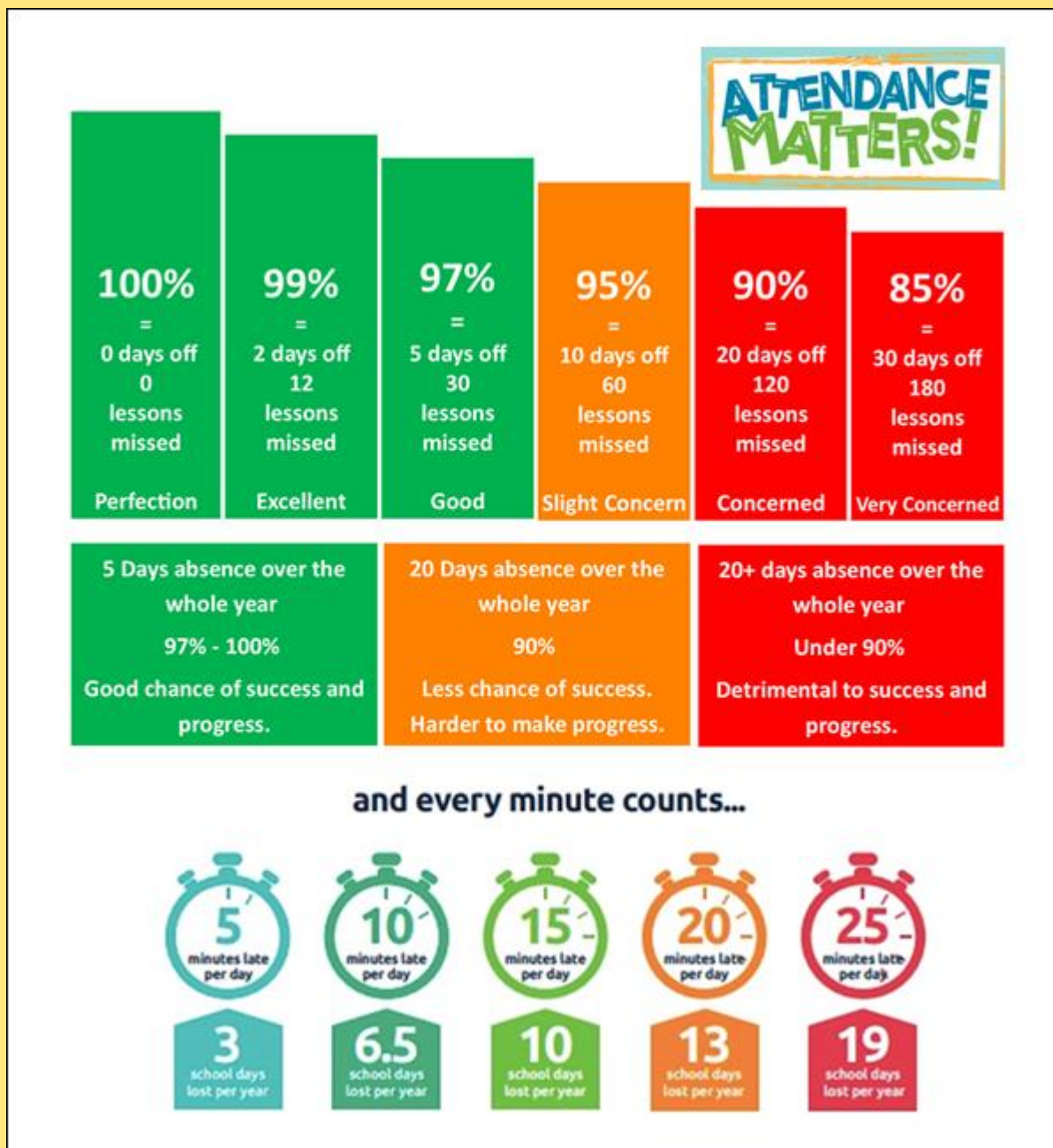
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Reminders

- PE Kit is navy blue top/jumper/hoodie with navy blue bottoms - **Branded items are not permitted**
- All hair accessories, socks, shoes and trainers must be in the school colours: navy blue, grey, black or white (no novelty socks)
- All long hair must be tied back (pony tail, bun, plaits etc...) to avoid the spreading of head lice
- No jewellery to be worn other than stud earrings, which must be removed or taped over on PE days
- Gates open at 8.25am and are locked at 8.30am, and in the afternoon, gates are opened at 2.55pm and locked at 3.10pm
- **As teachers are busy welcoming and supervising children first thing in the morning, please could all messages be given to Mrs Pelosi in the office, who will then pass them on to the teacher**
- Only **water** is allowed in drinks bottles, and snacks must be fruit only

Thank you!





