



Braishfield Bugle



Friday 17th April 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.

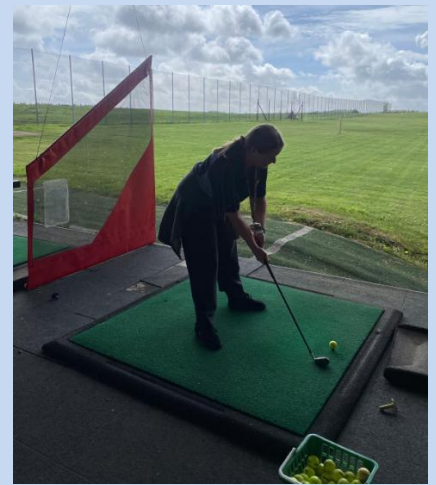
Dear Families,



It has been a busy first week of the summer term, the children returned with enthusiasm and a smile; happy to share their Easter holiday news.

Despite it being the start of the summer term, the weather was not on our side this week and we were only able to go on the rec once! But that didn't stop us from being outside this week.

Little Acorns were straight off to the farm on Monday morning, Saplings and Oaks to the driving range on Thursday afternoon (Mrs Doherty very much



enjoyed this as you can see) and Big Acorns had a fun-filled Friday of science thanks to Dr Wortham. More details and photographs of all of these exciting opportunities and a few more can be seen below.

Wishing you a lovely weekend,

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			
Little Acorns	Big Acorns	Saplings	Oaks

Upcoming events ...

- Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th April - Year 5 Bikeability
- Monday 11th May 2:30pm - Parent Forum
- 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 in Little Acorns, the children have been learning all about farms. We enjoyed a lovely spring walk, visiting Elm Grove Farm, where we had the opportunity to cuddle and feed some new spring lambs. They were very cute - although we weren't allowed to bring one back to school!

Back in school, we experimented with different materials to find the best one to use for a new roof for Farmer Kate. We have also begun our new music unit based on the story Rosie's Walk, and have started practising skipping in time to music.

In PE, we have started a new unit on Fundamentals with a circus theme, focusing on developing our balancing skills. In PSHE, our focus has been on festivals, and in Maths, we have been practising our counting.

What a busy first week it has been! We are really excited for the term ahead.

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

The children have had a great first week back. Year 2 were happy to have the familiar face of Mrs Donaldson, from their time in Little Acorns, supporting the learning in Big Acorns this week alongside Mrs Dove and Mrs Sherfield. They have been very busy demonstrating what they know and remember as part of some in class assessment activities in their maths and reading whilst also enjoying getting started on a new text as part of their English learning. Journey by Aaron Becker is a wordless picture book which enabled the children to decide which words best matched the pictures and they had some great adventurous vocabulary to share. The highlight of the week was a visit from Doctor Wortham today for an exciting day of science learning. There were lots of opportunities to discuss, ask questions and get involved bringing science to life! Well done Big Acorns.

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, we have been completing a few assessments to see how we have been getting on with our learning and where we may still need some support. Alongside this, we have done lots of fun things, such as making and decorating our picture frames on Monday and having a geography day on Tuesday, where we found out about the Earth's crust and where mountain ranges are as part of our volcano unit.

We also had the pleasure of visiting Paulton's Golf driving range on Thursday, which was amazing. We had so much fun and loved working with Tommy.

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 incredibly hard this week. In English, we have been learning how passive verbs, parenthesis, modal verbs, and adverbials of possibility can be used effectively in persuasive writing. In Maths, we have been focusing on statistics, including plotting data and interpreting a range of graphs. We have also been developing their understanding of perimeter and area, working hard to apply their skills to a range of problems and real-life contexts.

A definite highlight was our visit to Paultons Golf Centre, where the children had an amazing time using the driving range. There were smiles all around as they practised their swings and cheered each other on. A particular favourite moment was the friendly competition to see who could hit the ball the furthest—congratulations to Joey, our overall winner!

