

The Buzz

11th October 2024



Brighstone C.E.
Primary School



Learning and Achieving Through
Love, Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,

It was a lovely sunny day in school today with everyone wearing yellow! Thank you for donating to the Mountbatten Hospice on their **Go Yellow Day**; so far, we have raised just under £100, which is fantastic! On Friday 18th October, we will also be raising money for **Show Racism the Red Card Day**. Again, wear something red that is suitable for PE, and bring in a donation.



Ivy Bees have had yet another very busy week of learning. They enjoyed visiting Summerfield's Primary School yesterday, to watch a show in an inflatable planetarium about satellites and how they have impacted the research of Earth's ecosystems. This 360 degree experience really brought to life how interconnected we are on Earth, through ecosystems, and how the data provided from satellites is invaluable to monitoring changes here. The children were complimented for their excellent manners. Some children then came back and, at lunchtime, decided to write some prayers for the world (see p2 of this week's Buzz for one of them). Well done, Ivy Bee class!

Both our **Mixed & Girls Year 5&6 Tag Rugby** teams have recently taken part in their respective tournaments, and our U11 football team also played their first game of the season recently with a home match against Freshwater & Yarmouth. See later in this Buzz for a detailed match report. Well done to all who took part, and thank you to Mr Goldsmith for facilitating these opportunities.



Our Y6 pupils have been busy sending in applications for the **Y6 leadership roles**. They were announced this week, but as there were still some vacancies to be filled, some more children sent in applications. The full team will be announced next week.

A couple of reminders:

The **school photographer** will be in on Monday 14th October. Please can children that have PE on Monday wear their uniform to school and bring their PE kit in to change into.

The **BSA's Autumn Disco** will be on Friday 18th October from 5pm until 6pm in the school hall. Parents are welcome to wait in the Ivy Bee classroom where refreshments will be available.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes, Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone Team



Collective Worship

This week's focus was 'Generosity - Giving our Time'.



We listened to a couple of stories where people had given their time to create Quiet Gardens in their school grounds. We then heard a story from the Old Testament about Nehemiah, who had the idea that each family



could help to rebuild a bit of the city walls that had been destroyed. If each family did a little bit, and if everyone was generous with their time, the huge task could be done a lot easier.

We linked this to the Community Days that we have held in school, where people gave up some of their weekends to help with tidying up the school grounds. We also talked about how children offer to use their lunchtimes to help sweep up the stones, or tidy up the lunchtime equipment, or look after the Cosy Cabin.

This shows a lot of generosity.
Many hands make light work!

Can you think of a job that just seems too big to even attempt?

I wonder which of our jobs could be done if there were many hands to do them?

A Prayer for Generous Hearts

Generous God,

Make our hearts like yours,
Always ready to give.

Help us to see opportunities to give our time,
So we can achieve amazing things together.

Amen



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 **£3.20** per day.

Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Pizza	Sausages	Roast Chicken	Chicken Pasta Bake	Fish Fingers
Option 2	Tomato Pasta	Veggie Sausages	Ch & Onion Pasty	Veggie Balls	Quorn Dippers
Dessert	Brownie/Fruit	Jelly	Cake	Cookie	Ice Cream

Poetry Corner

Following Ivy Bee's visit to Summerfields where they learnt about ecosystems, Lucy W decided to write an acrostic prayer:

Dear God,

We are extremely thankful for our food.

Our hard work plus your forgiveness will make us
new and improved.

Respect to wildlife is key to saving our planet.

Let us see the depths of our world.

Don't be shy to try.

Amen



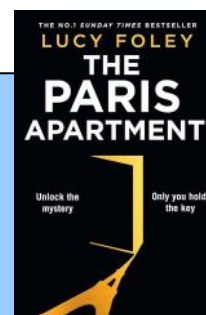
Reading Recommendations

Each week we will include a book recommendation from a child and/or adult.

This week, Mrs Baker recommends *The Paris Apartment* by Lucy Foley.

I am reading *The Paris Apartment* by Lucy Foley which is a thrilling page turner set in Paris, about a girl who is investigating her brother's sudden disappearance.

It is full of suspense and anticipation! I would definitely recommend it.



