

The Buzz

27th March 2026



Learning and Achieving Through Love,
Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,



This week we took part in some fun Easter activities. Yesterday we held our traditional **Easter 'egg' hunt**, during which the children run around the field searching for multilink cubes in their hive colours. The hive with the most cubes at the end won. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves!

Lots of children very proudly brought in their entries for the **BSA Easter competition**. There were tables full of amazing, colourful and creative Easter bonnets, Easter gardens and decorated eggs. Reverend Jackie, Richard, Jo, the head pupils (Flo, Hugh, Henry and Martha) and I had a very difficult time judging them. All the entrants won a packet of sweets, and the winners won a bag of Easter goodies. Well done to everyone - you are all very talented! See the BSA's Facebook page.



Following the judging, we made our way over to St Mary's Church for our **Easter service**. Each class told a different part of the Easter story, from Palm Sunday when Jesus entered Jerusalem to Easter Sunday when he rose again. The whole congregation (parents and family members as well) joined in enthusiastically with the singing (especially Lord of the Dance)! Thank you to Reverend Jackie for leading the service, and to Peter and Keith for being our musicians.



It was a very colourful service, due to everyone being in 'unicorn' colours, rainbow 'brights' and sparkles. This was in aid of **Tula**, the little girl with leukaemia. We raised over £265, which is an incredible amount. I know that Tula's parents will be so grateful, so a huge thank you to everyone for your generosity.

To round off the day, the Beavers and Cubs held a **bake sale** in aid of the BSA. This is part of their year-long challenge of 40 challenges for their 40th birthday. This was a very popular event, with the queue winding its way around Reception's outside area. A fantastic £107.50 was raised for the BSA! See p5 for more info and photos of the delicious cakes.

You will have received two letters yesterday, from myself and from Sarah Turvill, Chair of Governors, informing you of my decision to step down from my role as **headteacher of Brighstone Primary** at the end of this academic year. It has been a true privilege to serve this school and to be part of such a warm, dedicated and inspiring community. Thank you for all your kind messages, which truly mean a lot.

Class news

"Inspired by the Coat of Hopes visit, Flower Bee class discussed the things that we hope for in the world. The children were really thoughtful and some already knew about the problems of rubbish and plastics in the oceans, animals becoming extinct and deforestation. The children drew their hopes onto fabric and sewed them onto our class blanket." Mrs Cousins



I hope everyone has a lovely Easter.

With best wishes,

Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone team

More photos
on Facebook!

Please be reminded that our gates close
at 3.10pm for safeguarding reasons.

Collective Worship



This half term, the theme is Easter and Lent. This week, we have been learning about when the risen Jesus met Thomas, and then when he ascended to heaven. The values are wisdom and hope.



Even if we are not able to see that something exists, it doesn't mean that it isn't real. The definition of 'belief' is to accept something is true even without the proof of seeing or touching it.



We listened to Thomas' account of when his fellow disciples told him about Jesus appearing to them in the locked room (thank you, Alice, for reading this). He didn't believe them because he hadn't seen him with his own eyes. It was only when Jesus appeared to him and Thomas could see the marks where the nails were and the mark in his side that he believed.

"Blessed are those who have never seen me but still believe."

We then heard about when Jesus ascended to heaven after he had spent time with his friends. Before he went, Jesus told them that he was sending them out into all the world to tell others about him.



I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.

Send us out
In the power of your Spirit
To live and work
To your praise and glory.
In the name of Christ, 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:

my turn, your turn

Makaton sign

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aVAG-97INbo>

Widgit symbol



Poetry Corner

Easter Morning Light

Easter morning wakes the land,
With gentle sun and blossoms grand.
Hope arrives on feathered wings,
In pastel skies, new joy it brings.

The stone is moved, the shadows flee,
Love restores what's meant to be.
From quiet dawn to songs of cheer,
New life whispers, Hope is here.



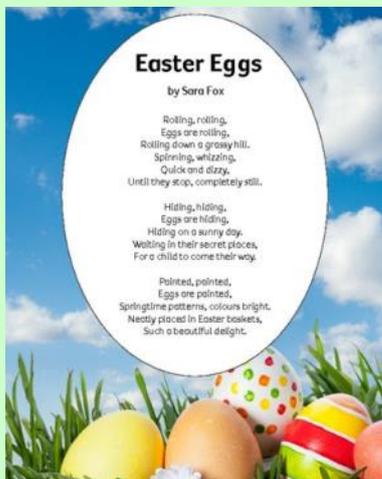
Easter Eggs

by Sara Fox

Rolling, rolling,
Eggs are rolling,
Rolling down a grassy hill,
Spinning, whizzing,
Quick and dizzy,
Until they stop, completely still.

