

The Buzz

25th July 2025



Brighstone C.E.
Primary School



Learning and Achieving Through
Love, Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,

Oh my goodness, I can't believe this is the last day of term. Where has the time gone? They always say that time flies when you're having fun, and this has certainly been a fun and busy year (not to mention a fun-packed week!).



This week, the children wowed audiences with their production of **The Bee Musical**, held in the marquee. The children were amazing as they sang, danced and acted a very important message. We have received so much positive feedback about the show, which we shared with the children during today's Golden Worship. Thank you for coming along, and thank you, also, for helping with the costumes, which looked stunning! (See more photos on Facebook.)

We were delighted this week to find out that we have been awarded the **Schools Games Mark Platinum Award**! A huge thank you to Mr Goldsmith who provides such a vital service for all our children, enabling them to participate in a wide range of sport, both in school and across the island and Hampshire.



Yesterday, the whole school enjoyed **Forest Day**: "We walked up... and up... and up, to the top of the world. Kathy was there to meet us, and we entered the cool shade of the forest where we learned the 3 rules: Look after yourself, look after others and look after nature. Then the play began. There was the initial search for the longest poles. Teams were quickly formed and there was a busy buzz. The stream was dry but the children who went to investigate stayed in that area all day! There was climbing, swinging, digging great big holes, imaginary play, bows and arrows, hammock relaxing, bug hunting, necklace and flag making. There was even a birthday girl, and a bees' nest. The play under the canopy of those beautiful trees was joyful. Huge thanks to Kathy Grogan Learning Wild for her brilliant ideas and understanding of the importance of this pure, natural wild play for our children. A truly wonderful day." *Mrs Cousins* (See more photos on Facebook.)

Last night, our school community and the wider community enjoyed a good knees up at our **Summer Shindig**, a fundraising event organised by the governors. We were entertained by a range of musical acts, including Martha E, Louise, Double Take and Watevva, a bar quenched everyone's thirst, and the very popular pizza van went down a storm. Thank you to everyone who came along to support our school (especially those who showed us their moves on the dance floor towards the end of the evening!). The approximate total raised so far is around £2000, which is fantastic. A good time was had by all! A huge thank you to all the governors, friends and family, and members of staff, who helped to organise and run this fun event. (See more photos on Facebook.)



Today, we said farewell to our **wonderful Y6 children** who are moving onto pastures new. Many tears were shed (by pupils, staff and parents/carers!) as they said goodbye to primary school. During their Leavers' Service in St Mary's Church, they shared their memories of their time at Brighstone, and received their Bibles, hoodies and Leavers' Books. I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to the Y6 children (and your families), and I wish you all the very best for secondary school and beyond; please do come back and visit us!

I am delighted to inform you that, from September, **Mrs Dyan Northard** will be the teacher for Honey Bee class on Mondays-Thursdays, and Mrs Fiona Johnstone will be teaching them on Fridays. This arrangement will continue until Mrs Baker returns from maternity leave. Next year's Honey Bee class and their parents/carers were updated today, and they have the option of meeting Mrs Northard on Wednesday 3rd September before the children return on Thursday 4th. We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Northard to our school, as she encompasses our values perfectly.



Over the summer holidays, we will be busy setting up our new **Resourced Provision**, as well as preparing our classrooms for the new academic year. We continue to receive many wonderful and generous donations for our **therapeutic classrooms** and are still gratefully accepting more. If you or someone you know has any spare plants or neutral-coloured items such as cushions, lamps, armchairs, sofas, rugs, etc., we'd love to hear from you. Thank you.

Thank you for all your support for the school. I hope you all have a fantastic summer, and I look forward to seeing you back in school on Thursday 4th September.

With very best wishes,
Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone team



(This Collective Worship section will return in September.)

Price Change

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 **£3.35** 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 be found on pp7-8 in the Buzz, and they are always available on our website.

Poetry Corner

Goodbye, Year 6

Year 6, it's time to say goodbye,
With heads held high and dreams that fly.
From tiny steps in your first school year,
To leaving now with laughs and cheer.

You've learned to write, to read, to spell,
To solve, to question, think and tell.
You've built up courage, found your voice,
Made mistakes, and made the choice—

To keep on going, try your best,
To challenge fear, to ace the test.
From playground games to school-wide plays,
You've filled our hearts in countless ways.

We've watched you grow, we've seen you shine,
You're ready now—it's your time!
New schools may feel both big and strange,
But you're prepared for every change.

Though you may leave through different doors,
Our memories echo through these floors.
So take the lessons, love, and laughter,
Into your bright and bold hereafter.

Goodbye, Year 6, go make us proud,
Stand tall, be kind, speak clear and loud.
You're off to write your brand new story—
So go ahead and chase your glory!

