

The Buzz

28th November



Brightstone C.E.
Primary School



**Learning and Achieving Through
Love, Courage and Respect**

Dear parents, carers and children,

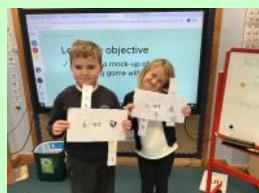
[See more photos on Facebook!](#)



Thank you to all who came along to watch the **Pearl of Africa Children's Choir** in St Mary's Church last Friday evening. What a performance it was! It was fantastic to see our children perform alongside them, as well. Their dancing and drumming skills were amazing. I know that some of you also saw the choir at other venues, as well. Many of our children bought African drums and shakers from them, which Bumble Bee class then used in our Music lesson on Monday, during which we were performing African call and response sound patterns.



"This week in **Bumble Bee Class** we have been making mock-up slider games. We had to make sure the slider was smaller than the slot. We also had to check we didn't accidentally put masking tape over the sliding mechanism. Next week we will be making our final sliders for **Flower Bee Class** to play with." *Miss Sztypuljak*



"**Honey Bee class** have had a busy and fun week!"



In History, we found out about trading during the time of early civilisations. We used chestnuts, tokens and other commodities to trade with each other and aimed to each end up with a basket, a jar of oil, a pot of grain and a cow! We thought about how and why early writing and numbering systems might have developed to make this process easier for people.



In English, we reached the end of the Place Value of Punctuation and Grammar scheme of work. Working in pairs, we built sentences using coordinating conjunctions to join two independent clauses.

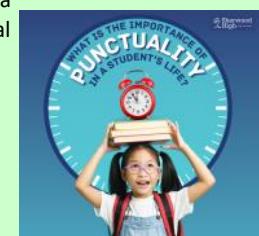


In Science, we continued our Electricity topic by building simple (and some not so simple!) circuits to light a bulb. We observed what happened when we added more bulbs to the circuit.



And finally, we began our Design Technology unit by considering the design of textiles and by trying our hands at running stitch, cross stitch and appliquéd." *Mrs Northard*

We have noticed an increase in children arriving **late to school**. This can have a significant negative impact for a variety of reasons. You can find more information about this on page 3 of the Buzz. If your child is late several times, we will contact you so we can work together to improve punctuality.



I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Lennon and the Brightstone team

Collective Worship

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



We heard the story of when Mary, after being told by Gabriel that she would be having God's son, hurried to visit her cousin Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. Her baby was filled with joy.

As Mary and Elizabeth shared their experience of carrying their special babies, they too were filled with joy.

Lord Jesus
You came to turn
sadness into joy,
fear into faith,
despair into hope
and death into life.

As we seek to walk in your ways,
Give us your courage.

Amen



Inclusion

Welcome to our 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:

more

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eTn9Fmmpw_U

Makaton sign	Widgit symbol
 More (flat hand, palm down, covers top of other fist)	

Poetry Corner

Bumble Bee class have been enjoying The Owl and the Pussycat by Edward Lear in their English lessons. We hope you enjoy it, too!

The Owl and the Pussycat

The Owl and the Pussycat went to sea
In a beautiful pea green boat.
They took some honey, and plenty of money,
Wrapped up in a five pound note.



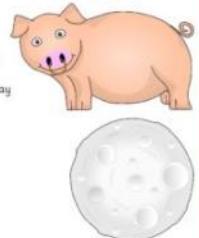
The Owl looked up to the stars above
And sang to a small guitar,
'O lovely Pussy! O Pussy my love,
What a beautiful Pussy you are,
You are,
You are!
What a beautiful Pussy you are!'

Pussy said to the Owl, 'You elegant fowl!
How charmingly sweet you sing!
O let us be married! Too long we have tarried:
But what shall we do for a ring?'

They sailed away, for a year and a day,
To the land where the Bong-tree grows.
And there in a wood a Piggy-wig stood
With a ring at the end of his nose,
His nose,
His nose,
With a ring at the end of his nose.



'Dear pig, are you willing to sell for one shilling
Your ring?' Said the Piggy. 'I will.'
So they took it away, and were married next day
By the Turkey who lives on the hill.



They dined on mince, and slices of quince,
Which they ate with a runcible spoon;
And hand in hand, on the edge of the sand,
They danced by the light of the moon,
The moon,
The moon,
They danced by the light of the moon.

Reading Recommendations

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

This week, William recommends The Storey Treehouse books by Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton

I recommend these books because they are really fun and sometimes there are some really funny parts that can make you laugh.

