

The Buzz

13th March 2026



Learning and Achieving Through Love,
Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,

The BSA held a successful pop-up **Mothers Day** shop this afternoon. Lots of children enjoyed picking flower pots for the special people in their lives. There are going to be some very happy mums/carers/grans this Sunday! Thank you to the BSA for organising this.

The whole school had a fabulous day on our **Chance to Shine Cricket Engagement Day**. Each class had a workshop with Mr Goldsmith (our cricketing star!), including throwing, batting and fielding activities. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and we definitely spotted some crick-eting stars of the future!



Thank you to those who have contacted us about **Careers Day**. It is fascinating to hear what jobs you all have! Please contact the school office if you would like to help us on that day (or if you know anyone who can come along). This is a great way to show children the different possibilities and opportunities available to them.

Class news



"On Monday, **Bumble Bee children** were challenged to create different sounds using instruments. They were split into seven groups and each group was given an instrument and a page from the story 'The Three Little Pigs'. They had to think about the volume and the sounds that were happening in their part of the story and use their instruments to create some of these sounds."
Miss Sztypuljak



I hope everyone has a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone team

Collective Worship

This half term, the theme is Easter and Lent. This week, we have been learning about when Jesus had the Last Supper with his disciples, and then when he was betrayed by Judas. Our value is community.



We talked about when we might share a special meal with our friends and family, and how this is similar to Jesus when he shared a special Passover meal with his friends. He took the bread and wine to symbolise his body and blood, and gave it to his friends so they would remember him. We looked at Da Vinci's famous painting. Christians all around the world remember this moment when they come together as a community to take Eucharist (also known as Communion or Mass).

We then learnt about when one of Jesus' friends, Judas, decided to betray him. No one knows why. He led the soldiers to the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus was praying, and showed them which one Jesus was by greeting him with a kiss on the cheek, which was the custom then. He had been part of the close community of friends, but he then broke the bond of friendship. It can be difficult to love and forgive those who have made us feel sad or have betrayed us. We could ask for God's help with this.

Lord Jesus,
Thank you for our community
and all the support that
people can bring to each other.
Amen



Father God,
We pray for your strength
when we need to forgive.
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:

wind

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qlRow-k16f4>

Makaton sign	Widgit symbol
	

Poetry Corner

Who Has Seen the Wind?

Who has seen the wind?
 Neither I nor you.
 But when the leaves hang trembling,
 The wind is passing through.
 Who has seen the wind?
 Neither you nor I.
 But when the trees bow down their heads,
 The wind is passing by.

Christina Rossetti



Reading Recommendations

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

This week, Myles recommends *The Guggenheim Mystery* by Robin Stevens.

I recommend this book because it's very mysterious and there's lots of plots in it. The reason why I read it is because I read *The London Eye Mystery* and I really enjoyed it. This is the sequel and it's called *The Guggenheim Mystery* and it's based in New York. There was a smoke bomb that went off in the museum and they thought it was a fire, but it was someone stealing a painting. Kat, Salim and Ted went to go and get ice cream, whilst talking about how they were going to solve this mystery about the smoke bombs and the stolen painting. Please tell us how much you liked it!



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

0808 800 5000

Find out more

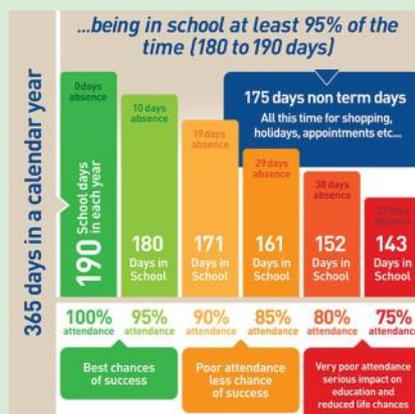
You can contact the NSPCC:
 Or call children's services 01983 823435

Attendance Matters!



Week Commencing 9th March
 (National attendance target: 95%)
 Actual Attendance: 94.53%
 Late marks this week: 8

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



Golden Book

Flower Bee	Ella, Evan, Kobe, Bodhi and Iviee for working so hard this week at reading Ditties with a partner.
Bumble Bee	Arloh M for always going the extra mile during tidy up time and always offering to help. Ilia for her positive attitude when coming into school in the mornings. She comes in with a smile on her face now and is always ready and keen to learn. Harvey for the enormous progress he has made in his writing since the tart of the year. What a super star!
Honey Bee	Bram for super story writing and listening during World Book Day. Noah for working hard in English, to produce some lovely creative writing.
Ivy Bee	Charlie for his excellent choice of vocabulary when describing the setting for "The Smoke Seller" short film. Quinn, Alexander, Oscar S and Lilli for the effort they put into creating their excellent "Create your own adventure" books on World Book Day.
Bee-Haviour	Lilli for showing great resilience.
Sports Bee	Charlotte for a brilliant attitude to learning and her positive engagement in PE.





Brighstone Primary
School's

CAREERS DAY



Would you like to come into school to talk to our children about your job?

Your support could make a real difference in inspiring our children, broadening their horizons and helping them to see the many possibilities open to them in the future.

**Friday 5th June
2026**

Please contact the school office:
office@brighstoneprimary.org.uk
740285

Proud to support
The National Year
of Reading 2026.

**GO
ALL
IN.**

The Scholastic Book Fair is Back Next Week!

We're excited to welcome the Book Fair back to school next week – a great chance to discover some fantastic new books and inspire a love of reading!

Family members are welcome to visit the hall at the following times:

Monday: 3:00–3:30pm

Tuesday: 3:00–6:00pm

Wednesday: 3:00–4:30pm

Friday: After Golden Worship until 9:30am

Please note: Payment is online only by scanning the QR code displayed in the hall (no cash payments).

