

# The Buzz

## 7th February 2025



Learning and Achieving Through  
Love, Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,



What a fantastic community we have here. We took part in **Wear What Makes You Happy Day**, along with most other schools across the Isle of Wight, to help raise money for 16 year old Arlo, who is battling grade 4 brain cancer. Sharon, our Chartwells cook, also baked delicious cookies for the children to enjoy at playtime, with all proceeds going to the cause. Even though we are a small school, we have raised an incredible **£200!** Huge thanks for your very kind generosity.



As part of this day, children could also bring in items for the raffle prizes at this evening's **BSA Family Quiz**. Thank you to all who donated. On that subject, we are all looking forward to the quiz. Last year was a roaring success, so we can't wait for tonight! Thank you to the BSA for organising it, and to Larni for being quiz master extraordinaire.



Yesterday, some of our Y5s and Y6s got the opportunity to head to Ventnor Cricket Club as part of a **Quidditch taster session**. They played some activities where they got the chance to be beaters, chasers and keepers, before putting their expertise into some matches at the end of the session, where some of the children even got the chance to be the Golden Snitch! The children had a great time, demonstrating fantastic behaviour and enthusiasm throughout, and can't wait to play again,



and share what they've learnt with the rest of the school. More info and photos on FB. This is perfect timing in preparation for our KS2 trip to Harry Potter World on Monday, although I was reassured that no broomsticks were involved...



As part of Creative Careers Week, Honey Bee class had a visit from the **New Carnival Company**. In this workshop, they talked about what a carnival is about and where they take place, what their mission is, and how over 25 schools take part in their IOW Mardi Gras Parade (which we will be taking part in this year). The children learnt about the types of jobs involved in the New Carnival Company, and, as a taster for this, the children designed their own costumes, used a map of



Brighstone to choose a safe route, filled in a risk assessment, used a budget to work out what they needed to run the carnival safely and successfully, and designed posters to advertise for the Mardi Gras. They had a fantastic morning. See more photos on FB.

**World Book Day** is coming up on Thursday 6th March. The children are invited to wear their PJs, dressing gowns, snugglies, etc... and will take part in a range of activities throughout the day, including visiting the village library. As the theme is 'Read Your Way', children can take photos of themselves 'reading in their way' (e.g. up a tree, on the beach, in a hammock, with their pet, etc... and send them in for a display in school; we'd love to see them! More info in next week's Buzz.



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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: Overcoming Fear



We discussed what we might be a little afraid of, and if that stops us from doing certain things. We might be a bit afraid but we do it anyway, or we'd miss out on enjoying life. We show courage.



We watched a video called 'The Thing That Lou Couldn't Do'. This is available to watch here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BNiLTJD3xx8>



'Perfect love casts out all fear' 1 John 4.18

Sometimes our fears can stop us having fun or trying something new.



When we don't have the courage inside us to be brave, we can ask someone else to help us. We can also ask God. This week, if you have to or want to do something brave, ask someone else, or ask God to help you to be brave.

## A Prayer for Courage



Loving God,  
Our adventurous Creator,  
Give us courage to choose the path before us,  
Risking disappointment to find joy,  
Risking failure to be creative,  
Risking rejection so that we might find love,  
Risking stumbling so that we might climb,  
Risking the journey for the sake of the homecoming,  
We ask in the name of Jesus, Who risked living and dying for love of 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 1	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	Quorn	Cheese Pizza	Veggie Fingers
Dessert	Flapjack	Apple Crumble	Rice Pudding	Jelly	Brownie

## Poetry Corner

### February Twilight

I stood beside a hill  
Smooth with new-laid snow,  
A single star looked out  
From the cold evening glow.

There was no other creature  
That saw what I could see -  
I stood and watched the evening star  
As long as it watched me.

Sara Teasdale

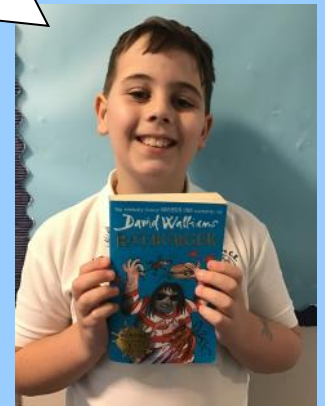


## Reading Recommendations

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

This week, Quinn recommends *Ratburger* by David Walliams.

I recommend this book because there are quite a lot of surprises and jump-scares. It's quite funny as well, because there is a girl called Zoe and she finds a rat under her bed after her hamster had died and the rat keeps nibbling her fingers.



