



Braishfield Bugle



Friday 27th March 2026

Be kind, be brave, be ready to learn, and be your best.

Together, we grow a love of learning and a community where everyone belongs and achieves.

Dear Families,

It has been another busy and rewarding week in school as we come to the end of the spring term.

Thank you to those of you who were able to join us for our Easter service at the church on Tuesday. We hope you enjoyed celebrating with us. The children did a fantastic job of retelling the Easter story through their readings, poems, songs and prayers. A special thank you goes to Reverend Jane for inviting us to share this community space, and to Mrs Wortham for organising such a lovely service for us all.

Today, we ended our week – and the spring term – with a “Break the Rules” day, organised by our wonderful BSA team. Colourful hair, tasty treats and toys were in abundance, bringing smiles to faces across the school. While it was a little challenging at times, it was certainly a lot of fun! Alongside this, we have also enjoyed our “Ready to Learn” values day today. The children took part in an assembly exploring what being ready to learn looks like – and what it doesn’t! Mrs Doherty and I demonstrated this (much to the children’s delight) to get things started. The children then worked in their house teams, rotating around a range of activities focused on developing ready minds, bodies and hearts, as well as building a toolkit of strategies to help them be ready to learn every day.



Thank you to the school nursing team and our parent helpers who supported us this morning. Bringing our values to life and helping children to understand and live them is a key priority for us.

I hope you and your families have a wonderful Easter break and we look forward to welcoming you all back on the 13th April.

Best wishes,

Natalie Alldred – Headteacher

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Celebration Assembly – 9am on Friday morning

Our wonderful children who have been awarded certificates this week.

Headteacher’s Certificate			
Maya			
Little Acorns	Big Acorns	Saplings	Oaks
Charlie M	Bella, Heidi Ezra, Harry	Alex Do Edward	Logan

Upcoming events ...

- **Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April - Easter Holidays**
- Monday 13th April 3:30pm - Phonics Screening Meeting for Y1 parents - Save the date!
- Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th April - Year 5 Bikeability
- Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May - Year 6 SATS
- Wednesday 20th May - Year R Aquarium trip
- Friday 22nd May - Sports Day
- **Monday 25th - Friday 29th May - Half Term**
- The remaining INSET Day for the 2025/26 academic year: Friday 26th June
- <https://www.braishfield.hants.sch.uk/special/calendar/>

What we have been learning this week...



Little Acorns

This week, Little Acorns proudly shared their Easter story collages during our church service. We also had a fantastic surprise on Wednesday evening when two ducklings appeared in the classroom! The children were so excited to see them, and it provided a wonderful opportunity to link our learning about lifecycles and RE - exploring eggs as a symbol of new life - to real-life experiences. During PSED, the children had great fun developing their speaking and listening skills to guide a partner (blindfolded) around an obstacle course! Another highlight of the week was using the wall bars in PE to end our gymnastics unit of learning. To round off the week, we enjoyed a wonderful 'Be Ready to Learn' day, broke a few school rules to help raise valuable funds, and completed an exciting Easter treasure hunt with a chocolatey surprise at the end. What a fabulous way to finish the term!

Mrs Wortham and Miss Jones

To find out more about the learning in Little Acorns, please

visit: <https://www.braishfield.hants.sch.uk/page/?title=Little+Acorns&pid=195>

Big Acorns

Well done, Big Acorns, on a fantastic final week of learning this term!

This week, you have written some wonderful stories inspired by *The Storm Whale*. It has been a joy to see your creativity and confidence growing in your writing.

In maths, you have been exploring measuring and reading scales, as well as making estimations. We discovered that estimating can be a little trickier than it first seems, but you showed great determination and enthusiasm.

Big Acorns thoroughly enjoyed our “Break the Rules” and “Be Ready to Learn” day today. You certainly had some of the most colourful and elaborate hairstyles in the whole school!

Well done for all your hard work this term – you should be very proud of yourselves.