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

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

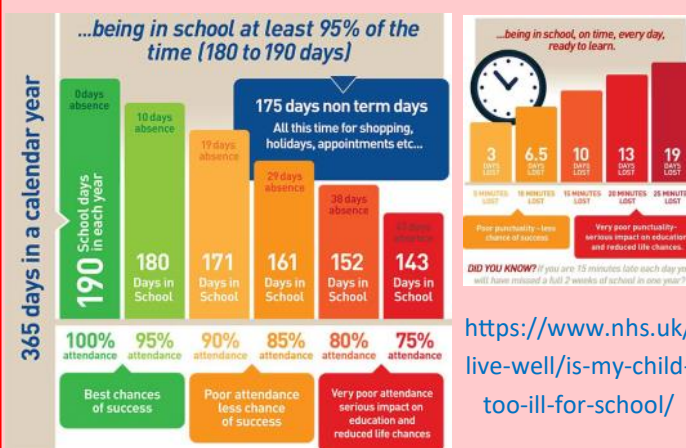
Attendance Matters!

Week Commencing 7th October 2024

Whole School attendance target: 96.5%

Actual Attendance: **93.28%**

Late marks this week: **4**



Golden Book

Bumble Bee	Ralph - for becoming more confident in RWI. Harvey - for demonstrating friendship when another child was feeling left out.
Honey Bee	Bethan - for showing exceptional learning attitude in all subjects. Zara - for showing courage and love of learning during Maths lessons.
Ivy Bee	Martha - for constantly trying her best even if things are a bit tricky. Charlotte R - for working hard and really trying to get involved by putting her hand up and having a go.
Behaviour Bee	Leland - for showing kindness to a staff member when they needed help.
Sports Bee	Ruby - for fantastic focus and hard work during Gymnastics and Tag Rugby in PE.
EARA <i>(nominated by EARA members)</i>	Oscar H, James and Lilli for helping to tidy up at lunchtime. Autumn - for being a great role model in the Cosy Cabin.



Sporting News

Both our Mixed & Girls Year 5&6 Tag Rugby teams have recently taken part in their respective tournaments.

Last week, our mixed team travelled to Medina College to face six other schools from across the island. Our first game ended in a narrow 1-0 defeat to Carisbrooke, but we bounced back in the second game with a 2-1 win over Hunnyhill thanks to two tries from Chris.

Chris also scored in the next game, along with Tom, but we were defeated 4-2 by Holy Cross. Priory then defeated us 3-1, Chris again scoring, before we were beaten by The Bay 1-0. In our final game, Tom and Hugh scored tries but a strong Queensgate team finished as 4-2 winners.

Yesterday, our girls team visited Queensgate Primary School for their tournament. A try from Maddie helped us to a 1-1 draw against Nettlestone in our opener, before she scored a hat-trick in a 4-2 win over Priory - Rosie with the other try.

We then faced Nettlestone for a second time. This time Maddie and Lilli were on the scoresheet in a 2-2 draw. Two tries apiece for Violet and Maddie then sealed a 4-3 win over Priory in our final group game, topping the table and heading into the quarter-finals.

Two more tries for Maddie, plus another for Rosie, saw us finish 3-3 in our quarter-final with Greenmount, but our opponents scored a golden try in extra time as we missed out on the Island finals by the barest of margins. A superb effort from our girls, matched by their sportsmanship and behaviour!

Our U11 football team also played their first game of the season recently with a home match against Freshwater & Yarmouth. There was some great football on show, with brilliant effort put in by all. Freshwater & Yarmouth came out as 5-3 winners in a fun contest!



Mr Goldsmith





Brighstone School Association

End of Term DISCO

FRIDAY 18TH OCTOBER 17:00-18:00

Tickets £2 each; Fancy Dress Optional

Pay in cash at school office or via
www.pta-events.co.uk/brighstoneschoolassociation



