

The Buzz

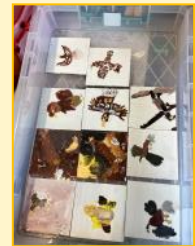
17th January 2025



Learning and Achieving Through
Love, Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,

This week, **Honey Bee class** had a fantastic visit from Emma at the Wildheart Animal Sanctuary. She talked to us all about White Tailed Eagles and how they sadly became extinct in the UK a while ago. Since then, they have been working effortlessly to reintroduce them to the UK and we are lucky enough to have some here on our beautiful Island. Their members of staff have special licences which mean they can transport chicks when they are born in Scotland, down here to the Isle of Wight. The children painted their own tile of an eagle which will be put together with other Island Schools, for a large mural at the sanctuary! Hopefully we will be able to visit when it is finished.



Ivy Bee have had a busy week looking at Paula Rego's 'The Dance' and sketching it themselves. They then created images on Google Drawing, combining shapes to make a vector image. Those that brought bicycles and scooters thoroughly enjoyed their breaktime, and we welcome any more children from Ivy Bee class to bring their 2-wheeled vehicles on Fridays, as long as you have a helmet to wear too, please!

Yesterday, we waved goodbye to **Miss Pelosi**, who has started her maternity leave. We wish her all the best, and can't wait to see her little bundle of joy!



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: Stepping out of your comfort zone.

We talked about what it means to step out of your comfort zone, and how you may need to find the courage to do this. The children came up with some examples of when they have stepped out of their comfort zone, and how taking little steps helps with this.



We then heard the story of Moses and the Burning Bush. We discussed how Moses needed a lot of courage to do what God had asked him to do, and to take his people to a safer place. He put one foot in front of another until he achieved it. It was all unknown, and he was definitely stepping out of his comfort zone!

Facing challenges prayer

Dear Lord,
Give us your strength to face challenges.
Help us to remember that sometimes we need to take small steps to begin with, But it's starting the journey that matters. Thank you that just as you promised to be with Moses,
You have also promised to be with us Wherever the journey leads us.
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	Macaroni Cheese	Beef Burger	Roast Gammon	BBQ Chicken Pizza	Fish Fingers
Option 2	Cheesy Bean Burrito	Quorn Burger	Roast Quorn	Cheesy Pizza	Veggie Fingers
Dessert	Flapjack with Fruit	Apple Crumble	Rice Pudding with Jam or Chocolate Spread	Raspberry Jelly	Chocolate Brownie

Poetry Corner

Courage is...

Carrying on when things are difficult

Overcoming fear

Understanding and facing a challenge

Risking being out of your comfort zone

Always believing in God's promises

Going for a goal

Empowered by encouragement

Talk about which line you think is the best way of describing courage and why.



Think of your own ideas for one line of the poem, or write your own version of the whole poem!

Reading Recommendations

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

This week, Forbes recommends *The Wind in the Willows*.

I recommend this book because I like it. I like the sword fighting and I like it when they are rowing.

I like it when Mole is out in the cold and Badger brought Mole and Rat into his house because he didn't want them to be out in the cold and he wanted them to get some rest and to eat.

It is a calming and peaceful book.

It is a really cool book.



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

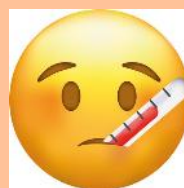
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Find out more

Or call children's services 0300 300 0117

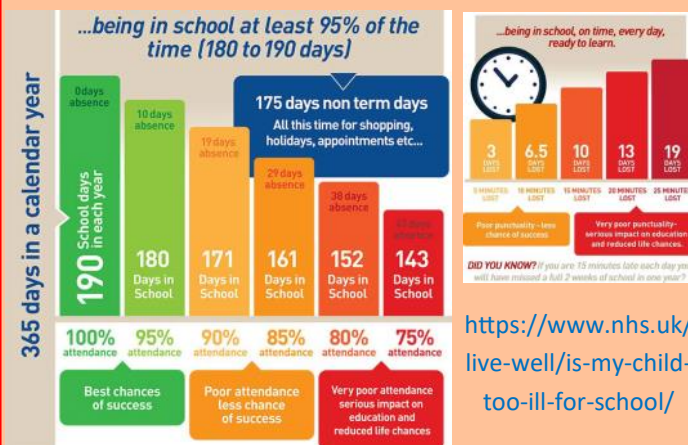
Attendance Matters!