We are also incredibly proud of the whole class, especially our Year 6 pupils, who have been working diligently in the lead-up to SATs. They have shown great determination in revising key concepts and have been fantastic at supporting and encouraging one another.

Miss Jones and Mrs Niles

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

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





Key Stage Two Golf Experience

Over the past few months, our Key Stage Two children have been enjoying a fantastic series of golf lessons led by Tommy and Henry from Paultons Golf Club. The sessions have provided a wonderful opportunity for pupils to learn new skills, build confidence and, most importantly, have fun.

Yesterday marked our final lesson, which took place at the golf centre itself. The children were thrilled to use the driving range, putting all they had learned into practice and developing their skills even further. It was a joy to see their enthusiasm—smiling faces, growing confidence, and a real sense of achievement throughout the session.

What stood out most was the way the children supported one another. Encouragement, teamwork and positivity were evident everywhere, creating a truly special atmosphere. It has been a pleasure to watch their progress and to see how much they have enjoyed every moment.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Tommy and Henry for their support, kindness and encouragement. They have been approachable, engaging and inspiring, and we have absolutely loved working in partnership with them.

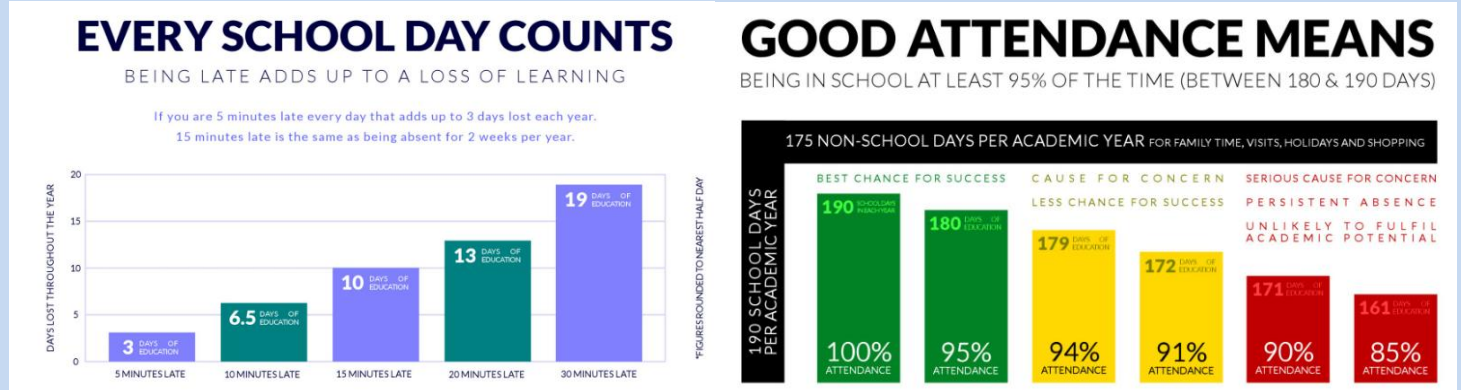
A huge thank you also goes to Paultons Golf Club for providing such a memorable opportunity for our pupils—one we are sure they will remember for years to come. We very much hope to continue this partnership again next year.



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

Year 5 – 100%	0 days missed
Year 2 – 98.8%	1 day missed
Year R – 94.7%	4 days missed
Year 1 – 93.9%	4 days missed
Year 3 – 92.9%	5 days missed
Year 4 – 92%	6 days missed
Year 6 – 84.3%	11 days missed
Overall this week – 93.8%	31 days of missed learning across the school
Overall this year - 95.7%	
Our minimum target is 96.5%	

BSA News

Summer Fayre - 4th July

Please save the date for our summer Fayre! This is a key date in the fundraising calendar and this year sees us celebrate 150 years since our school was built with live Morris dancing, inflatables, ice cream etc!

Can you help?

We are desperate for volunteers - please consider popping your name down on the rota!

