

The Buzz

10th January 2025



Learning and Achieving Through
Love, Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,

A **Happy New Year** to everyone, and welcome back! I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas with friends and family. The children were all very excited to tell me the evidence that Father Christmas had been. Carrots gone, mince pies eaten, and footprints and hoofprints in the garden!



This week, **Reception Bumble Bees** have been having fun exploring their new classroom. They say they love having lots of space and their favourite part is that they are allowed to have as many as they like in the Construction Area because it's much bigger! **Y1/2 Bumble Bees** have been exploring their newly revamped classrooms (thank you to all the staff members who came in over the holiday to carry out these mammoth tasks!). They have also been learning verb phrases (more than one verb together; e.g. The dog is digging in the garden = being verb and an action verb), and have been exploring colour on a grey afternoon. They were mixing primary colours to make secondary colours and they will move on to creating different shades of colour next, before looking at how some other artists have used colour in their work. **Honey Bees** have been learning how to write setting descriptions, based on Willy Wonka's chocolate factory, and **Ivy Bees** were really excited to begin their now book, *The Girl Who Rowed the Ocean* by



Alastair Humphreys, on Thursday. They've already learnt many facts about the ocean and also watched footage from the Mariana Trench - the deepest known part of our oceans, located in the Pacific. We were very kindly bought 30 copies of this book by The Worshipful Company of Shipwrights, a London livery company. We are so grateful for their generosity.

This week, Honey Bee class received a letter about a change of staffing in their class. In the next few weeks, we say goodbye to Miss Pelosi (last day on Thursday 16th January) and Mrs Baker (last day on Friday 14th February) as they both start their **maternity leave**. Mrs Aram (who we are welcoming back after her maternity leave) and Mrs Boyd will be teaching in Honey Bee class for the remainder of the academic year. We wish Mrs Baker and Miss Pelosi all the very best, and we look forward to seeing their little bundles of joy!

During Golden Worship this morning, we welcomed Dan, who spoke to the children about lessons at **Freshwater Golf Club**. A flyer will be sent home with further information about this. Lots of children seemed very keen, which is fantastic.



As you know, the **BSA** work hard throughout the year organising events to help raise money for the school, as well as to provide a wide range of fun activities for children and their families. Their next meeting is taking place on Monday 13th January 6.30pm - 7.30pm, in Honey Bee classroom (or via Teams if you are unable to make it in person). Every parents is automatically a member of the BSA, so please do come along if you are able to. Every little helps, and many hands make light work. Thank you.

Just a reminder that **routine appointments** for doctors and dentists should ideally be taken outside of school hours, wherever possible. We thank you for your support with this.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes, Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone Team

Collective Worship

This week, we been focusing on Courage: Epiphany.

Epiphany falls on January 6, immediately after the Twelve Days of Christmas. Epiphany is a Christian holiday that celebrates when the manifestation of God to the Wise Men (magi) and their consequent voyage to meet the newborn baby Jesus occurred.



Did you know that the name 'Epiphany' comes from the Greek meaning for 'to reveal', or 'to appear'?

We learnt about the wise men who travelled a long way to visit the baby Jesus. They showed great courage, as they didn't know how far they would be travelling or what the journey would be like. We also discussed how they showed courage when they didn't return to Herod as he demanded.



We explored the gifts that the wise men gave to Jesus, and how they aren't what we would usually give to a baby! We discussed what they symbolise: gold represents kingship, frankincense symbolises worship and myrrh symbolises death and mourning.

God of wonder,

Help us to have as much faith as the wise men who followed your star to find Jesus.

Help us to have as much courage as the wise men who travelled far.

Lead us down the right paths and help us to recognise Jesus in the people that we meet as we travel through life.

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. Yoghurt, fruit, salad and jacket potatoes are available every day.

