

The Buzz

21st November



Learning and Achieving Through
Love, Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,

[See more photos on Facebook!](#)



We were delighted to welcome back the **Pearl of Africa Children's Choir** today, who last visited in 2023. They are touring the UK to raise awareness and funds for The Molly and Paul Childcare Foundation, which is a Christian charity in Uganda. It was established in 1983 by Molly and Paul M. Wasswa for the purpose of helping disadvantaged children who are in desperate need of help and support. These vulnerable children may be orphaned, neglected, abandoned or simply living in acute poverty and are frequently affected by the ravages of HIV/AIDS. Molly and Paul M. Wasswa are a committed Christian couple who believe that God has placed upon their hearts the desire to reach out and meet the needs of these children.

Even though the choir had reduced numbers compared with last time (due to visa difficulties), they still had huge impact! The four young people and their headteacher, Aunty Annet, performed for the whole school at the start of the day, before leading drumming and singing workshops for each class. They also did a soft and gentle performance for the children in The Nest! They ended the day with a short dance on the playground while selling their homemade jewellery and crafts. A huge thank you to Aunty Annet (headteacher), Uncle Robin (trustee), Jauhara, Veran, Ronald and Marvin.



Here are some of the class accounts of the workshops:

After the Pearl of Africa Choir workshop, the **Flower Bees** went back to their classroom and were all busy playing, but there was definitely more singing and energy than usual and the notes from "O séun" could be heard coming from different areas in the room. I'm sure we will be playing with drums and beat and rhythm for the next few weeks! **Honey Bee class** were thrilled to watch the Pearl of Africa choir perform and we had a wonderful time singing, dancing and drumming with them. Many of the children are very excited to be seeing the evening performance with their families, and have the opportunity to join in! We hope that they will raise lots of money for the children of Uganda.



Please do join us for this evening's performance for our school community that is taking place in St Mary's Church 6.30pm - 7.30pm, and help raise money for this amazing charity. Many thanks.

In other news from **Bumble Bee class**: "We have been very busy bees in Bumble Bee Class again this week. In English, we have been learning all about Edward Lear and performing some of his limericks to one another. They were very funny and made us giggle lots! In Maths, we have been learning about number bonds up to 5/10/20, as well as fact families. Can your child tell you some bonds they have made this week? The children have also been working hard in DT. They have been learning all about mechanisms and creating their own slider mechanism. It was a big challenge, but every Bumble Bee achieved their goal!! Superb work and perseverance everyone!"



In other news from **Honey Bee class**: "We have been painting rocks to contribute to the Tesco Community 'snake project'. They came up with a colourful variety of designs, each one a personal expression of themselves. We think they look great! We hope that everyone will enjoy seeing them in Freshwater."

There are still a few **illnesses** going around at the moment. As the advice recommends, please do remind your child how to wash their hands properly to help minimise the spread of germs. We wish those who are ill a speedy recovery.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

With very best wishes, Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone team



Collective Worship

This half term, the theme is Advent and Christmas. This week, our focus is:

The Angel Announces Good News to Mary

Value: Dignity

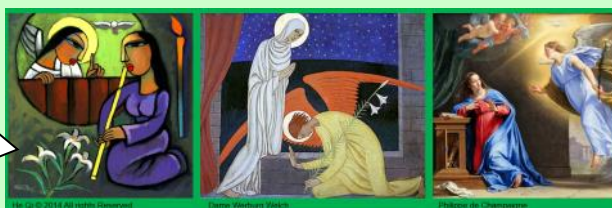


Who do you think the two characters in the pictures are?

We looked at these paintings of the Annunciation.

What do the pictures have in common? What is different?

How did Mary show trust, dignity and courage?



Father God,
Give us Mary's trust in you when we face the unknown,
Give us Mary's dignity when we face the unexpected,
Give us Mary's courage when we face challenges and hard choices.
In the name of your son Jesus Christ,
Amen



Inclusion

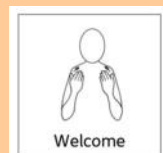
Welcome to our new inclusion section! Each week, we will be sharing a Makaton sign and Widgit symbol, to help with our inclusive ethos.

This week, our word is:

welcome

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SaQSPL0WhVU>

Makaton sign



Widgit symbol



Poetry Corner

Night Sounds

When I lie in bed
I think I can hear
The stars being switched on
I think I can.

And I think I can hear
The moon
Breathing.

But I have to be still.
So still.
All the house is sleeping.
Except for me.

Then I think I can hear it.

Berlie Doherty



Reading Recommendations

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

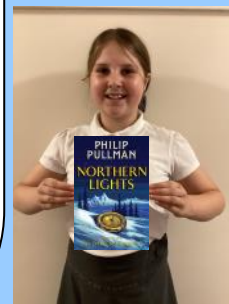
This week, Alice recommends Northern Lights by Philip Pullman.

I recommend this book because I like adventure stories and my mum went to Svalbard, where it is set, last week. I listened to this book on audio.

I like how it's realistic but not realistic, because they are all people but they have daemons which are good and they can't be separated from.

