

# The Buzz

## 27th February 2026



Learning and Achieving Through Love,  
Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term. Whilst it hasn't quite felt like spring yet, there are signs that warmer, drier weather is on its way. I took **Bumble Bee class** out on a 'spring hunt' around the school grounds in their RE lesson on Monday, and they enjoyed spotting daffodils, crocuses and buds on the trees.

Yesterday, we welcomed **Mrs Sillito, our School Improvement Partner**, to the school, as part of the Local Authority's programme of support and progress reviews for all schools. She enjoyed seeing super behaviour and chatting to a group of children about their learning, who were very proud to show her their work in their books.

### Class news

"On Monday, **Flower Bee Class** were very excited to be visited by two huskies, Peanut and Pumpkin, and their humans Sharon and Martin from Snostoppin Siberian Huskies. We learned about how huskies live and work in the Arctic and how they are cared for. Although Peanut and Pumpkin were happy to be stroked and fussed, we also learned that it is very important to always ask permission to approach a dog, and to be calm. Sharon and Martin were both so impressed by how interested and polite the children were, and said they'd love to come and visit again." Mrs Cousins



"Today, we had a visit from Emma Cordon, from the Wildheart Animal Sanctuary. She taught **Bumble Bee class** all about the white-tailed eagle. We learnt about what the white-tailed eagles like to eat, how tall they are and the length of their wingspan. The children were amazed to hear that we have two white-tailed eagles on the Isle of Wight - we even learnt their names! Ask someone in Bumble Bee class if you'd like to know what they are.

The class were then given the opportunity to make some collages of the white-tailed eagle. They worked (superbly) in pairs to create some beautiful pieces of artwork. Emma is going to be putting them on the Wildheart Animal Sanctuary website, so watch this space!"

Miss Sztypuljak



### Reminders

**Hair accessories and socks** must be in the school colours. **Water bottles** must only contain water.

I hope everyone has a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone team

Reminder: World Book  
Day on Thursday 5th  
March!

# Collective Worship

This half term, the theme is Easter and Lent. This week, we have been learning about when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. Our value this week is joy.



In Jesus' time, the Jewish people had lived for many hundreds of years under the control of the Romans. They were desperately seeking a powerful leader who would overthrow the Romans so that they could be a free nation.

The people would remind themselves of the prophesy 500 years earlier, foretelling the joyful coming of a new king who would ride into Jerusalem on a donkey.

In Christian churches around the world, this joyful occasion is remembered on the Sunday before Easter Day. It is called Palm Sunday to recall the palm leaves that people waved with joy.



Lord Jesus,

You rode into Jerusalem

Not as a conquering king, but as the Prince of Peace.

Not on a white stallion but on a young donkey,

not in triumph but in gentle humility.

Teach us to follow your example, to be true to what we know to be right whether people praise and flatter us, or criticise and blame us.

In your name we pray

Amen



## Inclusion

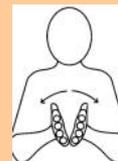
Welcome to our inclusion section! Each week, we share a Makaton sign and Widgit symbol, as part of our inclusive ethos.

This week, our word is:

book

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F8BiqOkbBVY>

Makaton sign



Widgit symbol



## Poetry Corner

### Same and Different

We all have different hobbies,  
We all have different hair; we all have different bodies,  
We all have learnt to share.  
We all have the same happiness,  
We go to the same school,  
We all catch each other's illnesses,  
And we help friends when they fall.  
We all have different names,  
We all have the same heart.  
We all play different games,  
But we all live far apart.  
We all have the same uniform,  
But we all have different minds.  
Some people don't like unicorns,  
But at our school WE ARE KIND!

*Written by seven 6 and 7 year olds from Rounds Park Infant School, picked by Helena from the poetry book Beautifully Different, Wonderfully the Same.*

## Reading Recommendations

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

This week, Helena recommends the Percy Jackson series by Rick Riordan.

I recommend this series of books because they are really good and puts you on edge each time you finish.

I am currently reading the last book, but I have not yet got to the end.

The books are all about Percy Jackson being a half-blood (half god, half man) and a titan, the evil father of gods, rising and raging war against the gods to win back his throne, which they overthrew from him. The evil father did the same to his father under his mum's command, hoping he would be better than his father's rule.

Read the books to know what happens to present half-bloods.



