

The Buzz

26th June 2026



Learning and Achieving Through Love,
Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,



What a week we've had with the **heatwave**. We would like to thank all families who were able to send their children into school during this week's exceptionally hot weather. We completely appreciate that every family had to make the decision that was right for their own circumstances. Throughout the heatwave, we followed government guidance to keep the school environment as cool and comfortable as possible. The children coped brilliantly, enjoying plenty of water, shade and regular breaks - with a little help from the hosepipe to keep everyone smiling!



Some of our KS2 children shared their talents with us on Wednesday for the auditions for **You Are Special**. We had singers, poets and storytellers. We will allocate the parts in the next few days and let the children know.

You will recall that, a few months ago, our children were asked to paint a stone to contribute towards a snake that would wind its way around the car park at **Tesco, Freshwater**, as part of their community project. Some of our children, along with some children from other local schools, were invited along to lay the stone snake this morning. Have a look when you next visit Tesco; you will find it along the right-hand side of the car park.



We have all had a fantastic **Hive Day** today. The focus was on being a good citizen. Read more about it on p3 of the Buzz and on Facebook.

Class news

"Yesterday, Flower Bee class dug up our potatoes and put them through our potato washing machine! There were pink ones and yellow ones. We put them on ten frames and found out that we had 8 full tens and 8 of the next ten. This is 88 potatoes! We found the biggest potato, and we weighed them too to find out if it was the heaviest. It was!" Mrs Cousins



Y6 children are all looking forward to their residential trip in London next week, where we will be packing a lot in to three days! We look forward to telling you all about it.

I hope everyone has a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone team

More photos on Facebook.

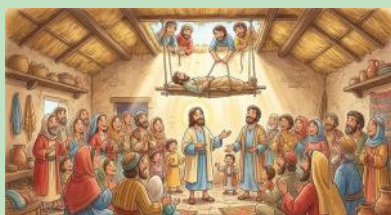
Collective Worship

This half term, the theme is The Miracles of Jesus. This week, we have been learning about when Jesus healed a paralysed man. The value is hope.

We read the story 'The Lame Man and His Four Hopeful Friends'. We discussed which of the characters felt hopeless, who wanted to help, and who was amazed and why.



How did the hopeless situation change?



Why did it change?

The crowd were amazed. Why?

What did the man's friends do to help him?

Have you ever helped someone who was feeling sad and maybe a bit hopeless? What did you do?

Lord Jesus,
you have the power to make a difference in people's lives.

We ask you to bring hope to anyone who feels poorly or sad or hopeless today.

Give us the courage to be like the friends of the man in the story and do anything we can to help.
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 phrase is:

to dig

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Lr_wStu5Ds

Makaton sign	Widgit symbol
	

Poetry Corner

The Primary School Citizen

I do not wait for fame or praise,
But help out in a hundred ways.
I start right here, in my own space,
To make our school a happy place.

I raise my hand and wait my turn,
I listen well so I can learn.
I follow rules to keep us safe,
In class and every playing space.

When typing on a screen or tablet,
I use my manners and keep a habit:
To post with kindness, guard my name,
And keep it safe whilst in a game.

I open doors for those behind,
And choose to use a voice that's kind.
I cheer a classmate when they try,
And say hello when walking by.

If someone feels a little left out,
I invite them in with a cheerful shout.
For teamwork makes our classroom strong,
It is a place where we all belong.

With every helpful thing I do,
I build a better community too.
It matters how I act each day—
A good citizen in every way!



Reading Recommendations

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

This week, Ella recommends *The Spell* by Gill Munton.

I like this book because I like the witch turning into a frog! The witch nearly turns the cat into a frog, and then she turns herself into a frog! The cat was bad because it stood on her bed and left cat footprints on it.

It's got a speech bubble with a picture of a frog out of a cat.

It's got page numbers in it.

The witch almost turned the cat into a frog but it didn't. There's a Daddy Long-Legs in there, and a rat and a bunny rabbit and a frog.