Reading Recommendations

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

This week, Bram recommends *The 130-Storey Treehouse* by Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton

What it is about: Two kids who live in a 130-storey tree house and get abducted by eyeballs.

Likes: I liked the eyeball planet. I liked the fly. I liked the mud.

Dislikes: None.

Why I chose it: It is really exciting!



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

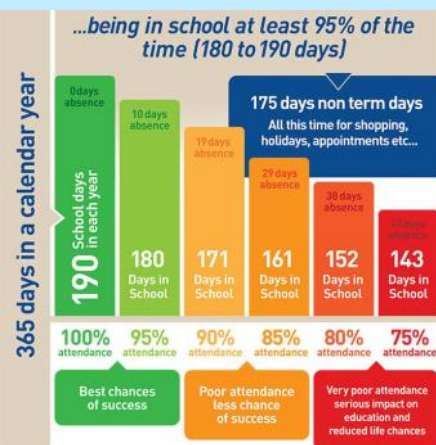
Or call children's services 0300 300 0117

Attendance Matters!

Week Commencing 21st July
(Whole school attendance target: 96.5%)

Actual Attendance: **97.85%**

Late marks this week: 12



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



Thank you!

For all of your time,
efforts and support
over this school year.

Our fundraising events
would be nothing
without your support!

BRIGHSTONE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION **2024-2025 ACHIEVEMENTS**

Fundraisers:

ROUND THE ISLAND RELAY
RUNNING

END OF TERM DISCOS

HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN
COMPETITION (OCTOBER)

CHRISTMAS MARKET

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

CHRISTMAS JUMPER SALE

QUIZ NIGHT

MOTHERS' DAY SHOP

EASTER ACTIVITIES AND
TREATS.

WOLVERTON FOLK AND BLUES
FAIR TEA TENT

TEAS AND CAKE AT
NORTHOURT OPEN GARDEN

SUMMER SIZZLER

SPRING PLANT SALE BRING
AND BUY

PRELOVED UNIFORM SALES

LOTTERY

STIKINS NAME LABELS

TEXTILE RECYCLING

Contributed to:

PROVIDING NEW RECEPTION
PARENTS WELCOME PACKS

SCHOOL TRIP TO BLACKBANG
CHINE

Y3-4 TRIP TO DINOSAUR ISLE

SCHOOL TRIP TO PANTOMIME DICK
WHITTINGTON, PORTSMOUTH

SANTA'S VISIT & PRESENTS

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS TREE

Y3-4 TRIP TO DONKEY SANCTUARY

KS2 TRIP TO HARRY POTTER
WORLD, LONDON

YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL LITTLE
CANADA

Y4 RESIDENTIAL T-SHIRTS

Y3-4 TRIP TO BRADING, ROMAN
VILLA

Y5-6 TRIP TO MARIE ROSE,
PORTSMOUTH

YEAR 6 LEAVERS SERVICE IN
PORTSMOUTH

KS1 TRIP TO OSBOURNE HOUSE

Y6 RESIDENTIAL TO LONDON

Y6 LEAVERS HOODIES

**Thank you all for your support &
ENJOY Summer Holidays!**



BSA Astra Recycling Clothing Bank

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

Located in school entrance car park

*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



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BRIGHSTONE vs NINE ACRES



**ROUND ISLAND
RELAY RACE**
SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2025

BRIGHSTONE vs NINE ACRES

Join the Relay – We Need You!

We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to run a leg of the Round Island Relay Race!

You don't need to be a seasoned athlete – this is about community, teamwork, and taking part, not personal bests.

Each runner will cover a distance of 3-6 miles as we relay our way around the Isle of Wight from dawn to dusk. To make it happen, we need around 20 runners to step up and help us complete the full loop to raise money for the Brighstone School Association.

**Ready to run a leg for the team?
Contact Caroline on 07710 297920**

**ROUND ISLAND
RELAY RACE**
SATURDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2025



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!



