

The Buzz



Brighstone C.E.
Primary School

16th December 2022



Learning and Achieving Through
Love, Courage and Respect



Dear parents, carers and children,

What a fun-filled Christmas week we've had! The **choir** carried out some more performances at Mottistone Manor's Christmas Fun Palace and at the Stars of Wonder concert in St Mary's Church at the weekend. They sang beautifully and we are all very proud of them.



We were very excited to hold our **Nativity performance 'A King is Born'** in the church in front a real audience again after a 3-year hiatus. I'm sure you were all wowed by the children's amazing, enthusiastic performances, in which the Y1 and Y2 children had the main parts. Didn't they do well?! The Reception children's sheep were perfect, Ivy Bee's travellers were properly squashed and squeezed in a busy Bethlehem, and Honey Bee's angels were angelic and cool bringing the message of the new king! This was the first time that the bell ringers welcomed everyone to the performance; the bells sounded lovely calling out to everyone in the cold evening. Thank you to all the teachers and LSAs for directing, choreographing and sorting out props and costumes, and thank you to all who supported the performances (including sorting out the hire of the church, setting up the staging, leading the bell ringers and helping with costumes).



On Wednesday, we all enjoyed a delicious **Christmas Dinner**. Thank you to Kerry and Helen for cooking such a scrumptious meal!



We said a very sad farewell to **Miss Goddard** yesterday, who is moving on to work full time in her other role supporting young adults. We will all miss her a lot, and we wish her all the very best. We are currently advertising for another LSA; until we appoint, Mrs Denness and Mrs Brear will be working with Bumble Bee class alongside Mrs Cousins and Mrs Aram.

The children had a little surprise from the staff yesterday morning during Golden Worship. We have been busy filming our very own Brighstone version of the **Twelve Days of Christmas**, and the children loved to see the staff and themselves on the screen! This is also available to view on Facebook; we hope you enjoy it as much as they did (thank you for all your positive comments so far!) Thank you to Mrs Cousins for script-writing, directing, filming and editing, and to all the staff for taking part.



Ivy Bee class have been busy creating moving picture Christmas books. They are incredible and it is clear that they have been working really hard on them, using a range of skills to create sliders, levers, pivots and pop-ups. Well done!

Yesterday afternoon, we were treated to a **musical performance** by some of the children who have peripatetic music lessons. We were very impressed by their playing. Well done! Thank you to Mr Carr, Mrs Jackaman and Mr Stroud for all your support. We also had a very special visitor: **Father Christmas** himself!! The children were very excited to see him. Thank you to the BSA for contacting Father Christmas and arranging the visit.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and we look forward to seeing you all again on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

With best wishes, Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone Team



Collective Worship - Compassion



I bring you good tidings of great **joy**,
which shall be to
all people. For unto you
is born this day
in the city of David a **Saviour**,
which is
Christ the Lord.

— Luke 2:10 & 11 —



Christmas Prayer



God of compassion,
You came among us in a way people didn't expect.
You came to us in Jesus.
God of compassion, you come among us today in
ways we don't expect.
You come to us where we are.
Help us to recognise you among us and welcome you
afresh this Christmas.
Amen

"I am here with good news for you, which will bring
great joy to all the people." Luke 2:8-20

School Dinners

Children in **Year R, 1 and 2** are entitled to a 'universal' free school meal everyday.

Children in Years 3-6 are charged at **£2.35** per day.

Baguettes now available on Tuesdays and Thursdays instead of JPs (ham, cheese or tuna)

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Pizza	Pork Sausages	Roast Gammon	Chicken Curry	Fish fingers
Option 2	Tomato Pizza	Veggie Sausages	Vegetable Pastry	Tomato Pasta	Quorn dippers
Dessert	Choc Crispy Bar	Shortbread	Ice Cream	Apple Crumble	Frozen Yog

Poetry Corner

A Winter Haiku



Grammar and Spelling Matters

Each week we will include a mini grammar or spelling lesson so you know what your children are learning!

Grammar: Commonly misused words

May or might?