Big Acorns Team

To find out more about the learning in Big Acorns, please

visit: <https://www.braishfield.hants.sch.uk/big-acorns-1/>

Saplings

This week in Saplings, Year 4 have finished off their unit on area of shapes and year 3 begun their unit on measure. Both year groups opened their minds to new challenges and were very successful. In English, we read our speeches from the residents about the greenling and wrote an explanation about how seeds grow. We continued to learn Spanish with Mrs Cooper, looking at using finger puppets to say the words and then creating our own puppets. In golf, we had great fun racing again a partner to reach a ball first and then seeing how far we could putt the ball ourselves. The instructors were very impressed with our shots! Finally, we ended the week with our break the rules and 'Be ready to learn' day. We went to different classes to find out about how our body, mind and heart can be ready to embrace new situations and new learning.

Mrs Doherty

To find out more about the learning in Saplings, please

visit: <https://www.braishfield.hants.sch.uk/saplings-1/>

Oaks

Oaks have been working very hard this week! In English, we began our new unit, 'Swimming Against the Storm', and the children took part in debates and drama activities, exploring how characters might respond when faced with emotional conflict. We also examined the key features of persuasive letters and how to write them effectively. In Maths, we have continued developing our problem-solving skills, focusing on questions involving time and different units of measure. The Year 5 pupils have also started learning Spanish, which they thoroughly enjoyed and approached with enthusiasm. In PSHE we have also been learning about community and how we can help our own community. The children worked really well in partners to create a mini role play.

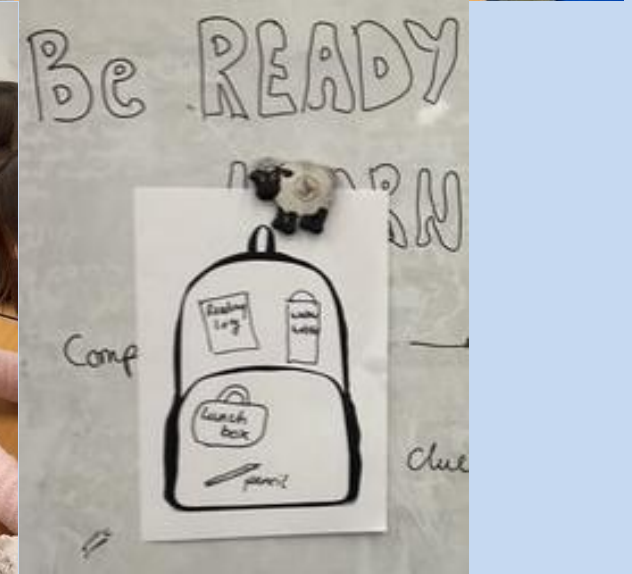
Today the class really enjoyed our 'Be ready to learn day', where they practised their organisational skills and learnt about being body and mind ready. They spoke about the importance of sleep, which is something we talk about regularly with the children and so important. We hope you all have a great Easter break and we look forward to welcoming the children back after the holidays.

Miss Jones and Mrs Niles

To find out more about the learning in Oaks, please visit:

<https://www.braishfield.hants.sch.uk/oaks-1/>

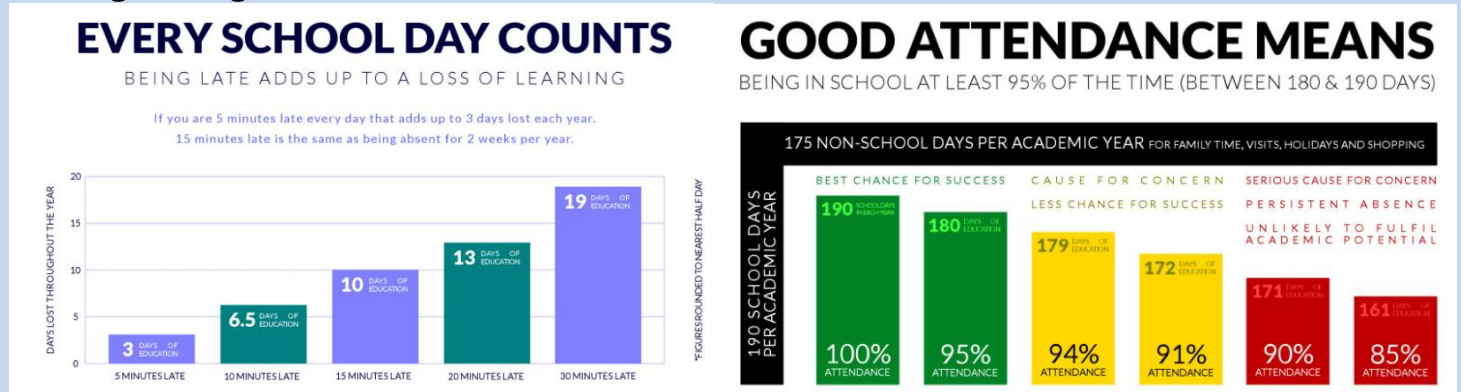
Break the Rules and Be Ready to Learn Day...