My favourite one is The 169-Storey Treehouse: Monkeys, Mirrors, Mayhem! This is my favourite because it is really cool and there are lots of floors.

I know my 13 times table because the books go up in 13s.

There are 13 books and they are all very funny.



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

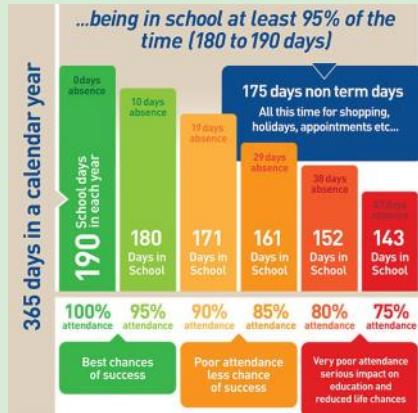
Attendance Matters!



Week Commencing 24th November
(Whole school attendance target: 96.5%)

Actual Attendance: 91.26%

Late marks this week: 21



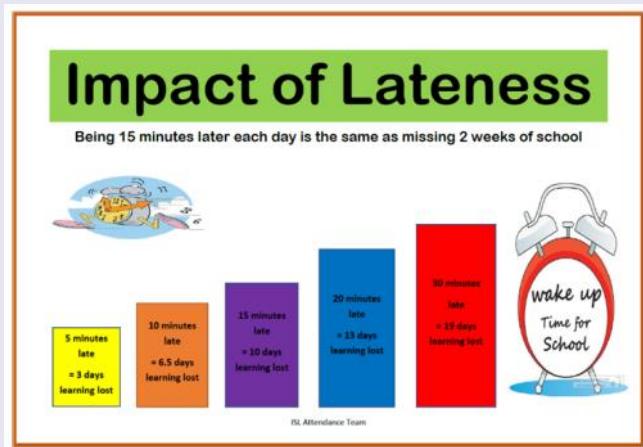
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Lateness

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.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



and every minute counts...



At Brightstone 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:

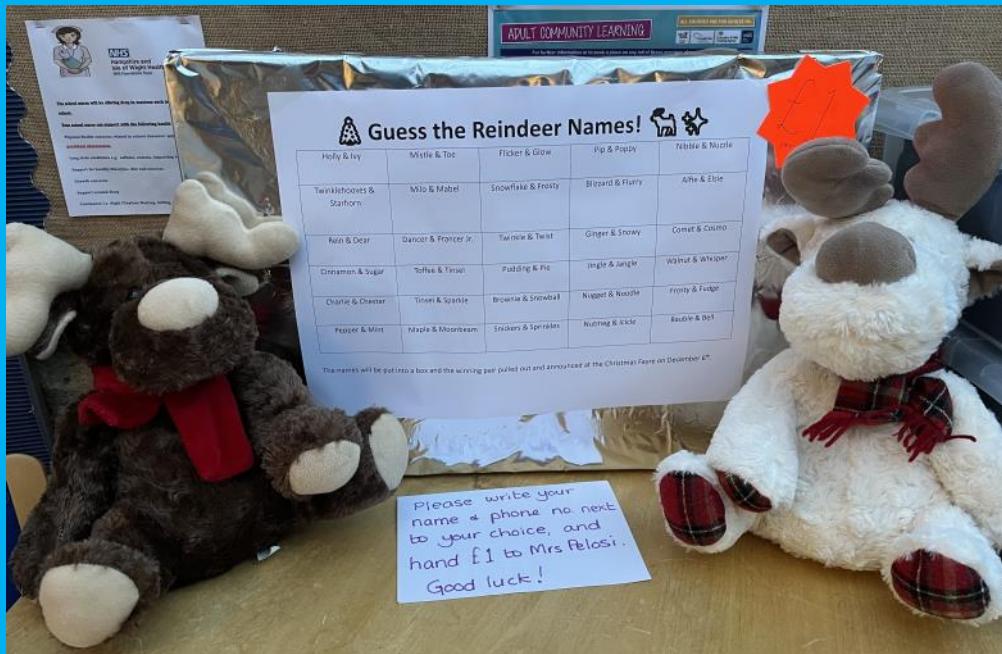
Check the NHS Guidance: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

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@brightstoneprimary.org.uk. Telephone calls must be followed up in writing to authorise the (illness) absence.

