

The Buzz

24th January 2025



Learning and Achieving Through
Love, Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,

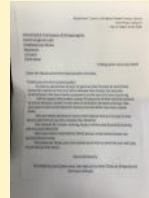


On Wednesday, I had the pleasure of accompanying **Y1/2 Bumble Bee class** when they visited St Mary's Church as part of their RE learning about how Christians believe the gospels bring good news. The children said the church made them feel: calm, peaceful, happy, thankful, grateful. Jackie told us the story of the Lost Sheep and we discussed how Jesus cares for everyone, and doesn't leave anyone behind. This is good news for



Christians. Jackie told the children about how she believes God found her when she was sad and afraid, and helped her to feel better. She said God forgave her and made her feel loved. The children asked lots of questions and then explored the church, noticing lots of different things. We finished by lighting a candle and thinking again about how the church and the candle make us feel.

Maddie, Flo and Iris in **Ivy Bee Class** have made a fantastic thank you card to send to the Worshipful Company of Shipwrights, to thank them for our book donation. Maddie's artwork is exceptional and was complimented by Flo's lettering skills and Iris's letter writing. Well done, girls - what a great way to express our gratitude.



Ivy Bee Class recreated 'Gassed' by John Singer Sargent on Thursday afternoon, as part of their learning journey about painting and different styles. They worked in groups to represent each part of the painting and I think you'll agree that they really captured it! The children then re-named the piece, and we had ideas like 'Courage' (Oskar); 'A Beacon of Hope' (Leland) and 'The Day Hope Rose From The Gas' (Reuben).

Along with most other schools on the IOW, we are taking part in **Wear What Makes You Happy Day** on Friday 7th February, in return for a suggested donation of £1 to raise vital funds for Arlo, a 16 year old from Cowes, who has an aggressive, grade 4 brain tumour. This is also our non-uniform day for the BSA, in return for a raffle prize for the Quiz Night that evening. Children can wear whatever makes them happy (whilst also being suitable for PE!) and they can donate to either or both of these causes.



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: Doing the right thing, not the easy thing.

We watched the story of Esther, a young Jewish woman, who was very brave and courageous. In the story, Esther ascends to the throne of Persia (now Iran) and defeats the evil advisor Haman, thereby saving the Jewish population from a terrible fate. Esther became the heroine of her people. Esther's courage and bravery is still remembered today and celebrated every year by people all over the world.



It would have been safer for Esther to keep quiet and just look after herself.



Can you think of other people who have spoken out and done the right thing?

For example, the lives of Harriet Tubman, George Muller, Gladys Aylward, Nicholas Winton, Marcus Rashford, Martin Luther King, Greta Thunberg, Malala Yousafzai and Rosa Parks.



A Prayer for Courage

Father God,

Help us to be strong and courageous.

Help us to speak out for others.

Help us to do the right thing, not just the easy thing.

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	Veggie Pizza	Beef Bolognese	Roast Pork	Sweet and Sour Chicken	Chicken Burger
Option 2	Veggie Fajita	Chinese Veg Noodles	Veggie Hotpot	Sweet and Sour Veggies	Quorn Dippers
Dessert	Chocolate Mousse	Sponge and Custard	Jelly	Apple fortune cake	Glazed Sponge

Poetry Corner

Flying

I saw the moon,
One windy night,
Flying so fast -
All silvery white -
Over the sky
Like a toy balloon
Loose from its string -
A runaway moon.
The frosty stars
Went racing past,
Chasing her on
Ever so fast.
Then everyone said,
"It's the clouds that fly,
And the stars and the moon
Stand still in the sky."
But I don't mind -
I saw the moon
Sailing away
Like a toy
Balloon



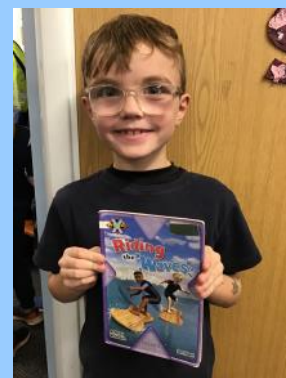
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Reading Recommendations

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

This week, Noah recommends *Riding the Waves*.

