

The Buzz

1st May 2026



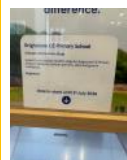
Learning and Achieving Through Love,
Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,

On Monday, we had our second visit from the **Playground Proms** musicians. Their aim was to increase children's appreciation of classical music. Their crazy antics and amazing skills enthralled the whole school and they took only an hour to convince everyone that classical music isn't boring - it's great fun! The children also had the opportunity to sing the song that they had learnt with Hamish last week, accompanied by the musicians. They sounded fantastic. Well done to everyone!



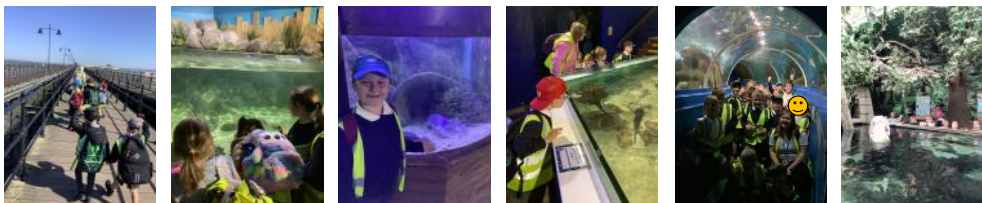
Thank you to all those who took part in the **Relax Kids workshop**. It sounded like it was a great success and an enjoyable session.



The school governors have made it their mission to raise funds to replace our (very) old stage! This has served us well over the years, but we would like to replace it with a new, lightweight, easy-to-use modern one. We have been chosen to be part of the **Tesco Stronger Starts** customer votes scheme and have the opportunity to receive a grant of £1500 towards our project. You can help us by dropping a blue token (or more) into our box every time you visit Tesco Freshwater. We will be featured for the next three months so plenty of time to vote! (Thank you to Emily for organising this.)

Class news

"This week **Bumble Bee class** went to the Blue Reef Aquarium. The children have been learning all about ocean life as part of their English and Science journeys. The children were fantastic at sharing the facts they already knew about sea creatures and also learnt lots more! We were incredibly impressed with their 'Bee-haviour', and two members of the public also complimented them. Well done team Bumble Bee class!" Miss Sztypuljak



I hope everyone has a lovely Bank Holiday weekend, and we look forward to seeing you back on Tuesday.

With best wishes, Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone team

More photos
on Facebook!

Collective Worship

This half term, the theme is The Parables of Jesus. This week, we have been learning about The Good Samaritan. The value is community.



We explored the question: "Who is my neighbour?" We discussed that it could be the person who lives next door to you, the people who live in your neighbourhood, the people who belong to the same club as you, your school friends, other people you know, and even people who you don't know!

Helena then read the Parable of the Good Samaritan. In the story, it was surprising that the Samaritan helped the Jew. Jesus told this parable to teach his followers that our neighbours may not be just like us, and they may not even live near us, but we can reach out and help anyone in need.



We thought about all the different ways in which we could help people who need it, and why they might need help, and added in words such as 'ill', 'lonely', and 'unhappy' to the prayer on the right. Can you think of any other words that could be used? Why else might people need our help?



Good Neighbours Prayer



Father God,
Even when it is difficult, give us the strength
we need to:
Love our ... neighbour,
our ... neighbour,
our ... neighbour.
And in so doing to follow the example of Jesus
your son,
Who loved with an everlasting love and gave
his life for the world.

Amen

Love your ... neighbour.





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:
(They love playing on the swing!)

swing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qfso85sd0tA>

Makaton sign	Widgit symbol
	

Poetry Corner

Under the Sea



Under the sea,
so deep and blue,
swims a fish and
a dolphin, too.
Crabs go crawling
side to side.



Turtles on waves
enjoy the ride.
Starfish sparkle
soft and slow.
Oh, what wonders
the oceans show!



Reading Recommendations

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

This week, Kobe recommends *Tractors in Space* by Ross MacKay and Alex Willmore.

I recommend this book because there are tractors in space and they land on the moon. They met racing tractors; a green and a purple one. The blue tractor was watching the yellow one, the purple one and the red one. Their names are Big Digger tractor, Purple Race tractor and Big Red. The blue tractor is the main one who was watching all the other tractors in space. The blue tractor's exhaust pipe got blocked and all the other tractors helped him by unblocking the stones from the exhaust pipe.



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

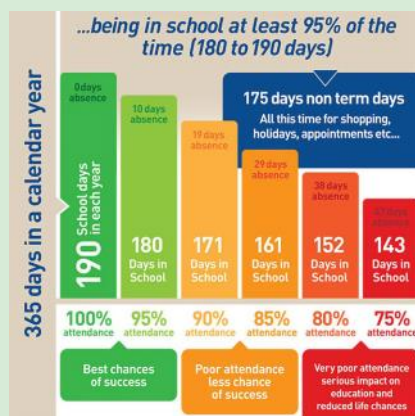
Find out more

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

Attendance Matters!