Why Attendance Matters!

It is the legal duty of parents to ensure that their child receives full time education. Good attendance is vital to a child's progress and achievement. Common sense tells us that absence and lateness disrupt the continuity of learning and therefore affect progress and, ultimately, success. As a result of the direct correlation between attendance and achievement, it is vital that children achieve full attendance.

It is also important to note that short periods of regular absence can be just as damaging to learning as long term absence.



🌟 Congratulations to **Year 1** who this week have achieved the best attendance in the school with **100%**. Well done for showing such great commitment to learning!

Year 1 – 100%	0 days missed
Year 2 – 95.6%	3.5 days missed
Year 5 – 95.4%	3 days missed
Year 3 – 95%	3.5 days missed
Year 4 – 89.3%	8 days missed
Year R – 88%	9 days missed
Year 6 – 87.9%	8.5 days missed
Overall this week – 93%	35.5 days of missed learning across the school
Overall this year- 95.8%	
Our target is 96.5%	

BSA News

Thank you for supporting today's 'Break the Rules Day' - it's always an exciting day for the children and helps us raise valuable funds which are used to subsidise school trips, extra-curricular events and save for bigger projects, such as the new outside area, planned for the playground.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting is being held on Tuesday 14th April at 7pm, at 'The Wheatsheaf'. We'll be focusing on the logistics of the summer Fayre so please pop along to have your say!

Summer Fayre

Please save the date for the summer Fayre - Saturday 4th July.

After Easter we'll be sending out volunteer sign ups to make this year's Fayre a really successful event.

In the meantime, if you own or work for a business that might like to sponsor the Fayre, please get in touch at braishfieldschoolassociation@gmail.com for more details.

Homework

Big Acorns

Have fun and enjoy spending time with your family and friends.

Saplings

Have fun and enjoy spending time with your family and friends.

Oaks

The homework set last week, is due in on 14th April. AND ... Have fun and enjoy spending time with your family and friends.

Year 5 Maths pg. 46,48,49,50 Spellings pg. 27,28,29,30

Year 6 Arithmetic pg. 39,40,43,44 Reasoning pg. 26,27,28,29 Spelling pg. 25,26,27,28

Grammar pg. 28,29,30,31

We'd like to remind you that we do run a **Homework Club on a Tuesday lunchtime** if anyone does need additional help. Thank you for your continued support.

Year 6 Parent Message

If you were unable to make the SATS meeting, your child will also come home with some practise papers for them to complete. These can either be done in test conditions, working with you or even turned into an adult vs child challenge! The timings are stated in the hand out if you'd like to keep to them and the purpose is to keep the children familiar with the knowledge whilst also allowing them to have a little bit of extra practise. Please do come and see us if you have any questions.

The following link may be useful for further information too:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2026/03/ks2-sats-2026-what-parents-need-to-know/>

Safeguarding and Wellbeing:

Here is the link to the government's national consultation surveys about children and their online/ social media exposure. There is a survey for everyone, a survey for parents and a survey for children over 10. Please use the link below to share your views.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/growing-up-in-the-online-world-a-national-consultation>

<https://kidsonlinesafety.campaign.gov.uk/>

Help Your Child Stay Safe Online

Find practical information from trusted places to help you feel more confident on the steps you can take to protect your child online.

