

The Buzz

19th June 2026



Learning and Achieving Through Love,
Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,



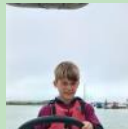
Our **country dancers** made us all proud again with their range of dances at Shorwell Midsummer Fair on Saturday 13th June, and it wasn't too windy to use the maypole! Well done and thank you to Tristan, Martha, Alice, Molly, Helena, Florie, Allina, Edmund and Theodore, and an extra-special thank you to Tom C (who left Brighstone two years ago!), who stepped in at the last minute as one of our dancers was unwell.



Our Y4s had an amazing time on their **residential trip** on Thursday and Friday. We spent the morning exploring Yarmouth Castle and experiencing a boat ride down the River Yar with the Assistant Harbour Master Scott, and Sue who talked to the children about conservation and the birds that can be found along the estuary. The children loved spotting the different birds, gazing in awe at the



yachts and cruisers, and steering the boat themselves! We then made our way to Manor Adventures in Bembridge where we were greeted by Kez and Campbell. The children were fantastic and overcame any fears they had: they all had a go on the 3G swing - some more than once! Abseiling was up next, and again, many conquered their fear of heights, while some were naturals!



On arrival at Corf Camp, while Mrs Sharp and Mrs Johnstone cooked us an amazing supper of spaghetti Bolognese, the children busied themselves making dens and exploring the forest. After food, we headed out to the camp fire for songs, games and cooking marshmallows. Everyone had a great time and were happy to join in with Mrs Sharp's funny camping songs. Then, as the woodland turned dark, we headed off for a night walk with no torches. Our senses were heightened and we realised how special this site is. Exhaustion hit and everyone tumbled into bed and were asleep in less than half an hour. But there was no lie-in as the sound of children's voices echoed around the camp at 6.30!



After a delicious breakfast of Rice Krispies and eggy bread, the forest day turned the children into scientists researching mini beasts and dissecting owl pellets with Kathy Grogan from Wilder Learning. They also created hammocks, swings and rope ladders to play on.



"This is the BEST residential!" "I love it here. I feel so free. I can build loads of things and loads of my friends are here."
"The 3G swing was epic - we beat the record." "Best residential ever - I like being closer to nature. It's so beautiful here, I don't want to leave. I love sleeping outdoors in a tent." "It was a lovely bird-spotting adventure - I hope we can come again." "The 3G swing and abseiling were really fun. It helped me to be brave." "Camping in nature has made me feel really good."



With best wishes, Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone team

[More photos on Facebook.](#)

Collective Worship

This half term, the theme is The Miracles of Jesus. This week, we have been learning about Jesus Calms the Storm. The value is peace.



We explored and described this painting by the Chinese artist He Qi.

Look at the waves. What do you think the conditions were like on that day?

Who is in the boat? How do you know which figure is Jesus?

Why do you think the three seated figures are all turned towards Jesus? What is the first seated figure doing? What do you think Jesus might be saying?

Why do you think the artist He Qi has included a dove carrying an olive branch in its beak?

Jesus is sometimes known as 'The Prince of Peace'. Jesus wants us to know that, when we face tough and challenging times, we can ask him to help us.

A Haiku Prayer

Jesus, calm the storm.
When I'm worried and afraid,
bring your peace and love.
Amen



Inclusion

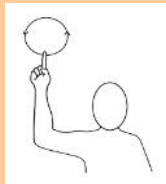
Welcome to our inclusion section! Each week, we share a Makaton sign and Widgit symbol, as part of our inclusive ethos.

This week, our word is:

sun

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yA2UgyAB7_k

Makaton sign



Widgit symbol



Poetry Corner

Jumpers on and boots laced tight,
We are exploring in the night!
The daytime forest that we knew,
Now looks exciting, dark, and blue.

We crunch along the dirt pathway,
To see where night-time critters play.
A rustle here, a rustle there,
Cool evening breezes in our hair.

We turn our eyes up to the sky,
And watch a silent owl fly by!
Before the sun began to sink,
We built a secret fort, I think!

We leaned big branches on an oak,
And made a roof for woodland folk.
A mossy floor, a leafy door,
A den fit for an emperor!

We spent the afternoon on knees,
Inspecting roots of ancient trees.
We found a beetle, shiny black,
With tiny armour on its back.

Now back inside our canvas tent,
Exhausted from the time we spent.
We pull our sleeping bags up high,
And wave the glowing bugs goodbye.



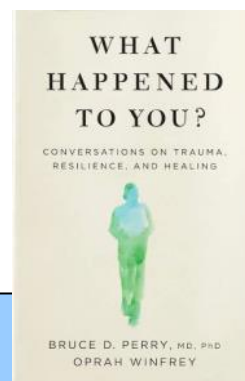
Reading Recommendations

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

This week, Mrs Jones recommends What happened to you? By Bruce D. Perry and Oprah Winfrey

This is always my go-to recommendation for staff, parents, carers, and friends who are trying to make sense of behaviours that may seem challenging, confusing, or difficult to understand. It encourages compassion, curiosity, and a deeper appreciation of how past experiences can shape the way people think, feel, and respond to the world around them. It's an insightful and accessible read, but I would especially recommend the audiobook.

The conversational style between Oprah and Dr Perry brings the content to life, making complex ideas easy to engage with and reflect upon.



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

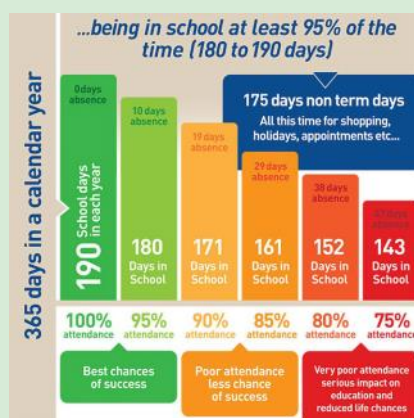
You can contact the NSPCC:
Or call children's services 01983 823435

Attendance Matters!



Week Commencing 15th June
(National attendance target: 95%)
Actual Attendance: 92.33%
Late marks this week: 9

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





County Press

Help Your Local School WIN EQUIPMENT!

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

W/C: 13/04/2026, 04/05/2026, 01/06/2026, 22/06/2026, 13/07/2026

SPRING/SUMMER 2026 MENU **WEEK 1**

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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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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DESSERT		Banana Oat Bite 🍷	Lemon Cookie 🍷	Caramel Mousse	Chocolate Brownie 🍷	Strawberry Ice Cream



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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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	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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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:

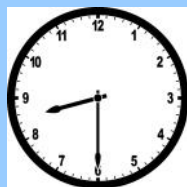
8.25am: Gates open

8.30am: School starts

3pm: School ends

3.10pm: Gates close

Many thanks.





School Term Dates for 2025-2026

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/>

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