

The Buzz

10th July 2026



Brighstone C.E.
Primary School

Learning and Achieving Through Love,
Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,



We welcomed a very friendly, cuddly bear to our school on Thursday 9th! Bear, who is a friend of Benji and Balu, visited us from the Wildheart Sanctuary to join us for our **Teddy Bears' Picnic**. All the children loved giving him high fives and lots of cuddles, and Bear (and his helper Linda) very kindly gave us a picture book all about Benji and Balu. Thank you for all your very kind donations, which (including online and cash donations) have come to almost £120! The bears will be very grateful, so thank you.



"We had a wonderful day in the **forest** on Friday! First we had to climb to the Top of the World, through the jungle, with water stops along the way, through Butterfly Land and following the ribbon trail. It was hot and steep and we sang and found treasure along the way. The magic gate-holders were disguised as Dan and Hugh, and appeared out of nowhere to hold gates open and check in on everyone as they passed, with their limitless energy (where DO they get their energy?). When we got into the forest, it was so cool and dark and Kathy was waiting with her forest magic! We climbed, gathered sticks, built dens, made mud pies and flags, found bugs, laughed, ate lots and drank lots and lots of water (thank you to our wonderful helper who kindly drove extra water up for our bottle re-fill station). Then it was time to go back down the hills.... It was really hot and we went very slowly with lots of stops for water and a rest. It was a great day. Even though there were a couple of tumbles, the day was filled with adventure and stories. Huge thanks to Rose and Giles for the elderflower cordial and bag of ice. This went down very well after school and was such a thoughtful gesture." Mrs Cousins



"On Friday 3rd July, some of our Year 3 & 4 students went to West Wight Sports Centre for the annual **PEACH Games**. They started the day in the Athletes Village, which included a number of activities, including carnival and circus skills, sensory circuits and team building. After this, they took part in some American Football, cricket and football challenges before a well-deserved lunch break. The afternoon started with some high-paced athletics games, before moving on to some quidditch and tennis stations. The final session of the day saw us head inside to tackle some kurling, boccia and sitting volleyball games. All ten children behaved impeccably throughout the day and were a credit to the school, showing the School Games Values throughout the Games." Mr Goldsmith



The **forecast** continues to be warm again, so please do ensure that all children have water bottles, sunhats and sun cream. We will aim to keep them out of the sun as much as possible, and will continue to follow national advice in keeping classrooms as cool as possible.

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 walked on water.

In this dramatic event, Peter learnt how hope can be kept alive and also how hope can quickly fade.



Why was it important that Peter kept his eyes fixed on Jesus to keep his hope alive?

Why did he start sinking and lose hope when he looked away to the wind and rough seas?

How do you stay focused?

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep
My faith will stand.

And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine.



(Taken from Oceans by Capitol
Christian Music Group)



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:

picnic

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pAhn1z96sM0>

Makaton sign	Widgit symbol
	

Poetry Corner

Teddy Bears' Picnic

If you go down in the woods today, you're sure of a big surprise
If you go down in the woods today, you'd better go in disguise
For every bear that ever there was
Will gather there for certain because
Today's the day the teddy bears have their picnic.

Every teddy bear who's been good is sure of a treat today
There's lots of marvelous things to eat and wonderful games to play
Beneath the trees where nobody sees
They'll hide and seek as long as they please
That's the way the teddy bears have their picnic.



Reading Recommendations

Each week, we include a book recommendation from a child and/or adult. Boni visited us to tell us about the Summer Reading Challenge.

The **Summer Reading Challenge** returns to all island libraries from 4th July with this year's theme, Read to the Beat, celebrating music and creative self-expression. Children can read any six library books over the summer to earn a medal, and this year they can also choose from a range of optional reading goals, such as reading a graphic novel, listening to an audiobook, or reading a friend's recommendation. Designed to inspire a love of reading and make the challenge more inclusive, it offers something for every child, whatever their reading ability.



See the email
that was sent out
for further
information.



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

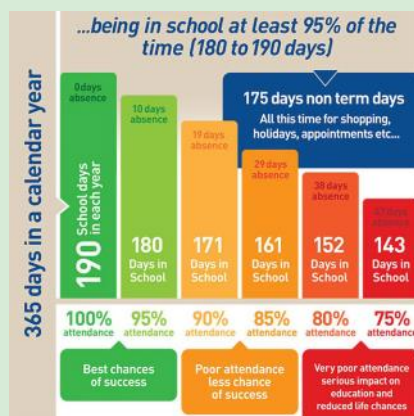
Find out more

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

Attendance Matters!

Week Commencing 6th July
(National attendance target: 95%)
Actual Attendance: TBC
Late marks this week: TBC

<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.



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.



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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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...

Duvets or
Cushions,
Off Cuts,
Carpet or
Curtains

Located in school entrance car park

Brighstone Governors

BRIGHSTONE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL
GOVERNORS PRESENT

SUMMER SHINDIG

FRIDAY 24TH JULY

7PM | SCHOOL FIELD
TO | WARNES LANE
10:30PM | BRIGHSTONE

LIVE MUSIC, BAR AND GREAT FOOD
IN AID OF
BRIGHSTONE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

TICKETS AVAILABLE ON
THE GATE OR FROM

THE BRIGHSTONE VILLAGE SHOP
THE SCHOOL OFFICE
TANDEM TEA ROOMS

TO PAY BY CARD
SCAN THE QR CODE.



ADULT TICKETS £10 | TEEN TICKETS £5
(UNDER 12S GO FREE)

ALL UNDER 18S MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT

IF YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS BOOKING PLEASE CONTACT EMILY
ON E.RUFIAN@BRIGHSTONEPRIMARY.ORG.UK

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.



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.



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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!

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
	OR					
	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 🌱
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD	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 🌱🍷
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	DESSERT	Chocolate Brownie 🌱	Oat Cookie 🌱	Strawberry Shortcake Mousse	Vanilla Slice with Melon Wedges 🌱	Chocolate Ice Cream
DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD						
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.						
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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 🐟
	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 🍟
	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 🍝
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		DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD				
DESSERT		Banana Oat Bite 🍌	Lemon Cookie 🍪	Caramel Mousse 🍰	Chocolate Brownie 🍫	Strawberry 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

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Menu 02/2026

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 🐟
	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 🍟
	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 🍝
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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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Menu 03/2026



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:

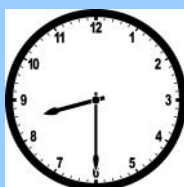
8.25am: Gates open

8.30am: School starts

3pm: School ends

3.10pm: Gates close

Many thanks.





School Term Dates for 2025-2026

Monday 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)
Thursday 23rd July:	Whole school summer play (6pm)
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.brightstoneprimary.org.uk/calendar/>

Academic year 2026-2027

Tuesday 1st September:	School closed for staff development day
Wednesday 2nd September:	School closed for staff development day
Thursday 3rd September:	First day back for children

This page is regularly updated.