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Cheese and Tom Pizza	Sausages and Mash	Roast Chicken	Chicken Korma	Fish Fingers
Option 2	BBQ Quorn fillet	Quorn Sausages and Mash	Roasted veggie slice	Tomato and Sweetcorn Pasta	Cheese Omelette
Dessert	Chocolate Brownie	Bread and Butter Pudding	Oat Cookie	Lemon Shortbread	Vanilla Ice Cream

Poetry Corner

January

Little January
Tapped at my door today.
And said, "Put on your winter wraps,
And come outdoors to play."

Little January
Is always full of fun;
Today we coasted down the hill,
Until the set of sun.

Little January
Will stay a month with me
And we will have such jolly times -
Just come along and see.

Winifred C Marshall

January

January is
a clean white sheet, newly-ironed;
an empty page;
a field of freshly-fallen snow
waiting to be mapped
by our footsteps.

John Foster



Reading Recommendations

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

This week, Annie recommends Sgt Stubby, an American Hero, which is a true story.

I recommend this book because there is a dog that saves lives in World War I, and there is a movie that you can watch. At the start, a soldier throws him a sausage and they make friends. It is a bit teary at some points, but it's also quite heart-warming.



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

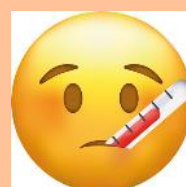
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Find out more

Or call children's services 0300 300 0117

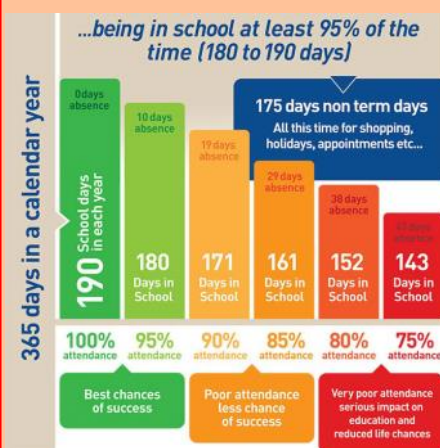
Attendance Matters!

