

The Buzz

3rd July 2026



Learning and Achieving Through Love,
Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,



What a week our Y6 children have had! It started early on Monday morning when we all boarded the coach, along with the Y6 children from Wroxall Primary, to make our way up to **London**, via Legoland, Windsor. We packed a lot in over the three days, including: Legoland, a river cruise, London Eye, and a self-guided walking tour to see the famous sites of Buckingham Palace, St James' Park, Downing Street, the cavalry horses on duty on Whitehall outside Horse Guards Parade, Trafalgar Square and lots more. We also enjoyed a fun performance of Hercules at the Theatre Royal in Drury Lane, before visiting the Natural History Museum the next day. What made it even more special was staying on HMS Belfast, which was a huge privilege. Our first concierge, Abdul, was very proud to share his extensive knowledge of the ship and of working in the Navy, and even invited us to raise the flags on both mornings. Our next concierge, Mike, was also very helpful and welcoming. We extend a big thank you to them both. We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, and it was lovely to see all the children blossom and grow in confidence and independence, even managing to overcome personal worries (e.g. a fear of heights!).



After one day back in school, we were off to the mainland again, via the Hovercraft, to the annual **Y6 Leavers' Service** at Portsmouth Cathedral, which is always a special experience. The children took part in morning workshops before participating in the afternoon service along with other church schools from Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Our head pupils, Flo and Hugh, proudly carried our school banner down the aisle, and our Deputy Head pupils, Martha and Henry, held a luggage tag to represent the Diocesan project 'Bags of Hope' about refugees and received the special Y6 Leavers' candle. Following the service, we took an exploratory walk back to the Hover, via the old Portsmouth walls. Well done to all Y6 pupils.

You will have recently received two letters: one with an update about next year's **interim leadership arrangements**, and one detailing the **staffing for the new academic year**. I am sure you will join me in extending a warm welcome to our new members of staff, including our new interim leaders.

We recently held the auditions for our **summer play**, 'You Are Special', and ticket details will be coming out shortly.

Governors have been busy behind the scenes organising this year's **Summer Shindig**, following last year's successful event. See the poster and the email with further details. We look forward to seeing you there!



The **forecast** is going to be very 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.



Skye M, in Y4, represented our school at the **inter-school show jumping**. We are all very proud of her! See Facebook for the report and photos.

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 fed 5000 people. The value is community.



Jesus notices and cares about all the everyday needs of people. In this story, he took the lunch of a small boy and multiplied it thousands of times. In the same way, Christians believe that Jesus takes what we offer, our talents, our time or our gifts, and multiplies them to make a difference in our communities.

Jesus performed many miracles during his time on earth. Most miracles recorded in the Bible involve healing people from different kinds of illnesses.



Why do you think *this* miracle was special?

Leader: Lord Jesus
Sometimes we are tired.
All: Help us to persevere.
Leader: Sometimes we are confused.
All: Help us to understand.
Leader: Sometimes we are amazed.
All: Help us to believe.
Leader: Sometimes we feel blessed.
All: Help us to give thanks.
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:

bubbles

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OZVyAwd7868>

Makaton sign	Widgit symbol
	

Poetry Corner

Our London Adventure

Off to London, full of cheer,
Our Year 6 trip was the best this year.
From LEGOLAND's exciting rides,
To a river cruise with changing tides.

High above on the London Eye,
We watched the busy city fly by.
We walked to Buckingham Palace grand,
Through St James' Park, where the pelicans stand.

The cavalry horses stood so proud,
On Whitehall, watched by every crowd.
We saw Downing Street along the way,
With stories shared throughout the day.

At the theatre, Hercules shone bright,
Filling us all with pure delight.
The Natural History Museum amazed us all,
With giant creatures, great and small.

On HMS Belfast we slept each night,
A ship of history, strong and bright.
A trip we'll treasure, near and far—
Our London memories are our shining star.



Reading Recommendations

Each week, we include a book recommendation from a child and/or adult. This week, 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](#)

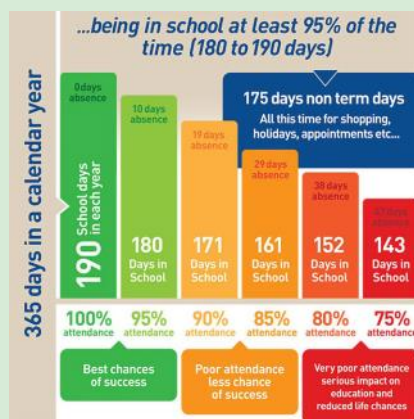
You can contact the NSPCC:
Or call children's services 01983 823435

Attendance Matters!



Week Commencing 29th June
(National attendance target: 95%)
Actual Attendance: 96.88
Late marks this week: 4

<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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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.



Thank you for all
your donations
so far!

Thursday 9th July.
Don't forget to
bring your teddy!

We're hosting a Teddy Bears' Picnic

for



wildheart
animal
sanctuary
isle of
wight



Registered charity number 1171144
www.wildheartanimalsanctuary.org
Yaverland Road, Sandown, PO36 8QB

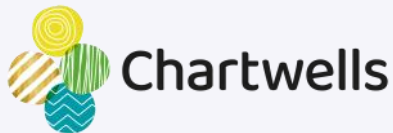


School Dinners

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

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
		OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
	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 🍷
	OR	OR	OR	OR	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 🍷 🍷
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



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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
		OR	OR	OR	OR	OR
	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 🍷



BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY
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

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.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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