With so many apps, games, and websites out there, it's easy to feel overwhelmed. But the good news is you're not alone.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/children-phones-online-safety/>

Children, Phones and Online Safety

Find out how you can navigate phones and online safety for your child and encourage responsible use.

With more choice than ever and rising concerns about safety, phone ownership can raise important questions for families

<https://www.hampshirehealthysteps.org.uk/>

MHST – Mental Health Support Team – There are a range of different leaflets and information, which can be found on the bookshelf in the office foyer, and parents are welcome to take anything that might be useful to them. This includes details about upcoming events.

Primary Parent Workshop for Understanding & Managing Childhood Anxiety

What To Expect:
The workshop will last for approximately **one hour** with time at the end for a Q&A.
It will be delivered by experienced mental health practitioners. They will talk through the topics listed and give strategies on how to support children who may be having difficulties with managing worries and anxiety

Delivered by: Amie, Caroline and Charlotte, Romsey EMHP's

Aims and Objectives

- What childhood anxiety is, possible causes and maintenance factors.
 - Signs and symptoms.
- Strategies and resources to manage childhood anxiety.

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAMS 9:15am – 10:45am Friday 17th April, 2026 Zoom details: Meeting ID: 836 5320 0910 Passcode: 019187

Primary Parent Workshop, Understanding Low Mood in Childhood

What To Expect:
The workshop will last for approximately **one hour** with time at the end for a Q&A.
It will be delivered by experienced mental health practitioners. They will talk through the topics listed and give strategies on how to support children who may be having difficulties with managing low mood

Delivered by: Amie, Caroline and Angie, Romsey MHST Education Mental Health Practitioner's

Aims and Objectives

- To gain a better understanding of what low mood is.
 - To understand why low mood can occur.
- To understand what can trigger symptoms of low mood in younger children
- To understand how to support your child to maintain positive wellbeing

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAMS 9:15am – 10:45am Friday, 24th April, 2026 Zoom: Meeting ID: 812 6323 8232 Passcode: 199346

Online Safety Update for Parents and Carers

We would like to share some important information to help keep our children safe online. Recently, we have been made aware of online content that may not be suitable for young people. This includes videos and channels (such as “Mental Outlaws” on YouTube) that discuss accessing hidden parts of the internet (often called the “dark web”), as well as ways to bypass online safety measures. While this content may appear educational or technical, it can expose children to harmful or inappropriate material.

We have also been alerted to content linked to “Happy Tree Friends.” Although it may look colourful and child-friendly at first glance, it contains themes of violence and dark humour that are not appropriate for primary-aged children and may be upsetting.

What can parents and carers do?

- Regularly check what your child is watching or accessing online.
- Use parental controls and filters on devices where possible.
- Keep devices in shared family spaces where conversations can happen naturally.
- Talk openly with your child about staying safe online and encourage them to come to you if they see anything that worries them.

If your child has been affected by anything they have seen online, please do let us know so we can support you. Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep all children safe.

Easter Holiday Clubs and Events

COME TO Golden Gecko CLIMBING THIS EASTER!

28TH MARCH - 12TH APRIL

JOIN IN THE Great Easter CLIMB Hunt

BOOK WITH CODE: EASTER
TO RECEIVE A CHOCOLATEY TREAT FOR YOUR CHILD AND TO JOIN IN WITH THE CHALLENGE!

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YOUR SPORTS EDUCATION EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

MON 30TH MARCH - FRIDAY 10TH APRIL

ROMSEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Yr1 - Yr8 £30 / £17.50

8.30 - 4.30

08:30-13:00 or 12:15-16:30

OUR ACTIVITIES

Sports and physical challenges/ Craft making/ Games and woodland activities/ Silly science experiments

SWITCH IT! -£5

Switch your activity day to: Pamper Day Tues 31st March, Cooking Day Wed 8th April

YR R SPORTS CLUB 9AM-1PM

We offer a club for YR R children between 9am-1pm. Children will join in with the older children taking part in similar activities.

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