

The Buzz

22nd November 2024



Learning and Achieving Through
Love, Courage and Respect



Dear parents, carers and children,

The children were all very excited to see a visit from Jack Frost yesterday, and their excitement tripled when it started snowing! They enjoyed exploring the icy shapes that had formed in the water trays in the playground.

Classes have been busy this week. In **Bumble Bee class**, Y1/2 have been learning all about common nouns and proper nouns. The children have learnt that common nouns are a general person, place or thing, and proper nouns are a specific person, place or thing, and always start with a capital letter. Well done, Bumble Bees - you picked this up really quickly!



In DT, **Honey Bee class** have been exploring the use of pneumatics within machinery and toys. After experimenting with some different mechanisms, they then designed their own toy which they will go on to make over the next couple of weeks.



Ivy Bee class have been learning about population this week, and how birth and death rates are impacted by different factors. They came up with some really advanced suggestions, which Mrs Denness was very impressed by. They have also been formatting spreadsheets, having filled in data about their journeys to school - now they'll learn about how to add formulas. Mrs Denness has noticed the children's fitness increasing when they do their Joe Wicks Five Minute Move, and the children are always very sensible in the confines of the classroom.



Ms Mackie, the **Read Write Inc** trainer, came in today so see how we are doing with our Reading. We were so pleased to see the progress that is being made right across the school. The Reception, Purple and Pink Group children all showed exemplary learning behaviours and a real enjoyment of their lessons. We can also see the difference that is being made by reading the books at least three times at home. Well done everyone!

With best wishes,

Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone Team

Collective Worship

This week's focus was 'Compassion - Putting on the Right Attitude'.

We learnt what the word compassion means. The word compassion is a combination of two words:

- 'com' which means 'with'
- 'passion' which can sometimes mean 'suffering'



Compassion therefore means being with someone who is suffering or sad, trying to understand how they might be feeling and showing that you care about them.

We listened to some scenarios and discussed how we would show compassion to the children who were upset.

How have you shown compassion to others?



How have others shown compassion to you?

"Clothe yourself with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."
Colossians 3.12

A Prayer for Compassion and Kindness

Lord Jesus,

During your life on earth you showed compassion and kindness to so many people who were suffering and unhappy.

Thank you for people who have shown compassion and kindness to us and given us the courage to keep going even when times were tough.

Remind us this week, when we put on our school uniform, to put on the attitudes of compassion and kindness in all that we do.

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 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Macaroni Cheese	Beef Burger	Roast Gammon	BBQ Chicken Pizza	Fish Fingers
Option 2	Cheesy Bean Burrito	Quorn Burger	Quorn	Cheese Pizza	Veggie Fingers
Dessert	Flapjack	Apple Crumble	Rice Pudding	Jelly	Brownie

Poetry Corner

Space Poem

The sun is like
a gold balloon
the moon
a silver pearl
the earth is like
a marble blue
the milky way
a creamy swirl.
If stars are like
those little boats
afloat a sea
of night
the dark is when
a hand comes down
and switches
off the light!



James Carter

Reading Recommendations

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

This week, Violet recommends *The Wolf Wilder* by Katherine Rundell.

I recommend this book because it is very adventurous and very funny (because some people call each other names). It reveals true selves about people you don't expect and it is very heart-warming at times.

Will you be able to save Feo's mum or will you find out that she'll be stuck in St Petersburg?



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!

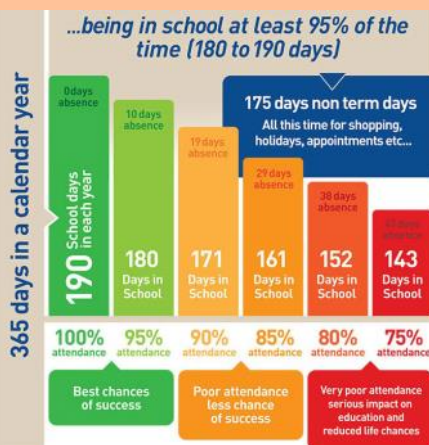
Week Commencing 18th November 2024

Whole School attendance target: 96.5%



Actual Attendance: 93.73%

Late marks this week: 18



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

Golden Book

Bumble Bee	Bram for showing excellent learning behaviours and always trying to do his best, especially in Science (using the correct vocabulary) and when improving his handwriting.
Honey Bee	Ruby for her love of learning in all that she does, and setting a fantastic example during our PVPG English lessons.
Ivy Bee	Oskar for his confident and accurate use of the PVPG ("Grammarsaurus") terminology when describing the elements of a sentence.
Bee-Haviour	Lexi for showing super kindness and great sharing at lunchtime.
Sports Bee	Leland and Grover for outstanding focus and partner work during Gymnastics.





Brighstone School Association's
Christmas Fayre

Saturday 7th December
13:00 - 16:00

at Brighstone Primary School

Tea, Coffee and Refreshments,

Childrens Craft Area, Local Island

Crafts and Handmade Gifts & Wreath

Making.



The Secret Present Room
ONE WEEK LEFT!

Deadline is the 29th November with all
money and slip to the school office

or

Book your present room space online



Christmas Prize Draw

Raffle Tickets

Now available from

The School Office,

Brighstone Village Shop

&

1-2-1 Hairdressing Salon

Tickets £1 each

BRIGHSTONE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

PRE LOVED

CHRISTMAS Jumper SALE

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If you have any good quality christmas jumpers that your kids have outgrown, please donate them for our rail.