It's about a girl called Lyra who is trying to save her dad who has been captured on Svalbard. She has an alethiometer (a truth-telling device) which helps her to work out what is going to happen so she can plan what to do.

It's a fun book but quite scary as well.



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

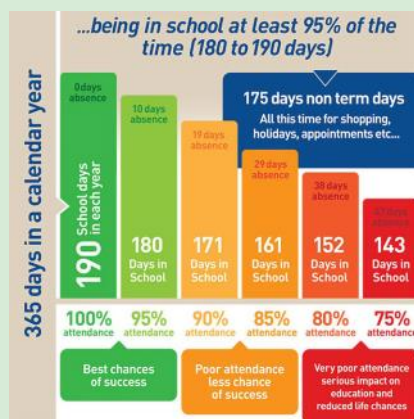
Attendance Matters!



Week Commencing 17th November
(Whole school attendance target: 96.5%)

Actual Attendance: **94.27%**

Late marks this week: **12**



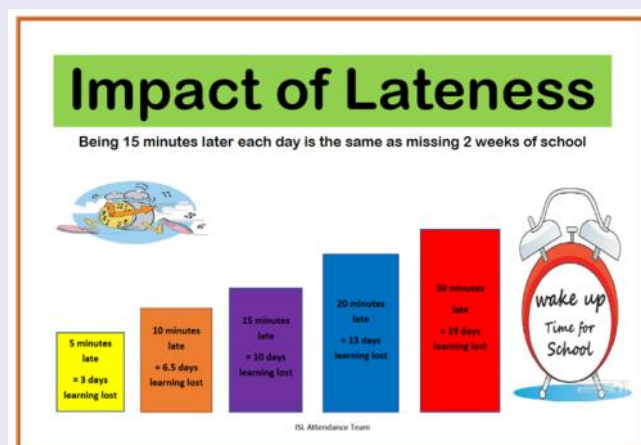
<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



Lateness

We have had the number of **children being late** creep up again this week. I understand that sometimes lateness is unavoidable, but being late has an impact:

- ◇ Being late for school isn't good because children might miss something important their teacher says.
- ◇ It can also interrupt their classmates who are already learning.
- ◇ Some children don't like the feeling when they have to walk into their class after everyone else has started and are already settled.
- ◇ Children who are frequently late may feel stressed or anxious, struggle to catch up, and develop a habit of poor attendance, which is linked to lower grades and poorer long-term outcomes.

