

The Buzz

8th November 2024



Learning and Achieving Through
Love, Courage and Respect



Dear parents, carers and children,

Welcome back to the new school term. I hope everyone had a lovely half term holiday. We have a jam-packed few weeks ahead of us, culminating in a wealth of Christmas activities at the end of term.

First of all, I would like to share the fantastic news that both **Mrs Baker and Miss Pelosi** are expecting their first babies! We wish them the very best. Plans are in place as to who will be the teacher and LSA in Honey Bee class when they are on maternity leave, which will be shared with you in due course.



In Monday's meeting, the **BSA** finalised plans for the Christmas Fair, which is taking place on Saturday 7th December as part of the Brighstone Christmas Tree Festival. There will be stalls a-plenty, as well as arts and crafts activities for children, and warming refreshments. As part of the BSA's Christmas fundraising, your child will have come home today with some books of raffle tickets. Please do sell these and bring the money into school - there are some amazing prizes on offer!



We will be celebrating Inter Faith Week next week. On Wednesday and Thursday, we are welcoming visitors from different religions to talk about their faith in relation to the theme of 'Community'. We look forward to hearing all about it.



Next Friday 15th November sees **Children in Need**. We thought that we might set you a challenge, inspired by The Thousand Mile Challenge that BBC radio stations across the UK are taking on. We thought that we might do something similar: could we, as a school community, collectively run/walk/swim/cycle 1000 miles in a week?! Children, staff, parents, grandparents, and other family members can add up all the miles they travel when walking to school/work, walking the dog, going for a walk in the park or to the shops, cycling to work, going for a run, taking part in their swimming lessons, and lots more. If you keep a log of all the miles you travel (either on paper or using an online app), and get sponsored for it, then email the school to let us know and we can see how much we have collectively travelled! Bring your sponsor money in on Friday 15th. You can also have silly hair for the day, in return for bringing in donations.

Are you ready for the challenge? Together, let's see what we can do!

You will have seen my email sent home at the start of the week about the **Remembrance Parade** through the village on Sunday 10th November. This is starting at the Reading Rooms at 10.45am and making its way along Main Road to the War Memorial, where an Act of Remembrance and the laying of the wreaths will take place at 11am. This will be followed by a church service at 11.20am for anyone who would like to attend this as well. I know that many children will be representing Beavers, Rainbows, Brownies and Cubs in the parade, but if your child/ren aren't involved with these organisations and would like to come along to represent the school (and lay the wreath), you are welcome to come along.



On Monday 11th, our school will be gathering at the **War Memorial** ready for a short Act of Remembrance at 11am. We will then sing our 'We Will Remember' song. You are welcome to join us and members of the community for this, but please do note that the roads will not be closed on this day so you will need to remain on the footpaths and be mindful of traffic.



With best wishes,

Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone Team

Collective Worship

This week's focus was 'Compassion - Noticing a Need'.

There are many stories in the Bible about Jesus noticing the needs of others and showing compassion. We heard about the story when he went off in a boat to find a place away from the crowds where he and his disciples could rest. But when he reached the shore on the other side of the lake, there were yet more people wanting him to help them and heal those who were ill.



"When Jesus saw the crowd his heart was filled with compassion, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things." Mark 6.34

Jesus always put the needs of others before his own. He showed his love for them by being compassionate.

Think about an occasion when you stopped what you were doing to help someone else. Can you remember how you felt inside?

A Prayer for Compassion

Jesus, help my eyes to see all the good you send for me.

Jesus, help my ears to hear calls for help from far and near.

Jesus, help my feet to go in the way that you will show.

Jesus, help my hands to do all things loving, kind and true.

Amen



School Dinners

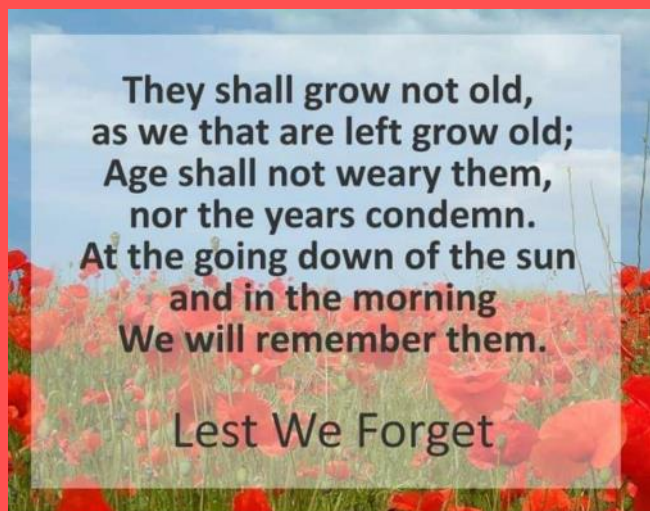
Children in **Year R, 1 and 2** are entitled to a 'universal' **free** school meal everyday.