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



Chartwells
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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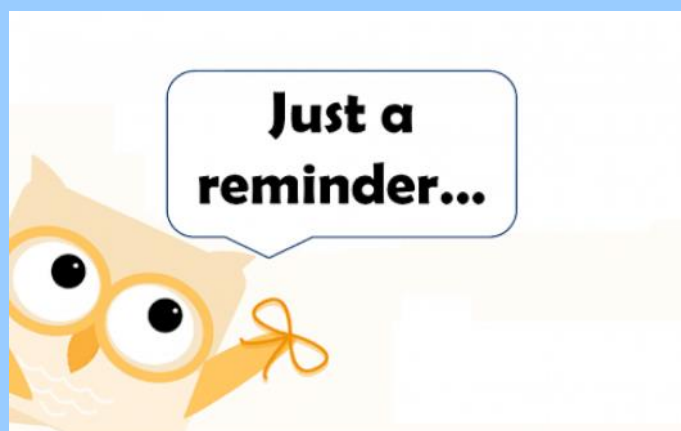
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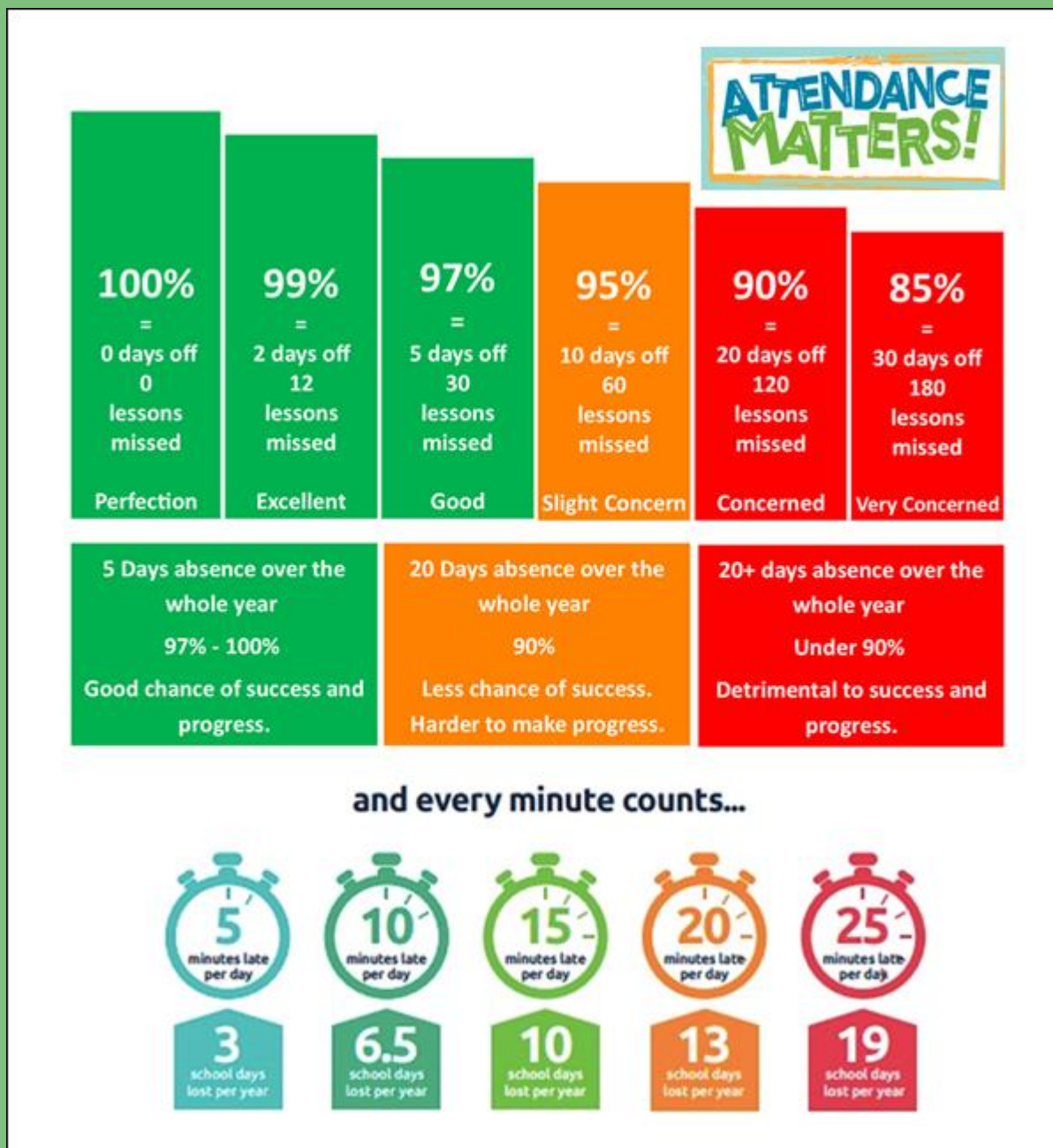
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Reminders

- 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.