At Brighstone Primary School we have high expectations for our children. This begins with attendance and punctuality as they are important life skills to learn.

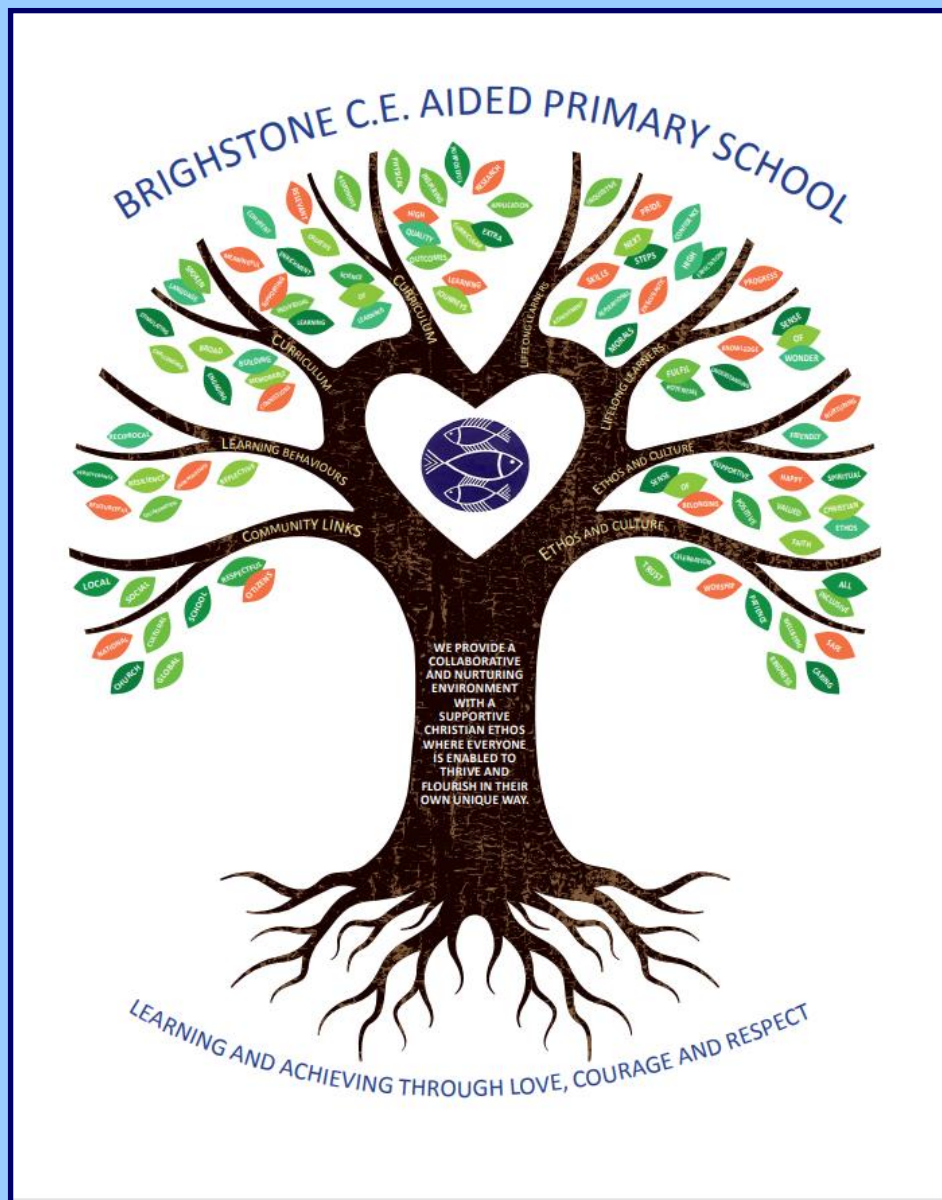
Good school attendance habits are best started early. Children learn from those around them and you as parents/carers set the standards and expectations for your child. Lateness has a negative impact; being late may disrupt already settled children and lessons, affect achievement and embarrass, worry or upset your child. We understand that there may be an occasional unavoidable instance where you are late, but if it happens frequently, please let us know if there may be something that we can do to help.

What to do if your child is unwell:

Check the NHS Guidance: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

You should notify the school office before 9am every morning your child is unable to attend due to illness. You can either telephone on 740285 or email on office@brighstoneprimary.org.uk. Telephone calls must be followed up in writing to authorise the (illness) absence.