Week Commencing 6th January 2025
Whole School attendance target: 96.5%



Actual Attendance: 91.75%

Late marks this week: 7

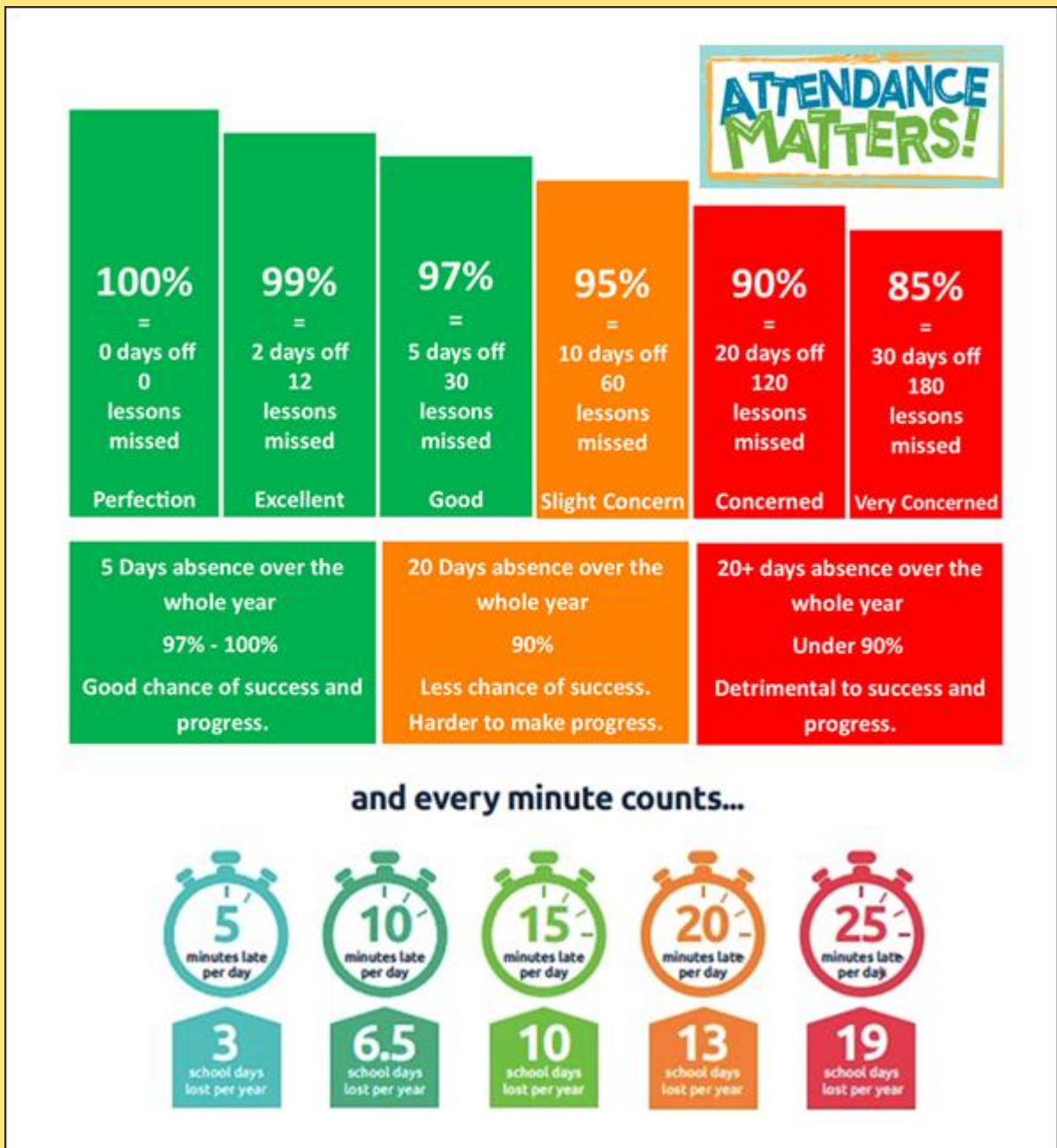


<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Golden Book

Bumble Bee	Mariia - a big welcome to Brighstone Primary School (courage) Lexi - for being so kind and welcoming to Mariia (love) Forbes - for showing lots of enthusiasm when learning about nouns, verbs and verb phrases (love) Ellis - for enthusiastic responses in Maths, showing good knowledge of tens and ones in teens numbers (love)
Honey Bee	Alyssa - for her great recollection of the digestive system and associated key vocabulary (love)
Ivy Bee	Maddie - for her really sensible group work separating a mixture in Science (love) All of Y6 - for the sheer amount of engagement, teamwork, effort and fun they had creating and performing their baroque style recitative on the theme of something that had been forgotten (love)
EARA	Nathan - for always helping to tidy up at lunchtime (nominated by Lilli, Martha and Oskar) Georgia - for tidying up the Cosy Cabin (nominated by Rosie)





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. Telephone calls must be followed up in writing to authorise the (illness) absence.