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1kdGYuNLUwzoQgytSorENatLMnzyEWNfHvrppDB2V2jl/edit?usp=sharing>

If you are struggling to edit the spreadsheet, you can download the Google sheets app or send us an email with your preferred slot to braishfieldschoolassociation@gmail.com

Teddy Bears

This year we'd love to have a 'Teddybear Tombola' at the Fayre. If you have any unwanted soft toys that are in condition, please pop them in the wash and then bring them in to school - there'll be a collection point in the office.

Homework

Big Acorns

Share a photo of food that is special to your child. This could be a food they eat as part of a celebration or festival, a meal linked to their culture or religion, a dish they enjoy with family, or simply their favourite food that feels special to them. Please send all photos by **Friday 24th April**.

Spelling and phonics homework sheets have been sent home too.

Saplings

Year 3 Spelling sheet and Maths pg 42/43

Year 4 Spelling sheet and Maths pg 34/35

Oaks

Year 5 Due Friday 1st May

As Y5 have Bikeability next Friday, they have been set double to complete over the next two weeks. Maths pg. 22,35,32,34 Spellings pg. 31,32,33,34

Year 6 Due Friday 24th April

Arithmetic pg. 32,47 Reasoning pg. 31,45 Spelling pg. 29,30 Grammar pg. 39,44

Sports News

This afternoon, Mrs Sherfield had the pleasure of taking a group of year 5/6 children to Mountbatten for a Netball Festival. They were Physical Me 1st Place Winners at the festival and were awarded lovely, shiny (and according to the picture below tasty) medals. Mrs Sherfield said how proud she was of them for their positive attitude,

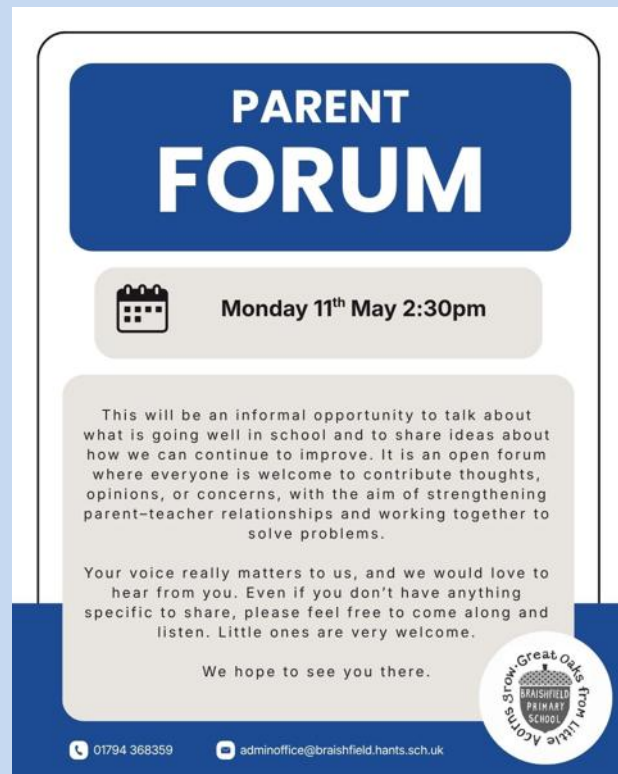


impeccable behaviour and great sportsmanship. Thank you and well done Fleur, Sienna, Imogen, Isla, Hallie, Archie, Chester and Benjamin – you are a credit to our school.


Useful links and information:

Please see the below link from Hampshire County Council, which offers information may be of interest to families of children with Special Educational Needs.

[SEND Local Offer Discovery Days | Hampshire CTSH](#)



PARENT FORUM


 **Monday 11th May 2:30pm**

This will be an informal opportunity to talk about what is going well in school and to share ideas about how we can continue to improve. It is an open forum where everyone is welcome to contribute thoughts, opinions, or concerns, with the aim of strengthening parent-teacher relationships and working together to solve problems.

Your voice really matters to us, and we would love to hear from you. Even if you don't have anything specific to share, please feel free to come along and listen. Little ones are very welcome.

We hope to see you there.

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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.