

The Buzz

28th March



Learning and Achieving Through
Love, Courage and Respect

Dear parents, carers and children,



On Monday, we welcomed Olivia into our collective worship, who talked about **Schools Walk the Wight**. This is taking place on Sunday 11th May. Lots of children took part last year (some even walked the half walk or the full walk!), and many more are inspired to take part this year. There is also a competition to see which school raises the most money. Last year, Lanesend Primary won. Even though we are a small school, wouldn't it be great if we raised the most?! Come on, we can do it! If you want to register, please click on this link: <https://www.mountbatten.org.uk/schoolswalkfaqs>



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On Tuesday, in their RE lesson, **Reception** talked about why some Christians put a cross in an Easter garden. They ate hot cross buns at the Snack Café, and then they made an Easter garden for our reflection area. Freya wrote by herself, with Mrs Cousins reminding her of the next word (they were her words). Rev Jackie and I visited the class a couple of days later, and the children very enthusiastically told us all about their learning.



Today, many of the children have been busy making cards and buying gifts for **Mothers Day**, in the BSA's pop-up shop. Thank you to the BSA for organising this. There are going to be a lot of very happy mummies and carers this weekend!

As I am writing this, a cacophony of excited voices has entered the building... It must be the Y4s back from their residential at **Little Canada!** The children were full of enthusiasm about their trip. "It was fantastic!" and "The best trip ever!" They took part in lots of amazing activities, including balloon splash, abseiling, a sensory trail, a quiz, the giant swing and problem-solving games. The children showed and developed lots of skills and personal values, including resilience, bravery, determination, and teamwork. Well done to all the children, and a huge thank you to Mrs Aram, Mrs Boyd and Mr Goldsmith for leading the trip. (See Facebook for more photos.)



Next Thursday at home time, Boni will be promoting **Brighstone's village community library**. There will be an opportunity to sign your child up so they can borrow a wealth of fantastic books to enjoy. Free books - what more could you ask for?! See p5 of this Buzz for further details.

Just a reminder about our **Easter Service** at St Mary's Church next Friday at 8.50am. See the email for further information. Please let us know if you are planning to attend so we ensure we have enough seating.

Many thanks, and have a lovely weekend in the spring sunshine!

Best wishes,

Mrs Lennon and the Brighstone team



Collective Worship

This week, we been focusing on Forgiveness: Putting the Past Behind Us

In the Bible there is a book of songs and poetry called Psalms. The following words are from Psalm 32: "Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned."

These words tell us that forgiveness brings peace of mind and happiness. But first, there are three little words that are very important to say to the person who has been upset.

Can you think what they are?

I am sorry.

But "I am sorry" is just half of the story. What comes next?

I forgive you.

If we hold on to the hurt feelings they can damage our friendships. It's called 'bearing a grudge'. It can be difficult to forgive, but it feels so much better to forgive and put it behind you.



Praying with open hands



Dear Lord,
Thank you that you forgive us completely.

When people hurt us, please help us not to hold grudges,
And instead, ask for your strength to forgive.

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 3	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	Raspberry Jelly	Chocolate Brownie

Poetry Corner

After the Rains

After the rains,
when I opened my door
the spiders were at it
as hard as before,

mending their nets,
as the sun came again,
the patient, dependable
fly-fishermen.

N. M. Bodecker



Reading Recommendations

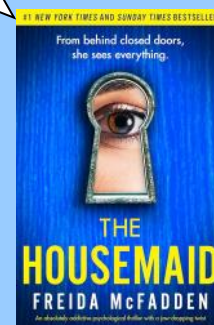
Each week, we include a book recommendation from a child and/or adult.

This week, Mrs Holmes recommends *The Housemaid* by Freida McFadden.

I recommend this book because it's super gripping. It follows the story of a housemaid who discovers secrets in the family home. It has a huge plot twist that is unexpected.

I read this in two days because I couldn't put it down!

What's even better is there are two more books in the series!



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

0808 800 5000

Find out more

Or call children's services 0300 300 0117

Attendance Matters!