Children in Years 3-6 are charged at **£3.20** per day.

No Baguettes

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Veggie Pizza	Beef Bolognese	Roast Pork	Chicken Pie	Chicken Burger
Option 2	Veggie Fajita	Chinese Veg Noodles	Veggie Hotpot	Macaroni Cheese	Quorn Dippers
Dessert	Chocolate Mousse	Sponge and Custard	Jelly	Cookie	Glazed Sponge

Poetry Corner



They shall grow not old,
as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.

Lest We Forget

Laurence Binyon

Reading Recommendations

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

This week, Ruby recommends **Bunny vs Monkey: Bunny Bonanza!**

I recommend this book because it's really funny.
It's about the animals in the forest who lose Bunny and find lots of different bunnies and then when Bunny comes back he has powers.



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](#)

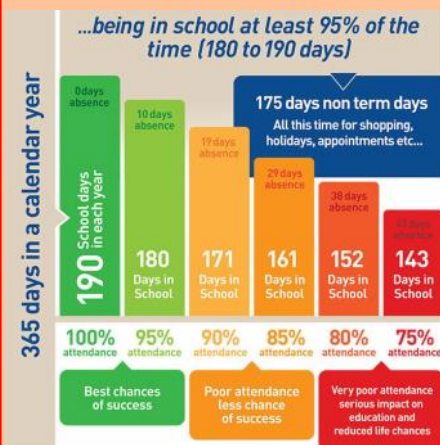
Or call children's services 0300 300 0117

Attendance Matters!

Week Commencing 4th November 2024
Whole School attendance target: 96.5%

Actual Attendance: 97%

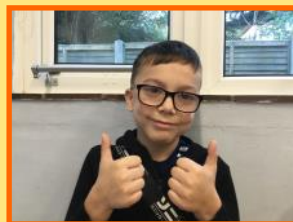
Late marks this week: 11



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

Golden Book

Bumble Bee	Poppy for settling in so well and becoming a great member of the Brighstone Bumble Bee family!
Honey Bee	Rufus for giving his all and being so sensible in lessons this week. Holly for working incredibly hard in English and Maths and always contributing to class discussions. Theo for working so independently on his Maths morning work. Sky and Jake for settling in so well at Brighstone: working well in groups and forming new friendships. It is as if they've been here forever!
Ivy Bee	Charlotte for her excellent explanation of why we have day and night. Poppy J and Izzy for their enthusiastic diligence when conducting their science experiment on electricity.
EARA	Luna (and lots of children in all years) for helping Elsie and Florence through their break and lunch time.





THE BSA ASTRA RECYCLING BIN HAS COLLECTIONS EVERY MONTH!

so dont forget, as Christmas approaches, and you're looking to declutter bear our donations bin in mind!

Remember this includes clothes, shoes and boots, accessories and bedding (no duvets or pillows)...

...and Cuddly toys!!



Brighstone Church of England Aided Primary School

You have helped raise **£236.34**

23 days left

We're still collecting!!
Scan your Asda rewards app with EVERY shop!

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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.





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

BSA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DONATIONS

Could your business or your employer help the BSA by contributing a prize for our Christmas Raffle?

Prizes of all kinds are welcomed and appreciated

Contact us via facebook messenger or email
Brighstoneschoolassoc@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS PRIZE DRAW RAFFLE

Tickets £1 each. Please fill in all contact details in full.

