

# The Buzz

## 20th December 2024



Brighstone C.E.  
Primary School



Learning and Achieving  
Through Love, Courage  
and Respect



Dear parents, carers and children,

What a fun Christmas week we have had! On Wednesday, we held our **Christingle Service** in St Mary's Church. The children took over their Christingles that they had made that morning, and we had a wonderful 'awe and wonder' moment when all the Christingles were lit and the lights were turned off. There was a collective 'oooh' as the church was twinkling with the candle flames and the Christmas tree lights. Thank you to Rev Jackie for leading the fun interactive service (with the clues around the church!) and to the parents and carers who also came along.



Thursday saw our **Christmas Concert**. This year, instead of our usual traditional Nativity play, we decided to hold a concert with a range of Christmas songs, dances and acting. There was something for everyone, with a 'Nutcracker with a Difference' dance, traditional carols, contemporary Christmas songs, a short play about the origins of the carol 'Silent Night' and finishing with the Nativity story and tableau read and performed by Ivy Bee class and Reception class. All the children had the opportunity to show their talents, from solo singers to fantastic break dancers, surrounded by the twinkling Christmas tree lights in the church. The children were fantastic, and fully deserve your lovely feedback.

Thank you, also, to those who were able to offer a hand in **moving the staging** from the school to the church and back again, as well as helping to rearrange the chairs in the church. Your help was very much appreciated!

I must also take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for your amazing generosity in our retiring collection for the Pearl of Africa Children's Choir. You raised an incredible **£386.84!!** The charity will be very grateful, as all their work, the children's accommodation, food, schooling and more is completely funded through donations. Thank you, again.



Today we all enjoyed a delicious **Christmas Dinner** cooked by our new cook, Sharon. The children said it was the best ever! This was then followed by a special visit from **Father Christmas** himself, who met with each class and gave out presents to each child. Thank you to Father Christmas for taking the time to visit us in his very busy schedule, and to the BSA for organising it.



As if that wasn't enough, we were also treated to a mini **Christmas Music Concert**, in which our musicians showcased what they have been learning. We had Honey Bee class play some songs on their brass instruments, as well as other children playing trumpets, recorders and the keyboard, both individually and in duets. Well done - you were all brilliant! Thank you to Mr Stroud and Mrs Jackaman for teaching the children and for helping with the concert, and to friends and family who joined us for this.

We wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year, and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 6th January.

Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone Team

(More photos on Facebook.)



## Collective Worship

Dear God

We remember Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem and the visitors who came to see the miracles and brought presents fit for a King.

We thank you for the friends and family who will journey to see us over the Christmas holidays.

Help us to give and receive presents this year with the same grace and happiness that they were given in that stable so long ago.

While we are celebrating and creating happy memories, please look after those friends and family members who are now with You and please bless the people who may be alone on Christmas Day.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen

Dear God,

At this time of year, we remember that you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the Messiah and light of the world.

While we have sweets, oranges and decorations in our houses, we see them as well on our Christingle to show how important Jesus is in the world.

As we open our presents from Santa on Christmas morning, help us to remember that You sent us one perfect present in the form of Jesus Christ.

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 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

'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.

Excerpt from A Visit from St Nicholas  
 by Clement Clarke Moore



### Reading Recommendations

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

This week, Ellie recommends *The Polar Bear and the Snow Cloud*.

I recommend this book because I really liked it. The polar bear wanted a friend and the snow cloud kept making him snow animals but he couldn't play with them. Then he found another polar bear to play with.



### 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](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)

**0808 800 5000**

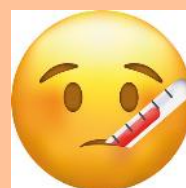
[Find out more](#)

