

The Buzz

6th March 2026



Learning and Achieving Through Love,
Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,



What a fantastic day we had for **World Book Day** yesterday. We had lots of Harry Potter characters, James Bond, Jurassic Park, an amazing frog, a mermaid, the witch from Room on a Broom, a police officer, Belle from Beauty and the Beast, the Highway Rat, Cruella de Vil and a very trusting Dalmatian, and lots more! Each class visited the village library where Boni led different story-telling sessions, and Ivy Bees also had the opportunity to visit the village museum. Thank you to Miriam for helping with this.



In the afternoon, we held a whole school Book Quiz, where the children worked in their Hive teams to answer a wide range of book-related questions. The final scores were very close, but well done to Yellow hive for being the winners.



There were lots of other book activities taking place in classrooms throughout the day. Thank you and well done to all of you. Visit our Facebook page for lots of amazing photos.



On Tuesday we welcomed the **Coat of Hopes** to school. The Coat of Hopes is a patchwork coat on an ongoing walking pilgrimage through the UK towards the end of the climate and ecological emergency. It has been made by and worn and walked by many hundreds of people on a journey on foot of over 1900 miles so far. It carries people's hopes for the places they live, sewn into the blanket patches of which it is made. Reverend Jackie brought it along and talked to the children about what it represents. The children were full of awe and wonder as they heard its story. <https://www.coatofhopes.uk/>



Today we welcomed Olivia from the Mountbatten Hospice, who talked to the children about this year's **Walk the Wight**. All the children are very inspired to raise as much money as possible (we want to win the schools' trophy for the most money raised!). If you would like to take part, sign up on the following link: <https://www.mountbatten.org.uk/schoolswalkthewight2026>

Class news



"Today in **Bumble Bee class** the children started their sewing unit in DT. We learnt all about running stitch and some of the class had a go at using animal templates and Binca to practise on. There was some excellent perseverance going on and some very happy faces with their accomplishments. We will carry on next week for those that didn't get a chance today.



We also had a visit from some Year 5 and 6s who have been busy writing adventure stories. They came to read them to Bumble Bee Class. It was lovely to see how well they all got on and how much the Bumble Bees enjoyed having them read to them." Miss Stzypuljak



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

Collective Worship

This half term, the theme is Easter and Lent. This week, we have been learning about when Jesus cleared the temple. Our value this week is peace.



We heard the story of when Jesus was angry when he saw all the people making

What do you think the men in the picture are saying to Jesus?



What do you think Jesus is saying to them?

money from people who were going to the temple to pray. He upturned the tables because he believed that the temple should have been a peaceful place where people could pray, not a place where stallholders made money and exploited the people.

Why are they so angry?

Why is he so angry?

Do you have a place where you go to for peace? How do you feel when you are there? What do you think about?



Lord Jesus,

Thank you for places of peace, where our minds can be still and our hearts can be open to you.

Amen



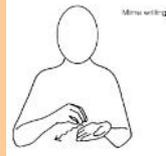
Inclusion

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

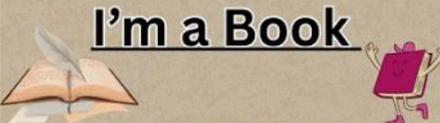
This week, our word is:

to draw

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RX2BEnODb70>

Makaton sign	Widgit symbol
	

Poetry Corner



I'm a Book

I'm a book, simple and small,
With stories waiting for you
to call.
Each page you turn will
take you far,
To places where dreams and
wonders are.
Open me up, start your ride,
Find new worlds where
you can hide.
I'm here for you, day and night,
A friend who always
brings delight.



Reading Recommendations

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

This week, Quinn recommends *Wolf Man* by S. P. Gates.

I recommend this book because it's very creepy and it's about a wolf pack which gets attacked by two rogue wolves with supernatural powers. Animal-mind reader Meriel and Nathan are trying to work out what these rogue wolves are because they don't seem to be normal wolves because Meriel can't read their minds.

