

The Buzz

24th July 2026



Learning and Achieving Through Love,
Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,

Well, we've come to the end of the academic year, and what a week it's been! It's been a week of challenges, stepping outside of your comfort zone, showcasing talents and saying goodbyes.



Last Friday, the BSA held their annual **Summer Sizzler**, which was another success. There were fun games, a barbecue, ice cream van, foam party, country dancing and, of course, throwing wet sponges at Mr Goldsmith in the stocks. Thank you to all who supported us, and thank you to the BSA for my lovely gifts; I have always enjoyed taking part in the BSA's events. A huge thank you to the BSA who work tirelessly to support the school. Remember, every parent/carers is automatically a member and the core team are always looking for extra help to help organise and run events. Do come along to the next meeting where you will be very welcome.

On Saturday, **Mrs Baker and Mrs Jones** undertook an amazing challenge to raise money for the Mountbatten Hospice. They abseiled down the Spinnaker Tower and raised an incredible £1640! A huge well done to them both. We are in awe of you! Thank you to everyone who donated.



Also on Saturday, our **country dancers** delighted the crowd at the BHS's Summer Show, where they performed two circle dances, a square dance and a maypole dance. Thank you to the country dancers - you were brilliant!

Talking of performances, the children showcased their talents on stage in our whole school production of **You Are Special**. It is a warm-hearted, poignant story with a strong message of acceptance and of being non-judgemental, and that God (Eli) loves you just the way you are, because you are all special. There were a few tears in the audience! Well done to our children - there are some future stars of stage and screen, I have no doubt.



We said a sad "goodbye" to our **Y6 leavers** this afternoon in the service at St Mary's Church. They shared memories of their time here, as well as advice for the Y5s. We "oohed" and "ahhed" at photos of them through the years, presented them with their Bibles, hoodies, leavers' book, and some gifts from the BSA. I wish them all the very best for their futures in secondary school and beyond.

Saying goodbye is always emotional, and I have been overwhelmed by the kindness and generosity shown to me over the past few days. I have received so many thoughtful cards and gifts from children, staff and parents, and I would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to make my farewell so special. I am also incredibly grateful for the generous Theodosia voucher that you have all contributed towards. I truly feel very spoiled! During Golden Worship this morning, each class presented me with a beautiful handmade card filled with heartfelt messages. I was also touched by the lovely gifts from the staff, and we all enjoyed watching two wonderful videos: one reflecting on my time at the school, and another of the children singing and dancing to Count on Me. They were both incredibly moving and will remain treasured memories. Being part of Brighstone Primary School for the past 19 years, including the last six as headteacher, has been both a privilege and a pleasure. What makes this school so special is its wonderful staff, fantastic children and supportive parents/carers and community. We may be a small school, but we have a very big heart. I will miss everyone enormously, although I'm sure our paths will cross again - we do live on a small island after all! Thank you all for your kindness, support and friendship. It has meant more to me than words can say. As a gift for all the children, I have commissioned a '**Reading Nook**' to go on the school field. This is currently being made by Brighstone Men in Sheds and will be installed ready for September.



We also said goodbye to **Mrs Green** (and goodbye to **Miss Sztypuljak** who was unable to come in today). We thank you for all your hard work and dedication to the children, and we wish you all the best for the future.

I hope to see lots of you at the **Summer Shindig** this evening, where there will be live music, a bar and food. It looks like it's going to be good fun!

Thank you again, and I hope everyone has a fabulous summer!
With very best wishes, Mrs Lennon



Collective Worship

As we come to the end of the school year, we turn our thoughts to the many journeys we take in life: starting something new, facing challenges, and taking the next step.



As we look ahead to new adventures, we are reminded that whatever the future holds, we can move forward with confidence, knowing that God is always with us and that we never walk alone.

Loving God,

Thank you for walking with us on every journey we take.
As we look ahead to new adventures and the next steps in our lives, help us to be brave, kind and hopeful.

Guide us when the path feels uncertain, encourage us to try our best, and remind us that you are always with us wherever we go.

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:

hello and goodbye

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O9ESnshVag>

Makaton sign		Widgit symbol
		

Poetry Corner

New Adventures

Every journey starts somewhere,
With just one little step.
A smile, a wave, a hopeful heart,
And dreams we're ready to accept.

New adventures wait before us,
New paths for us to try.
With chances to discover more,
And reasons to aim high.

We'll meet some new and friendly faces,
Say "hello" and make new friends.
Sharing laughter, learning together,
On adventures that never really end.

There may be twists and there'll be turns,
Some challenges to face.
But each new step helps us to grow
With courage, strength and grace.

So as we turn the page ahead,
Let's welcome all that's new.
With happy hearts and hopeful minds,
There's so much we can do.

And wherever life's path leads us,
Near or far away,
We know that God walks by our side,
Guiding us each day.



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

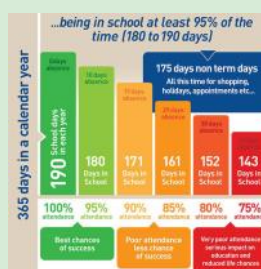
You can contact the NSPCC:
Or call children's services 01983 823435

Attendance Matters!



Week Commencing 20th July
(National attendance target: 95%)
Actual Attendance: 97.35%
Late marks this week: 13

Annie won our Attendance Heroes Challenge this half term, with a voucher for four ice-cream sundaes from Tandem Tearooms! Enjoy!



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



BSA 2025-2026 ACHIEVEMENTS

Fundraisers:

Round the Island Relay Running

End of term discos

Christmas Fayre

Christmas Raffle

Christmas Jumper Sale

Quiz night

Mothers' Day Shop

Wolverton Folk and Blues Fair tea tent

Teas and Cake at Northourt Open Garden

Summer Sizzler

Preloved Uniform sales

Lottery

Stikins name labels

Textile recycling

Contributed to:

Providing new Reception parents welcome packs

Y5-6 Saxon Burial workshop

Subscription to "Picture News" used in collective worship

School Trip to Pantomime "Aladdin", Portsmouth

Two new football goals and two new basketball hoops.

Santa's visit & presents

School Christmas Tree

Reception Trip to Donkey Sanctuary

Easter activities and treats

Y1-2 Trip to Blue Reef aquarium

New Cosy Cabin

Y1-2 Trip to Carisbrooke Castle

Year 4 Residential activities with Manor Adventures in Bembridge

Y4 Residential T-shirts

KS2 trip to the Weald and Downland Living Museum, Chichester

Year 6 Leavers Service in Portsmouth

Y6 Residential to London

Y6 Leavers Hoodies

Thanks for all the support and enjoy your summer holidays!

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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: Tokens must be collected from the County Press. Tokens must be kept safe and not lost. Tokens must be used to collect prizes. Tokens must be used by the end of the competition. Tokens must be used to collect prizes. Tokens must be used by the end of the competition. Tokens must be used to collect prizes. Tokens must be used by the end of the competition.

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



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!

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.

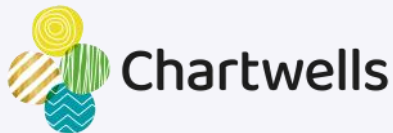


School Dinners

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.



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	OR	OR	OR	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	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		Chartwells Schools				

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 🍝
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		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

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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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 🍝
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 🍌



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 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

- 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:

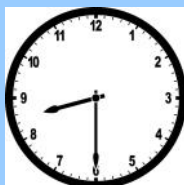
8.25am: Gates open

8.30am: School starts

3pm: School ends

3.10pm: Gates close

Many thanks.





School Term Dates for 2025-2026

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

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