Modal Verbs

May - Might

Woodward's English

Uses of May and Might:

Possibility

- It might rain later so take an umbrella.

Give permission

- You may have another cookie if you like.

Ask for permission

- May I borrow your pen please?

Express wishes

- May the New Year bring you happiness.

Speculate about past actions

- She is late. She may have missed her plane.

May or Might?

May and Might can normally be interchanged without a significant difference in meaning. However, **Might** often implies a smaller chance of something happening (when expressing possibility).

- It may rain. (70% chance)
- It might rain. (40% chance)

When expressing wishes or giving permission, only **May** is used.

www.grammar.cl
 www.woodwardenglish.com
 www.vocabulary.cl

Safeguarding

If you have a concern about a child over the Christmas break you can call the police on 999 if you feel they are at risk of immediate harm

You can contact the NSPCC:

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

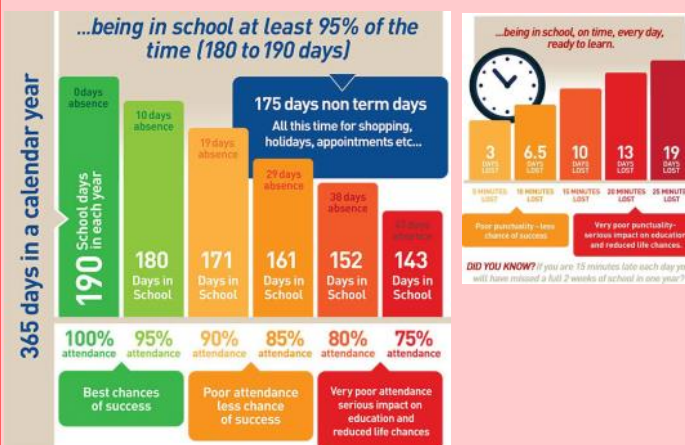
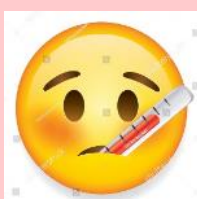
Or call children's services 0300 300 0117

Attendance Matters!

Week Commencing 12th December
Whole School attendance target: **96.5%**

Actual Attendance: **89.94%**

Late marks this week: **3**



SEMH

Social, Emotional & Mental Health

Hampshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (HSCP) and the Isle of Wight Safeguarding Children Partnership (IOWSCP) are delighted to announce the launch of their first ever toolkit developed specifically for parents and carers, 'Supporting your Adolescent'.

The new toolkit complements the publication of last year's Safeguarding Adolescent's Strategy and online Toolkit for professionals working with adolescents and their families in the Hampshire and Isle of Wight areas.

Adolescence is the phase of life between childhood and adulthood and is a time of major transition physically, emotionally and socially. This toolkit has been designed with parents and carers, to provide information and help on a range of topics that can sometimes affect pre-teens and teenagers as they journey into adulthood.

The subjects featured in the toolkit were chosen specially by parents and carers, and the contents has been carefully compiled by a range of services across both Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

The main themes cover:

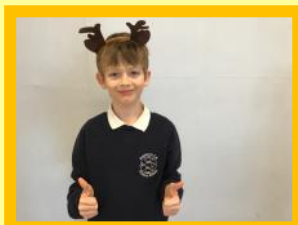
1. Physical health
2. Mental health
3. Sexual health
4. Online safety
5. Keeping adolescents safe outside the home
6. Relationships
7. Bullying
8. Identity
9. Substance use
10. SEND



[https://www.hampshirescp.org.uk/parents-and-carers/
supporting-your-adolescent/](https://www.hampshirescp.org.uk/parents-and-carers/supporting-your-adolescent/)

Golden Book

Bumble Bee	Holly—swimming certificate, Rainbows certificate, fundraising for WWF (and being in a national magazine!)
Honey Bee	Martha—swimming certificate, Rainbows certificate, fundraising for WWF (and being in a national magazine!) Freddie H—swimming certificate Fred C—karate grading Myles—swimming certificate Ila—swimming and Brownies certificate
Ivy Bee	Fraser - swimming confidence Arya—swimming certificate and for being fantastic when drawing the BSA raffle tickets Charlie—for being fantastic when drawing the BSA raffle tickets Felicity—for coming second with her Tour of Britain flag design
Bee-haviour	Jude—for always showing the school values