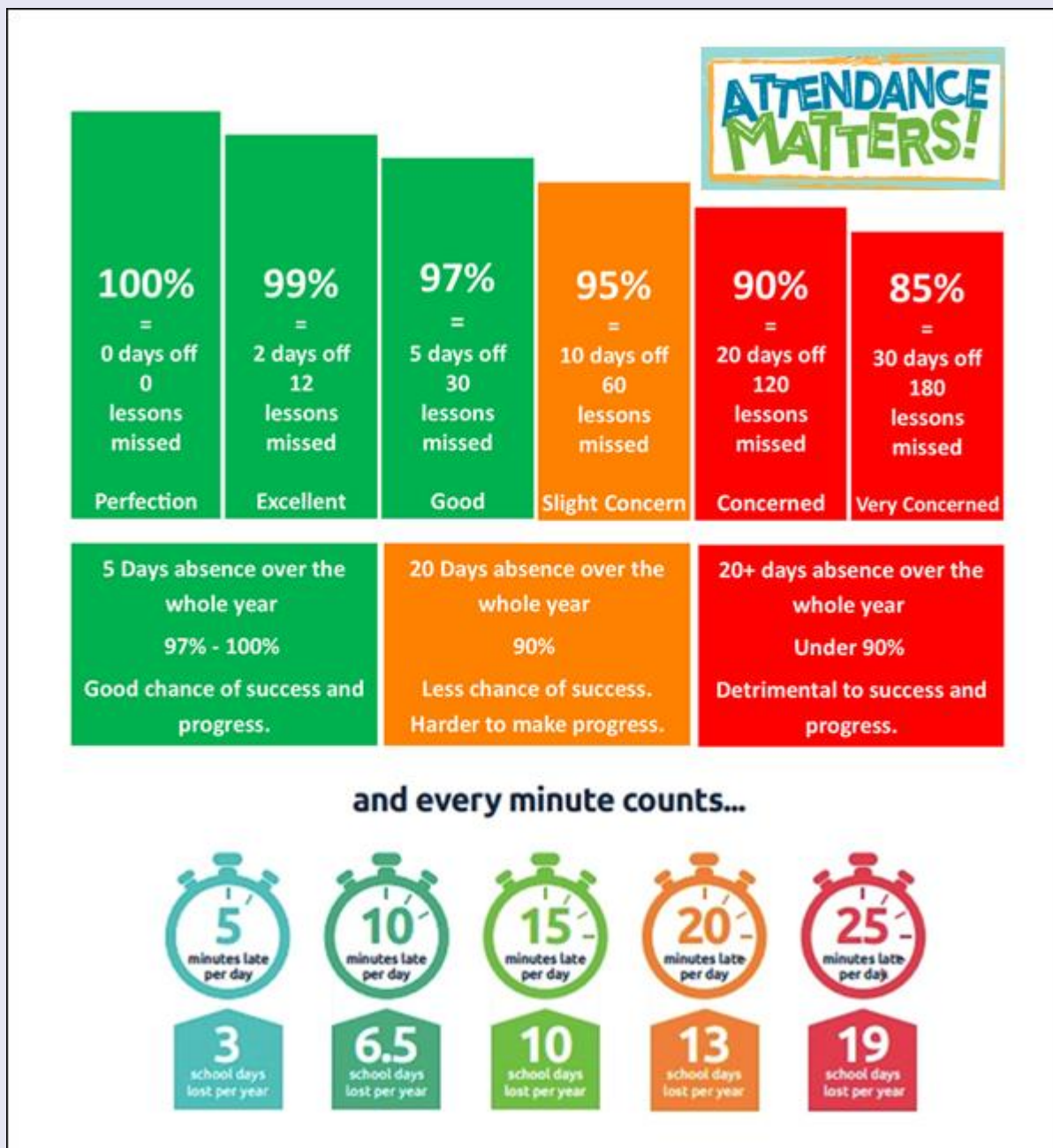


Punctuality helps a child succeed by:

- * Improving academic performance.
- * Building discipline.
- * Developing essential life skills like time management and responsibility.
- * Avoiding missing key information and participating more fully in class.
- * Arriving feeling calm and ready to learn.
- * Building a strong work ethic that is crucial for future success in education and careers.



Please help us to improve punctuality to help your child succeed.



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.

Golden Book

Flower Bee	Bodhi and Otis for working really hard in Read Write Inc with good magnet eyes.
Bumble Bee	Oscar for settling back into Bumble Bee Class so well and for always lighting the room up with his smile. Forbes for working extremely hard in all lessons, having a great attitude and 'wowing' us with some of his mental methods.
Honey Bee	William for always putting superb effort into his work in all subjects. Skye for being a wonderful supportive friend (and teacher!) to our new children.
Ivy Bee	Charlie for writing up his science experiment so it was very clear to see what he wanted to do, what he did and what he discovered. Kaiden for writing up his Science experiment so it was very clear to see what he wanted to do, what he did and what he discovered. Charlotte for independently adding adjectives and adverbs to create sentences with more detail.
Bee-Haviour	William for showing super bravery at Choir Club by auditioning for a solo. Helena for showing compassion and using her magic to help other children when they are struggling with the start of the day.
Sports Bee	Cleo for always being ready to learn and trying her best in PE.

As there was no Golden Worship today due to having the Pearl of Africa Children's Choir in, the photos below are from last week's awards, as promised!





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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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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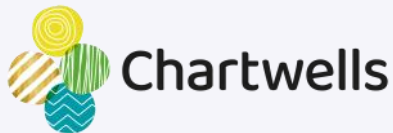


School Dinners

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 🌱
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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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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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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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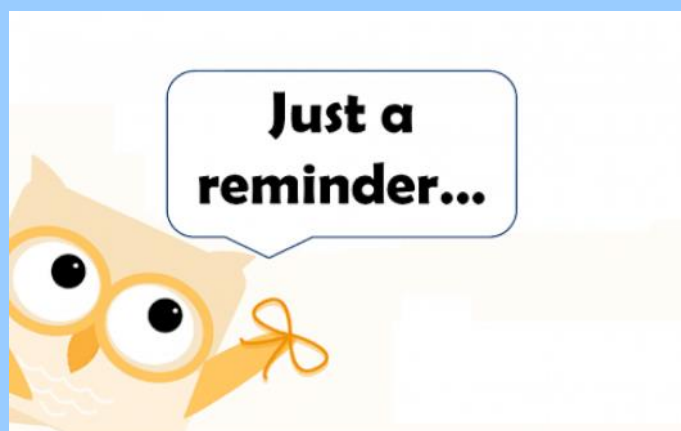


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Reminders

- 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!





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 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:

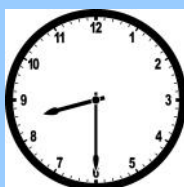
8.25am: Gates open

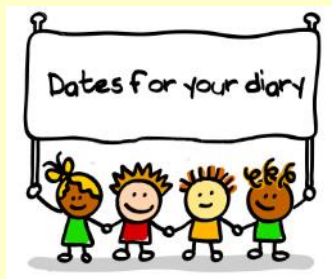
8.30am: School starts

3pm: School ends

3.10pm: Gates close

Many thanks.





School Term Dates for 2025-2026

Friday 21st November:	Pearl of Africa Children's Choir, with evening performance in St Mary's Church at 6.30pm
Thursday 4th December:	Turning on of the Christmas tree lights at St Mary's Church, with our Head Pupils and Deputy Head pupils as guests of honour! (6.45pm) Followed by Lights of Love service at 7pm
Friday 5th December:	Non-uniform day for BSA Christmas hamper gifts
Saturday 6th December:	BSA Christmas Fair 1pm - 4pm
Sunday 7th December:	Stars of Wonder concert in St Mary's Church in aid of SWAY and Brighstone Primary
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