I recommend this book because it's really fun. You get to see them do cool tricks on surf boards. They found a jellyfish and then a huge wave came towards Toby. They then went back to the beach.



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

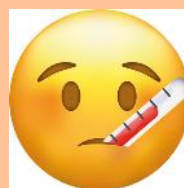
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Find out more

Or call children's services 0300 300 0117

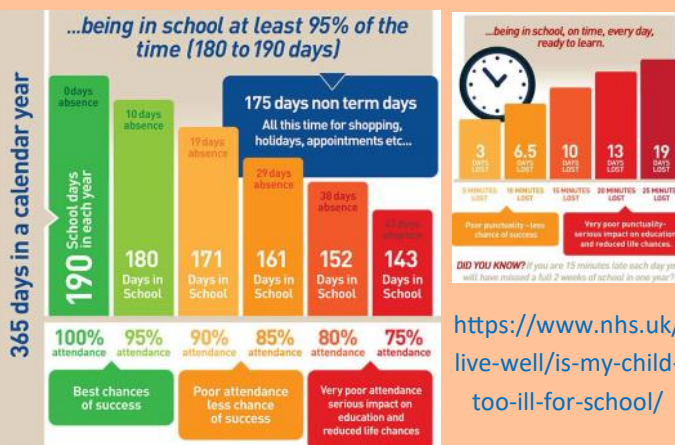
Attendance Matters!

Week Commencing 20th January 2025
(Whole school attendance target: 96.5%)