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

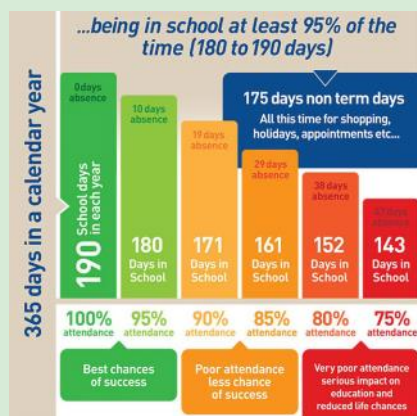
You can contact the NSPCC:
Or call children's services 01983 823435

Attendance Matters!



Week Commencing 22nd June
(National attendance target: 95%)
Actual Attendance: 85.2%
Late marks this week: 7

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



Hive Day

What a fantastic Hive Day we've had today!

Today, our school came together to explore what it means to be a good citizen and how every one of us has the power to make our world, both online and offline, a better place for everyone.

Working in their Hives (mixed-aged house teams), the children took part in a range of exciting collaborative activities that encouraged them to think, discuss and problem-solve together. They cracked the Human Password Challenge, learning why strong passwords and keeping personal information safe are so important, before sharing ideas about how we can all stay safe online.

The children then created a wonderful Kindness tree, using their fingerprints as the leaves. The children all described how they are a good citizen in school, online and in the community. It's a brilliant visual reminder that even the smallest actions can make a big difference.

This afternoon, after a calming mindfulness session, each Hive worked together to create our very own Brighstone Primary Citizen Pledge, discussing the values that matter most and making promises about how they will make a positive difference in school, at home, in the community and online.

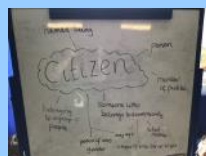
The day finished with each Hive proudly presenting their learning:

- Ways to stay safe online
- Ways to show respect to others
- Ways to show kindness in the community
- Ways to enjoy spending time away from screens

We couldn't be prouder of the way our children worked together across year groups, listened respectfully to one another, showed kindness, demonstrated resilience and lived out our school values throughout the day.

A huge thank you to our amazing support staff for creating such meaningful learning experiences and, most importantly, well done to every one of our children for proving that being a good citizen starts with the choices we make every single day.

"Do to others as you would have them do to you." – Luke 6:31



Sports News

by Mr Goldsmith

Chance to Shine Countdown Cricket Festival

On Tuesday, some of Honey Bee Class travelled to Newclose County Cricket Ground for the U9 Countdown Cricket Festival. The children represented the school brilliantly, playing the games in the right spirit and coming away with three victories from as many matches. The children also got the opportunity to take part in three skill stations, fine-tuning their batting, bowling and catching skills!

Hampshire Sports Festival

Despite the high temperatures this week, a selection of Ivy Bee Class got the fantastic opportunity to go to Winchester Leisure Park for the annual Hampshire Sports Festival. With a number of changes made to this year's festival due to the weather conditions, the children took part in four activities across the day - one in the stunningly air-conditioned studio and three in the slightly warmer sports hall! The children got the chance to try some circus skills, resulting in a group performance, before taking part in some archery, curling and fencing target games. After lunch, they took part in an upbeat Street Dancing session, before finishing the day in the squash courts. Every child was a credit to the school and should be proud of their behaviour and efforts throughout the day.

Other Cricket Fixtures

The U9 team played their league cricket fixture against Newport at Newclose recently. After a tight battle throughout, the game went right to the final ball, but it was Newport who came out on top. The U10s also had their fixtures at Newclose, but were defeated by Shalfleet and Nine Acres despite some good performances. The U11 Girls then played Niton at Ventnor CC on Monday afternoon. Maddie set the tone with a wicket off the very first ball of the game, the girls putting in a great effort to defeat Niton and make it through to the Finals Day in July!





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.



Terms and Conditions: Newsquest terms and conditions apply. Visit Newsquest Prize Competition Rules and Newsquest Privacy Policy for more information. No Photocopies Accepted: Only original tokens will be counted. Only registered schools can enter, and no two schools can combine their token collections. Prizes are non-transferable and no cash alternative is available.

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>

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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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

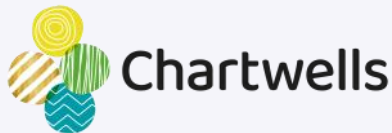
Located in school entrance car park

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

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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	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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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
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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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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 🍷



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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

- 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

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.