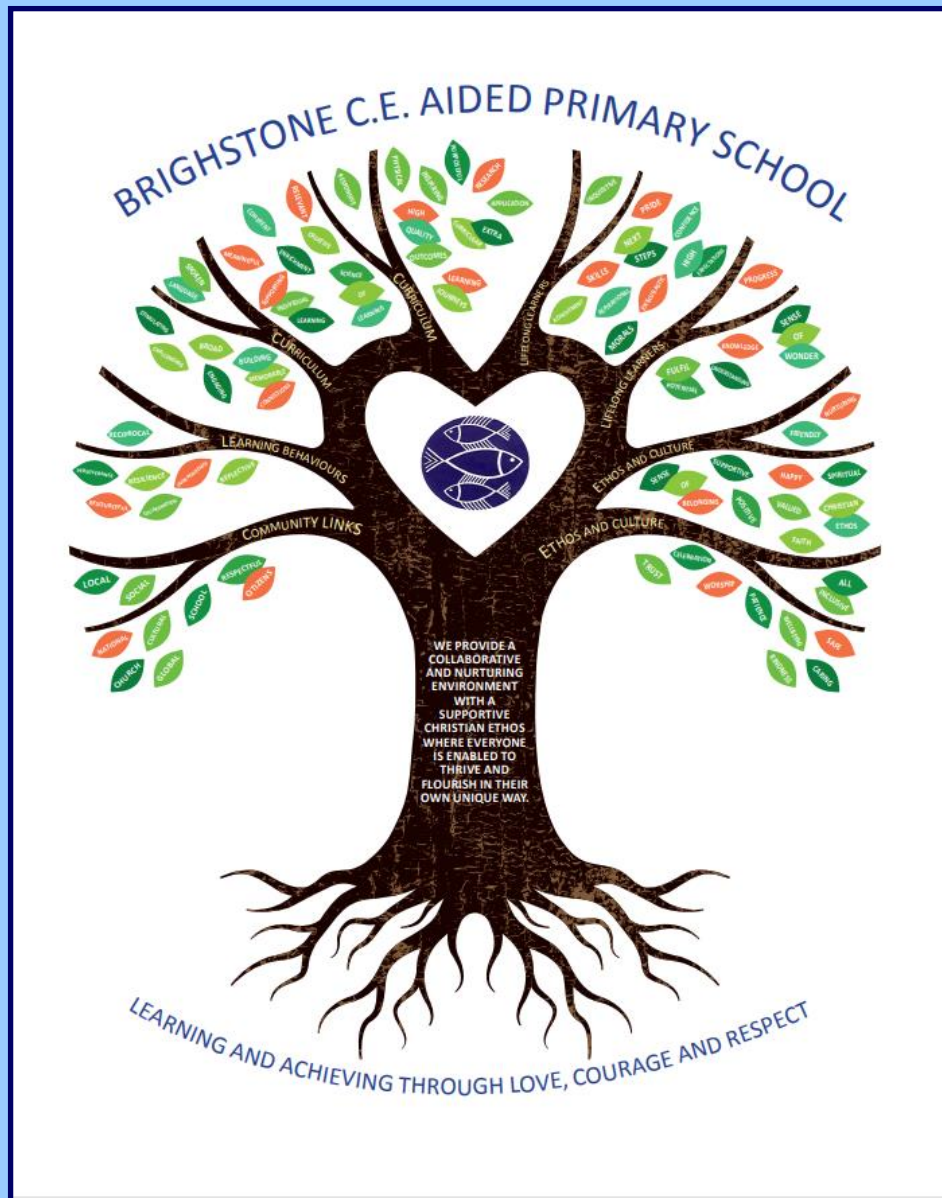
ASDA Rewards Pounds, not points

INTRODUCING CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS!

Nominate 'Brighstone Primary School' via the Asda Rewards app to help build our cashpot.

With every shop, 0.5% of your total gets donated to us.

Our Vision Statement



A vision statement 'seeks to inspire and give direction to all stakeholders (staff, children, parents, governors and the wider community). It is an aspirational description of what an organisation would like to achieve or accomplish in the mid-term or long-term future. It is intended to serve as a clear guide for choosing current and future courses of action'.

Our vision statement works alongside our mission statement 'Learning and Achieving Through Love, Courage and Respect', which includes our values, to reflect and guide our culture, ethos and decision making. This is also on our website.

As a school, in 2020 we worked together with a range of stakeholders to write our vision statement, and we decided to create a visual vision statement to make it stand out and be memorable. Each part of the image has been carefully chosen to represent our school:

Our values, as part of the mission statement (tagline), are the roots and foundation that feed and nourish our school.

The vision statement is the main body (trunk) that guides all our actions.

The branches reflect the different aspects of life in our school.

