The Buzz 7th November







Dear parents, carers and children,

See more photos on Facebook!

Welcome back to the start of the second half of the autumn term. Sshhh, don't say it too loudly, but we are heading towards Christmas quite quickly...! Mrs Jones sent an email today with our plans for Christmas, so you can see in advance what is planned, and to give you as much notice as possible. Further information about the various events will be sent out soon.

This week we welcomed two visitors to our whole school worships. On Tuesday, **Helen from Tesco's** in Freshwater came along to tell us about an exciting new community project, creating a snake with painted stones around the car park. This is very exciting to be a part of, and we can't wait to see the final creation! Each child is asked to bring in a stone around 10-15cm long and around 10cm wide (these are approximate sizes, and they can be slightly smaller or slightly bigger). Please bring these in by Monday 17th November, so we can paint them in school. Thank you.





On Wednesday, Paul from the Royal British Legion came along to talk to us about Remembrance Day. He told us about how WWI affected the people of Brighstone village, and he showed us some photos of Brighstone School children in 1906, explaining that some of them would have gone to war. Paul showed us his ceramic poppy that was part of the huge art installation 'Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red' at the Tower of London in 2014; his is now displayed in an old shell case from WWI. Following his presentation, we then sang 'We Will Remember', which we will also sing during the

Remembrance Day commemorations on Tuesday 11th November by the war memorial.

Just a reminder that if anyone would like to represent the school in the **Remembrance Parade** on Sunday 9th November, please do come along and join us. We meet at the Reading Rooms at 10.45am. Honey Bee class have kindly made two wreaths that will be laid (one on Sunday and one on Tuesday).

This week, each class has been taking part in assessments / quizzes. However, in between these, they have also been carrying out their usual fun learning. Today, **Bumble Bee Class** worked in pairs on Chromebooks. Their challenge was to help one another to log in and out, using their own passwords. They were superb at helping one another, especially as for some it was the first time they'd typed on a keyboard and used a trackpad. Well done, team Bumble Bee!



I always look forward to my Wednesday afternoons teaching PSHE to **Ivy Bee class**, as their discussions and ideas are always so engaging and thought-provoking. We have recently been thinking about stereotypes, and gender stereotypes in particular this week. We had lots of questions about stereotypes, such as "Why is pink a 'girl' colour and blue a 'boy' colour?" "Why is it acceptable for girls to wear trousers but not as acceptable for boys to wear dresses?" and "Why are boys generally deemed to have to be 'tough' and to like sports, and for girls to like playing with dolls and wearing make-up?" Even though, nowadays, there are more challenges to these types of stereotypes, we realised that there is still a long way to go!

We have very exciting news! We are very pleased to say that the **Pearl of Africa Children's Choir** is returning to the IOW, and will be visiting our school on Friday 21st November. We are delighted to be part of their UK tour that helps to raise funds for their charity and schools, and we can't wait to see them perform again. Further information about the day and the evening performance in St Mary's Church will be coming soon.



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:





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The prophet, Isaiah, foretold that, through the birth of a child,
God's justice and peace would be established. There were four names used to foretell
Jesus' birth: Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace.

We talked about what these mean, and thought about other names that we know Jesus by.

We also thought about the meanings behind our own names. See if you can find out what your name means!

Owl: Wonderful Counsellor,

Everyone: We praise you for your great

wisdom and guidance. Lion: Mighty God,

Everyone: We praise you for your power and courage.

Monkey and infant: Everlasting Father

Everyone: We praise you for loving us and being with us always.

Dove: Prince of Peace,

Everyone: We praise you for showing us how to make peace through justice and forgiveness.

Thank you Jesus, for being all that we need and more.

Amen





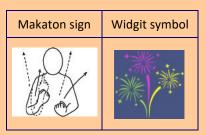
Inclusion

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:

fireworks

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wdUn5vf9zxU



Poetry Corner

Fireworks

They rise like sudden fiery flowers
That burst upon the night,
Then fall to earth in burning showers
Of crimson, blue and white.