Golden Book

Flower Bee	Ada-Olive for coming into school with a big smile!
Bumble Bee	Arthur G, Henrietta, James and Tahnee for taking on the Bumble Bee tasks independently and doing so with such enthusiasm! Jacob for making an effort to read at home more now. Jacob has shown a massive improvement in his fluency over the past few weeks. He has developed a great attitude towards reading and has made us very proud! Flora B for a super start to Brightstone Primary School.
Honey Bee	Poppy for working so hard to master column addition in Maths, and always with a smile on her face :-) Rufus for fantastic work on word understanding in reading and using new words correctly in sentences.
Ivy Bee	Luna and Kaiden for paying excellent attention to detail with their spelling homework. Dan and Martha for diligently showing the method and from this correctly creating correct equivalent fractions.
Sports Bee	Hugh, Myles, Samuel, Jake, Dan, Fred C, Oskar P and Henry for their amazing team work during Tuesday's football match against Freshwater and Yarmouth. They won 5-2!





Brightstone School Association

Wear Non-Uniform

In exchange for
Raffle hamper prizes!

FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER 2025

Examples:

Chocolates, Craft items/kits, bath products, eye masks, pamper products, hand creams, gardening equipment or sets, perfumes, alcohol, non-alcoholic drinks, mulled wine, mince pies/Christmas cake, fluffy socks, Christmas novelty headgear, hats, gloves, sweets, marshmallows, biscuits, wine crackers, savoury biscuits, jams/chutneys, dried fruit/children's toys/books, Christmas stationery etc

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We take...

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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 Brightstone
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
brightstoneschoolassoc@gmail.com



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BRIGHTSTONE 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@brightstoneprimary.org.uk



www.brightstoneprimary.org.uk

You are also welcome to visit Brightstone 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



AUTUMN/WINTER 2025 MENU

WEEK 1
W/C 03/11/2025, 24/11/2025, 15/12/2025, 19/01/2026, 09/02/2026, 09/03/2026

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

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 OR Veggie Burrito with Wholegrain Rice	Pork Sausages with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy OR Vegetarian Sausage with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy OR Sweet Potato, Chickpea and Herb Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Vegetable Korma with Wholegrain Rice OR Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Pasta Salad	Battered Fish with Chips OR Quorn Dippers with Chips
	OPTION 2 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
	OPTION 3				
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	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
	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	Chocolate Marble Cake	Apple Crumble with Custard	Lemon Cookie	Crunchy Chocolate Mousse	Strawberry Jelly



AVAILABLE DAILY

Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water



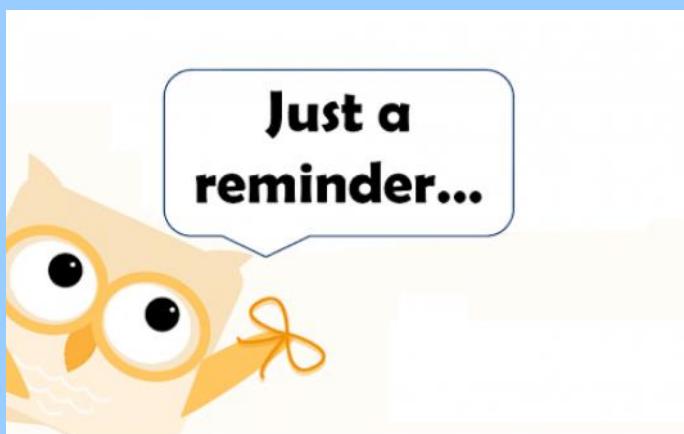
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Reminders

- 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 Brightstone CE Aided Primary School

At Brightstone 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@brightstoneprimary.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/BrightstoneCEPrimarySchool>
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@brightstoneprimary.org.uk
Year 1/2 - teacher.bumblebee@brightstoneprimary.org.uk
Year 3/4 - teacher.honeybee@brightstoneprimary.org.uk
Year 5/6 - teacher.ivybee@brightstoneprimary.org.uk
The Nest resourced provision - thenest@brightstoneprimary.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@brightstoneprimary.org.uk safeguarding@brightstoneprimary.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.brightstoneprimary.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

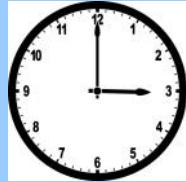
The school day is as follows:

8.25am: Gates open

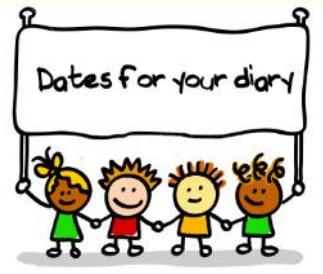
8.30am: School starts

3pm: School ends

3.10pm: Gates close



Many thanks.



School Term Dates for 2025-2026

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 Brightstone Primary
Friday 12th December:	Y1 - Y6 pantomime trip
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