

The Buzz

17th October 2025



Brighstone C.E.
Primary School



Learning and Achieving Through
Love, Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,

This has been a very busy last week of term!

[See more photos on Facebook!](#)



On Tuesday, each class celebrated Black Artists as part of **Black History Month**. Flower Bee class looked at the quilts made by the women of Gee's Bend in Alabama. They are made from old clothes and every single piece of fabric is used. They worked together just like the women have always done there, and they used every scrap of paper to make their replica quilts. In Bumble Bee class, they looked at the art of Faith Ringgold. Faith Ringgold was famous for her story quilts. She would make a quilt and then paint on top of the fabric. She would add words and pictures and make a story in her artwork. Her works often included her family adventures. Bumble Bee Class had a go at creating their own story, in the style of Faith Ringgold. Honey Bee class focused on the American artist William H. Johnson. They spent some time learning about his life and work and, using pencils, marker pens and crayons, they enjoyed trying to replicate the distinctive folk style typical of his later life.



It was lovely to welcome some of our parents and carers for our **open afternoon** on Thursday. We hope that you enjoyed taking part in Honey Bee's Science lesson and experiment finding out about how shadows are affected by changes made to a light source. In Flower Bee class, the grown-ups enjoyed taking part in some outdoor play, and in Bumble Bee class, the children loved making clay tiles with them, doing some autumn crafts and constructions and then finishing with some dough disco! In Ivy Bee class, the grown-ups helped the children with a Science experiment involving eggs and tanks of water! Thank you to all those who were able to come along.



"This week in **Bumble Bee class**, we have been finishing off our learning journey based around 'The Perfect Pet'. The children have been busy sharing photos of their pets and writing a class book to Hen, to explain why their pet would make 'the perfect pet' for her. Hopefully Hen will not pick a fox again! They have also been finishing off their Geography unit and creating their own maps of our school playground, with some added features in. The most popular new features they want to add are a swimming pool and hot tub! (Sorry Mrs Lennon!!)" *Miss Sztypuljak*

"This week, **Honey Bee class** completed our work to create scrolls inspired by those made by the Ancient Egyptians. The patterns, colours and symbols that we used were based on those used in Ancient Egyptian art, but we adapted these to tell our own stories about ourselves. We made our own versions of papyrus paper and, once the paper had dried, we transferred our designs onto it using acrylic paint. We are sure that you will agree that the finished results are very effective!" *Mrs Northard*



On Wednesday, we celebrated our **Harvest Festival** in St Mary's Church. It was great to welcome family members as well. Each class presented a Harvest song, poem or facts about how climate change may see us harvesting different foods than we are used to in this country. It was great to see Makaton, pictures and objects being used to help with our inclusive ethos. We were overwhelmed by your generous donations for the Foodbank. A huge thank you to you all.

The week ended with a fantastic **autumn disco**. The children wore some fabulous party clothes and ghoulish costumes, and we all had an amazing time. Thank you to the BSA for organising this, and to the staff for helping out.

We have also had some sporting fixtures that have taken place. See p4 of this Buzz for the sports reports from Mr Goldsmith.

I hope you all have a lovely half term holiday. With very best wishes, Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone team



Collective Worship

This week, our focus is Jesus' words:

Love One Another



Value: Dignity



We read the story 'Guess How Much I Love You'. We talked about how we can't measure love with a tape measure, but we can show our love for each other in the things we do and say.

I wonder if Jesus really meant that we should love everyone.

Is it possible to love people that we do not know and haven't even met?

And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples.



We talked about how we show love for people we don't know, including through charities.



Father God

Jesus came to show us what it truly means to love one another.

May we take up this challenge through our words and actions.

Thank you for everyone who loves us and for that great feeling in our hearts when we know that we are loved.

Amen



Inclusion

Welcome to our new inclusion section! Each week, we will be sharing a Makaton sign and Widgit symbol, to help with our inclusive ethos.