Key dates this term

- Friday 16th December: School closed for staff development day
- Tuesday 3rd January: Back to school

Looking ahead:

- Monday 13th—Friday 17th February: Half term
- Monday 3rd April—Friday 14th April: Easter holidays
- Monday 8th May— Extra Bank Holiday (due to the King's Coronation)
- Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June: Half term
- Thursday 20th July: School closed for staff development day
- Friday 21st July: School closed for staff development day



A Visit from St Nicholas

By Clement Clarke Moore

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the
house

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;
The children were nestled all snug in their beds;
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap,
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow,
Gave a lustre of midday to objects below,
When what to my wondering eyes did appear,
But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny rein-deer,
With a little old driver so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment he must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by
name:

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donner and Blitzen!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"
As leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky;
So up to the housetop the coursers they flew
With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too—
And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.

As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;

A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a pedler just opening his pack.
His eyes—how they twinkled! his dimples, how merry!

His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow;

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath;

He had a broad face and a little round belly
That shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;

A wink of his eye and a twist of his head
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;
He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,

And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.

But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight—
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"





Dear SWAY Friends and Supporters,

SWAY has an opportunity to receive some funding. Over 12 days in December, the Benefact Group will be drawing 10 charities per working day to receive £1,000.

The first draw takes place on December 1st and the last on the 16th. Would you kindly nominate South Wight Area Youth Partnership (Charity number: 1160139) as your favourite charity by clicking on the link below:

https://movementforgood.com/index.php?cn=1160139&ct=community&i=1669053315-87287.jpg&utm_source=holiday+card&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=12days2022holidaycard&utm_id=12days2022



Wishing our friends and supporters a Happy Christmas!
Please nominate us to win £1,000 today!



Thank you for your support.

Office: 07880951243

<https://www.southwightyouth.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Southwightyouth>

Instagram: @southwightyouth



South Wight Area Youth Partnership

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CHRISTMAS CONCERTS & SERVICES AT ST MARY'S BRIGHSTONE 2022

DATE	TIME	CHOIR/MUSICIANS	CONTACT	EVENT	REFRESHMENTS	HELPERS NEEDED	DONATIONS	CHURCH BELLS
NOV								
27 th	7.00 pm	Belles, Barnacles, Hand bells, Sorella Acapella – mixture of repertoire + carols	Chris B, Crispin, Mike C, Yvonne	CONCERT	YES	Village/Horticultural Society ?	MOUNTBATTE N HOSPICE	YES
DEC								
10 th	7.30 pm	Trident Concert Band	Miriam 741061	CONCERT	YES	Will do own	BAND + CHURCH	NO
11 th	7.00 pm	Stars of Wonder – Youth Orientated	Pete 247515	CONCERT	YES	SWAY + others	SWAY + CHARITY ?	NO
14 th	7.00 on	(Shorwell) - West Wight choir	James Longford + Chrissie Acland	CONCERT	YES	Will do own	MOUNTBATTE N HOSPICE	-
18 th	10.30 am	Methodist Chapel	Mike Hackleton	SERVICE	YES	Will do own	CHAPEL	-
18 th	4.00 pm	(Shorwell) 4 th Advent Carols of Praise - Choir	Barbara + Linda Bushell	SERVICE	YES	Will do own	CHURCH	Shorwell ringers
22 nd	6.00 pm	Crown Inn Shorwell	Jackie + Linda	CAROL SINGING	Buy own	Will do own	CRISIS	-
23 rd	7.00 pm	9 Readings, Songs & Carols – soloists, choir, readers	Jackie Maw	SERVICE	YES	Women in the word	TEARFUND + CHURCH	YES
24 th	4 pm	Crib Carols	Jackie Maw *Sharon & Norma	SERVICE	YES	The Sunday team*	HOME FOR GOOD	YES

Privilege Seat Application Window – Academic Year 2022/2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

The dates for the privilege seat application window for academic year 2022 have been finalised. Should you wish to apply for a privilege seat for your child to use the school bus service you will need to apply from **9am on Tuesday 6th December 2022** Please note that the online form will be live until on or around 5th June 2023

Further information on the privilege seat process can be found online, here:

<https://www.iwight.com/Council/OtherServices/School-Transport/Privilege-Seat-on-School-Transport>. Please also note the FAQs, Code of Good Practice and Ticket Terms and Conditions sections available via this webpage.

