

The Buzz

5th December



Brighstone C.E.
Primary School



Learning and Achieving Through
Love, Courage and Respect



Dear parents, carers and children,

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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas! The festive season is definitely upon us, as the choir sings, the trees sparkle and the weather gets colder.

The **Christmas Choir** had their first performance at Brighstone Grange on Wednesday after school. Their performance was amazing, and they brought happy tears to the residents, who were bopping along to the carols. We were very proud of the children. They have a few more performances coming up over the next few days. This weekend, they will be singing at four different venues: Mottistone church and the BSA Christmas Fair tomorrow, and the IOW Pearl and the Stars of Wonder concert in St Mary's Church on Sunday. Not only that, but some members of the community who access Parklands in Cowes will be visiting us next week to see our choir sing. I think our choristers will need to rest their voices after all this!



On Monday, I took **Bumble Bee class** over to St Mary's Church as part of our RE learning journey, in which we are exploring Light as a Symbol: Hanukkah and Advent. To start our learning journey, we thought about when we use candles, including on birthday cakes, at Christmas, to relax and to remember people. We lit a candle in the church and everyone had a moment of reflection in which they thought of someone or something that they wanted to remember. The children were very thoughtful and respectful. On our way out of the church, we were then amazed and in awe of the wonderful mosaics that have been created for the Christmas Tree Festival. Please do go and see them for yourself in the vestibule.

Talking of the **Christmas Tree Festival**, all of our children have created a decoration for our tree. To celebrate reading and writing, KS1 and KS2 have drawn the front cover of their favourite book, and some have written the blurb on the back. Reception class have decorated paper pencils to celebrate writing (they have been doing some amazing writing in class!).



On Wednesday evening, to start the Christmas Tree Festival, our **head pupils**, Flo, Hugh, Martha and Henry, had the honour of lighting the tree outside the church. It was a slightly shaky start when nothing happened at first, but luckily the lights then sprang to life and everyone cheered! We then joined the rest of the congregation in the church for the Lights of Love service. Our head pupils were delighted to have VIP seats with laminated name labels!

"Today, in **Bumble Bee class**, we watched a live stream from Antarctica. This was the first time any schools have had this opportunity to meet with the Iceman, Rob Swan, and learn about some of the things he and his team are up to. We learnt all about the importance of protecting our planet's frozen continent, and how we can become champions for Antarctica." Miss Sztypuljak



"Flower Bee class are counting down the days until Christmas using five frames and their amazing subitising skills. Without counting at all, they have been noticing when there are two counters and three empty spaces, or four counters and one empty space. They all know lots of different visual patterns for the numbers to 5. They know that all of these numbers are made of smaller numbers and all this with hardly any need for counting. They are beginning to remember the days of the week and that we are now in December. They also know that Christmas is still lots of days away which helps with managing their expectations!"

Mrs Cousins

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, and I hope to see you at our Christmas Fair tomorrow!

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 Long Journey to Bethlehem

Value: Peace



We learnt about the long journey that Mary and Joseph had to make to get to Bethlehem. They had to go there because of the census, and Joseph had to go back to the place where his family came from. It was a long way, and would have taken at least three days. When they arrived, it was so busy and there was nowhere to stay.

We also thought about the innkeeper, who had no room at his inn. Luckily, he showed kindness and let them stay in his stable.



Dear God,
Thank you for guiding Mary and Joseph on their long journey to Bethlehem.
Help us remember that you are with us on every step of our journeys too.
Give us hearts that are patient, brave, and kind,
and help us follow your light just as they did.
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:

Christmas

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uwguOJZk8XM>

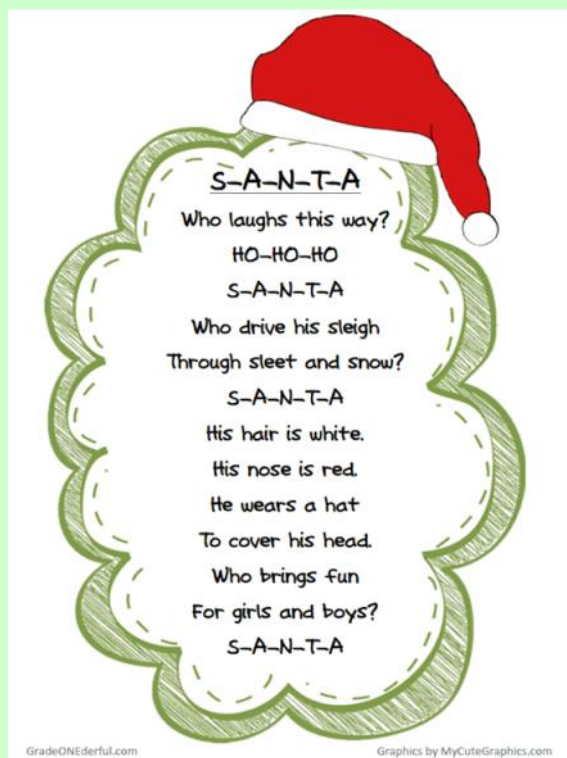
Makaton sign



Widgit symbol



Poetry Corner



Reading Recommendations

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

This week, Maddie recommends Matilda by Roald Dahl.

I recommend Matilda because it's a good book and it has a lot of cool pictures by Quentin Blake.

I have only read Chapter One so far, and it's been very good. I am looking forward to reading more of it because I like Matilda (the character and the book). The book is very funny and Matilda can be very cheeky. I like cheeky stuff!

There are a lot of characters in it, and a lot of chapters. I wanted to read it because I liked the film. I am reading this in Book Club and sometimes at home 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

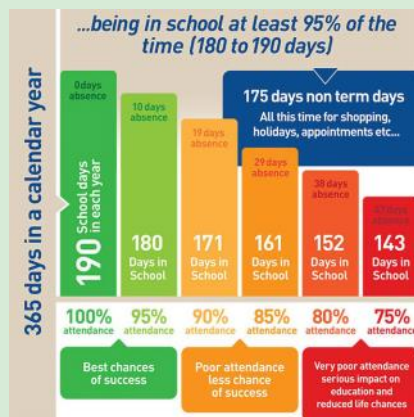
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Or call children's services 01983 823435

Attendance Matters!



Week Commencing 1st December
(Whole school attendance target: 96.5%)
Actual Attendance: 90.80%
Late marks this week: 6



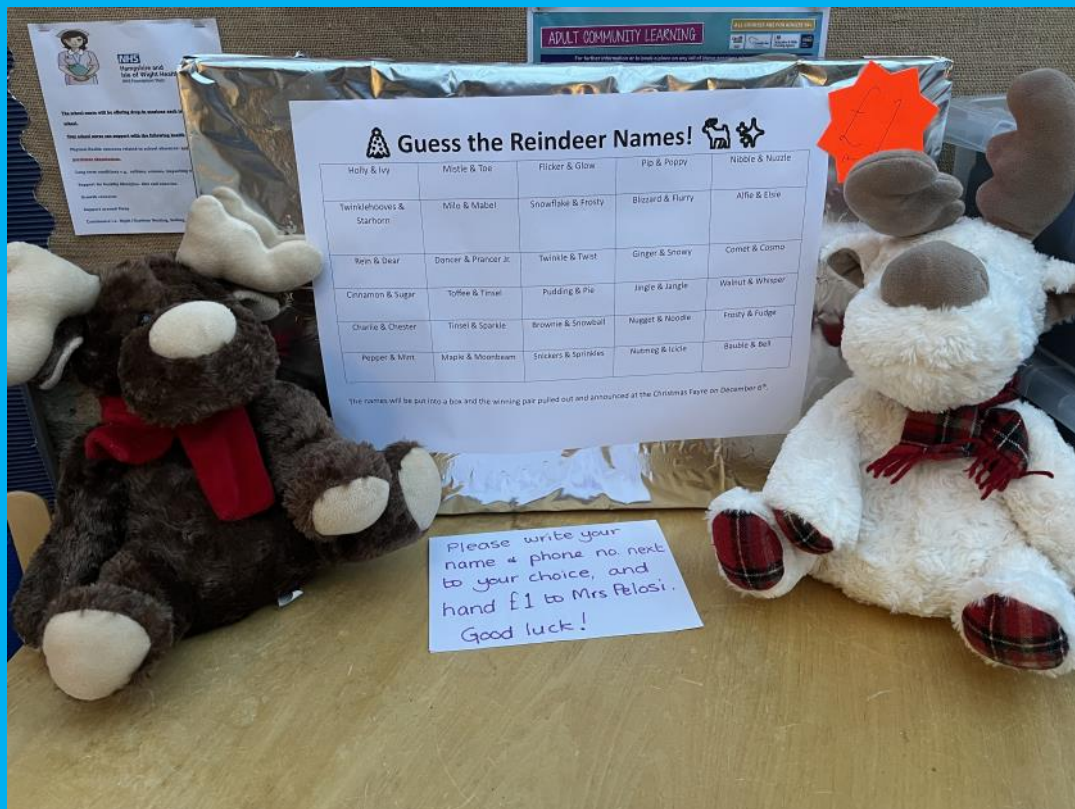
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Golden Book