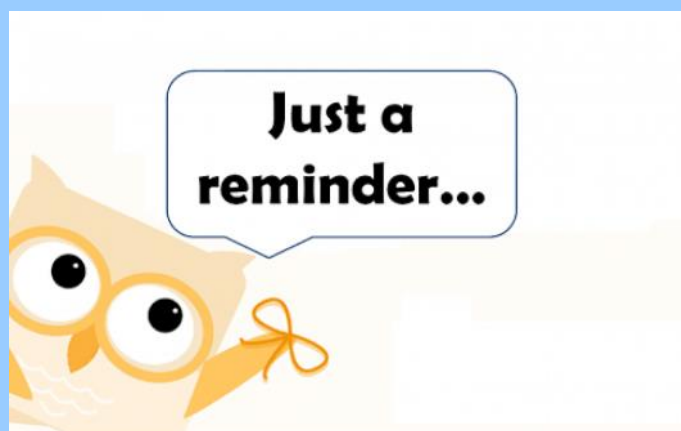
The leaves show examples of how these aspects are shown.

The school logo in the centre of the tree represents the Christian ethos that is at the heart of everything we do.

Reminders

- All hair accessories, socks, shoes and trainers must be in the school colours: navy blue, grey, black or white (no novelty socks)
- All long hair must be tied back (pony tail, bun, plaits etc...) to avoid the spreading of headlice
- No jewellery to be worn other than stud earrings, which must be removed or taped over on PE days
- Gates open at 8.25am and are locked at 8.30am, and in the afternoon, gates are opened at 2.55pm and locked at 3.10pm
- As teachers are busy welcoming and supervising children first thing in the morning, please could all messages be given to Mrs Pelosi in the office, who will then pass them on to the teacher
- Only **water** is allowed in drinks bottles, and snacks must be fruit only

Thank you!



Isle of Wight school place planning consultation

We want to hear your views – to complete the survey, scan the QR Code below or visit:

forms.office.com/e/mkqS7PGbNK

**To find out more about the plans visit:
www.iow.gov.uk/schoolplace**



**Isle of Wight
Council**





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 have concerns about your child's **learning** and progress, email the class teacher in the first instance and allow at least 1 working day for a reply:

Years R, 1 & 2 - teacher.bumblebee@brighstoneprimary.org.uk
Years 3 & 4 - teacher.honeybee@brighstoneprimary.org.uk
Years 5 & 6 - teacher.ivybee@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:

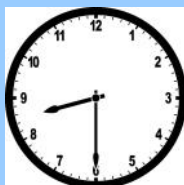
8.25am: Gates open

8.30am: School starts

3pm: School ends

3.10pm: Gates close

Many thanks.



Key dates this year

- Monday 14th October: School photos (individual)
- Thursday 17th October: Harvest Festival
- Friday 18th October: Show Racism the Red Card Day (wear something red suitable for PE); school disco; last day of term
- Thursday 31st October: Deadline for secondary applications
- Monday 4th November: Back to school
- Monday 18th November: Admissions round for primary applications opens
- Friday 6th December: Whole school visit to the pantomime in Portsmouth
- Saturday 7th December: BSA Christmas Fair
- Friday 20th December: Last day of term
- Monday 6th January: Back to school
- Wednesday 15th January: Deadline for primary applications
- Monday 10th February: KS2 trip to Harry Potter World
- Friday 14th February: Last day of term
- Monday 24th February: Back to school
- Monday 3rd March: National offer day for secondary admissions
- Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th March: Parents evenings
- Friday 4th April: Last day of term
- Wednesday 16th April: National offer day for primary admissions
- Tuesday 22nd April: Back to school
- W/c Monday 12th May: Y6 SATs week
- Friday 23rd May: Last day of term
- Tuesday 3rd June: Back to school
- Tuesday 15th July: Parents evening
- Friday 25th July: Last day of term

This list is regularly updated.

School Term Dates for 2024-2025

Please note that the school will be closed on the following days in this academic year:

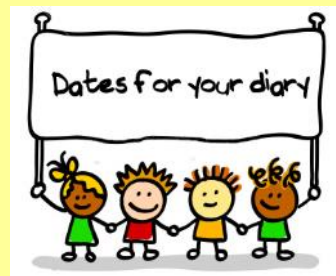
Day 1: Monday 2nd September 2024

Day 2: Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Day 3: Monday 2nd June 2025

Day 4: Monday 28th July 2025

Day 5: Tuesday 29th July 2025



Term dates are available on our school website: