

The Buzz

20th March 2026



Learning and Achieving Through Love,
Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,

Everyone looked resplendent in red today for **Comic Relief**, and we loved your odd socks for **Downs Syndrome Day**. Altogether, school and preschool raised £121.50 to be shared between these two charities. Fantastic!



It was great to see so many children buy books at the **Scholastic Book Fair** this week. Your purchases have resulted in £86 worth of books for the school. Thank you and happy reading!

Class news



"**Honey Bee Class** have been looking at the features of non-chronological reports in reading and, to make the lessons more fun, we have focused on reports about butterflies. We are growing our own painted lady butterflies which we hope to release on the last day of term. Bram and Holly have been photographing each stage from tiny caterpillars to (we hope) beautiful butterflies. We shall use these in our own report. As they read the texts, they can cross reference for real the development of a butterfly and really understand the technical language used. Watch this space for butterfly release photos!!" Mrs Johnstone



"**Bumble Bee class** have been using the story 'Dogs in Disguise' for our English learning journey. It has already been good fun! So far we've found a dog disguised as Mrs Jones and the next day the same dog dressed up as a ballerina!

We've also been working on our phonic sounds to help the Year 1s get more confident. The Year 2 children have been making their own aliens and giving them names, using digraphs and trigraphs. The Year 1s have then been challenged to read them. They did a great job!" 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 was crucified, and then when the risen Jesus met Mary. The values are dignity and joy.



Jesus knew that when people do wrong things there is a price to be paid. Jesus was the sacrifice, and he paid the debt with his life on the cross. He did not fight back; he showed dignity.

This is why that the cross is the most important symbol for Christians. It reminds them that Jesus gave everything that he had so that anyone who asks God for forgiveness will have a new start.



Mary Magdalene had been there at the cross when Jesus was crucified. She was the first of Jesus' friends to go to the tomb where his body had been laid. Mary was the first person Jesus appeared to after he was raised to life again, and she was the one that Jesus asked to go and tell others the joyful news.

Lord Jesus,

Thank you for Mary Magdalene,
for her courage, her loyalty
and her compassion.
When we are tempted to run away, to give
up or forget our friends,
help us to remember her example.

Amen



Inclusion

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

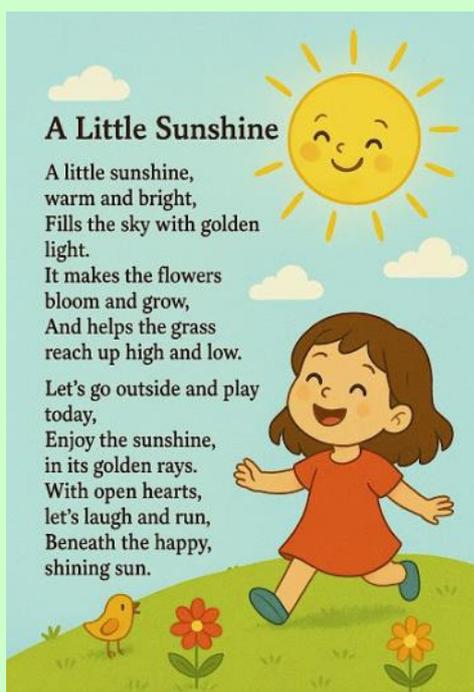
This week, our word is:

ice cream

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7xx1W79tKVo>

Makaton sign	Widgit symbol
 <p style="font-size: small;">Mime licking ice cream</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Ice Cream</p>	

Poetry Corner



A Little Sunshine

A little sunshine,
warm and bright,
Fills the sky with golden
light.

It makes the flowers
bloom and grow,
And helps the grass
reach up high and low.

Let's go outside and play
today,
Enjoy the sunshine,
in its golden rays.
With open hearts,
let's laugh and run,
Beneath the happy,
shining sun.

Reading Recommendations

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

This week, Annie recommends *Skandar and the Unicorn Thief* by A. F. Steadman.

I recommend this book because it has a lot of adventure and it's a tiny bit scary. It's has a lot of chaos in it. It's about a boy called Skandar who is destined to a unicorn and he opens the hatchery door and, little does he know, he's destined to be a spirit wielder.

There is a twist: the unicorns are blood-thirsty.

I can't possibly say any more without spoiling 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

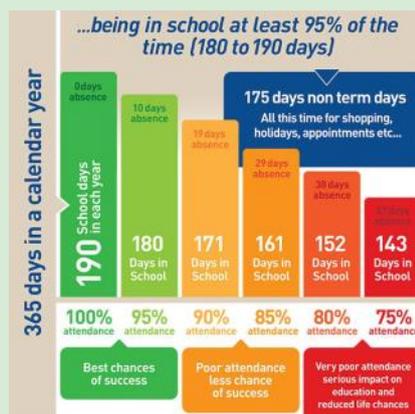
Find out more

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

Attendance Matters!



Week Commencing 16th March
(National attendance target: 95%)
Actual Attendance: 95.20%
Late marks this week: 8



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



Match Report

On Tuesday afternoon, our U11 Netball team headed to Cowes Enterprise College for the Cowes Cluster Netball Tournament.

Our first game, against Lanesend, saw us go 1-0 up before half time, with Fred on the scoresheet, before Hugh doubled the advantage in the second half to see us to a 2-0 win.

Next up was Shalfleet - Fred grabbed his second goal of the afternoon, before a double from Maddie took us to a 3-0 victory.

