

The Buzz

12th June 2026



Learning and Achieving Through Love,
Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,



Bonjour! Ça va? We welcomed **Faustine and Arthur** to our school this week. They are French students visiting the Isle of Wight from Caen for a week, to help practise and further develop their English. They have spent time in each class throughout the week and our children have enjoyed learning a bit of French, as well! Honey Bee class particularly enjoyed having Arthur in their French lesson, learning about Ma Famille. We thank them for their time, as well as to their teachers who popped in on Wednesday.



This week, we also welcomed the **September Reception parents** for an information evening and a chance to meet the team. Chartwells came along with a selection of delicious foods to sample. As part of their transition, September's Reception children have been spending time in the classroom each week, getting to know the environment and the adults. They are settling in really well!

Tomorrow sees **Shorwell Midsummer Fair**. This is an enjoyable and traditional event for all the family and, as is a Brighstone tradition, we will be performing country dancing at 2.30pm. Please do come and support the children, who have all been practising this week. Fingers crossed that it won't be too windy for the maypole!

Class news

"In Maths this week, **Bumble Bee class** have been learning about capacity and volume. Their challenge was not only to work with containers and to fill them to different levels, but also to compare the volume and capacity. Can they tell you the difference between volume and capacity? In Art, the children were introduced to Clarice Cliff plates. She used primary and secondary colours to create designs using circles. The children had a go at creating their own. Once the plates are dry, we will add in a black tree silhouette, by blowing through straws." Miss Sztypuljak



"There was some lovely collaborative play this afternoon in **Flower Bee Class**. Iviee and R did the gingerbread house puzzle together, and Ada-Olive and Theo persevered really well to do our tricky dinosaur puzzle. Over in the construction area, Cleo, Kobe and Bodhi were making a set of Ninja trucks that could sneak around 'and they're invisible so no one can see them' said Cleo." Mrs Cousins



I hope everyone has a lovely weekend, and I hope to see some of you at Shorwell Midsummer Fair tomorrow.

With best wishes, Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone team

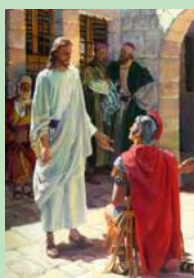
Collective Worship

This half term, the theme is The Miracles of Jesus. This week, we have been learning about Jesus Meets a Roman Centurion. The value is wisdom.



When Jesus met the Roman centurion, a man used to shouting commands to his soldiers, he was surprised by the centurion's faith and wisdom.

The centurion was wise and knew beyond doubt that Jesus could be trusted. He saw that Jesus was a man who healed out of compassion. Jesus could also hear the compassion of the centurion for his servant. The centurion's faith in Jesus was rewarded.



What do you think 'faith' means?

Acrostic Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank you
For the story of the centurion,
And his faith in you.
Inspire us
To trust you and
Help us to know that we are loved.
Amen



Inclusion


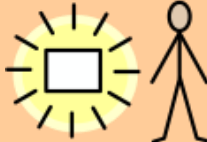
Welcome to our inclusion section! Each week, we share a Makaton sign and Widgit symbol, as part of our inclusive ethos.

This week, our words are:

new person

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DGLCb36NUGM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bDepF5r7dOw>

Makaton sign	Widgit symbol
	

Poetry Corner

Frère Jacques

Frère Jacques
Frère Jacques
Dormez-vous
Dormez-vous

Sonnez les matines
Sonnez les matines
Ding, ding, dong
Ding, ding, dong

Frère Jacques
Frère Jacques
Dormez-vous
Dormez-vous

Sonnez les matines
Sonnez les matines
Ding, ding, dong
Ding, ding, dong

Brother John

Are you sleeping?
Are you sleeping?
Brother John,
Brother John,
Morning bells are ringing!
Morning bells are ringing!
Ding, dang, dong.
Ding, dang, dong.

Reading Recommendations

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

This week, Ada-Olive recommends **Bad Cat** by Alison Hawes.

I like this book because the cat gets wet. The cat puts its paws in the tank. I like that the fish has a little bit of a house down at the bottom of the tank.

The cat tries to get the fish and eat the fish and the fish splashes it with water.

It's a bit sad because the cat tries to get the fish and the fish doesn't like it. I feel happy when the fish gets his own back.



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

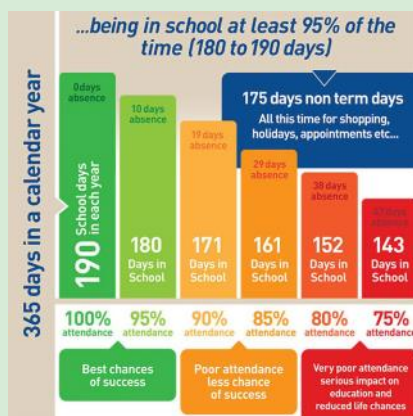
You can contact the NSPCC:
Or call children's services 01983 823435

Attendance Matters!



Week Commencing 8th June
(National attendance target: 95%)
Actual Attendance: 91.74%
Late marks this week: 7

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



Golden Book

Flower Bee	Bodhi for working really hard at his writing. Ada-Olive for being a kind friend and ambassador to our French visitors this week.
Bumble Bee	James for excellent listening and trying his best technique at hockey in PE. Florie for lovely writing in English when making predictions about the Odd Dog Out.
Honey Bee	William for making much improved choices in his behaviour for learning and being thoughtful to others. William has also worked hard in lessons to produce some lovely writing, achieve great results in his assessments and shown improved attitude towards his artwork, which he doesn't always find easy. ALL of Year 4 for working so hard at their times tables this year, enabling them to complete the MTC this week calmly and positively. We are so proud of you and it is a pleasure to see how your confidence with the times tables facts has helped you to enjoy maths so much more.
Ivy Bee	Violet for her cheerful approach to everything and being a good friend.
The Nest	Noah and Bruce for settling in so well this week.
Sports Bee	William for some really focused work in PE so far this half-term.
Bee-Haviour	Tristan for showing real kindness and compassion this week.





County Press

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Get ready to participate in our exciting token collect competition and help your school stand a chance to win amazing prizes.

Collecting Tokens Here

Drop your tokens to reception!

Collect tokens printed in the County Press from Monday 11th May until Friday 3rd July 2026.



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Help us buy a new stage!

Brighstone CE Primary Governors are fundraising to replace the old school stage. Encouraging every child to find their voice and thrive in their own unique way.



You can support us by putting a blue token in the box in Tesco Freshwater.



Stronger Starts



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>

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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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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

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!

		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
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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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	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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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
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	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 🍷



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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 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:	Transition Day no. 2 for the Island Free School
Friday 10th July:	Reports sent home
Monday 13th July:	KS2 trip to Weald and Downland Living Museum
Tuesday 14th July:	Parents Evening
Wednesday 15th July:	Sports Day - new date
Friday 17th July:	BSA Summer Sizzler
Saturday 18th July:	BHS Summer Show (country dancing)
Wednesday 22nd July:	Whole school summer play (2pm) - details to follow
Thursday 23rd July:	Whole school summer play (6pm) - details to follow
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 5: Monday 27th July 2026

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

This page is regularly updated.