I just really like the book because it's half a mystery book and half an action book.

I got this book from the Book Bus Stop in Freshwater. This is where I have got two really good books. It is a bus stop where you can go in and pick any book from inside and take it away for free and keep it. You could also put lots in so others can read them.



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

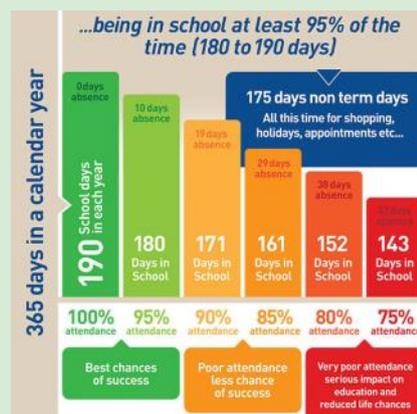
Find out more

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

Attendance Matters!



Week Commencing 2nd March
(Whole school attendance target: 96.5%
Actual Attendance: 93.6%
Late marks this week: 10



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



Golden Book

Bumble Bee	Forbes and Ellis for showing superb listening skills and teamwork when making their castles. Darcie for settling in so well to Bumble Bee Class.
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This morning's Golden Worship was replaced by a presentation from Olivia from The Earl Mountbatten Hospice about this year's Walk the Wight.

Certificates were given out for those who missed last week.





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.**

Yesterday, when we visited the village library, Boni told us about this competition for World Book Day. Many of the children are now inspired to have a go at writing their own small stories, and some even made some up yesterday.

I was particularly amused by Hudson's small story that he made up as soon as he saw the poster in the window:

"Once upon a time absolutely nothing happened whatsoever, the end."

What a fantastic, funny story!

WORLD BOOK DAY NATIONAL YEAR OF READING 2026 **GO ALL IN.**

SMALL STORIES COMPETITION

PICK UP AN ENTRY FORM FROM YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY

RUNS FROM MARCH 5 - APRIL 4

CAN YOU WRITE US A STORY USING JUST 10 WORDS?

AGE LIMIT 16 YEARS

GRAND PRIZE GIVING EVENT!

LIBRARIES ACROSS THE ISLAND ARE JOINING IN!

PRIZES TO BE WON!