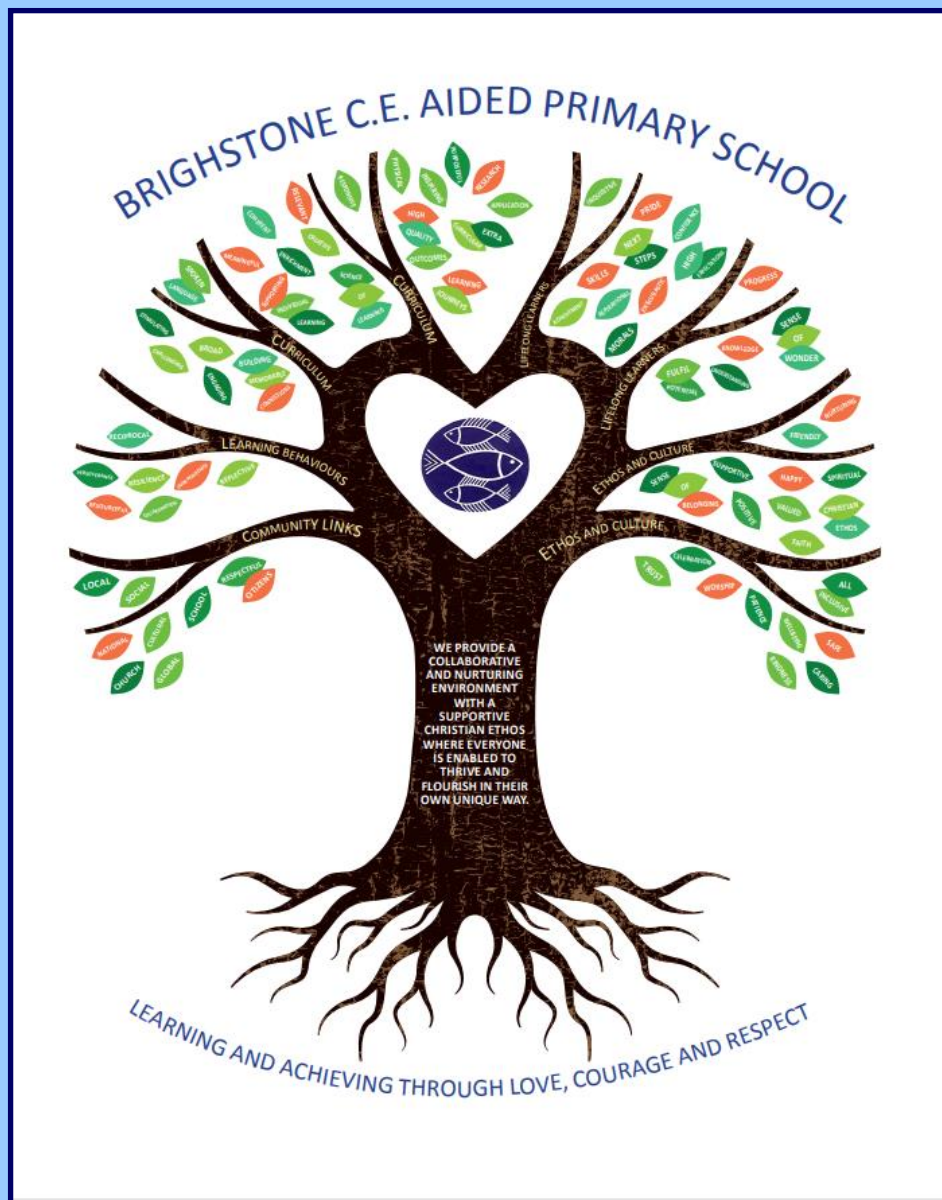
Good school attendance habits are best started early. Children learn from those around them and you as parents/carers set the standards and expectations for your child. Lateness has a negative impact; being late may disrupt already settled children and lessons, affect achievement and embarrass, worry 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

- o 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.
- o 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.
- o 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:

- o Shouting, either in person or over the telephone
- o Speaking in an aggressive/threatening tone
- o Physically intimidating, e.g. standing very close
- o The use of aggressive hand gestures/exaggerated movements
- o Physical threats
- o Shaking or holding a fist towards another person
- o Swearing and name calling
- o Pushing
- o Slapping, punching, hitting or kicking
- o Racist, homophobic or other hateful behaviour
- o Sexist comments or sexual innuendo
- o Disrespecting religion or belief
- o 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:

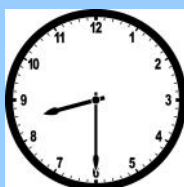
8.25am: Gates open

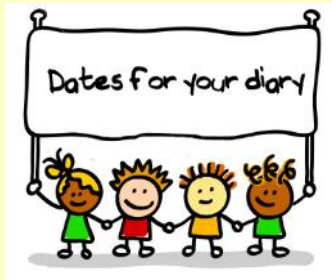
8.30am: School starts

3pm: School ends

3.10pm: Gates close

Many thanks.





School Term Dates for 2024-2025

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

Day 4: Monday 28th July 2025

Day 5: Tuesday 29th July 2025

Term dates are available on our school website.

School Term Dates for 2025-2026

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

Day 1: Monday 1st September 2025

Day 2: Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Day 3: Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Day 4: Monday 1st June 2026

Day 5: Monday 27th July 2026

Term dates are available on our school website.