Week Commencing 13th January 2025
(Whole school attendance target: 96.5%)



Actual Attendance: **94.24%**

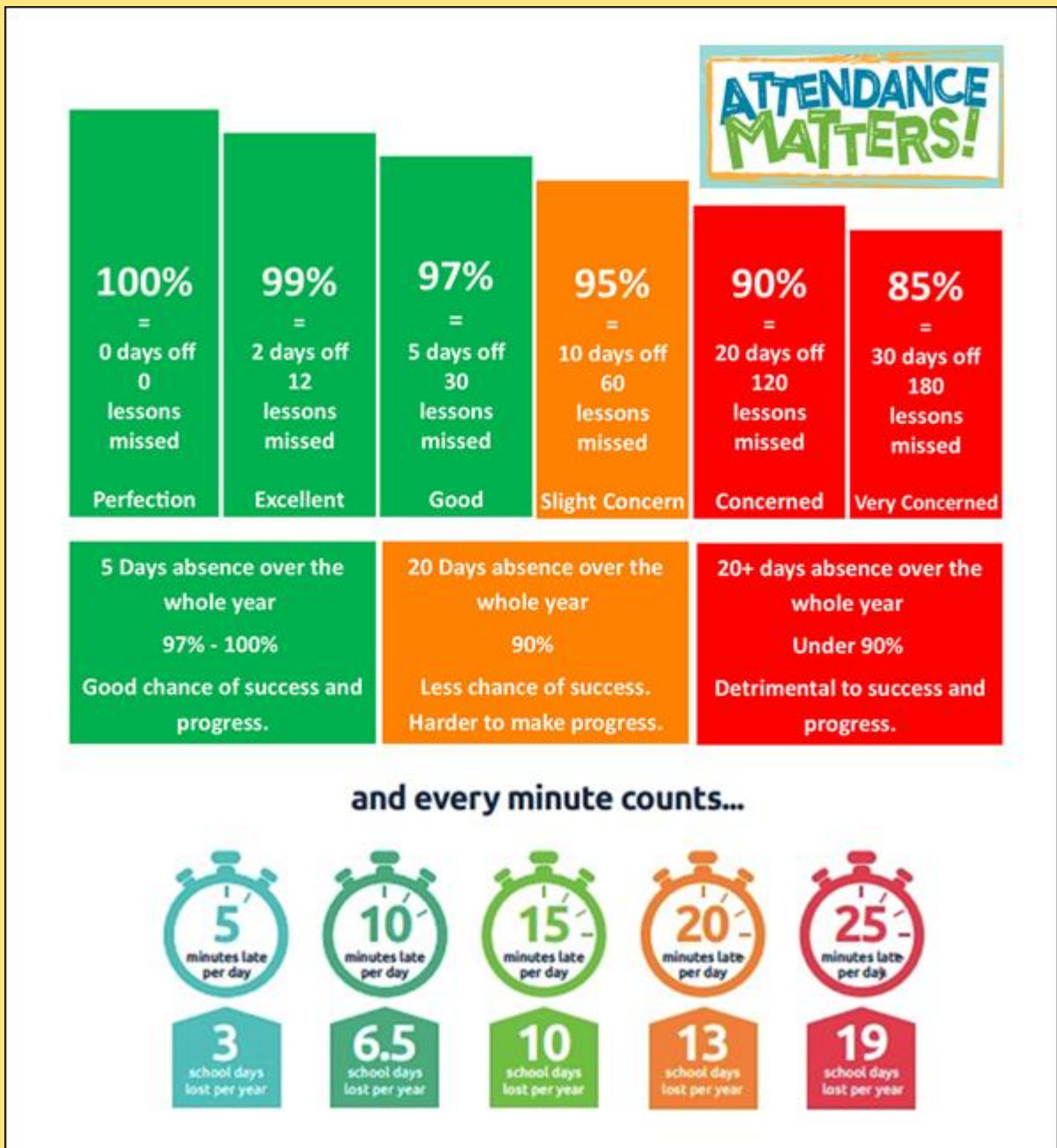
Late marks this week: **10**



Golden Book

Bumble Bee	Hudson: For showing a love of learning in English and with his reading (love). Tahnee: For working hard with her numbers and counting (love).
Honey Bee	Annie: For her love of learning in all subjects and trying her best (love). Charlie: For being very independent and hardworking in English (courage).
Ivy Bee	Martha and Maddie: For diligently learning and practising the method for multiplying mixed numbers by an integer, then successfully applying this independently to a selection of word problems (courage).
Sports Bee	Ellie: For always showing great focus and effort in PE lessons (respect).





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.



Family QUIZ NIGHT BONANZA!!

Friday 7th February
Details coming soon!

BSA ASTRA RECYCLING BIN

We take...

Clothes
Shoes
Bed Linen
Accessories
(Such as belts, hats & handbags)
Soft Toys

We can't take...