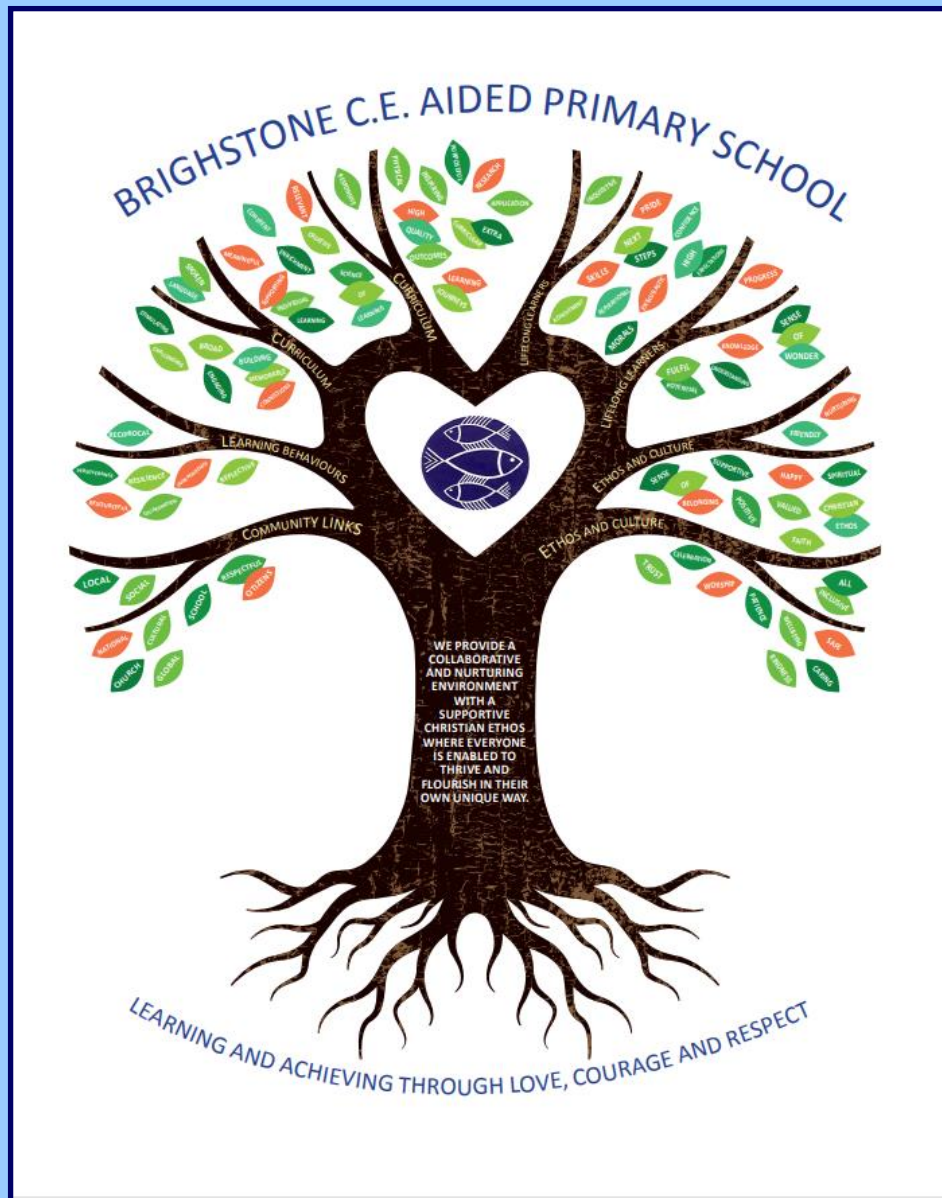


The BSA's next meeting is on
Monday 13th January
6.30pm - 7.30pm
in Honey Bee classroom
or via Teams.

All welcome!

Meeting link: [BSA January 2025 | Microsoft Teams | Meet-up-Join](#)

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.

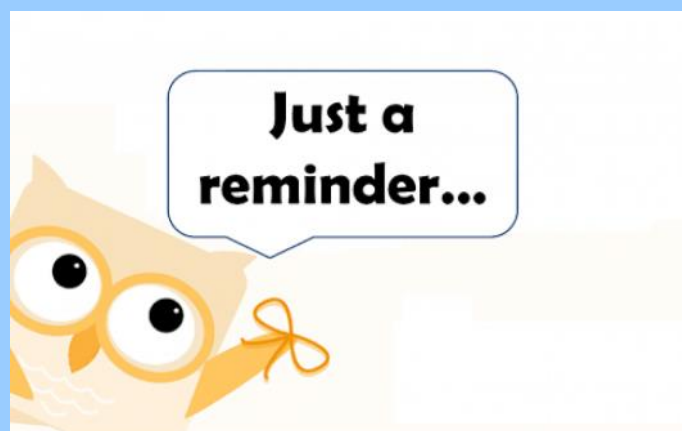
The leaves show examples of how these aspects are shown.

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:

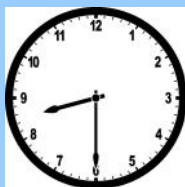
8.25am: Gates open

8.30am: School starts

3pm: School ends

3.10pm: Gates close

Many thanks.



Key dates this year

- 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.