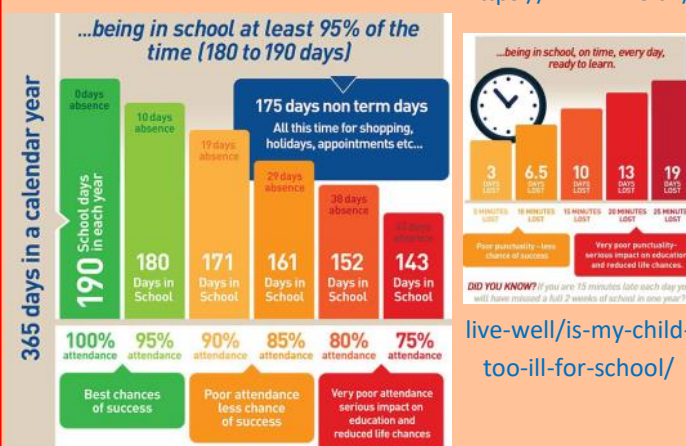
Week Commencing 24th March
(Whole school attendance target: 96.5%)

Actual Attendance: 97.41%

Late marks this week: 5



<https://www.nhs.uk/>



Golden Book

External Awards

Harvey, Luka and Noah - golf medals for completing the golf course and achieving a new skill

Ralph - 25m swimming certificate

Poppy S - 3rd prize for handwriting (rescheduled from last week)

Molly - 2nd prizes for her forest photo, drawing and decorated jam jar in the BHS spring show

William - for his exceptional skills and commitment to the sport of rugby

Tristan - 3rd prize for his decorated jam jar in the BHS spring show



Plea for donations of: Table lamps, fairy lights, cushions and plants!

At Brighstone, we would like to develop our classrooms into calmer, more neutral 'therapeutic classrooms'.

"Therapeutic classrooms are a new approach that redefines the traditional classroom set up. The average UK classroom is bright, cluttered, overwhelming and outdated, and is not designed around the needs of our children today.

Children deserve to feel comfortable, safe and inspired, especially when we know there has been a rise in the numbers of children struggling with their social, emotional and mental health. Teachers up and down the country are reporting increases in school refusal, dysregulated behaviours, disengagement and low social skills. Making changes to the classroom can help."

What is a therapeutic classroom?

"Therapeutic classrooms are welcoming, safe, inviting environments that cultivate learning through their design. They calm stress hormones and increase feelings of emotional safety, whilst meeting the emotional and mental health needs of the children. Therapeutic classrooms include calm spaces and flexible seating in every room as standard, and allow children to work where they feel most comfortable.

They take into consideration space, lighting, comfortability, accessibility, inclusivity and connective learning. Therapeutic classrooms are inspiring places that children want to be in and are underpinned by science. "

<https://www.tpctherapy.co.uk/therapeutic-classrooms/>

To start this process, we are looking to introduce **table lamps** and **fairy lights** (so we can turn off or reduce the use of the bright overhead lighting), **cushions** (to make comfy seating areas) and **plants**.

As budget is tight, we are wondering if you have, or know of anyone who has, any spare table lamps, cushions, fairy lights and plants that you no longer need. To minimise the use of bright colours, ideally these new furnishings need to be in neutral colours.

Please contact the school office if you have anything that you would like to donate.

Thank you!



Brighstone Community Library

Dear families of Brighstone Primary School,

Do you belong to our local village community library in North Street ??

If children want to belong, they have to be registered on an adult's ticket.



We have books for all ages.

Next week, on **Thursday 3rd April**, library volunteers will be in the playground at home time, to help anyone sign up for library membership.

We do hope we can encourage you and your children to join.

(We are open on Thursdays until 4pm and on Saturdays from 10- 2pm.)

Thanks for reading this. We look forward to seeing you!