Hiding, hiding,
Eggs are hiding,
Hiding on a sunny day,
Waiting in their secret spots,
For a child to come their way.

Painted, painted,
Eggs are painted,
Springtime patterns, colours bright,
Neatly placed in Easter baskets,
Such a beautiful delight.



Reading Recommendations

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

This week, Sam recommends The Official 2026 Saints Annual.

I recommend this book because some people really like football and it's a really good book to read because it's got word puzzles, so if you don't want to read you can do the puzzles. If you go to the Southampton stadium, you can get it signed by all the players, like I have!



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

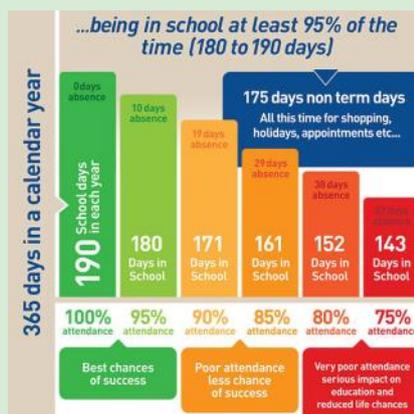
Find out more

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

Attendance Matters!



Week Commencing 23rd March
(National attendance target: 95%)
Actual Attendance: 94.57%
Late marks this week: 3



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



Martha's Badge Sale

Following Martha's badge sale, we are delighted to announce that she (with a little help from her sister Holly) raised an amazing £107 for the Pop Up Soup Kitchen.

A huge thank you to everyone who bought a badge (some even commissioned their own bespoke badges!). Everyone's generosity was truly appreciated.

Last weekend, Trevor from the Pop Up Soup Kitchen met Martha and Holly to personally say thank you. The funds raised will go towards providing tents and sleeping bags for those in need. As a special gesture, fabric labels featuring the girls' names have been created and will be sewn into the items, so recipients can see who helped make a difference.

He is hoping to visit the school before the end of term to speak to the children about his work, health permitting.

Martha's parents state: "We are incredibly proud of her for coming up with such a thoughtful idea, seeking permission, and organising everything independently (with a little support). It was wonderful to see her so engaged - chatting, asking questions, and learning more about the people being helped. Trevor even joked that one day he might be handing over the keys to the soup lorry when she passes her driving test!"

A huge well done to Martha (and Holly for helping) - what an amazing and inspiring thing to do!





Wonderful Writing



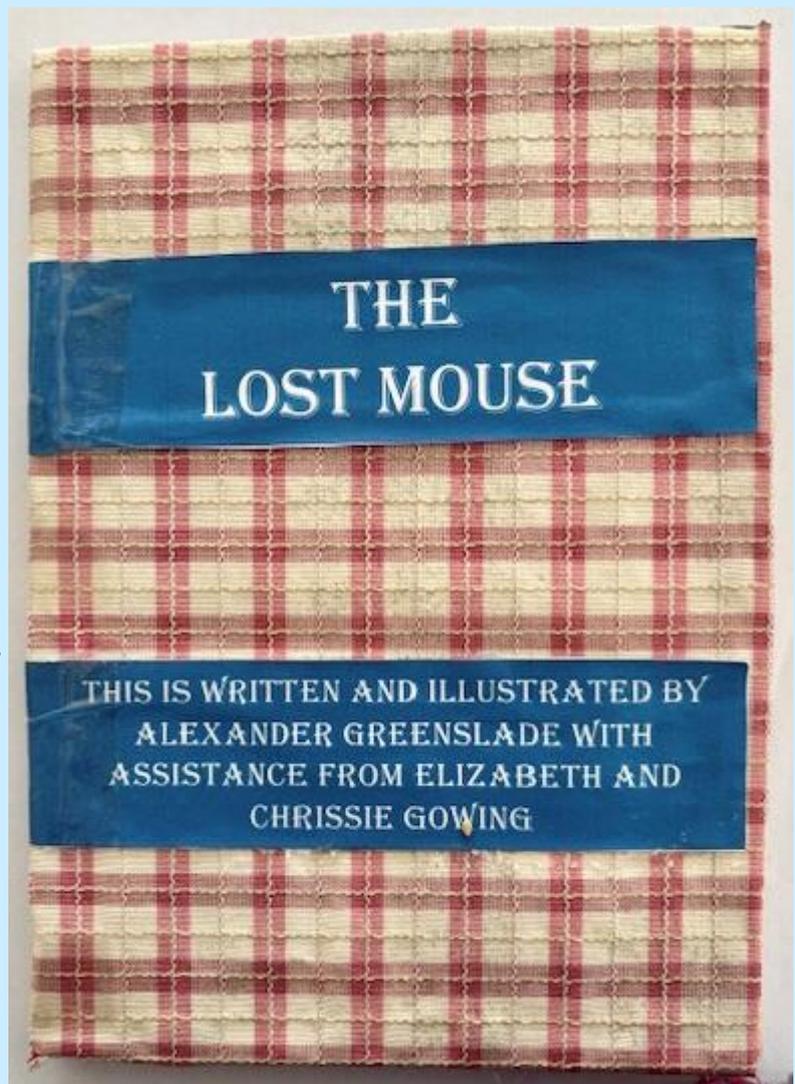
This week's Wonderful Writing is by Alexander in Ivy Bee class, who is very excited to announce that he is having a book published.