## 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.

### 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](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)

0808 800 5000

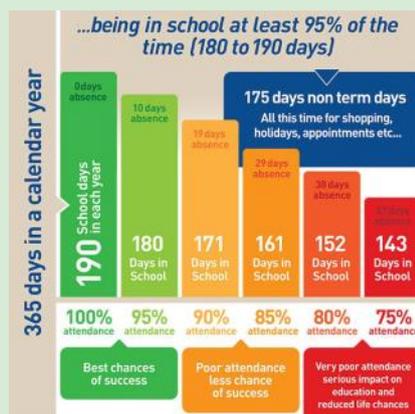
[Find out more](#)

You can contact the NSPCC:  
Or call children's services 01983 823435



## Attendance Matters!

Week Commencing 23rd February  
(Whole school attendance target: 96.5%  
Actual Attendance: 91.95%  
Late marks this week: 3



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



# Golden Book

<b>Flower Bee</b>	<b>Theo</b> and <b>Bodhi</b> for excellent team work in our build-a-bridge challenge.
<b>Bumble Bee</b>	<b>Freya, Henrietta, Edmund, Ralph, Jacob, George</b> and <b>Luka-Bear</b> for showing superb listening skills and teamwork when making their castles.
<b>Honey Bee</b>	<b>Nathan</b> for being a very organised banker in Maths, learning about money. <b>Ellen</b> for always being helpful, amenable, conscientious and a real asset to Honey Bee class.
<b>Ivy Bee</b>	<b>Violet</b> for showing great resilience in understanding how to add fractions with different denominators.
<b>Bee-Haviour</b>	<b>Florie</b> for working really hard on her learning behaviours and for being a great friend by helping a new child this week.
<b>Sports Bee</b>	<b>Kobe</b> for always showing a great attitude to learning in PE, taking part with a smile on his face and trying his best at every activity.



# Focus on Attendance

With the children, we discussed how regular attendance helps them:

- Make strong progress in their learning, as learning builds 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.





# BEAVERS



## 1st Brighstone Beavers 40th Birthday Bake Sale

**Friday 27th March 2026  
3pm in the playground**

As part of our Beavers 40th Birthday Challenges, we are holding a bake sale in aid of our chosen Charity, Brighstone School Association (BSA).

Please come along and support both our local Beaver colony challenge and our School by purchasing our homemade cakes and cookies.



BRIGHSTONE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

# Mothers Day

## GIFTING

Let every Mother feel Special

**Book before: 12th March**

£3 PER GIFT, CLICK LINK TO PURCHASE

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## Like Our Pages!



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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



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](mailto:brighstoneschoolassoc@gmail.com)

Proud to support  
The National Year  
of Reading 2026.

**GO  
ALL  
IN.**



# World Book Day

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dress up as your favourite  
character or wear PJs!

*Visit our local library!*

*Bring a book to swap!*

**Book Quiz!**



# 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	<b>OPTION 1</b>	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
	<b>OPTION 2</b>	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 🌱
	<b>OPTION 3</b>	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	<b>OPTION 4</b>	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	<b>OPTION 1</b> 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
	<b>OPTION 2</b> 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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<b>OPTION 3</b> 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 🌱🐟	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta 🌱🐟
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD					
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	DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD				
DESSERT	Chocolate Caramel Crunch 🌱	Banana Flapjack 🌱🌱	Chocolate Brownie 🌱	Raspberry Jelly 🌱	Strawberry Ice Cream 🌱



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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	<b>OPTION 1</b> 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
	<b>OPTION 2</b> 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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## 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:

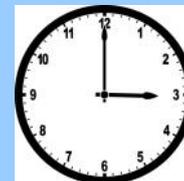
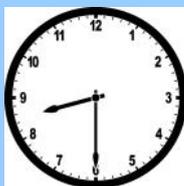
8.25am: Gates open

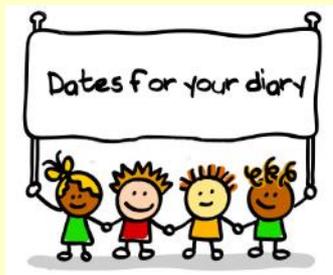
8.30am: School starts

3pm: School ends

3.10pm: Gates close

Many thanks.





### School Term Dates for 2025-2026

Thursday 5th March:	World Book Day
Friday 13th March:	Chance to Shine Cricket Engagement Day (details to follow)
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 4: Monday 1st June 2026

Day 5: Monday 27th July 2026

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