Our Vision Statement



A vision statement 'seeks to inspire and give direction to all stakeholders (staff, children, parents, governors and the wider community). It is an aspirational description of what an organisation would like to achieve or accomplish in the mid-term or long-term future. It is intended to serve as a clear guide for choosing current and future courses of action'.

Our vision statement works alongside our mission statement 'Learning and Achieving Through Love, Courage and Respect', which includes our values, to reflect and guide our culture, ethos and decision making. This is also on our website.

As a school, in 2020 we worked together with a range of stakeholders to write our vision statement, and we decided to create a visual vision statement to make it stand out and be memorable. Each part of the image has been carefully chosen to represent our school:

Our values, as part of the mission statement (tagline), are the roots and foundation that feed and nourish our school.

The vision statement is the main body (trunk) that guides all our actions.

The branches reflect the different aspects of life in our school.

The leaves show examples of how these aspects are shown.

The school logo in the centre of the tree represents the Christian ethos that is at the heart of everything we do.



Respect Charter

at Brighstone CE Aided Primary School

At Brighstone CE Aided Primary School we believe staff, parents and children are entitled to a safe and protective environment in which to learn and work. We strive to ensure that our school offers a warm and nurturing environment. All members of the school community and visitors should demonstrate mutual respect, to feel safe, work together and to use restorative approaches as the foundation of our practice. Any behaviour that may lead to feelings of harassment, alarm or distress to members of our community, will not be tolerated and action taken.

Expectations

- That all adults set a good example to children at all times, showing them how to get along with all members of the school and the wider community.
- That no one - staff, governors, parents, carers, volunteers or children - be subjected to abusive behaviour or any form of threats from visitors on the school premises.
- That physical attacks and threatening behaviour, abusive or insulting language verbal or written (including on social media), to staff, governors, parents, carers, volunteers, children and other users of the school premises will not be tolerated and may lead to a ban from school premises and/or police action.

Types of behaviour that are considered serious and unacceptable

This is not an exhaustive list but seeks to provide illustrations of such behaviour:

- Shouting, either in person or over the telephone
- Speaking in an aggressive/threatening tone
- Physically intimidating, e.g. standing very close
- The use of aggressive hand gestures/exaggerated movements
- Physical threats
- Shaking or holding a fist towards another person
- Swearing and name calling
- Pushing
- Slapping, punching, hitting or kicking
- Racist, homophobic or other hateful behaviour
- Sexist comments or sexual innuendo
- Disrespecting religion or belief
- Inappropriate communications (posting on Social Networking sites, emails or letters, etc.) which could bring the school into disrepute or be deemed as bullying, harassment and/or a hate-related

The school reserves the right to take any necessary actions to ensure that members of the school community are not subjected to any form of abuse in line with policy and procedure. If you choose to engage in these behaviours you may be asked to leave the site or the police may be called.

Thank you for your understanding and support

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

Please be reminded that all children need to wear the correct PE kit on PE days.

The correct PE kit is also needed for sports clubs.

Socks and hair accessories must be in the school colours.

School Day Timings

The school day is as follows:

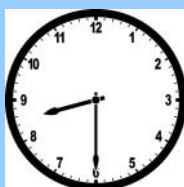
8.25am: Gates open

8.30am: School starts

3pm: School ends

3.10pm: Gates close

Many thanks.



Key dates this year

- Friday 6th June: Ivy Bee trip to the Mary Rose Museum
- Monday 9th June: Statutory consultation for Resourced Provision at Brighstone ends
- Friday 27th June: Sports Day
- Saturday 5th July: Mardi Gras parade in Ryde
- Tuesday 8th July: Transition Day
- Friday 11th July: Y6 Leavers' Service in Portsmouth; Summer Sizzler
- Tuesday 15th July: Parents evening
- Wednesday 16th -
Friday 18th July: Y6 London residential
- Tuesday 22nd July: The Bee Musical whole school play (1.30pm and 6pm) - further details to follow
- Thursday 24th July: Whole school Forest Day (further details to follow); Summer Shindig (7pm)
- Friday 25th July: Last day of term; Y6 Leavers' Service in St Mary's Church at 1.30pm

This list is regularly updated.

School Term Dates for 2024-2025

Please note that the school will be closed on the following days in this academic year:

Day 1: Monday 2nd September 2024

Day 2: Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Day 3: Monday 2nd June 2025

Day 4: Monday 28th July 2025

Day 5: Tuesday 29th July 2025

Term dates are available on our school website.