Actual Attendance: **92.68%**

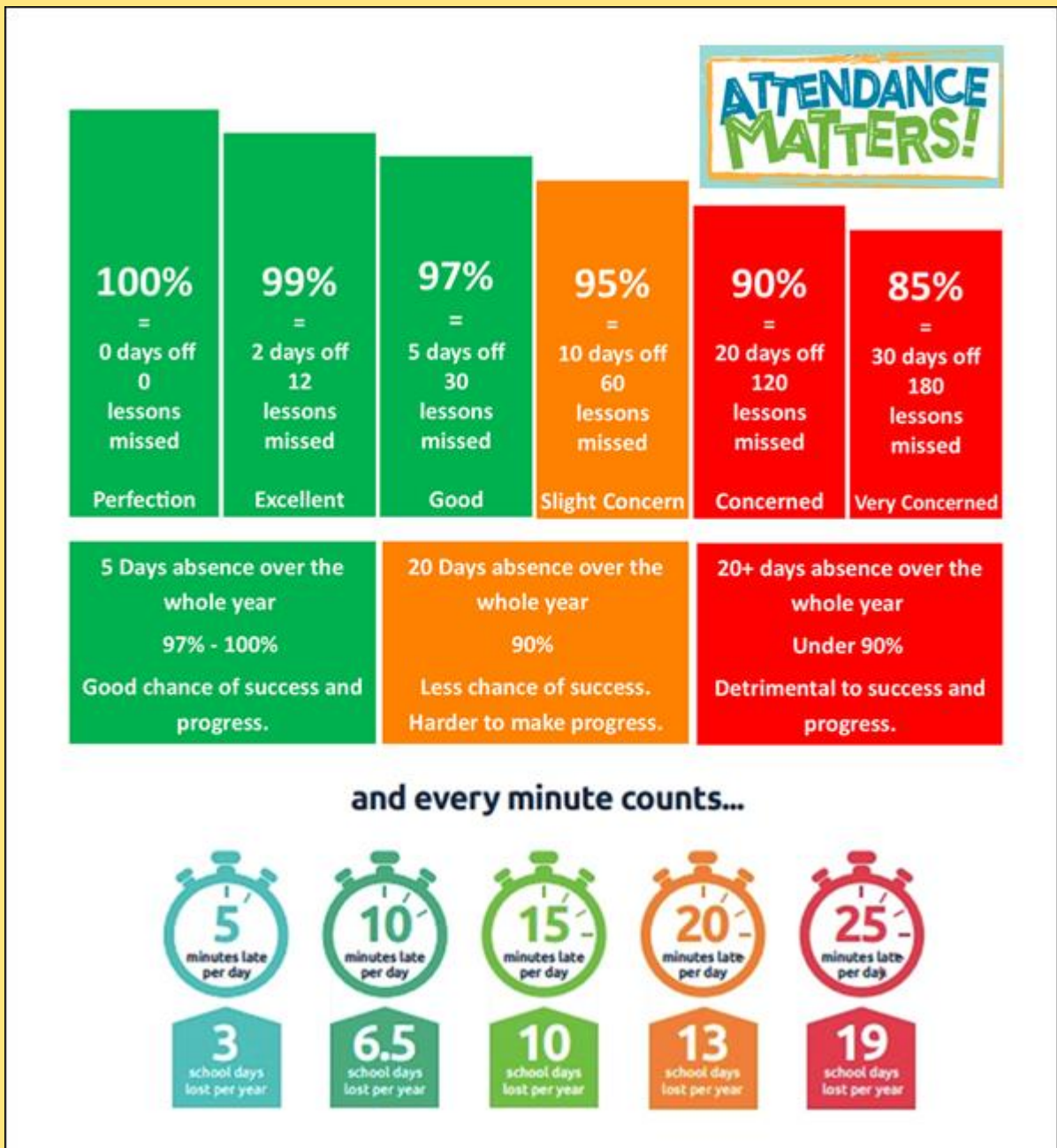
Late marks this week: **9**



Golden Book

Bumble Bee	<p>Arlo T for working hard and doing so well with his reading.</p> <p>Molly, Max and Bram for their wonderful stories about a sad, lonely paintbrush.</p> <p>Ralph for his thoughtful love of learning in science and his ideas about the materials that make different objects.</p> <p>Autumn for being really bright and enthusiastic in science and doing great listening.</p>
Honey Bee	<p>Luna for her enthusiastic participation in science.</p>
Ivy Bee	<p>Martha for her courage in completing her science investigation alone because her partner was absent.</p> <p>Myles for confidently and independently finding fractions of amounts - with great success!</p> <p>Toby for cycling to school every day this week and feeling very positive about doing so.</p>
Sports Bee	<p>Arlo T for showing great determination and focus in PE lessons.</p>