Isle of Wight Council

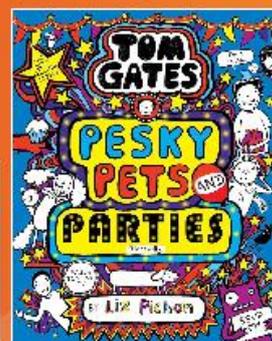
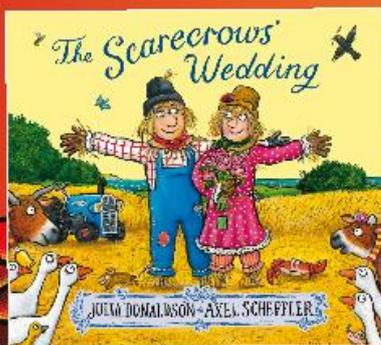
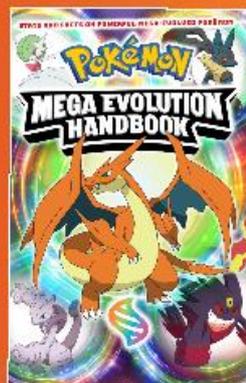
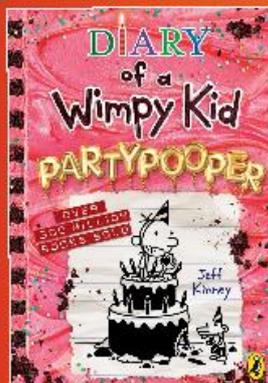
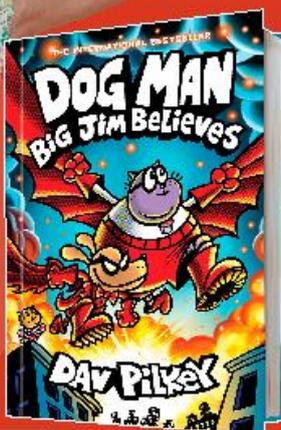
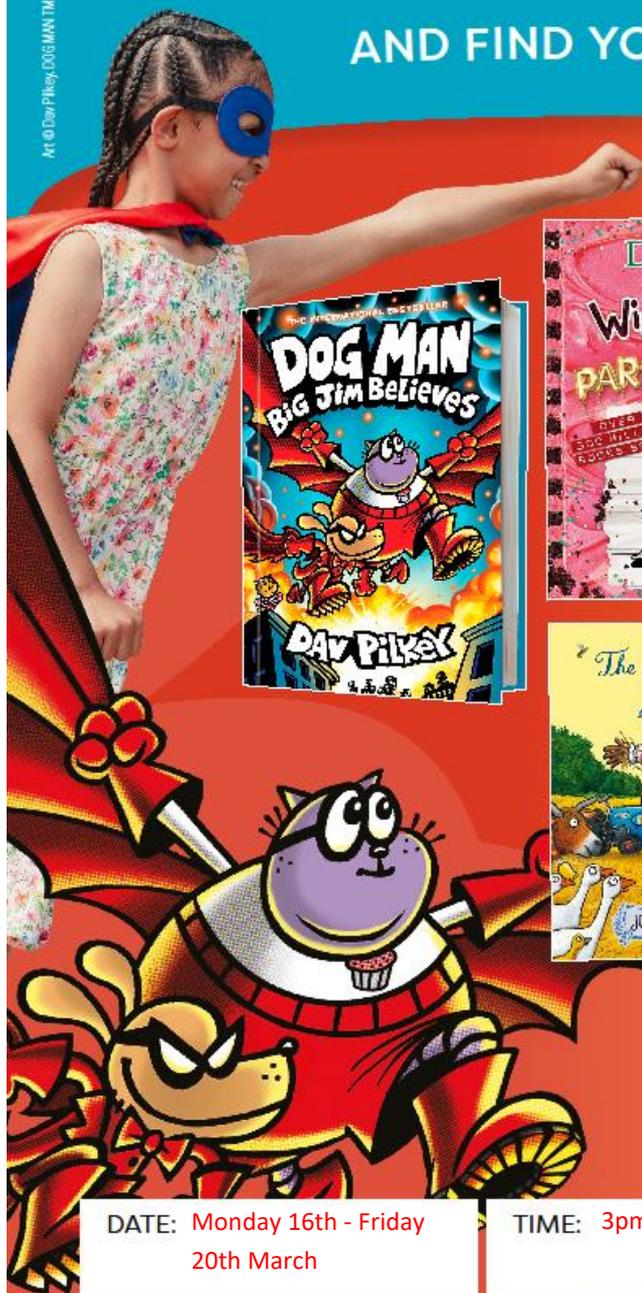
SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

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!



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.





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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

🌱 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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	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
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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:

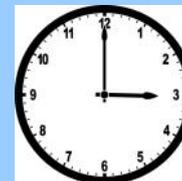
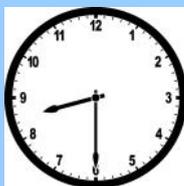
8.25am: Gates open

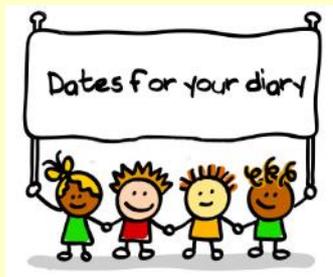
8.30am: School starts

3pm: School ends

3.10pm: Gates close

Many thanks.





School Term Dates for 2025-2026

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
Thursday 18th - Friday 19th June:	Y4 residential
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