Like buds too wonderful to name, Each miracle unfolds And Catherine wheels begin to flame Like whirling marigolds.

Rockets and Roman candles make An orchard of the sky, Where magic trees their petals shake Upon each gazing eye.

James Reeves

Reading Recommendations

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

This week, Forbes recommends The Mystery of the Burnt Cottage by Enid Blyton.

I recommend this book because it's a really good book because it has loads of exciting words in it.

Also, it can really build up your imagination.

One of the children goes out at 9pm and then he meets all his other friends at the burnt cottage. It's Mr Hick's cottage that was burnt and then they do a hunt to find out who burnt the cottage. Then they eventually find out that it was Mr Hick himself and he gets arrested.



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 6th November (Whole school attendance target: 96.5% Actual Attendance: **91%** Late marks this week: **3**



https://www.nhs.uk/livewell/is-my-child-too-ill-forschool/



Golden Book

Flower Bee	Cleo for showing another child how to fold up the blankets in the home corner.
Honey Bee	Ruby for a positive start to Brighstone Primary School.
Ivy Bee	Alice for a consistently excellent reading record book.
Bee-Haviour	Hudson for showing wonderful kindness and patience to his friends when spending time with the Nest children.
Sports Bee	Flo (Y6) for giving some brilliant answers during Basketball in PE and always being a role model for her classmates.
Other	Maddie, Lilli, Violet, Allina, Rosie, Flo, Alice, Charlotte, Helena and Martha for participating and demonstrating excellent enthusiasm and determination during their school Games County Finals at The IOW KS2 Tag Rugby Final 2025. The team finished 4th out of 20 teams!





















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

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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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It's never too late to keep 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.





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.









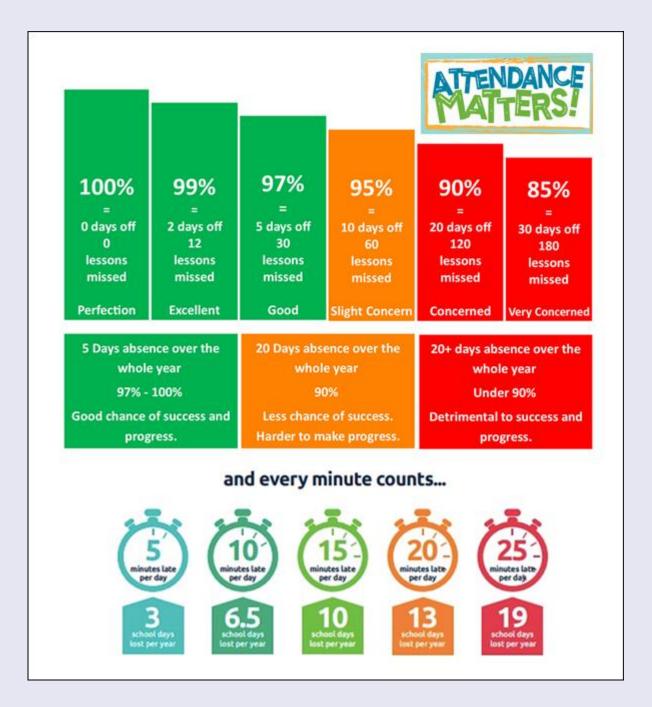


Reminders

- 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:

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

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

Thank you for your understanding and support

If your message is urgent or about attendance contact Mrs Pelosi in the office:

01983 740285

office@brighstoneprimary.org.uk Office Hours 8am - 4pm If you would like to speak with the **Headteacher**Mrs Lennon, you can find her at the school gate
every morning or you can call 740285 to make an
appointment with her



For general enquiries you can call or email the office, text the school messaging service or send a message to our school Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/BrighstoneCEPrimarySchool
Our Facebook page is open so you do not need a personal account to view it

If you have 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

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

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/



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

Monday 10th November: BSA meeting at 7pm in school

Tuesday 11th November: Remembrance Commemorations

Friday 14th November: InterFaith Day

Tuesday 18th November: Admissions opens for Reception 2026 intake

Friday 21st November: Pearl of Africa Children's Choir

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