If you scroll to the bottom of the above webpage you will see the bus services for which you can apply. **This information will be live from 9am on Tuesday 6th December 2022.** Should the service you require not be listed you will not be able to apply for that service at this time.

Do bear in mind that making an application for a privilege seat does not guarantee a seat on the school bus.

Privilege seat ticket prices are set costs as follows.

- Up to a full term £130.00
- Up to half a term £65.00
- Up to a full-term AM or PM only £65.00
- Up to half a term AM or PM only £32.50

Should you have any queries please contact the Transport Team at the Council via email: transport.info@iow.gov.uk or telephone: 823780.

Important Points to Note

- Information on bus services that can be offered will be available on the website from **9am on Tuesday 6th December 2022**.
- We may not be able to provide an update on the number of seats available before the application window opens but please be aware seats availability will be very limited.
- Services available are listed at the bottom of the Privilege seat webpage
- There will be a strict payment deadline for making payment. Should you miss this deadline, the seat offered to your child will be offered to the next child on the waiting list (should one exist) and your application will be cancelled.
- Once applications have been processed by the Transport Team you will be able to see the status of your application online as well as make payment without having to contact the Council.

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The most magical pantomime of all

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Will two fools be covered in gunge?
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Relaxed Performance: 29th at 2pm
JANUARY: 1st at 2pm

Box Office: 01983 868000 www.shanklintheatre.com

£2 OFF
each ticket when presented at the Box Office

New Carnival Presents

RYDE
Merry and Bright

Friday 16th December
Join us... 5-8pm
Celebrations in the Town

- * **Lantern Parade** (5.30pm)
Start from top of Dover Street, to Star St, High St, Cross St, and ending in Vernon Square
- * **Illuminations** (The Neon Garden in St Thomas Rest, the Land and the Sea in Vernon Square)
- * **Music & Entertainment**
- * **Food Stalls**

Join in-
Lantern Making Workshops:
Family Workshop- Sat 26th Nov
11-2pm Ryde Methodist Church
Lantern Leaders Course-
Weds 23rd Nov 5-7.30pm The Coaching House, Union Rd, Ryde

To book contact:
Gemma@thenewcarnivalcompany.com
01983 716095

RYDE TOWN COUNCIL RBA WIGHTLINK ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND newcarnival

Come along to a
CHRISTMAS FAIR
and sing carols at the Parish Hall, Victoria Road, Freshwater on Friday 16th December at 1-3pm

Beautiful handmade jewellery
Handmade Christmas cards
Christmas gifts, wreaths and decorations
Homemade soup served with bread and cheese
Coffee and mince pies
Eco refill scheme
Drop and swap table

RYDE TOWN COUNCIL RBA WIGHTLINK ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND newcarnival

RYDE
Merry and Bright

Friday 16th December
Join us... 5-8pm
FREE EVENT

Roaming PyroLight Grinch Theatre Train Moths 'Scrooge'

Vernon Square
'The Land and the Sea' & Christmas Games
Double Take 6.30-6.50pm
Monkton Merman Story 6.55-7.05pm
Neon Dancers 7.10-7.20pm
Monkton Merman Story 7.25-7.35pm

Minghella Square
Santa's Sleigh & FREE Facepainting
Hannah the Vintage Songbird 5.15-5.40pm
Neon Dancers 6.45-6.55pm

St Thomas's
Lucy Baker 5-6.15pm
Vectis Brass Band 6.30-7pm
Isobel Russell 7-7.30pm

FOOD MARKET
'Neon Garden'