Alexander in Ivy Bee class has written a book! Starting as homework exercise when he was learning about 'the hero's journey' model of storytelling last term, he has planned out, written, and edited a fourteen-chapter, 1320 word story called 'The Lost Mouse'. He is currently completing the illustrations for it, has registered it for an ISBN, and it will be available to buy on Amazon (for free!) from next week.

This is the 'blurb' from the back cover:

"At the north pole there are three mice: Mitchel, Mellontine and Mike. On a windy night, Santa and his friends are having fun and all of a sudden, the big wheel of cheese slips and off it went. Where does it go? Mike and his friend set off on a mission of a lifetime."

(Thank you to Caroline, Alexander's mum, for this report.)



Match Report
by Mr Goldsmith

On Tuesday afternoon, our U11 football teams headed to St Saviour's, braving some incredibly blustery and wet conditions to play in a tournament to round off our football season.

The boys played their games first - a five-goal thriller against St Saviour's being the opening fixture. Reece scored the first two goals, with Jake scoring what turned out to be the winner as we started the day with a 3-2 victory. The boys' other fixture came against Freshwater & Yarmouth, our opponents coming out on top in a close contest by 1-0 scoreline.

The girls then had their fixtures, also beginning against St Saviour's. Maddie scored twice as we began with a 2-2 draw against our hosts. The girls' second fixture was another end-to-end match, against Freshwater & Yarmouth - Bethan scoring a brilliant goal to secure a 1-1 draw.

Well done to all the players that have represented the school at football this season, and thanks to Sam for taking the photos at Tuesday's tournament!





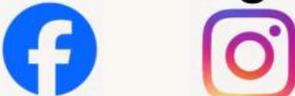
The Beavers and Cubs held their Bake Sale after school today, as part of their 40 challenges for their 40th birthday.

They organised this bake sale to raise money for the BSA, and raised an incredible **£107.50!**

A huge thank you to the Beavers and Cubs, Laura, Denise and Sam for organising it, and all of you who bought cakes.



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Brighstone School
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



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

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.

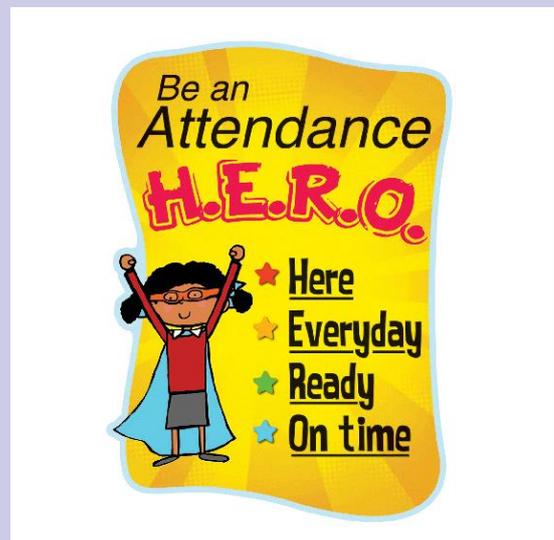
Attendance H.E.R.O Campaign (Here Everyday Ready On-time) Winner Announced!