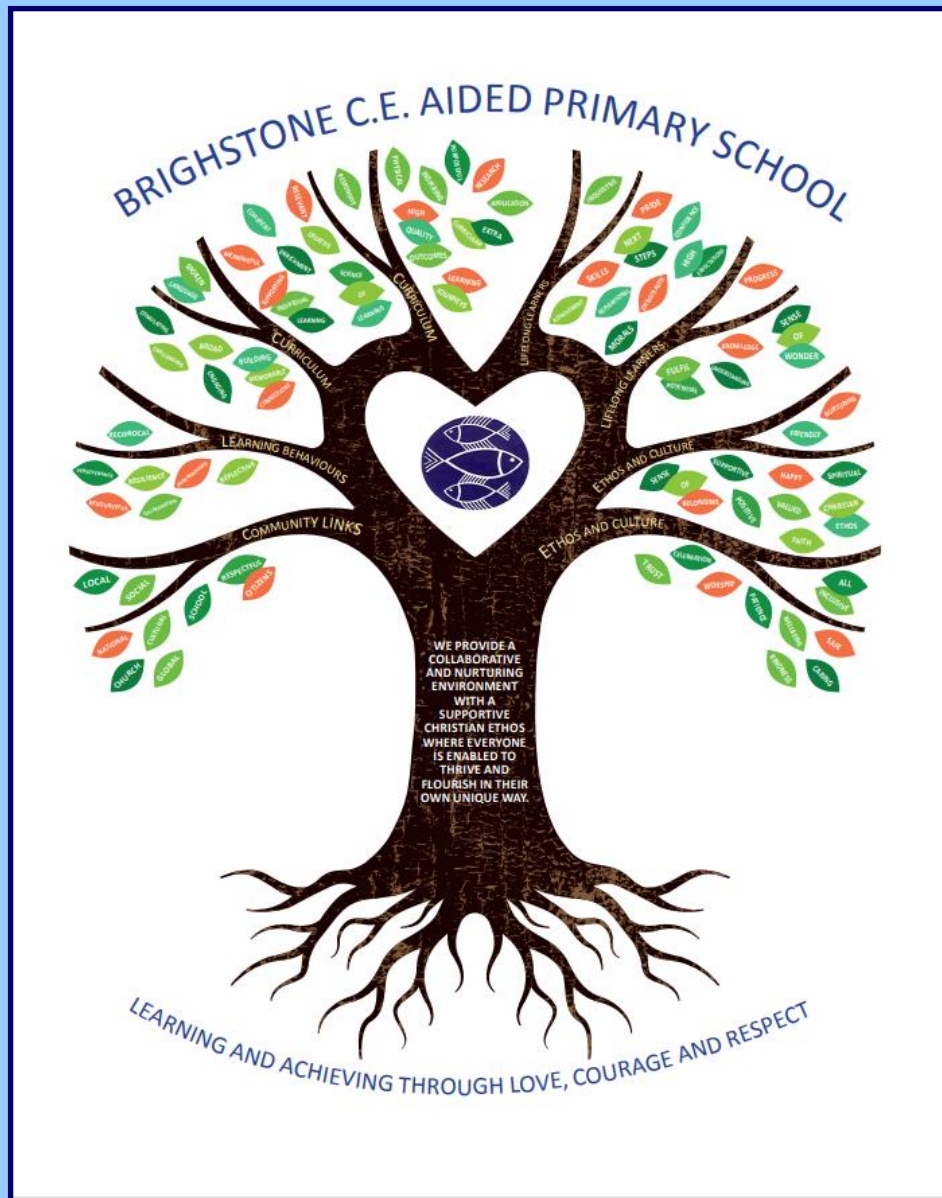
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Place clean donations in the box in the school foyer.

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RAIL will be up from
25 NOVEMBER 2024

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.

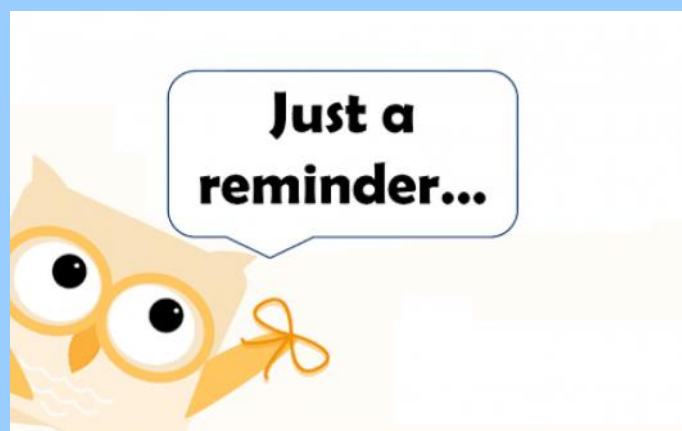
The leaves show examples of how these aspects are shown.

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!





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:

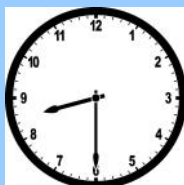
8.25am: Gates open

8.30am: School starts

3pm: School ends

3.10pm: Gates close

Many thanks.



Key dates this year

- Friday 6th December: Whole school visit to the pantomime in Portsmouth
- Saturday 7th December: BSA Christmas Fair 1pm - 4pm
- Friday 13th December: Mufti-Day for BSA hampers
- Wednesday 18th December: Christingle Service 1.30pm (details to follow)
- Thursday 19th December: Christmas Jumper Day; Christmas Carol Concert 1.30pm and 6pm (details to follow)
- 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.