This week, our word is:

stick

Makaton sign



Stick / twig

Widgit symbol



Poetry Corner

"The autumn wind calls,
Leaves twirl in a gentle dance,
Whispers fill the air."

— Unknown

Reading Recommendations

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

This half term, why not visit your local library where there are lots of fantastic books to read!

There is also a fun competition taking place (for further details, please see the email that was sent on 14th October).



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 01983 823435

Attendance Matters!

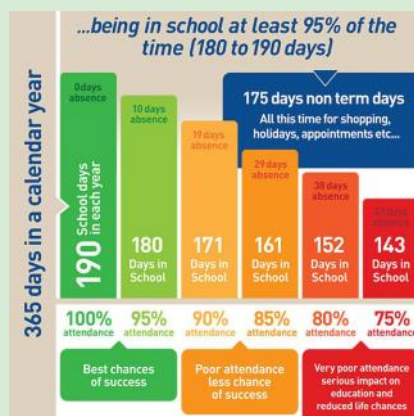
Week Commencing 13th October
(Whole school attendance target: 96.5%)

Actual Attendance: **89.39%**

Late marks this week: **11**



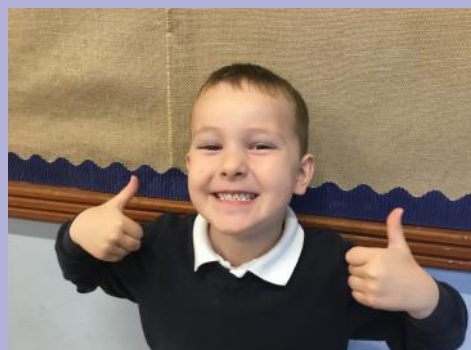
A reminder that term time holidays are not authorised and could have a detrimental effect on children's academic and social progress.



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



Outside Achievements



Sports Report

by Mr Goldsmith

Last Wednesday, our U11 Boys' and Girls' football teams travelled to Northwood for their latest league fixtures. The boys were up first, and were unlucky not to grab at least one goal as Northwood finished 7-0 winners. There were plenty of positives from the performance and improvements across the pitch. A thrilling match for the girls followed as the girls came from behind to grab a 3-2 victory!

Fast forward a week, and the girls were heading to Freshwater & Yarmouth for two more matches! They faced Freshwater & Yarmouth first (a team that had won their first two matches of the season 9-0 and 7-0) and responded well to an early goal for our hosts by keeping the game really tight and making some chances of our own. A stunning free kick from Maddie saw us equalise before the break before a tense second half followed. Unfortunately, with just a minute to play, it was Freshwater & Yarmouth who counter-attacked to score the winner. The girls then faced Shalfleet straight after - Maddie gave us the lead, before Shalfleet immediately equalised. It was end-to-end for almost the whole half hour, but neither team could find another goal, the game finishing 1-1 - another great day of football from our girls who are improving every single game!

Yesterday, the U11 Girls went to the Isle of Wight Rugby Club in Wootton for their Tag Rugby finals. Maddie scored a hat-trick in the opening game as we drew 3-3 with Queensgate. Another Maddie hat-trick, plus a Violet try, then gave us a 4-3 win over Northwood, before our final group match saw us lose 4-2 to Carisbrooke - tries for Flo and Maddie. Those results meant that the girls came second in their group and qualified for the final four. We faced Carisbrooke again - this time losing 3-1 with a Maddie try and then were edged out 5-4 in the dying moments against Binstead - Maddie with a third hat-trick and Violet with her second try of the afternoon. Our final game was another close encounter - this time, the eventual champions Niton winning 2-1 despite Maddie's 12th try of the day. The girls finished in fourth place, a brilliant achievement in a competition that was entered by roughly twenty schools!



Harvest Prayers

Written by Ivy Bee class

Dear God,

We thank you for the earth – the planet we live on and the soil
we grow our crops in.

We are sorry for the food that we may waste, especially when
we know there are people in the world who will go without food
today.

Help us to look after our planet better so that we can continue to
grow our favourite fruit and vegetables and help us appreciate
everything you give to us.

Amen

Dear Lord,

Thank you for the rain and sun that has helped all the plants grow
into our bountiful harvest.

We give thanks for the farmers, working hard all year round to
plant, tend and harvest these.

We thank you for giving us the opportunity to share these
precious gifts with our family and friends.

Amen



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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to support the school!

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up with our latest news!**

Plea for donations of plants!



At Brighstone, we have been developing our classrooms into calmer, more neutral 'therapeutic classrooms'. A **huge thank you** to everyone who has donated neutral cushions, table lamps and plants. It has really helped to make a difference across the school.



"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, motional 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/>

We have got lots of cushions, table lamps and fairy lights (thank you!), and are now looking for a few more plants. If you have any spare pot plants (fairly low maintenance) that you would like to donate, we would be very grateful!

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

Thank you!





BRIGHSTONE CE AIDED PRIMARY SCHOOL

School Admissions

Every day is an open day

You are invited to have a tour of our wonderful school at a time that suits you. We welcome visits for Reception 2026 intake, and we also currently have spaces in Years 2, 3 and 4.

Please contact the school office to arrange a visit and an informal chat.

Contact Us :



01983 740285



office@brighstoneprimary.org.uk



www.brighstoneprimary.org.uk

You are also welcome to visit Brighstone Preschool. They offer childcare from 0-4, provide our wraparound care (breakfast and after school club) and offer a holiday club.



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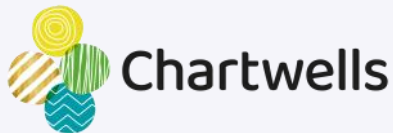


School Dinners

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

Children in Years 3-6 are charged at **£3.35** per day.

Please note the dates to see which week to look at.



ARE YOU A WINNER?

Every Thursday, check under your plate for a winner sticker!

1. Clear your plate
2. Check if you have a sticker
3. If you do, show a member of kitchen staff
4. Collect your prize

Chartwells Good luck!

AUTUMN/WINTER 2025 MENU		WEEK 1				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges 🌱	Beef Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta 🍖🍷	Roast Pork with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chinese Sticky Lemon Chicken with Wholegrain Rice 🍷	Fish Fingers with Chips
	OPTION 2	BBQ Vegetable Wrap with Potato Wedges 🌱🍷	Vegetarian Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta 🌱🍷	Roast Quorn with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🌱	Cheesy Vegetable Hotpot 🌱	Quorn Dippers with Chips 🌱
	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🌱🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🌱🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🌱🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🌱🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🌱🍷
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD						
DELI	OPTION 4	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Toppings 🍷	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Baguette with Mixed Salad 🌱	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Toppings 🍷	Ham, Cheese or Tuna Baguette with Mixed Salad 🌱	Jacket Potato with a Choice of Toppings 🍷
		DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD				
DESSERT		Crunchy Apple Slice 🌱	Strawberry Shortcake Mousse	Apple Crumble with Custard 🌱	Chocolate Ice Cream	Oat Cookie 🌱
AVAILABLE DAILY						
Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water						
Vegetarian Vegan Oily Fish Fruity! Wholegrain 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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AUTUMN/WINTER 2025 MENU

WEEK 2

W/C 10/11/2025, 01/12/2025, 05/01/2026, 26/01/2026, 23/02/2026, 16/03/2026

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Macaroni Cheese 🌱	Pork Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Vegetable Korma with Wholegrain Rice 🌱🍷	Battered Fish with Chips
	OPTION 2	Veggie Burrito with Wholegrain Rice 🌱🍷🍷	Vegetarian Sausage with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy 🌱	Sweet Potato, Chickpea and Herb Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🌱🍷	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Pasta Salad 🍷🌱	Quorn Dippers with Chips 🌱
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	DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD					
DESSERT		Chocolate Caramel Crunch	Banana Flapjack 🌱🌱	Chocolate Brownie 🌱	Raspberry Jelly 🌱	Strawberry Ice Cream