Or call children's services 0300 300 0117

### Attendance Matters!

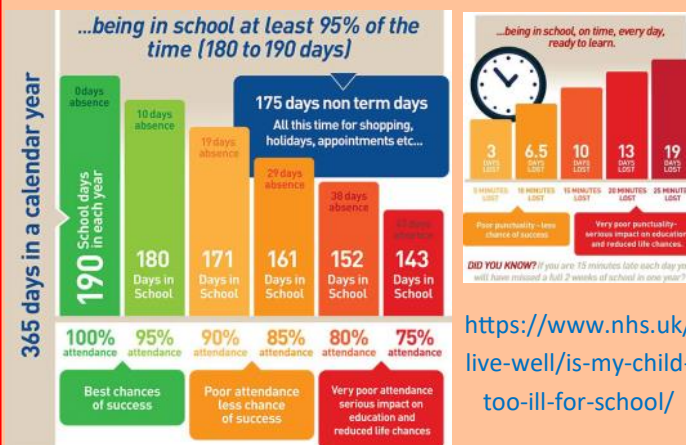
Week Commencing 16th December 2024

Whole School attendance target: 96.5%



Actual Attendance: 88.76%

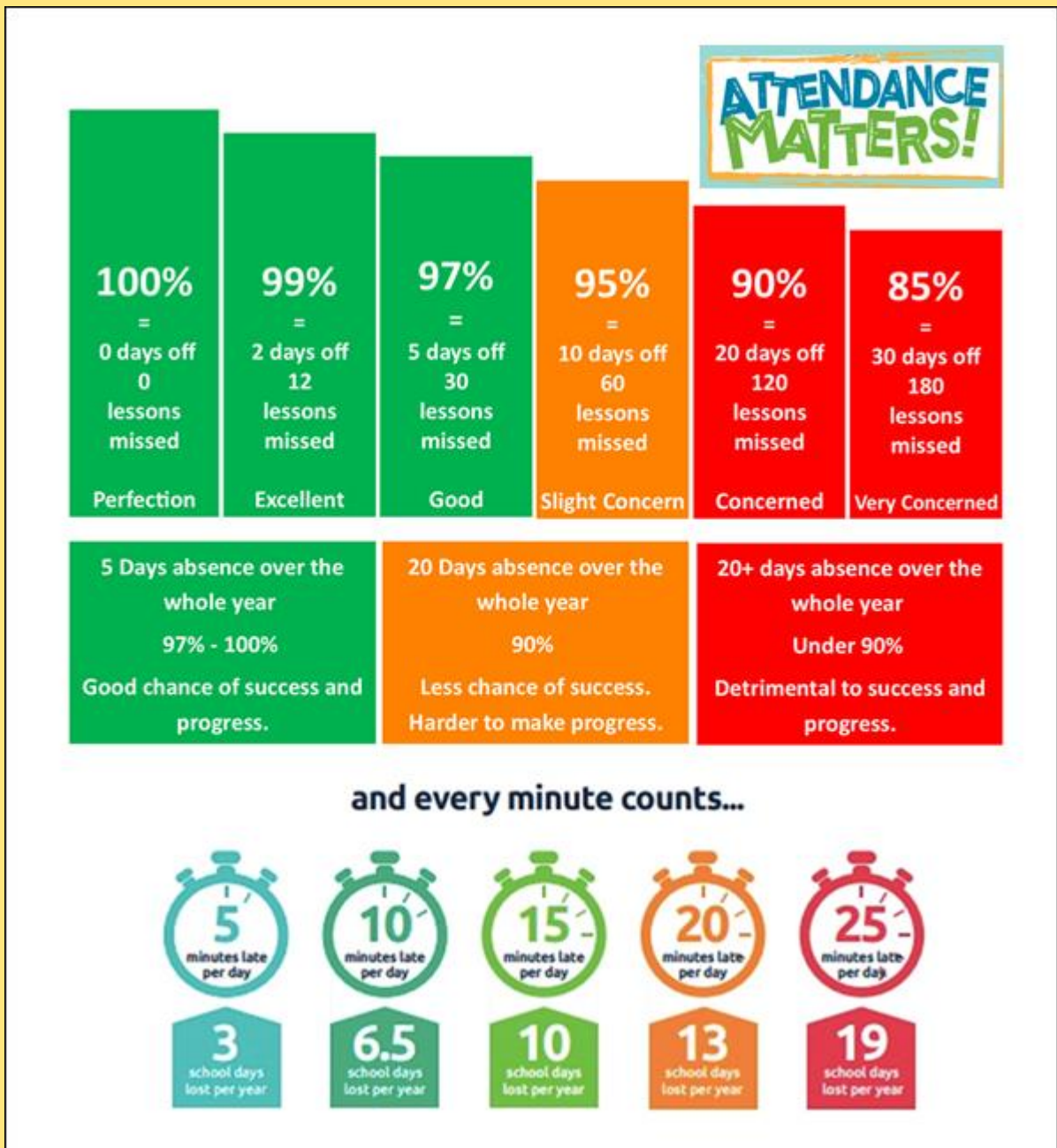
Late marks this week: 14



# Golden Book

## External Achievements





At Brighstone Primary School we have high expectations for our children. This begins with attendance and punctuality as they are important life skills to learn.

Good school attendance habits are best started early. Children learn from those around them and you as parents/carers set the standards and expectations for your child. Lateness has a negative impact; being late may disrupt already settled children and lessons, affect achievement and embarrass, worry or upset your child. We understand that there may be an occasional unavoidable instance where you are late, but if it happens frequently, please let us know if there may be something that we can do to help.

