

The Buzz

19th December



Brighstone C.E.
Primary School



Learning and Achieving Through
Love, Courage and Respect



Dear parents, carers and children,

[See more photos on Facebook!](#)



What a busy week we have had in school. The children wowed us with their singing, dancing, acting and musical performances during our **Christmas Concert** on Monday and Tuesday. Thank you to all who came along, and who also helped with the stage and the chairs. The proceeds from the ticket sales will be shared between the school and the church. We also made over £112 in donations for the Pearl of Africa Children's Choir (we are still to see how much was donated via card). This is fantastic, and will be much appreciated by this worthy charity.

Yesterday, we held our traditional **Christingle Service** in the church. The children made their Christingles that morning, before carefully carrying them over to the church in the wind and the rain. There was an awe and wonder moment when the main lights were turned off, with only the flickering candlelight and the delicate lights from the Christmas trees around us. In that moment, we were thinking about Jesus as the light of the world, and the love that he shares around the world. Thank you to the YR and Y6 parents who joined us, and thank you to Peter, Jacob and Olivia from SWAY for leading the service, and to Keith for being our second musical accompaniment.



I must also mention **Steve and Beccy Noyes and our bellringing team**, who bring something very special to our church services and events. We are very lucky to have them.



Today, on the last day of term, we had a fun-filled day. During Golden Worship, not only did we celebrate outside achievements, but we were also treated to a glockenspiel performance of Jingle Bells by **Honey Bee class**! They were brilliant, and we all look forward to future performances from them.

We enjoyed a delicious **Christmas dinner** today, accompanied by crackers and Christmas music. Thank you to Nicky, Kelly and Helen for such a tasty meal!



We had a very special visitor today: **Father Christmas**! He took time out of his very busy schedule to visit us. Flower Bees and Bumble Bees heard some jingling of sleigh bells, and some even saw what might have been his sleigh flying in the sky! Then, to our surprise, there was Father Christmas himself sitting in the hall! Thank you, Father Christmas, for popping in and handing out presents for everyone, and thank you to the BSA for getting in touch with Father Christmas to ask him to visit.

I am delighted to share the news that, following interviews, **Miss Lucinda Maiden** has been successfully appointed and will be joining The Nest team on Wednesdays and Thursdays. You will know her as Poppy and Molly's mum! Welcome to the team, Miss Maiden.



Miss Pelosi will also be joining us after Christmas, back from maternity leave. She will be sharing her time between The Nest and Bumble Bee class. Welcome back, Miss Pelosi!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support for our school. It is very much appreciated. Thank you, also, for all your kind gifts and Christmas cards.

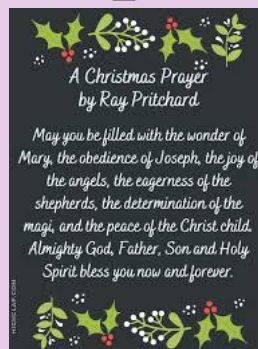
I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year!

With very best wishes, Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone team



Collective Worship

This half term, the theme is Advent and Christmas.







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 phrase is:

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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

Makaton sign	Widgit symbol
 Happy/Merry	 Christmas
 happy new year!	

Poetry Corner

A Christmas Prayer

by Robert Louis Stevenson

Loving Father,
Help us remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate
and open the door of love all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift
and good desires with every greeting.
Deliver us from evil by the blessing
which Christ brings,
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning
make us happy to be thy children,
and Christmas evening bring us to our beds
with grateful thoughts,
forgiving and forgiven,
for Jesus' sake.
Amen.



I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR CHRISTMAS

By Unknown

I've been waiting for Christmas.
And it's almost here
I've been waiting for Christmas.
Santa's getting near.

Can't you hear the sleigh bells ringing?
Reindeer up so high
Can't you hear the children singing.
As they watch the sky?



Reading Recommendations

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

Here is the link again for some Christmas holiday reading!

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/book-recommendations/bookfinder/>



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

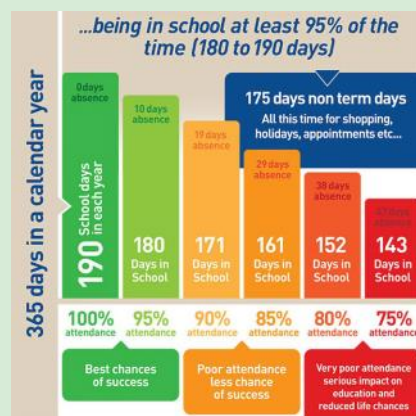
Attendance Matters!



Week Commencing 15th December
(Whole school attendance target: 96.5%)

Actual Attendance: 90.1%

Late marks this week: 3



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





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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 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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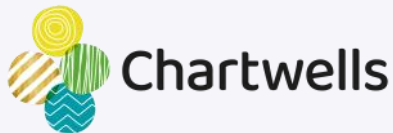


School Dinners

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
	OR					
	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 🌱
HOT DISHES	OR					
	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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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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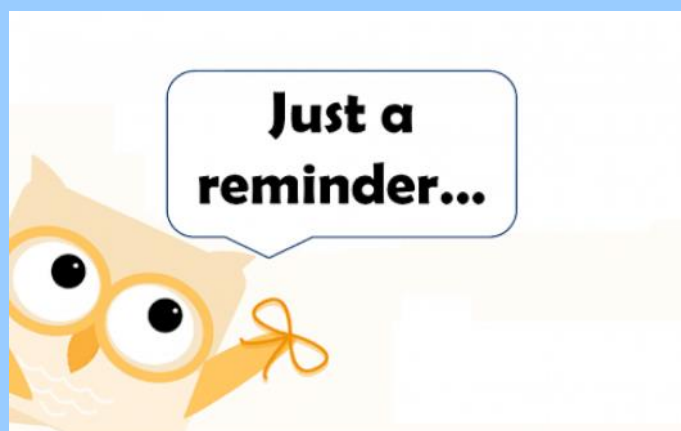


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Reminders

- 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!





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:

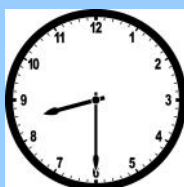
8.25am: Gates open

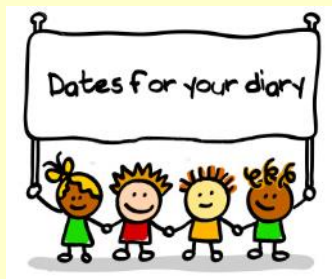
8.30am: School starts

3pm: School ends

3.10pm: Gates close

Many thanks.





School Term Dates for 2025-2026

Monday 5th January:	Back to school
Friday 13th February:	Last day of term
Monday 23rd February:	Back to school
Thursday 5th March:	World Book Day
Monday 16th March:	Scholastic Book Fair all week
Tuesday 17th March:	Parents Evening (details to follow)
Wednesday 18th March:	Parents Evening (details to follow)
Friday 27th March:	Last day of term
Monday 13th April:	Back to school
Mon 11th - Thurs 14th May:	Y6 SATs
Friday 22nd May:	Last day of term
Monday 1st June:	INSET day - school closed
Tuesday 2nd June:	Back to school
Tuesday 7th July:	Transition Day
Wednesday 8th July:	Sports Day
Friday 10th July:	Reports sent home
Tuesday 14th July:	Parents Evening
Friday 24th July:	Last day of term

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