AVAILABLE DAILY

Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water

🌱 Vegetarian 🍷 Vegan 🍷 Oily Fish 🍷 Fruity! 🍷 Wholegrain 🍷 Nutritionist's Choice

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AUTUMN/WINTER 2025 MENU

WEEK 3

W/C 17/11/2025, 08/12/2025, 12/01/2026, 02/02/2026, 02/03/2026, 23/03/2026

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Pasta Salad 🌱🍷	Chicken and Broccoli Pasta Bake With Garlic Bread 🍷🍷	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	BBQ Chicken with Rainbow Rice	Fish Fingers with Chips
	OPTION 2	Veggie Meat Feast Pizza with Pasta Salad 🌱🍷	Macaroni Cheese 🌱	Vegetable Pastry Slice with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🌱	Spanish Vegetable Rice 🍷🌱	Quorn Dippers with Chips 🌱
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	DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD					
DESSERT		Chocolate Marble Cake 🌱	Apple Crumble with Custard 🌱	Lemon Cookie 🌱	Crunchy Chocolate Mousse	Strawberry Jelly 🌱



AVAILABLE DAILY

Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water

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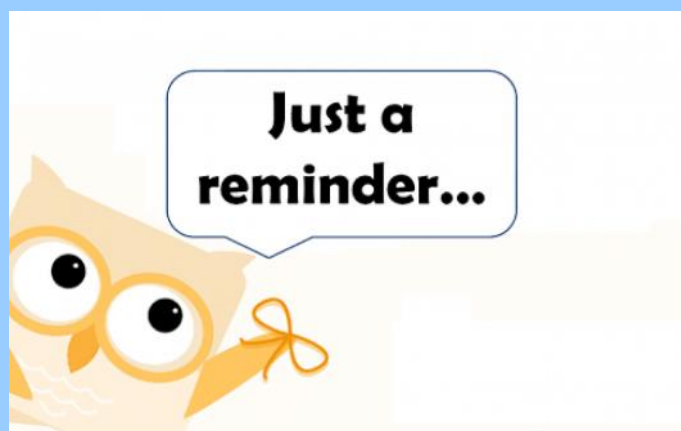