A close match with Gurnard A followed - there were goals for Hugh and Fred and great defending and link-up play from Flo, Lilli and Maddie, which was enough to see us to a 2-1 win.

The passing, moving and marking was really flowing by this point as a 5-0 victory over Gurnard B followed - Hugh scoring a hat-trick, with goals also for Fred and Lilli.

Our final game was against an impressive Hunnyhill side, who finished the afternoon in second place. Our opponents took an early lead, but our heads didn't drop, Maddie on target to level the scores before Hugh made it back-to-back hat-tricks to end with a phenomenal 4-1 victory.

Five wins from five matches meant that the team finished as tournament winners and will now play in the IW Finals next month.

All five players showed fantastic skill, determination and sportsmanship and should be very proud of their efforts!



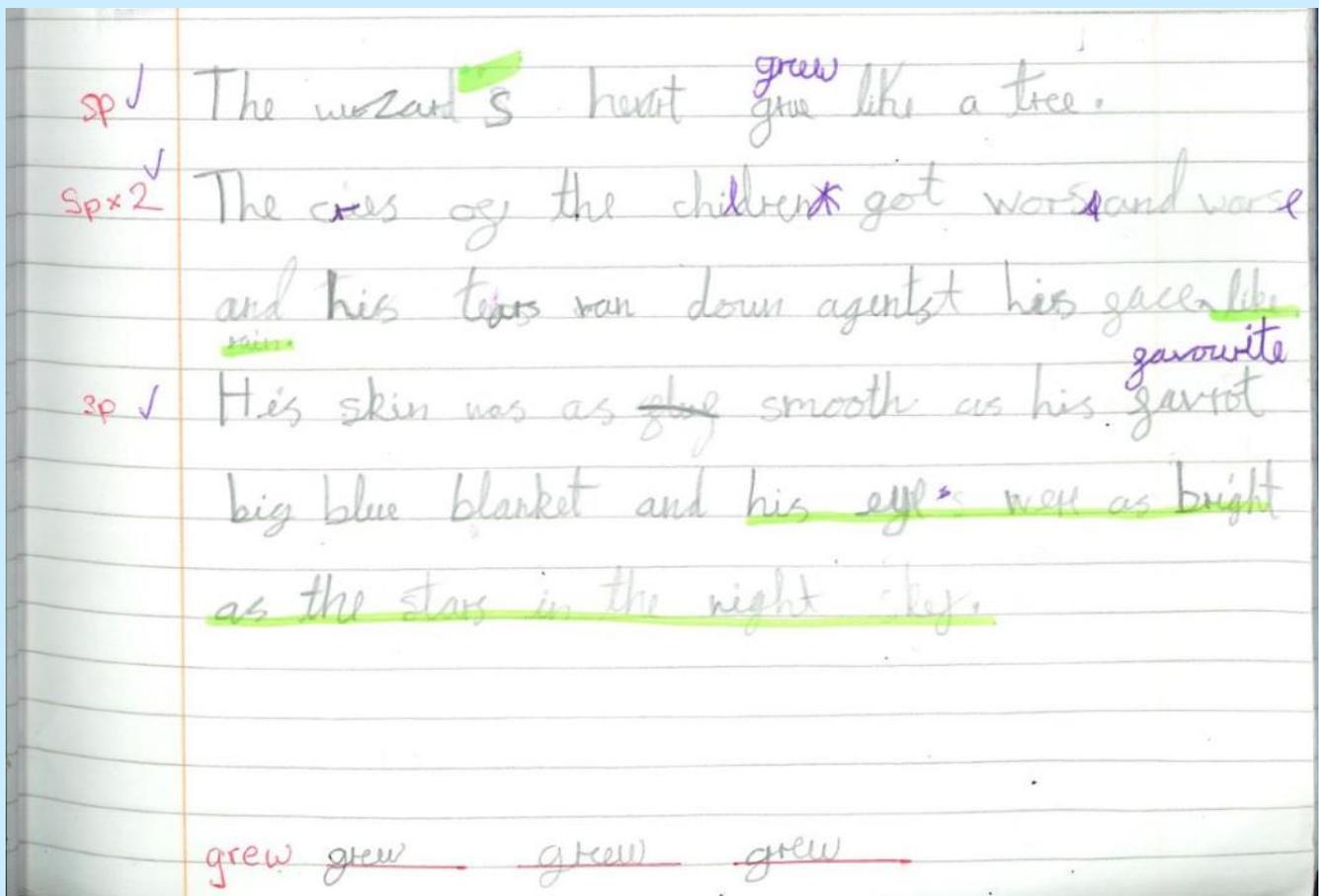


Wonderful Writing



I always love going around the classes to see the children's learning, and they are always very proud to show me their work.

This week's Wonderful Writing is by Ellie in Honey Bee class, who was particularly proud of her writing. Her use of effective vocabulary is excellent, and she has made great progress with her spellings and handwriting. I am sure you will agree when you read it.



Well done, Ellie!



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

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.



BSA

BRIGHSTONE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Meeting and AGM

MONDAY 23 MARCH 19:00

BRIGHSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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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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

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

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🌱 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 🌱
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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 🌱🐟	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



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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
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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:

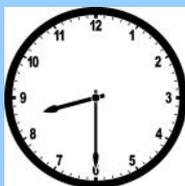
8.25am: Gates open

8.30am: School starts

3pm: School ends

3.10pm: Gates close

Many thanks.





School Term Dates for 2025-2026

Friday 27th March:	Last day of term; BSA Easter competition; Easter service; Beaver Bake Sale
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

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