

The Buzz

16th January 2026



Learning and Achieving Through Love,
Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,

You will have seen our email about our **Attendance HERO campaign** following our assembly with the children on Tuesday. Please see p4 of this week's Buzz if you missed it. We are looking forward to seeing the number of tickets accumulated!

The National Year of Reading: Go All In campaign is an exciting initiative designed to inspire a love of reading and encourage everyone to fully immerse themselves in books and stories. By promoting reading for pleasure, sharing a wide range of texts, and celebrating reading in all its forms, the campaign aims to boost confidence, creativity, and comprehension. Go All In encourages children to explore new genres, take risks with their reading choices, and develop lifelong reading habits that support learning across the curriculum and beyond. Reading is essential for developing language, imagination, and understanding of the world. It supports children's vocabulary, comprehension, and communication skills, while also helping to build concentration and confidence. Regular reading encourages curiosity, empathy, and creativity, and lays a strong foundation for success across all areas of learning and throughout life.

Proud to support
The National Year
of Reading 2026.

GO
ALL
IN.

We are always encouraging reading for pleasure, and we will plan some events throughout the year as part of this national campaign. We welcome and value your support in this. Watch this space!

Class news

"**Flower Bee class** made shooting rockets this week with cones of paper and a plastic bottle launchpad. Evan said "If you squeeze the bottle the air will come up and make the rocket blast off!" Mrs Cousins



"In **Bumble Bee class** this week, we have been learning about postcards and the different features on them. We have also been learning more about 2D and 3D shapes. Can you find any 2D or 3D shapes in your house or when you're out and about this weekend?" Miss Sztypuljak

Thank you to those who were able to attend the **BSA meeting** on Monday. Lots of fun events were discussed and put in the diary, and volunteers will be welcomed to help out at these (see the minutes that were emailed out on Tuesday, and which are also on our school website). Please do look out for further information on their Facebook page.

Reminders

Hair accessories and socks must be in the school colours.

Water bottles must only contain water. While we regularly remind the children throughout the day to drink water, we also encourage them to develop independence in taking responsibility for this themselves. Due to the busy nature of the school day, we are not always able to monitor each child's water intake individually. If you are concerned that your child isn't drinking enough, you may wish to consider providing your child with a clear water bottle, as this allows us to easily see how much they have had to drink. Thank you for your support.

I hope everyone has a lovely weekend.



With best wishes,

Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone team

Collective Worship

This half term, the theme is People Jesus Meets. This week, we have been learning about the teachers in the temple. Our value this week is wisdom.

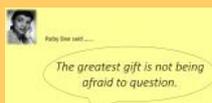
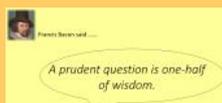
Our story this week happened when Jesus was 12 years old. His whole family, with all their relatives and friends, were visiting the temple in Jerusalem for the Festival



of Passover, but on the way home Mary and Joseph realised that Jesus was not with their group. They searched and searched for three days, before finally finding him in the temple listening to the religious leaders and also asking them questions.

The Bible tells us that Jesus was asking the teachers in the temple wise questions about the scriptures because he was eager to learn.

Learning to ask questions is an important skill. All through his life, Jesus asked searching questions.



Lord Jesus Christ,

Thank you for the power of questions:
their power to challenge our attitudes,
their power to make us think more deeply,
their power to help us reflect, and
their power to grow our understanding.
Give us the wisdom to ask good questions
as we look to you as our
example and teacher.

Amen



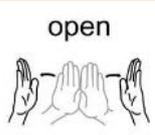
Inclusion

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

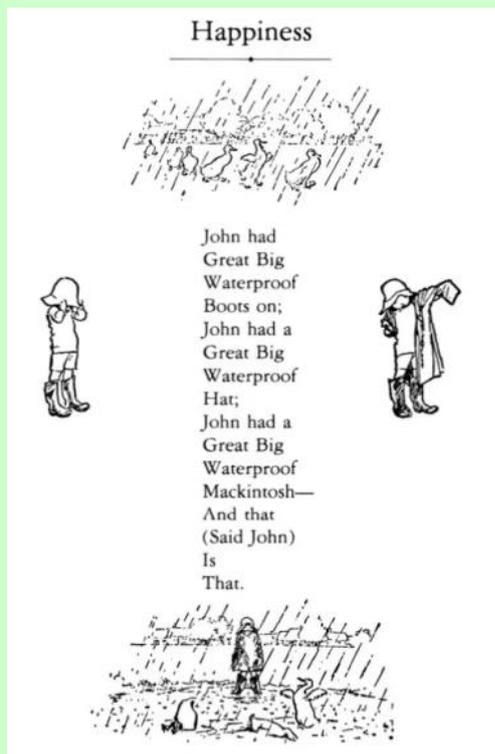
This week, our word is:

open

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0nUbhqIGzKE>

Makaton sign	Widgit symbol
	

Poetry Corner



Happiness

John had
Great Big
Waterproof
Boots on;
John had a
Great Big
Waterproof
Hat;
John had a
Great Big
Waterproof
Mackintosh—
And that
(Said John)
Is
That.

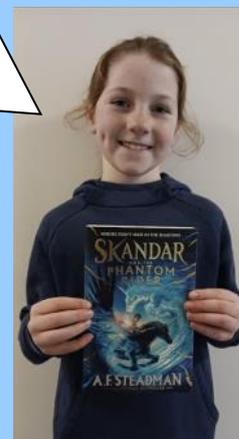
by AA Milne

Reading Recommendations

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

This week, Bethan recommends Skandar and the Phantom Rider by A. F. Steadman.