Flower Bee	Arthur, Cleo, Olive and Molly for working so hard at their reading, both at home and at school.
Bumble Bee	Elsie-Jayne and Tahnee for showing perseverance and making great progress with their reading. Molly, Forbes, Harvey, Autumn, Ellis for undertaking a variety of literacy based activities independently, while their classmates complete their RWI. They always show enthusiasm towards every task set, put 100% in and complete them to a superb standard! Freya for taking on new challenges each week, even if they seem tricky at first. She shows excellent resilience! Keep it up :)
Honey Bee	Nathan for consistently putting maximum effort into his work in all subjects. Tristan for eloquently sharing his excellent knowledge of electric circuits with the class.
Ivy Bee	Oscar S for a really detailed written response on "healthy lifestyles" in PSHE.
Bee-Haviour	Shai for taking on a challenge from Mrs Jones and showing courage.
Sports Bee	Autumn for having a great attitude to learning in PE, always setting an example to her





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Carpet or
Curtains

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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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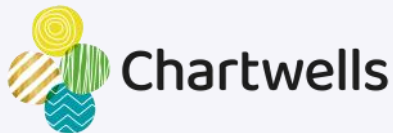


School Dinners

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 🌱
	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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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 🌱
	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 🌱🐟
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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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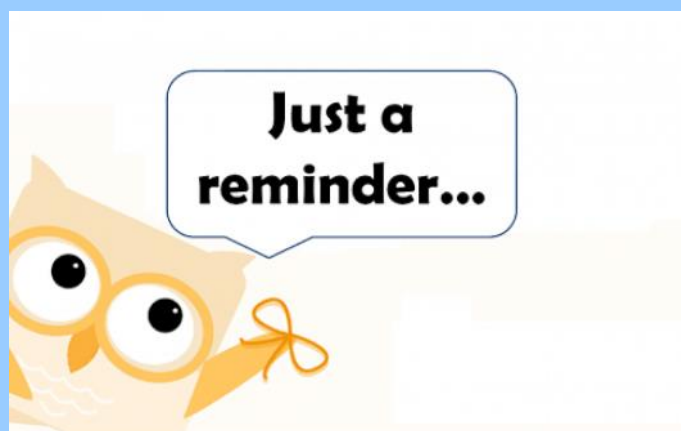
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Reminders

- 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

- 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:

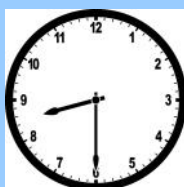
8.25am: Gates open

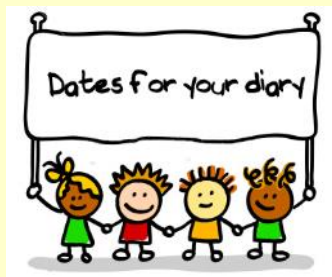
8.30am: School starts

3pm: School ends

3.10pm: Gates close

Many thanks.





School Term Dates for 2025-2026

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
Monday 15th December:	Christmas Concert in St Mary's Church
Tuesday 16th December:	Christmas Concert in St Mary's Church
Thursday 18th December:	Christingle Concert in St Mary's Church
Friday 19th December:	Last day of term; Christmas Dinner day
Monday 5th January:	Back to school

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

Term dates are available on our school website: <https://www.brighstoneprimary.org.uk/calendar/>

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