This half term, the campaign continued. Every child had the opportunity to become an Attendance Hero. For each full week in school, children earned an entry into our prize draw. We know that illness can't be helped, so this meant that every child had a chance to win by showing great commitment whenever they were able to attend.

We are absolutely delighted to announce that the winner of our Attendance Hero Campaign for this half term is Tahnee from Year 2!

She has won an amazing pass for four people to Blackgang Chine- Land of Imagination. We hope she has a great time making memories over the Easter break! Thank you to the team at Blackgang for supporting our campaign this half-term!

Thank you to all of our pupils and families for supporting great attendance this half-term. Every day really does make a difference. Let's keep aiming high and reaching for our dreams next half term!



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!

New menu for spring and summer!

		SPRING/SUMMER 2026 MENU				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges 🍷	Beef Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta 🍷🍷	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🍷	I.O.W Pork Sausages with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Fish Fingers with Chips
	OR					
	OPTION 2	BBQ Vegetable Wrap with Wholegrain Rice 🍷🍷🍷	Vegetarian Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta 🍷🍷🍷	Roast BBQ Quorn with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🍷	Macaroni Cheese 🍷🍷	Quorn Dippers with Chips 🍷
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	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta 🍷🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta 🍷🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta 🍷🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta 🍷🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta 🍷🍷
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD						
DELI	OPTION 4	Jacket Potato Choice of either Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna 🍷	Baguettes Choice of either Ham, Cheese or Tuna 🍷	Jacket Potato Choice of either Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna 🍷	Baguettes Choice of either Ham, Cheese or Tuna 🍷	Jacket Potato Choice of either Baked Beans, Cheese or Tuna 🍷
	DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD					
DESSERT		Chocolate Brownie 🍷	Oat Cookie 🍷	Strawberry Shortcake Mousse	Vanilla Slice with Melon Wedges 🍷	Chocolate Ice Cream

BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY
With a choice of toppings 🍷🍷

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.

SPRING/SUMMER 2026 MENU

WEEK 2

W/C: 20/04/2026, 11/05/2026, 08/06/2026, 29/06/2026, 20/07/2026

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges 🍷	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken and Vegetable Korma with Wholegrain Rice 🍷	Fish Fingers with Chips
		OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
	OPTION 2	Tex Mex Vegetable Fajita with Wholegrain Rice 🍷 🍷	Beany Vegetable Burger with Potato Wedges 🍷 🍷	Bean and Cheese Pastry Turnover with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🍷	Macaroni Cheese 🍷 🍷	Quorn Dippers with Chips 🍷
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	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta 🍷 🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta 🍷 🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta 🍷 🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta 🍷 🍷	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Wholewheat Pasta 🍷 🍷
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD						
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	DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD					
DESSERT		Banana Oat Bite 🍷	Lemon Cookie 🍷	Caramel Mousse	Chocolate Brownie 🍷	Strawberry Ice Cream



BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY
With a choice of toppings 🍷 🍷



AVAILABLE DAILY
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SPRING/SUMMER 2026 MENU

WEEK 3

W/C: 27/04/2026, 18/05/2026, 15/06/2026, 06/07/2026, 27/07/2026

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Pasta Salad 🍷 🍷	All Day Breakfast with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🍷	Lasagne with Garlic Bread 🍷 🍷	Fish Fingers with Chips
		OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
	OPTION 2	Veggie Meat Feast Pizza with Pasta Salad 🍷 🍷	Cheesy Bean Burrito with Wholegrain Rice 🍷 🍷 🍷	Vegetarian Cottage Pie with Gravy 🍷 🍷	Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread 🍷 🍷 🍷	Quorn Dippers with Chips 🍷
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HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD						
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	DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD					
DESSERT		Custard Shortbread with Melon Wedges 🍷	Strawberry Jelly	Chocolate Mousse	Vanilla Ice Cream	Banana Flapjack 🍷



BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY
With a choice of toppings 🍷 🍷



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:

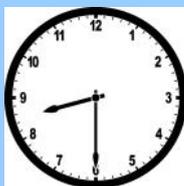
8.25am: Gates open

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.brightstoneprimary.org.uk/calendar/>