Week Commencing 20th April
(National attendance target: 95%)
Actual Attendance: 95.56%
Late marks this week: 6

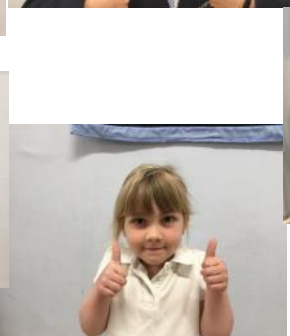
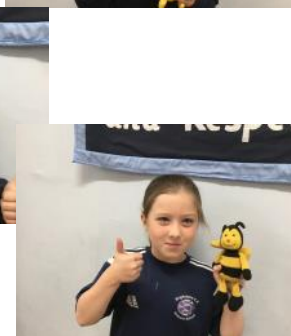


<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for->



Golden Book

Flower Bee	Cleo for being kind and patient towards her friends.
Bumble Bee	Elsie-Jayne for great concentration in maths when counting in 5s. Florie for such a massive improvement in her behaviour during learning time and for working so hard in every activity asked of her. Ralph for joining in more during music and dance activities and not being afraid to try new things.
Honey Bee	Erin for listening carefully and using excellent strategies that have helped her to succeed in learning about fractions this week. I have been very impressed. Holly for having a super attitude to learning. You are so conscientious, diligent and eager to learn Holly, you take such responsibility for your learning and this shows in the super progress that you have made.
Ivy Bee	Samuel for the concentration he put into writing his paragraph sentences. Myles for the determination he is showing in the run up to SATs.
Bee-Haviour	Poppy for showing real perseverance in origami club. Ellie for taking it upon herself to learn Origami at home – practise makes progress!
Sports Bee	Helena for fantastic relay baton changeover work during Athletics in PE.



Focus on Attendance

Learning builds step-by-step, day-by-day, week-by-week. When children miss school, even just a day or two, it can create gaps that are hard to catch up on.

Of course, illness can't be helped but regular attendance really matters. It helps children not only grow academically, but also develop important life skills like routine, resilience, and responsibility. Let's continue to work together to give every child the best chance to succeed, because every day really does count.





**BSA
Volunteers
needed!**

**MAY
9th**
11:00-1900

*Wolverton Folk
and Blues Fair*

Putting tent up on Fri // Serving **CAKES** at our **BSA
TEA TENT** on Sat - shifts 11-2, 2-5 or 5-7 // Taking
tent down on Sun

**Let Jenny/Sarah/ Richard
know if you can help!**

brighstoneschoolassoc@gmail.com

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BSA TEA TENT AT WOLVERTON
BAKERS WE NEED YOU!

*Fresh 'n' Sweet
BAKERS*

**Home made
are best
sellers!**

**In return for coming
to school in non-
uniform clothes on
FRIDAY 8 MAY, we
need:**

- Cupcakes - all colours
- Cookies - all flavours
- and **CAKES:**
 - Victoria Sponges
 - Chocolate Cakes
 - Coffee & Walnut
 - Lemon Drizzle... or any cake that you love bake!

**Please bring cakes to Brighstone Primary on Friday 8 May or
Wolverton on Saturday 9 May 2026, BSA Tea Tent**

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

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Facebook & Instagram

**Search for
Brighstone School
Association**

**It's never too late to keep
up with our latest news!**

**BSA Astra Recycling
Clothing Bank**

We take...
Clothes,
Shoes,
Bed Linen,
Accessories
(Such as
belts, hats
& handbags)
Soft Toys

**We can't
take...**
Duvelts or
Cushions,
Off Cuts,
Carpet or
Curtains

Located in school entrance car park



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

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 **Good luck!**

Please note that, due to the Bank Holiday, Monday's menu will be provided on Tuesday 5th May. Therefore, it will be pizza or BBQ vegetable wrap instead of the Bolognese.

SPRING/SUMMER 2026 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 Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy 🍷	I.O.W Pork Sausages with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Fish Fingers with Chips
	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 🍷
	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

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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.

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
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	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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	DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD					
DESSERT		Banana Oat Bite 🍷	Lemon Cookie 🍷	Caramel Mousse	Chocolate Brownie 🍷	Strawberry Ice Cream



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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 🍷 🍷



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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:

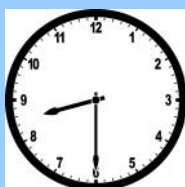
8.25am: Gates open

8.30am: School starts

3pm: School ends

3.10pm: Gates close

Many thanks.





School Term Dates for 2025-2026

Saturday 9th May:	Wolverton Folk and Blues Fair (BSA tea tent)
Sunday 10th May:	Walk the Wight
Mon 11th - Thurs 14th May:	Y6 SATs
Tuesday 12th May:	Bumble Bee trip to Carisbrooke Castle
Friday 22nd May:	Last day of term
Monday 1st June:	INSET day - school closed
Tuesday 2nd June:	Back to school
Friday 5th June:	Careers Day
Saturday 13th June:	Shorwell Midsummer Fair (country dancing)
Thurs 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 17th July:	BSA Summer Sizzler
Saturday 18th July:	BHS Summer Show (country dancing)
Friday 24th July:	Last day of term; Summer Shindig

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

Flower Bee class

Proud to support
The National Year
of Reading 2026.

**GO
ALL
IN.**

Over the past two weeks, Flower Bee class have been exploring their favourite storybooks. The children have loved sharing their treasured books from home—some even bravely read their stories aloud to the class.

What made this experience even more magical was the wonderful involvement from families. We've received photos, messages, and even videos of parents sharing their own childhood favourites. The children have been absolutely delighted—it's safe to say that this brought the stories to life in a way that goes far beyond the classroom!

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed. Your support helped turn this into a truly special and memorable experience for the children.