Boni

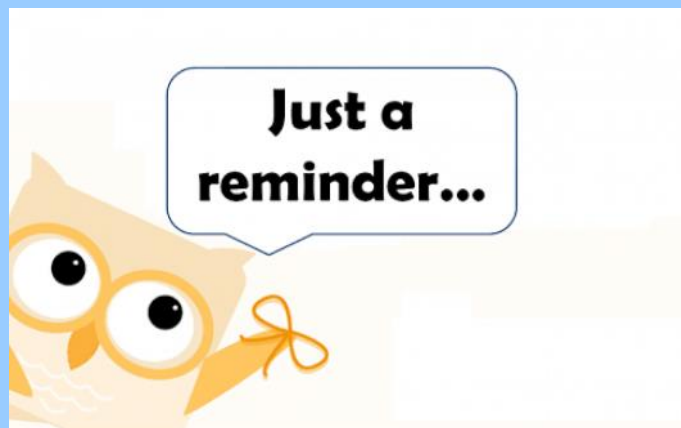
School Link Library Volunteer

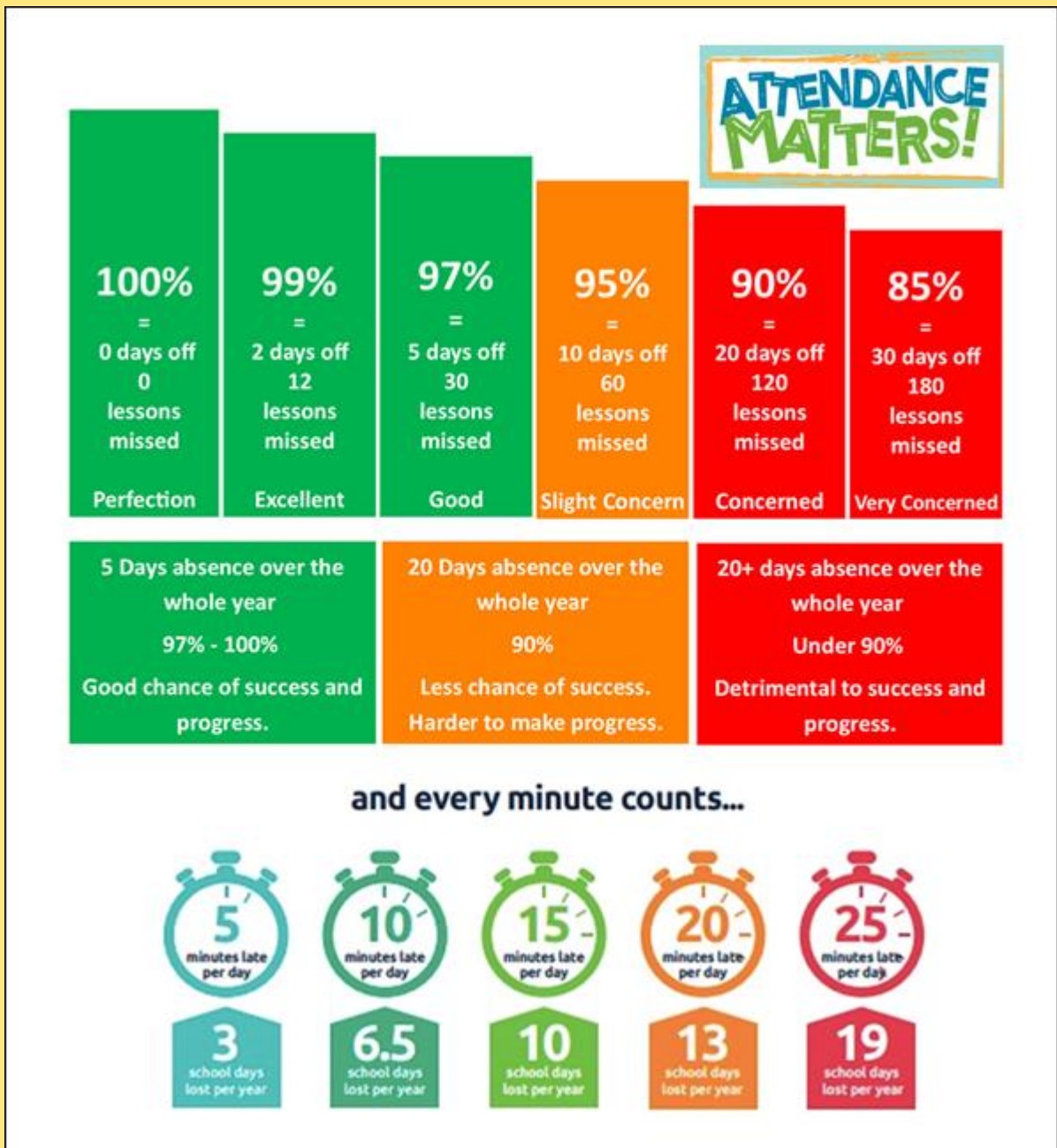


Reminders

- PE Kit is navy blue top/jumper/hoodie with navy blue bottoms - **Branded items are not permitted**
- 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 head lice
- 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!





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.



Pre-loved Uniform Sale

Thank you to everyone who came along last week! Our sale rail remains in the school office foyer for any further sales.


Brighstone School Association's

EASTER COMPETITION TIME!

3 COMPETITIONS

A WINNER FOR EACH COMPETITION PER CLASS

 Decorate an Egg **FREE ENTRY!**

 Create an Easter Garden

 Make an Easter Bonnet

ENTRIES INTO SCHOOL NEXT FRIDAY!!!