## 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

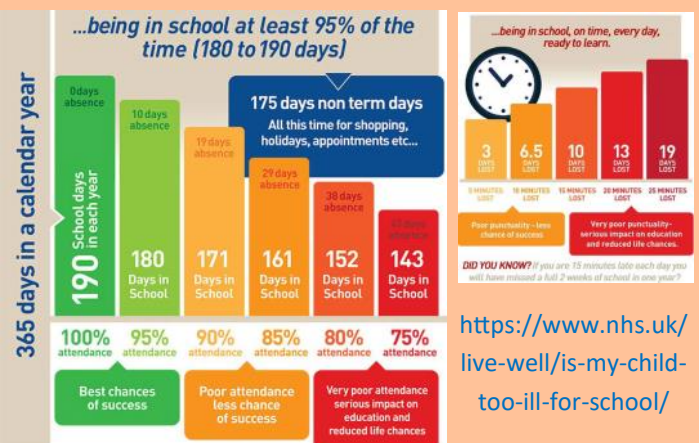
## **Attendance Matters!**

Week Commencing 2nd February 2025  
(Whole school attendance target: 96.5%)



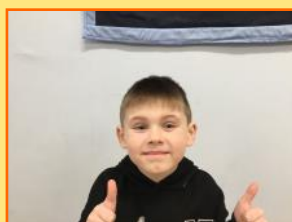
Actual Attendance: 93.59%

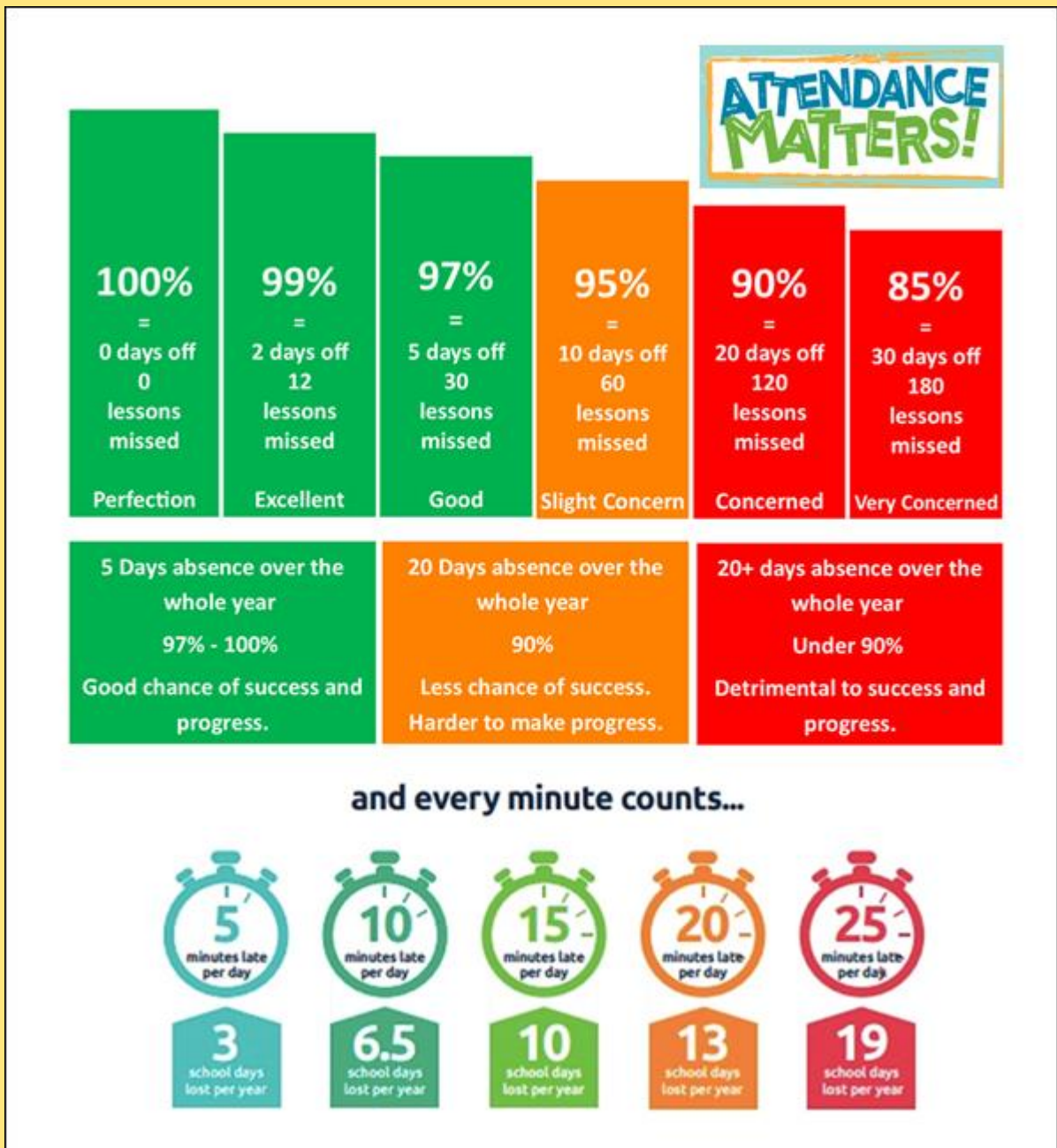
Late marks this week: 8



# Golden Book

Bumble Bee	<p><b>James, Freya and Henrietta</b> for having a go at some independent writing for our Writing Wall.</p> <p><b>Ralph, Forbes, Ellie and Ellis</b> for taking their Geography learning further and exploring aspects of it in his own Busy Bee Time.</p> <p><b>Molly</b> for RWI; joining in enthusiastically with the speed sounds lessons, and excellent focus when completing her independent writing.</p>
Honey Bee	<p><b>Alyssa</b> for trying her best and participating so well in French.</p> <p><b>Quinn</b> for trying tricky problems in his Maths learning.</p>
Ivy Bee	<p><b>Fred C</b> for excellent listening and contributing to discussion about irreversible and reversible changes in science.</p> <p><b>Martha</b> for showing courage in the face of difficult decimals Maths work. Martha has persevered and shown that she can do it!</p> <p><b>Charlotte</b> for quietly and conscientiously developing such a lot more confidence in class.</p>