What to do if your child is unwell:

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

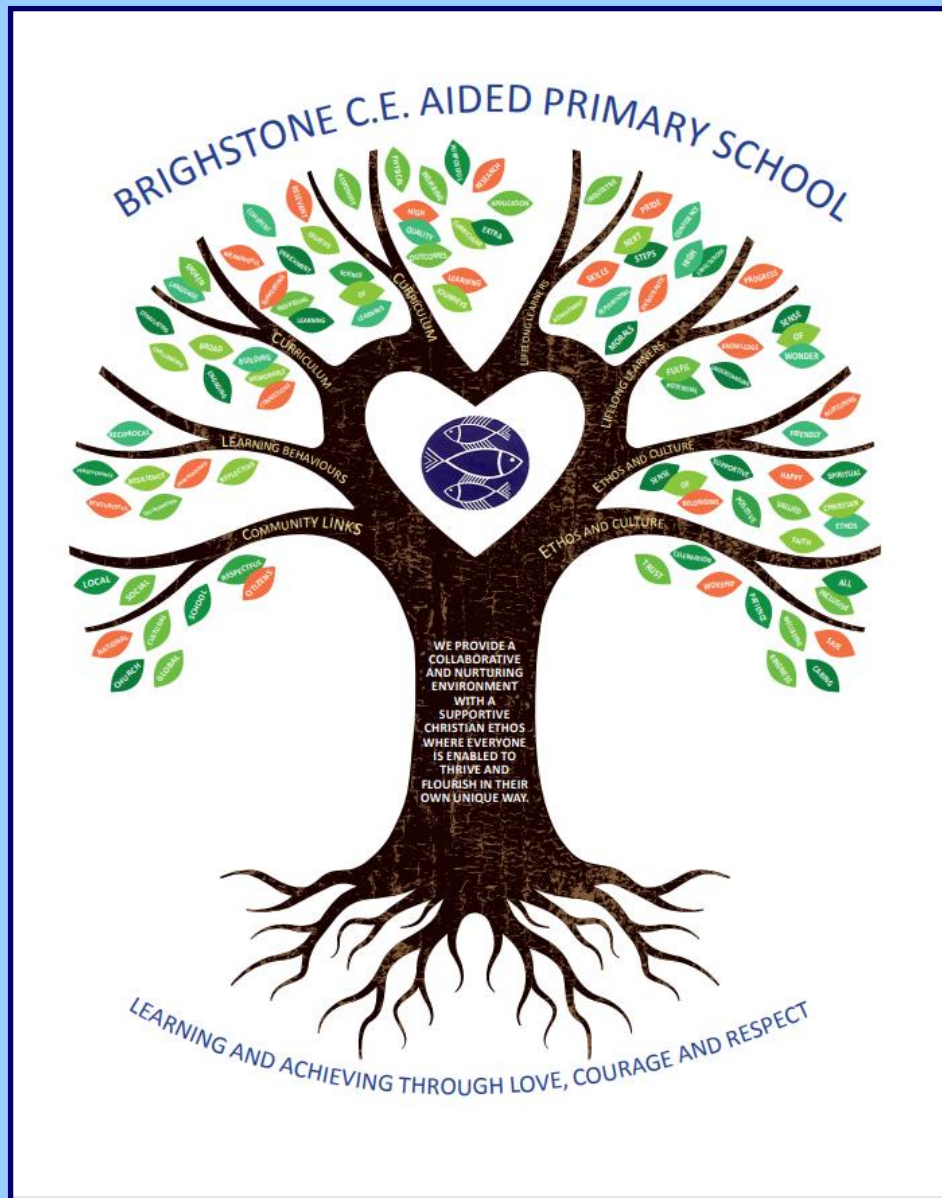
You should notify the school office before 9am every morning your child is unable to attend due to illness. You can either telephone on 740285 or email on [office@brighstoneprimary.org.uk](mailto:office@brighstoneprimary.org.uk). Telephone calls must be followed up in writing to authorise the (illness) absence.



Merry Christmas  
from  
the BSA



# 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.

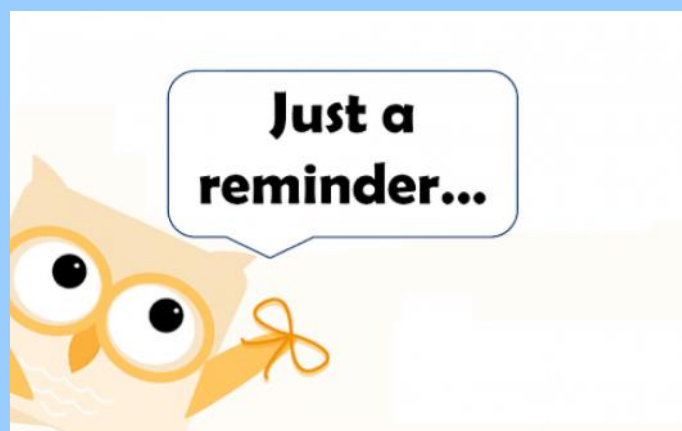
The leaves show examples of how these aspects are shown.

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:

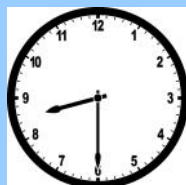
8.25am: Gates open

8.30am: School starts

3pm: School ends

3.10pm: Gates close

Many thanks.



## Key dates this year

- 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
- Wednesday 16th - Friday 18th July: Y6 London residential
- 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.

