

# The Buzz

## 8th May 2026



Learning and Achieving Through Love,  
Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,

Despite it being a shorter week due to the Bank Holiday, we have packed a lot in! Our Y6s have been busy continuing their preparation for SATs, which take place next week. We all wish them the very best of luck.

Golden Worship this morning was a very colourful one, as everyone wore non-uniform in exchange for bringing in some baked goodies for the BSA's tea and cake tent at **Wolverton Folk and Blues** tomorrow. They all look delicious! Thank you very much. During Golden Worship, we all sang Happy Birthday to Sir David Attenborough, and Bumble Bee class celebrated his birthday with some fun activities (see below).

Yesterday, Nick from the **RNLI** came to talk to Yrs1-6 about the beach. He told us how much he loves going to the beach and showed us some of the things he takes along with him. He also told us about some of the dangers at the beach and how people who do get in danger in the water usually never intended to actually go in the water! He gave us some really useful hints and tips on how to stay safe which we acted out:

- 1) Stop and think (Should I go there / that close / in there etc)
- 2) Stay together (Don't go anywhere on your own or go off from your group)
- 3) Float to live (If you do fall in the water, don't panic and immediately try to swim or shout for help - just put your arms out and lay still; you will naturally float while you give your body time to adjust to the temperature of the water and your brain time to think about what to do next)
- 4) Call 999 (If you see someone in trouble, don't go in the water to try and help them; perhaps throw something for them to hold onto, but tell an adult and they - or you! - can phone 999)

Really useful information to remember in an easy and simple way!



### Class news

"**Bumble Bees** spent their Science lesson inspecting flowering plants and identifying the roots, stem, leaves and flowers! They discovered the purpose of each part and drew lovely diagrams of them. Thank you to the families who were able to bring some plants in for us to use, and thank you to The Village Shop who let us borrow some plants!" Mrs Baker



"This afternoon, the children in **Bumble Bee** class had their marble jar reward party. They each ordered a delicious doughnut and painted animal-themed shapes, using primary and secondary colours in honour of Sir David Attenborough. Unfortunately, the David Attenborough program we had planned to join was oversubscribed and at full capacity (so we will watch it next week on catch-up), but we enjoyed 'The Scarecrows Wedding' instead. Well done team Bumble Bee!" Miss Sztypuljak



We hope everyone has a fantastic weekend at the various events that are taking place, including **Wolverton Folk and Blues**, **Walk the Wight** (good luck to all who are taking part!) and **RiverFest**. I hope to see some of you at the various events!

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 Mustard Seed. The value is dignity.

Jesus told them another parable: "The Kingdom of heaven is like this. A man takes a mustard seed and sows it in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it grows up, it is the biggest of all plants. It becomes a tree, so that birds come and make their nests in its branches."

Jesus is saying that the kingdom of heaven is a place where people can live in safety and with dignity. The birds represent people and the tree represents a safe place. We thought of people who might need a safe place to go to escape. A place where they can live with dignity. Perhaps these people are from far away or maybe closer to home.



Dear God,  
I pray for all the people  
looking for homes for their children.  
Encourage us to care for them  
and be charitable people  
so they will find a loving home  
where they will have dignity.  
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:  
(The Nest are reading Jack and the Beanstalk!)

COW

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zDA7L0rFPXQ>

Makaton sign	Widgit symbol
	

## Poetry Corner

### The Countryside Stroll

Green grass beneath my feet,  
Smells of flowers, wild and sweet.  
Tall trees whispering in the breeze,  
Happy birds among the leaves.  
Sticks to carry, mud to trace,  
A smile upon my cheerful face.  
Over stiles and through the gate,  
Nature walk is truly great!



## Reading Recommendations

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

This week, Theodore recommends *The Swifts* by Beth Lincoln

It's about a girl that looks for her Auntie and (spoiler alert) her Auntie is dead and is a zombie! There is a mixture of writing and pictures in the book. The good bit about the book is mischief and murder!



## 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](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)

**0808 800 5000**

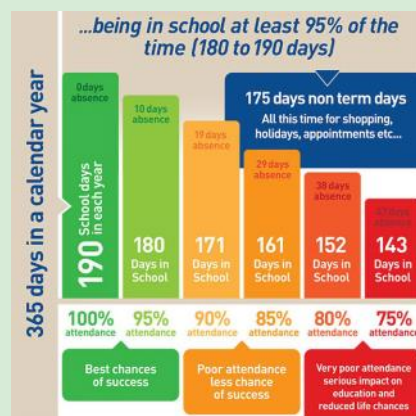
**Find out more**

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

## **Attendance Matters!**



Week Commencing 5th May  
(National attendance target: 95%)  
Actual Attendance: 96%  
Late marks this week: 6



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



# Golden Book

<b>Flower Bee</b>	Otis for having the courage to try new things, and to ask for help when it's needed.
<b>Bumble Bee</b>	<b>Arthur P</b> for fantastic maths work, identifying equal and unequal groups. <b>Arthur G</b> for working independently on activities and making massive progress in all areas of learning since the start of the year. Arthur has a great attitude to learning. <b>Ellis</b> for consistently working hard and taking on new challenges every day. Ellis is also a super star helper and a joy to have in the class!
<b>Honey Bee</b>	<b>Ellie</b> - as your confidence increases, you are tackling more challenging pieces of work. I was so impressed with your accurate retrieval of facts in reading. <b>Theo F</b> for having such a positive attitude to maths, which is great to see. I have been impressed with your perseverance when converting grams to kilograms and reading scales. Well done!
<b>Ivy Bee</b>	<b>Zara</b> and <b>Luna</b> for the effort they have put into practising and learning how to calculate with fractions that have different denominators. <b>Charlotte</b> for independently researching the names of global deserts and using the information to label a world map. <b>Reece</b> for working hard to master the method of how to add or subtract fractions with different denominators.
<b>Bee-Haviour</b>	<b>Alice</b> for bee-ing a wonderful role model.
<b>Sports Bee</b>	<b>Arthur G</b> for some really focused striking and fielding work 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](mailto:brighstoneschoolassoc@gmail.com)

**Like Our Pages!**

**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



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# 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](mailto: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

🍷 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 🍷
	OR	OR	OR	OR	OR	
	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



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With a choice of toppings 🍷 🍷



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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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	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		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**  
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

- 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