



Braishfield Bugle



Friday 12th June 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,

Thank you to all the families who joined us for our Handy Helpers Day last Sunday. We were certainly fortunate with the weather, and the hard work really paid off. Your efforts were greatly appreciated and have already made a positive difference to our school environment.



The children were excited to discover the revamped area near the climbing frame and even more delighted to learn that it was to become a new playtime construction zone. We worked with the children to discuss how they wanted the space to be used, how the equipment should be organised, and what expectations should be in place. They were very thoughtful in discussing acceptable behaviour, the rules everyone should follow, and the consequences for not doing so. It has been wonderful to see them taking ownership of the space and enjoying it so positively already this week.



There are further developments planned for our outdoor environment, which we look forward to sharing with you soon. In the meantime, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to our fantastic BSA team, who continue to work tirelessly to raise funds for these exciting projects and for the many enrichment opportunities that enhance our children's experiences throughout the



year. Do look out for their message about our upcoming Summer Fayre as this is one of the best events of the year for raising funds to support our children in their learning and play.

Wishing you all 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
Olivia M	Dolly Darcie H	Alexander Do Alfie Ellie	

Upcoming events ...

- Thursday 18th June – Class Photos and Saplings' Sleepover
- Friday 26th June – INSET Day (school closed to pupils)
- Saturday 4th July – BSA Summer Fayre 12-4pm
- Monday 6th July - Rocksteady concert at 2:45pm
- Friday 10th July – KS2 Production Day
- Saturday 18th July – Braishfield Flower Show
- Wednesday 22nd July – 9:30am Leavers' and Progress Cup Assembly
- **Wednesday 22nd July – End of term and school year**
- <https://www.braishfield.hants.sch.uk/special/calendar/>

What we have been learning this week...

Little Acorns

This week, the theme in Little Acorns has been '*Tell Me a Tale*'. The children thoroughly enjoyed a drama workshop at the beginning of the week, where they became pirates and mermaids and helped Peter Pan search for his lost treasure map. They practised being shadows by copying their partner's actions and did their best to avoid the fearsome Captain Hook!

In music, the children practised singing familiar nursery rhymes before listening to different traditional tales paired with a variety of musical pieces. They explored how music can convey a story by identifying changes in tempo, dynamics and pitch.

During PSED, the children learned about yoga and meditation. They tried a range of yoga poses and attempted some (relatively) calm and quiet meditation.

Finally, the children have begun planning a special picnic to welcome our new Year R children. We are very much looking forward to meeting them during their first transition visits next week.

Mrs Wortham and Miss Jones





Big Acorns

This week, Big Acorns started their week with an exciting drama workshop. The children did a fantastic job taking part in the songs and actions. In maths, we finished our unit on subtraction and have moved on to fractions. We started with exploring equal parts and recognising a half of objects, shapes and amounts. In English, the children read our new text 'Big Bear, Little Brother'. They then worked in small groups to sequence the story using pictures from the text and orally retold the story in their own words using lots of detail. The children then had a go at writing the story. In RE we continued to explore God and what people might think God might be like. In PE, the children practised their accuracy with rolling through playing different games. Towards the end of the week, the children enjoyed a fun art lesson with Mrs Sherfield where they applied their learning about tessellation patterns to create their own oil pastel and water colour tessellation tiles. Mrs Morant



Saplings

This week in Saplings, we have continued reading our class story, *The Firework-Maker's Daughter*. We wrote letters from Lila to her dad, trying to persuade him to let her go to the volcano. We also retold parts of the story in our own words.

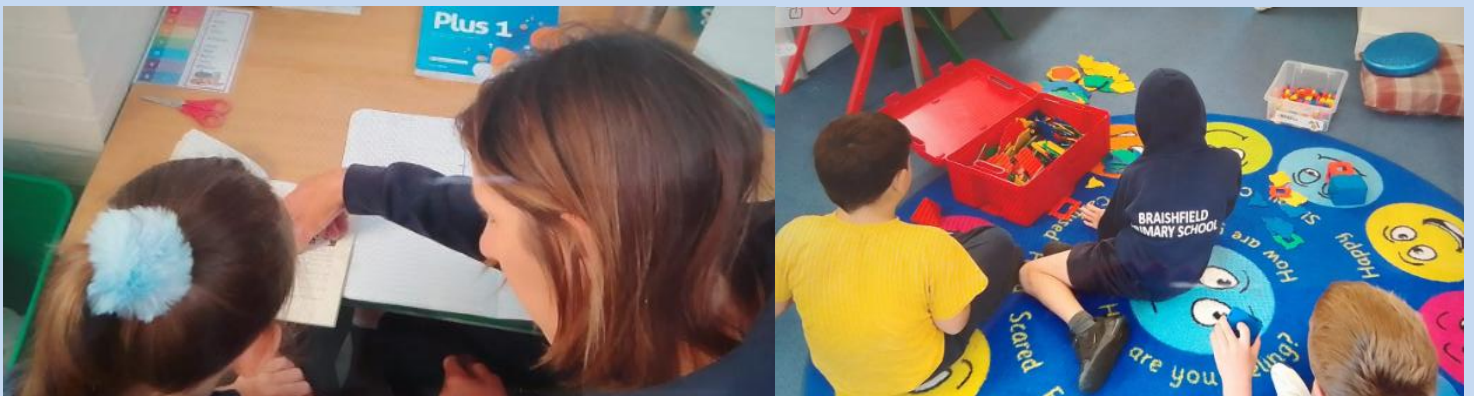
In Maths, Year 3 have continued learning about angles, while Year 4 have been exploring reflection.