Victoria Arcade
Double Take 5.30-5.55pm
'Scrooge' 6-6.20pm
Hannah the Vintage Songbird 6.20-7pm
Em Johnson & Moths 7-7.30pm

Christmas Arena
Town Square
In the Square:
5-6pm The Grinch
5-7pm Christmas Crowns Activity
5.8pm DJ Kaf-Tan
On the Stage:
5.00-5.30pm Huxley Magic
5.30-5.45pm 'Scrooge'
5.45-6.15pm Em Johnson Acoustic Set
6.15-6.40pm Milla Lake, Vocalist
6.40-7.00pm Raw Samba
7.00-7.30pm DJ Kaf-Tan
7.30-7.55pm Jaydene Aerial

Symbol Key:
Lantern parade route, 5.30pm start @ Dover Park School
Illuminated gardens
Performance & entertainment areas

SCAN ABOVE FOR FULL PROGRAMME INFO

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Jingle all the Way
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Sunday 18 December
Ventnor Botanic Garden
From 3pm
mountbatten.org.uk/jingle

WINTER

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Unlimited FREE ENTRY - See winter opening times on website

Transferable adult season pass when accompanying a child season pass holder
(see website for full T&Cs)

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Indoor and Outdoor Play

Discounted tickets for Season Pass Holders!

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I.W. STORY FESTIVAL
for children & families

DON'T MISS THIS FUN FAMILY FESTIVAL DURING FEBRUARY HALF TERM!
Friday 17th & Saturday 18th February

Plus, new for this year, Thursday 16th for the over-12s

DECEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER

Have you got your tickets yet?

Tickets are now on sale for the I.W. Story Festival at **Quay Arts** in Newport during February half term from www.quayarts.org

It's a chance to meet well-known performers and writers like **Simon Farnaby** (from Paddington 2, Horrible Histories and Ghosts) who will be talking about his **Wizard in My Shed** series of books.

Former CBeebies star, **Cerrie Burnell**, will also be there with her exciting adventure story about being different, **Wilder than Midnight**.

For younger children we have a world-exclusive. Author and illustrator Nicholas Allan will be revealing for the first time **The King's Pants** (some of you may already know and love one of his most famous books, **The Queen's Knickers**.)

There will be lots of other authors and illustrators for you to meet, some of them you may have heard of, some of them you may not. But all of them are worth seeing. Why not check some of them out before you come along: **Laura Ellen Anderson, Neal Layton, Jamie Littler, Gareth Peter, Kieran Larwood, Jules Harriner, Felicity Fair Thompson and Peta Rainford**

FAQs

Q: Do I need to get my tickets in advance?
A: It's a good idea. Tickets are selling fast! Get them from www.quayarts.org

Q: How much are tickets?
A: Some sessions are free, others cost between £3 and £6

Q: Is it just for people who like reading?
A: **NO!** The I.W. Story Festival isn't just about books! We've got lots of hands-on activities for you to get involved with - from making puppets to making rockets, illustrating comics to sewing a story. There will be storytellers and theatre performances too!

More information from: www.iwstoryfestival.com

Registered charity number: 1198024

FREE STAY AND PLAY

SEN PEER SUPPORT

If you are a parent carer of a child with an SEN or disability you are welcome to come along to our **FREE** stay and play session. There will be **FREE** refreshments and a chance to chat with other families.

28th December 2022 - 10am to 2pm

Victoria Pavillion, Recreation Ground Road, Newport, PO30 5DS

Email: parentsvoice@peoplesmatteriw.org Text: 07746 302898

You may accompany your children at all times. We have some toys that we will bring along. If you would like to bring your own you are more than welcome to, but these will be your responsibility. This is a **DROP-IN** session. Please feel free to attend for the time that suits you.

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iow.gov.uk/costofliving

HM Government
Department for Work & Pensions
crown advice
Isle of Wight
Community Action Isle of Wight
The Footprint Trust
Help for Households

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL

HM Government

NHS

UNBOOSTED
COVID-19 and flu can cause serious illness.

BOOSTED
Vaccines are your best protection.