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



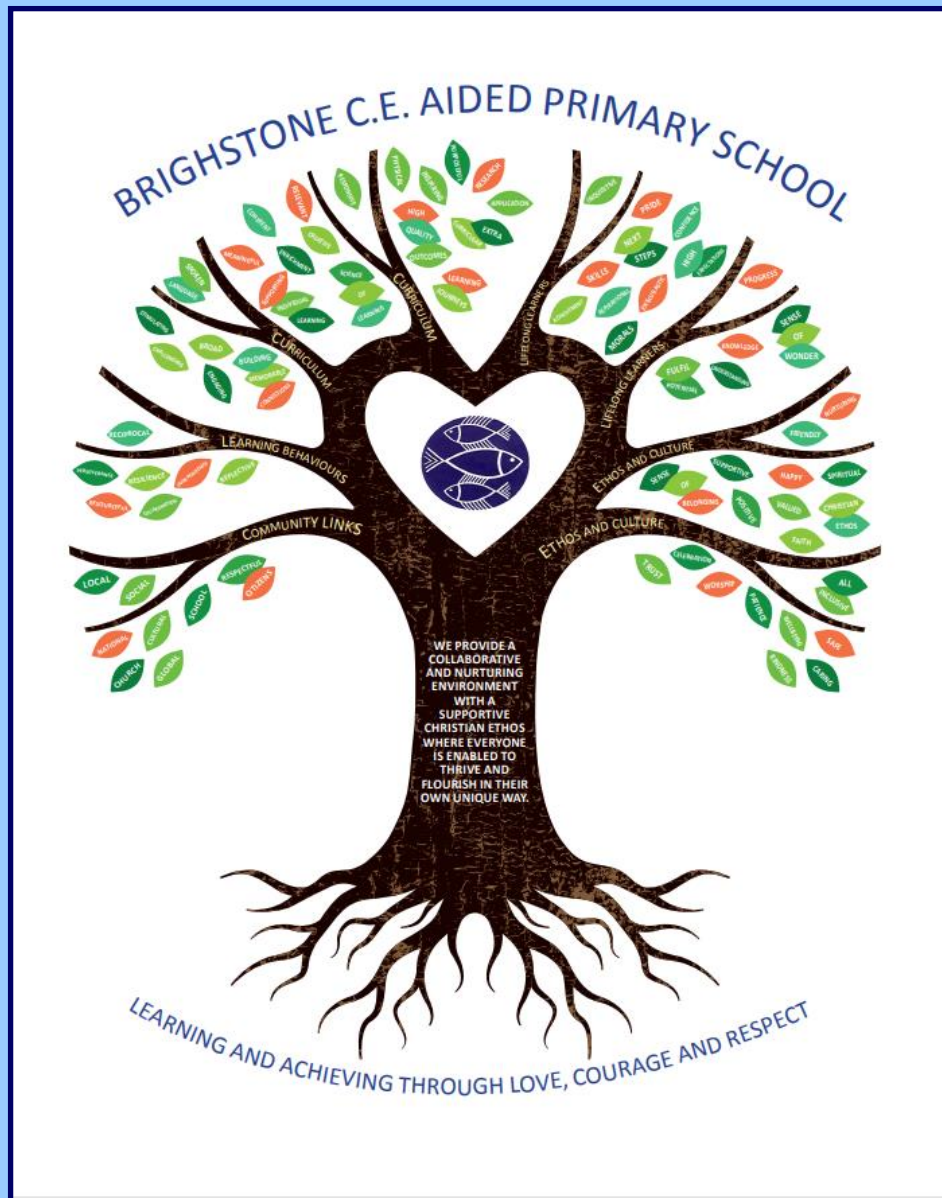
Find our recycling bin at the front entrance of the school.

*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.

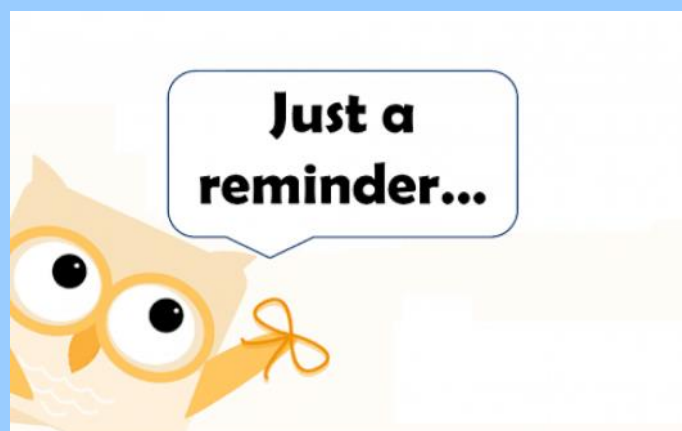
The leaves show examples of how these aspects are shown.

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

- 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:

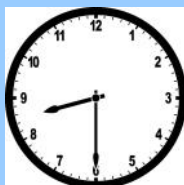
8.25am: Gates open

8.30am: School starts

3pm: School ends

3.10pm: Gates close

Many thanks.



Key dates this year

- Monday 10th February: KS2 trip to Harry Potter World
- Friday 7th February: Non uniform day for the BSA raffle and for Wear What Makes You Happy Day (further details on p1 of this week's Buzz); BSA Quiz Night
- 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
- Friday 27th June: Sports Day
- 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](#).