Don't forget you can also use your World Book Day £1 vouchers!

We only have two copies of each item in school, so it will be first come, first served. If something sells out, don't worry – you can still order it online.

We can't wait to see you there and help our children discover their next favourite book!

#scholasticbookfairs #readingforpleasure #booksarefun

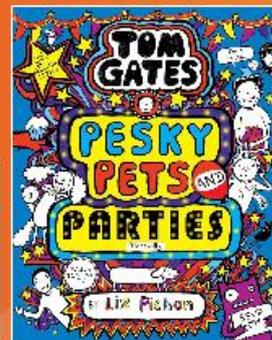
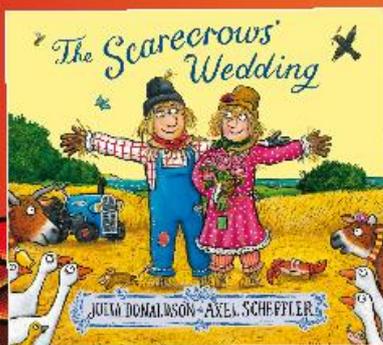
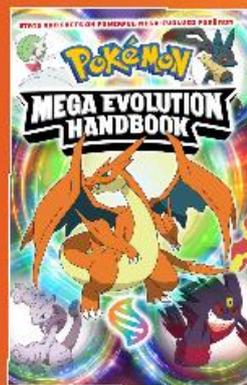
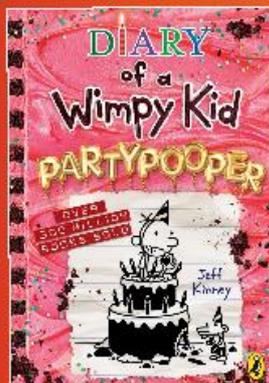
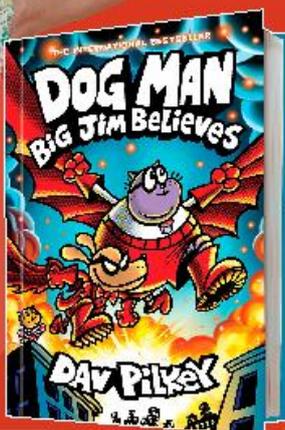


Every book you buy earns **FREE BOOKS** for our school!

COME TO OUR BOOK FAIR

AND FIND YOUR NEXT FAVOURITE READ!

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GO ALL IN.

National Year of Reading 2026

DATE: Monday 16th - Friday 20th March

TIME: 3pm - 3.30pm

LOCATION: School hall. The book fair will be open for the duration of the parents evenings on Tuesday and Wednesday of that week.

Scan to pay securely online!



Writing

We had lots of awards in Golden Worship today for amazing creative writing.

Sometimes, I like to celebrate and share children's writing in the Buzz.

Here is Oscar S's adventure story that he wrote on World Book Day last week, with a little bit of help from Henry. I was particularly impressed with his turns of phrase and vocabulary. He then worked on editing it for punctuation and composition.

It's a bit gruesome in places, but, I am sure you will agree, it's pretty impressive!

O.S
H.P

Even though thirsk consumes you, you carry on because you must find this artifact. You dive into the sea. The Krakon ^{is behind you} but you dodge ^{it} and dive down. A Scellicton catches your eye and you go to him in a panic. A long dagger is clenched in his hands. You steal from him and fight. You rappedly run out of air and, as you almost black out, you swim to the top and breathe. You dive down and pierce ^{ec} the Krakon's eye and a wake of noise engulfs you. ~~and~~ you drop your weapon and cover your ears. ~~and~~ you must fight him bare fists. You see the artifact and, as the Krakon is blinded, you snatch it. You unlock the full power of the artifact and make the Krakon fly in the air and get it pailed on the spikes. ^W when you get to ^{shore} you become the King of the land and great scold consumes you as you rule over the ~~land~~ ^{isle}...

End

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.



EASTER *Competition*

3 competitions:
'Create an Easter garden', 'decorate an Easter bonnet' 'decorate an egg'.
Enter as many categories as you wish.
Prize for each category, for each class.
Bring in on the morning of Friday 27th March.

Brighstone School Association



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Association

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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

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

🌱 Vegetarian
🍷 Vegan
🐟 Oily Fish
🍌 Fruity!
🌾 Wholegrain
🍷 Nutritionist's Choice

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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
	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 🌱
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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



🌱 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
	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 🌱
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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



🌱 Vegetarian 🍷 Vegan 🍷 Oily Fish 🍷 Fruity! 🍷 Wholegrain 🍷 Nutritionist's Choice

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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

- 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:

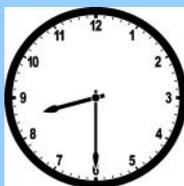
8.25am: Gates open

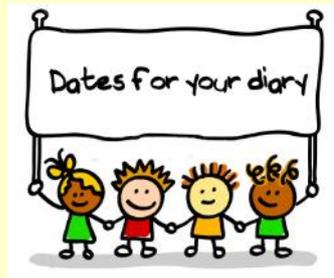
8.30am: School starts

3pm: School ends

3.10pm: Gates close

Many thanks.





School Term Dates for 2025-2026

Monday 16th March:	Scholastic Book Fair all week
Tuesday 17th March:	Parents Evening
Wednesday 18th March:	Parents Evening
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
Thursday 18th - Friday	
19th June:	Y4 residential
Monday 29th June -	
Wednesday 1st July:	Y6 residential
Friday 3rd July:	Y6 Leavers' Service in Portsmouth Cathedral
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