The Buzz

November 20th 2026



During Anti-Bullying Week, we have been discussing what bullying is and what it isn't. Bullying is repeated, intentional behaviour that hurts someone physically or emotionally, where it is difficult for them to defend themselves. It is more than a one-off disagreement, friendship fallout or isolated unkind comment, and can happen both face-to-face and online. We have encouraged children to think about the impact of their words and actions, show kindness and respect, and speak to a trusted adult if they are worried. At Brighstone, we want every child to feel safe, valued and included, and we all have a part to play in making this happen.



There has been lots of discussion in the mainstream media recently about **school attendance**, and we want to reassure families that we understand children get poorly and would never expect a genuinely unwell child to attend school. However, sometimes mornings can be difficult, and children who are a little tired or reluctant may settle once they arrive and get into their routine. Regular attendance gives children the best opportunity to learn, grow and reach their potential. **Learning builds** on what has been taught the previous day, so when children miss school, it can be difficult to catch up. Every day brings new learning, friendships and experiences, and we want children to miss out as little as possible. If we feel a child is too unwell to remain in school, we will always contact parents.

Thank you for your continued support.

Every day matters!

Every day really does count! Being in school regularly gives children the best opportunity to learn, build friendships, develop confidence and make the most of everything school has to offer.

We know that children get ill, but where they are well enough to attend, please help us to make every day count. Our attendance aim is simple: be a H.E.R.O. – Here Every day, Ready and On-time!



W/C 16th November

National Attendance Target **95%**

Whole School Attendance: **93.16**

Late Marks: 5

Letters to action:

Letters/Emails regarding the **Bumblebee Wildheart Sanctuary Trip, Christmas Dinner** and a reminder about **panto trip consent** went out this week.

Please let Mrs Pelosi know if you haven't received an email and/or you would prefer a paper copy.

Updates/Reminders

- Please ensure you use the path when coming into/out of the school office. The **staff car park** is in use at all times and should not be used as a thoroughfare.
- Thank you for your support with our **Poppy appeal** fundraising - we raised an incredible **£165**
- The **Flowerbees dog biscuit sale** raised **£65** for IW Ability Dogs, well done everyone!
- If your child is not well enough for school or is going to be late, you MUST let the office know. The expectation, unless otherwise agreed, is that your child attends **everyday and on time.**

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GOLDEN BOOK

Bumblebee	**Evan** & **Kobe** for showing focus and determination during RWI lessons, even when others can be distracting. **Bodhi** for always joining in with class input and having a go. **Ilia** for always helping others and being kind to others both inside and outside the classroom.
Honeybee	**Harvey**, **Erin**, **Ellie** & **Matthew** for their resilience and perseverance with learning to knit in Knitting club with Mrs Baker and Mrs Cousins
Ivybee	**Tristan** & **Alexander** for their resilience and perseverance with learning to knit in Knitting club with Mrs Baker and Mrs Cousins.
Other	Boni from the Library came in to school this morning to present certificates for the following: Summer Reading Challenge **Alexander, Edmund, William, Alice, Erin, Grayson, Rae, Rufus, Forbes** Autumn Show Handwriting Bumblebee: **Darcie, Ilia, Freya** Honeybees: **Nathan, William, Ellie** Ivybees: **Holly, Zara, Helena** 
Bee-Haviour	**Timmy** for being so kind and understanding of others.

Afterschool Clubs Autumn 2 -

all clubs need to have been booked



Club	Dates	Club Leader/Where
Christmas Choir	**Mondays** 9/11 16/11 23/11 30/11	Mrs Jones & Mrs Herbert– The Hall/The Nest
Knitting	**Mondays** 9/11 16/11 23/11 30/11 7/12	Mrs Baker/Mrs Cousins - Honeybee Classroom
Bellringing	**Wednesdays** 11/11 18/11 25/11 2/12 9/12	Steve and Beccy - The Church
Christmas Craft		Mrs Aram/Miss Pelosi – Bumblebee Classroom
Sports Skills		Mr and Mrs Holmes - The Hall