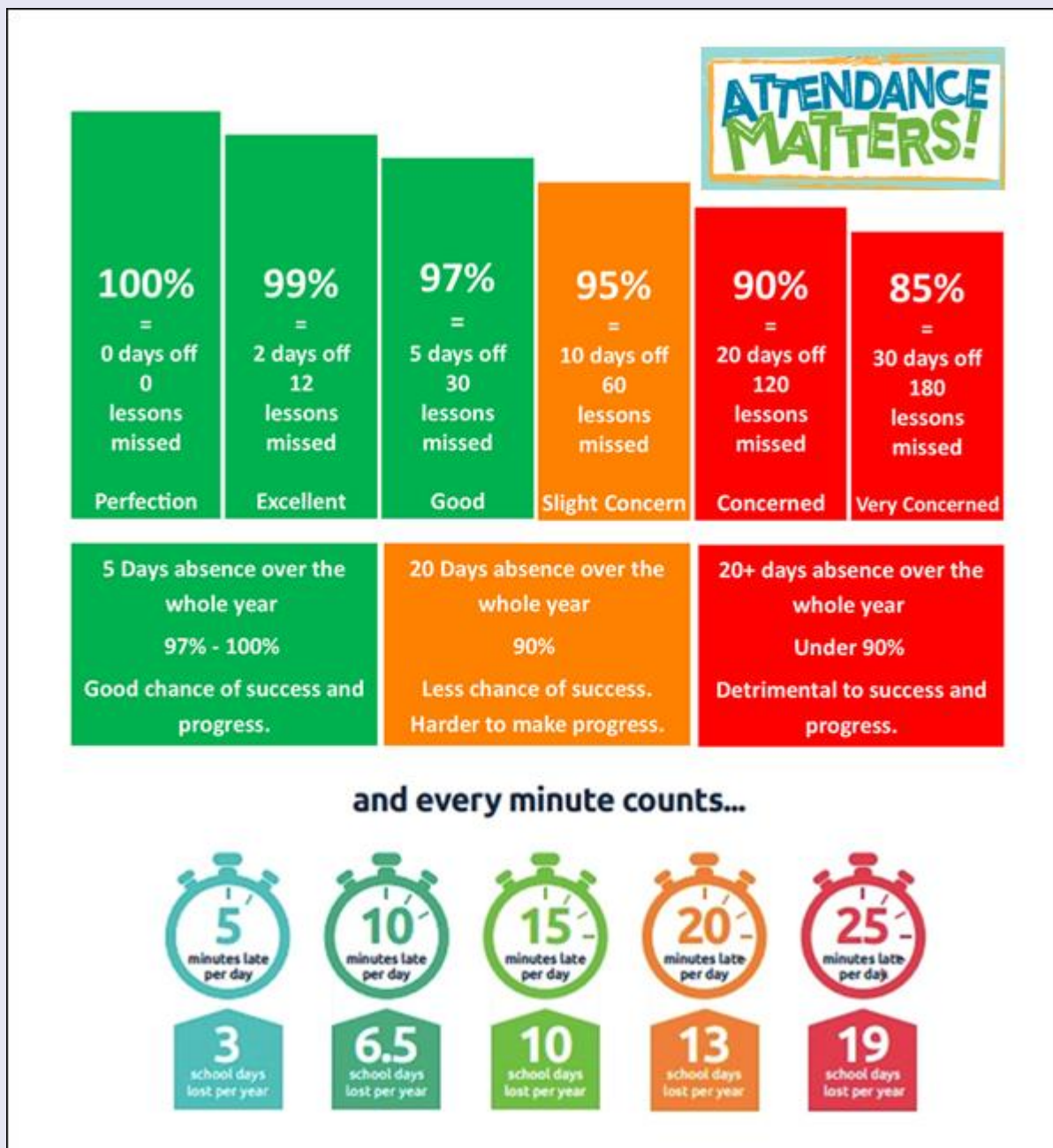
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Reminders

- 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 fresh 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.



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 would like to contact your child's class teacher, you can email them at the following email addresses. Please allow at least one working day for a reply. For anything urgent, please contact the school office.

Year R - teacher.flowerbee@brighstoneprimary.org.uk
Year 1/2 - teacher.bumblebee@brighstoneprimary.org.uk
Year 3/4 - teacher.honeybee@brighstoneprimary.org.uk
Year 5/6 - teacher.ivybee@brighstoneprimary.org.uk
The Nest resourced provision - thenest@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:

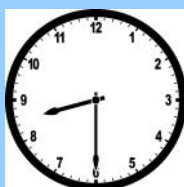
8.25am: Gates open

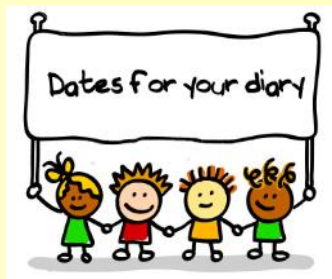
8.30am: School starts

3pm: School ends

3.10pm: Gates close

Many thanks.





School Term Dates for 2025-2026

Friday 17th October:	Last day of term; BSA school disco 3pm - 4pm
Monday 3rd November:	Back to school
Sunday 9th November:	Remembrance Parade in Brighstone village
Tuesday 11th November:	Remembrance
Friday 14th November:	InterFaith Day
Tuesday 18th November:	Admissions opens for Reception 2026 intake
Saturday 6th December:	BSA Christmas Fair
Friday 12th December:	Y1 - Y6 pantomime trip (further details to follow)
Monday 15th December:	Christmas Concert in St Mary's Church (further details to follow)
Tuesday 16th December:	Christmas Concert in St Mary's Church (further details to follow)
Thursday 18th December:	Christingle Concert in St Mary's Church (further details to follow)
Friday 19th December:	Last day of term; Christmas Dinner day

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