Sports Bee	<p><b>Luna</b> for some fantastic focus and super striking of the ball during cricket in PE.</p>
Bee-Haviour	<p><b>Martha</b> for showing courage and determination to succeed in completing some Maths work she was finding tricky.</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](mailto:office@brighstoneprimary.org.uk). Telephone calls must be followed up in writing to authorise the (illness) absence.



BRIGHSTONE SCHOOL ASSOCIATION PRESENTS

End of term  
**DISCO**

**14 FEBRUARY**

**3 PM - 4 PM**

FOR KS1 & KS2 STRAIGHT AFTER SCHOOL IN THE HALL.

BRING YOUR DISCO CLOTHES TO SCHOOL & CHANGE IN YOUR CLASSROOMS. COLLECTION FROM CLASSROOMS AT 4PM.

TICKETS £2 FROM  
[WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/BRIGHSTONESCHOOLASSOCIATION](http://WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/BRIGHSTONESCHOOLASSOCIATION)



Brighstone School Association Presents

# Family QUIZ NIGHT BONANZA

Friday 7th February @ 18:00  
in Wilberforce Hall

Tickets £7

Teams of up to 5 members  
Suitable for age 4+

Bring your own drinks & snacks.  
Refreshments available.

Prize draw Raffle to be sold & drawn  
on the night!



Book online by clicking on the QR code.