CHILDREN CAN ENTER AS MANY CATEGORIES AS THEY WISH





*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

BSA ASTRA RECYCLING BIN

We take...

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

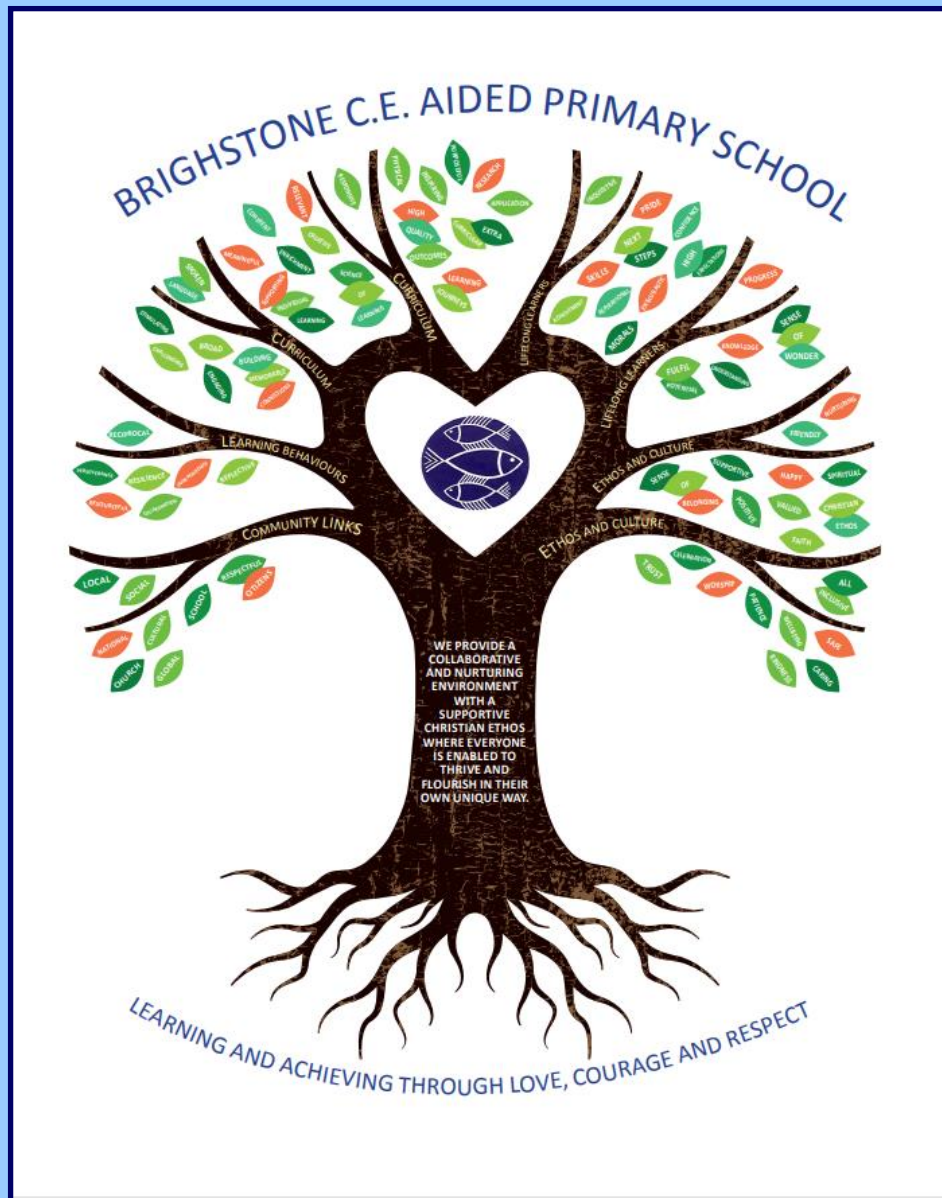
We can't take...

Duvets or Cushions
Off Cuts
Carpet or Curtains



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

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.



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:

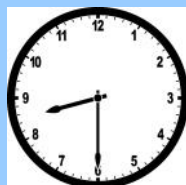
8.25am: Gates open

8.30am: School starts

3pm: School ends

3.10pm: Gates close

Many thanks.



Key dates this year

- Friday 4th April: Last day of term; Easter service
- 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
- Saturday 5th July: Mardi Gras parade in Ryde
- Tuesday 8th July: Transition Day
- Friday 11th July: Y6 Leavers' Service in Portsmouth; Summer Sizzler
- 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.