Skandar is a series of books. There are five books. This is the second one and I'm recommending it because, if you like unicorns and a lot of action, and sometimes even a little bit of danger, Skandar will be a great book for you. I'm enjoying it a lot at the moment. Skandar's unicorn is called Scoundrel's Luck and they are both spirit wielders, the illegal element.



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

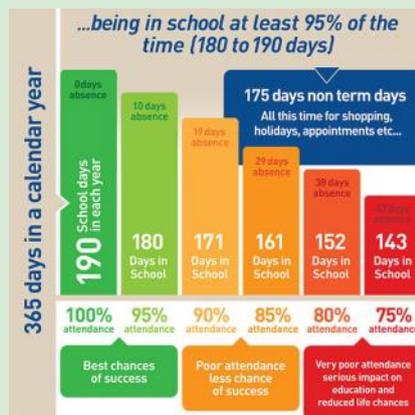
Find out more

Or call children's services 01983 823435

Attendance Matters!



Week Commencing 12th January
(Whole school attendance target: 96.5%
Actual Attendance: 93.46%
Late marks this week: 14



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



Golden Book

Flower Bee	Bodhi, Ada-Olive, Iviee and Kobe for working hard at reading words on their magnet boards.
Bumble Bee	Ellis for working so hard in all subjects and always taking on new challenges, as well as continually showing acts of kindness towards others. Rian for his positive start to Brighstone Primary School.
Honey Bee	William for a terrific amount of reading at home, which really shows in his school work. Annie for always being ready with an answer in our lessons, and always being willing to help others.
Ivy Bee	Georgia and Leo for independently solving division calculations (and now fractions of amounts) by finding the multiplication inverse. Freddie for the consistent all-round effort he puts into his school work.
Bee-Haviour	Ivieve for being super kind and caring when a friend hurt themselves on the playground.
Sports Bee	Henry for playing basketball with a smile on his face, putting in 100% effort and showing great passion, self belief and determination.



Focus on Attendance

During Tuesday's collective worship, we discussed how regular attendance helps children:

- Make strong progress in their learning, as learning build day by day
- Feel confident, independent and part of their class community
- Build friendships and support their wellbeing
- Develop positive routines and life skills such as punctuality and responsibility
- Build strong habits that support success now and in the future

We talked to the children about what "regular attendance" means and the many benefits it brings. We also reminded them that we understand illness does happen, and if a child has a temperature, or if it could be an infection, then they need to stay at home and rest until they are better or the risk of infecting others has passed. However, it is often those days when children feel a little unsure or reluctant at first, but are able to push through and come into school, that can make a real difference. As always, if a child is not well enough to be in school, we will contact families and ensure they are sent home to rest.

To help celebrate and encourage good attendance, we also introduced a whole school campaign for this term:

Be an attendance HERO (Here Everyday Ready On time)!

- **For each full week of attendance, children will earn an entry into a draw - this gives children the opportunity to have up to 11 entries in the draw this term**
- **At the end of the term, one lucky winner will be chosen to receive a grand prize**

We appreciate that there can sometimes be challenges, and we encourage families to speak to us if there are any worries or barriers to attendance, we are always here to help.

Thank you for your continued support in helping every child have the best chance to learn, grow and succeed.





The Brighstone School Association now receive 30% commission from Stikins every time you buy your new name labels.

Quote our number 2721 when you place an order.
A great way to keep your child's belongings safe and to support the school!

<https://www.stikins.co.uk>

*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

Like Our Pages!



Facebook & Instagram

**Search for
Brighstone School
Association**

**It's never too late to keep
up with our latest news!**

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



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

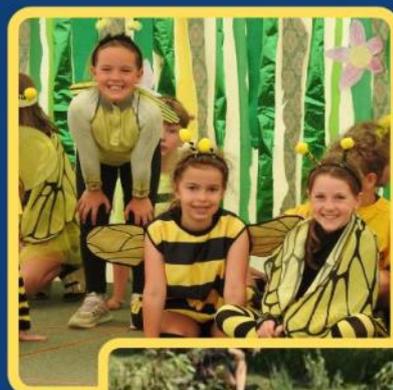


office@brighstoneprimary.org.uk



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.



Learning and Achieving through Love, Courage and Respect



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 Schools **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

Chartwells Schools

🌱 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 🌱	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
	OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
	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 🌱🍷	OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
	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 Caramel Crunch 🌱	Banana Flapjack 🌱🌱	Chocolate Brownie 🌱	Raspberry Jelly 🌱	Strawberry Ice Cream



AVAILABLE DAILY
Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water

Chartwells
Schools

🌱 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.

WALL/2025011

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
	OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
	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 🌱🍷	OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
	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

Chartwells
Schools

🌱 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.

WALL/2025011



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:

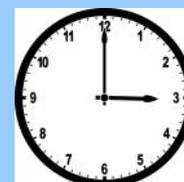
8.25am: Gates open

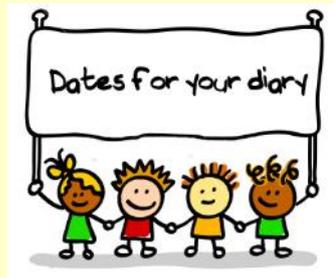
8.30am: School starts

3pm: School ends

3.10pm: Gates close

Many thanks.





School Term Dates for 2025-2026

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