**NO BOOKINGS WILL BE TAKEN ON THE  
EVENING**

## 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.

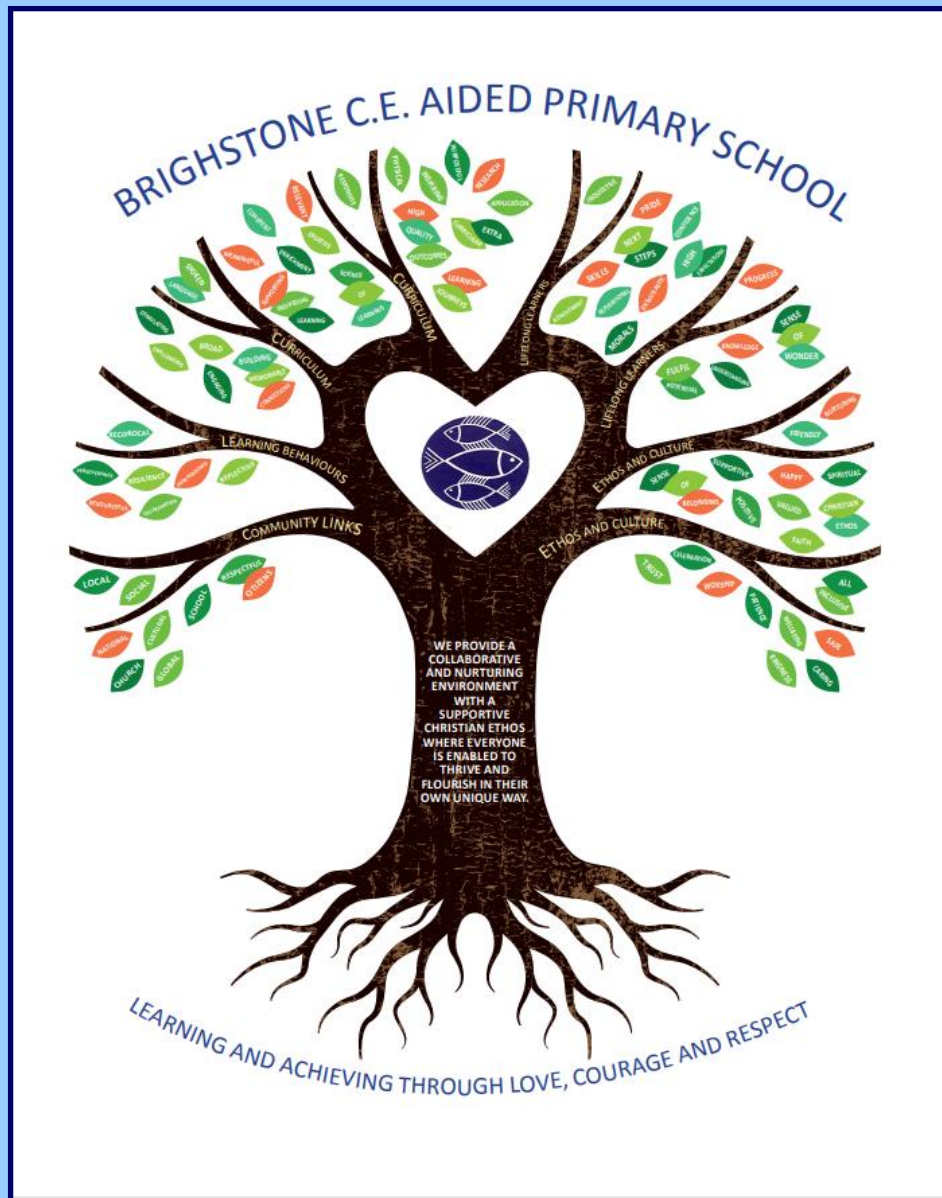


Parents,  
**Family members**  
& friends of *Brighstone  
Primary School*

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.

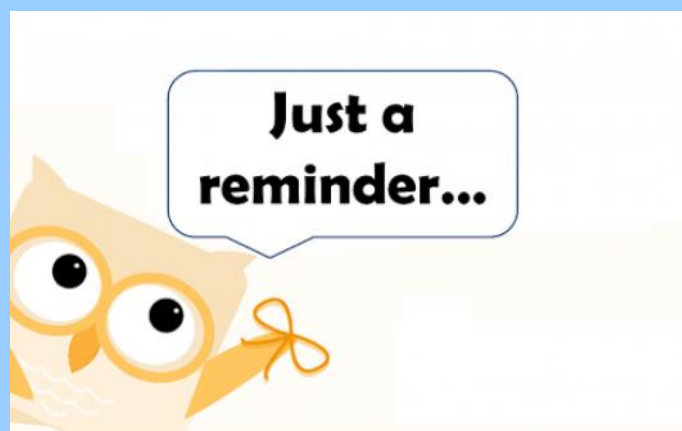
The leaves show examples of how these aspects are shown.

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:

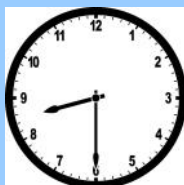
8.25am: Gates open

8.30am: School starts

3pm: School ends

3.10pm: Gates close

Many thanks.



## Key dates this year

- 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
- Monday 10th February: KS2 trip to Harry Potter World
- Friday 14th February: Last day of term; end-of-term disco
- Monday 24th February: Back to school
- Monday 3rd March: National offer day for secondary admissions
- Thursday 6th March: World Book Day
- Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th March: Parents evenings
- Wednesday 26th - Friday 28th March: Y4 residential to Little Canada
- 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](#).