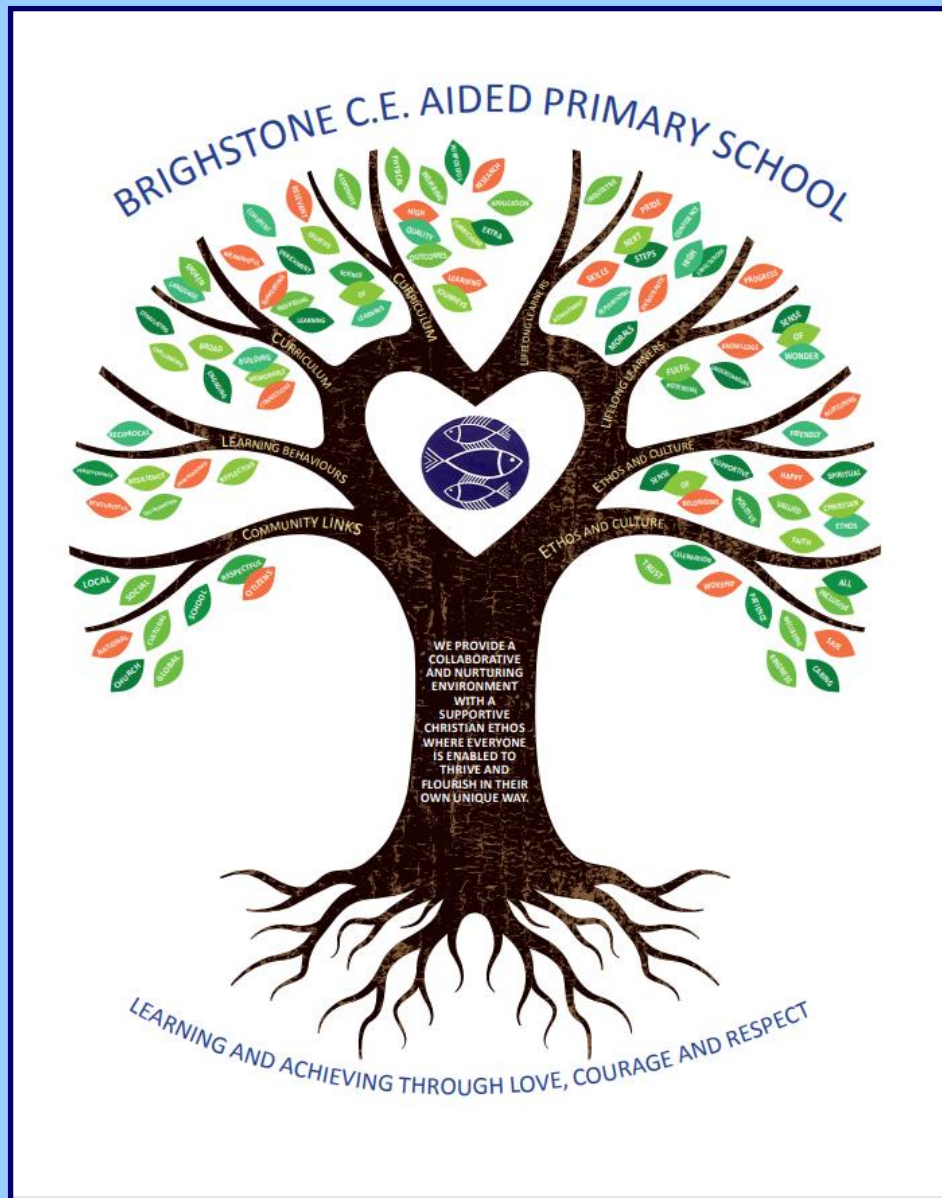
Prize Draw to be drawn on Saturday 14th December

Some raffle tickets for this years prize draw will be sent home in book bags this evening.

Please sell amongst family and friends to help raise money for the BSA.

Enter and be in with a chance to win fantastic prizes!

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.

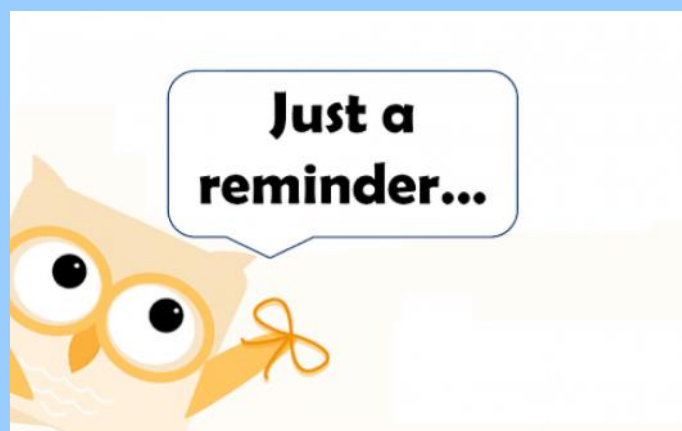
The leaves show examples of how these aspects are shown.

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

- 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.
- 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.
- 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:

- Shouting, either in person or over the telephone
- Speaking in an aggressive/threatening tone
- Physically intimidating, e.g. standing very close
- The use of aggressive hand gestures/exaggerated movements
- Physical threats
- Shaking or holding a fist towards another person
- Swearing and name calling
- Pushing
- Slapping, punching, hitting or kicking
- Racist, homophobic or other hateful behaviour
- Sexist comments or sexual innuendo
- Disrespecting religion or belief
- 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:

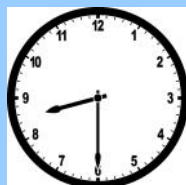
8.25am: Gates open

8.30am: School starts

3pm: School ends

3.10pm: Gates close

Many thanks.



Key dates this year

- Sunday 10th November: Remembrance Parade in Brighstone
- Monday 11th November: Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial
- Friday 15th November: Children in Need Day
- 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 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:

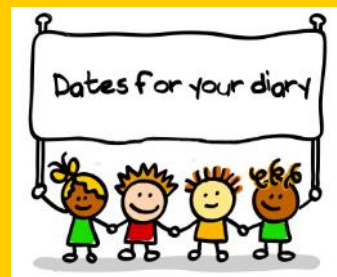
Day 1: Monday 2nd September 2024

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.