Duvets or Cushions
Off Cuts
Carpet or Curtains



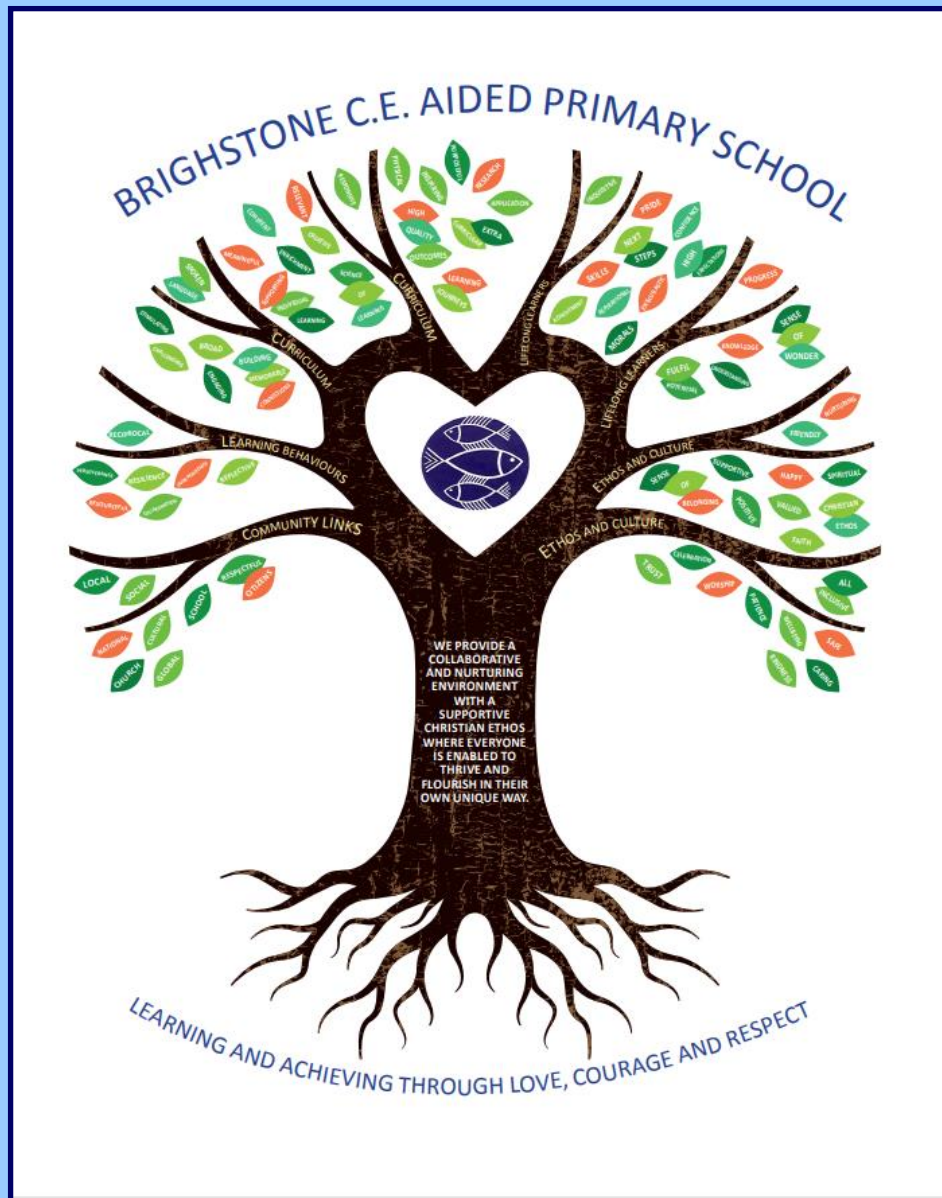
Find our recycling bin at the front entrance of the school.

*Parents,
Family members
& friends of Brighstone
Primary School*

**Does your place of
work offer the Match
Funding Scheme?**

Get in touch with us if your employers could help our BSA fundraisers via email at brighstoneschoolassoc@gmail.com

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.

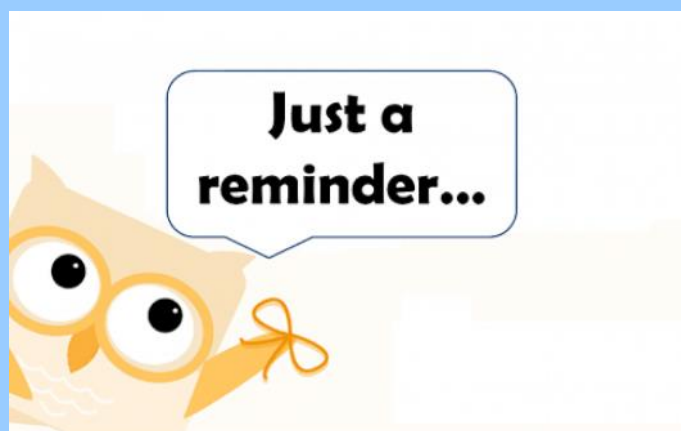
The leaves show examples of how these aspects are shown.

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:

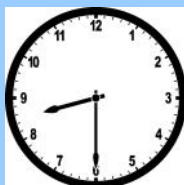
8.25am: Gates open

8.30am: School starts

3pm: School ends

3.10pm: Gates close

Many thanks.



Key dates this year

- Monday 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.