In Computing, we have been learning coding skills using Scratch. We created shapes and used loops in our programs.

In PE, we have continued to develop our tennis skills with Tom. We also created our own yoga moves yesterday and enjoyed putting them together into sequences.

We have had another busy and enjoyable week of learning in Saplings!

Mrs Doherty



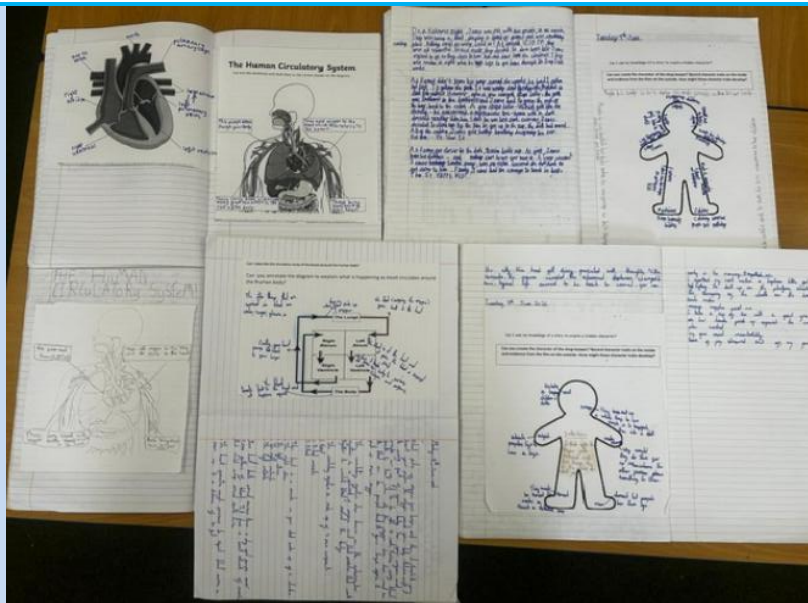
Oaks

Oaks have had a very creative week. We have been using our knowledge of a story to create hidden characters and write in role as them. The children have produced lots of excellent writing, demonstrating creativity and a strong understanding of characterisation.

In Science, we have been consolidating our understanding of the circulatory system by drawing and annotating scientific diagrams, and identifying the key parts and functions of this vital body system.

The class are really enjoying our Art unit and yesterday they continued to explore watercolours and used these techniques to create some beautiful summer flowers.

Miss Jones and Mrs Niles



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.

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

BEING LATE ADDS UP TO A LOSS OF LEARNING

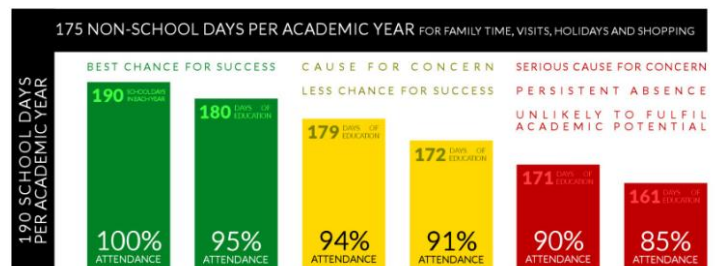
If you are 5 minutes late every day that adds up to 3 days lost each year.
15 minutes late is the same as being absent for 2 weeks per year.



*FIGURES ROUNDED TO NEAREST HALF DAY

GOOD ATTENDANCE MEANS

BEING IN SCHOOL AT LEAST 95% OF THE TIME (BETWEEN 180 & 190 DAYS)



🌟 Congratulations to **Year 6** who this week have achieved the best attendance in the school with 99.2%. Well done for showing such great commitment to learning!

Year 6 – 99.2%	½ a day missed
Year 5 – 98.5%	1 day missed
Year 4 – 97.3%	2 days missed
Year R – 96.7%	2 ½ days missed
Year 3 – 93.6%	4 ½ days missed
Year 2 – 85.6%	11 ½ days missed
Year 1 – 80.8%	12 ½ days missed
Overall this week – 93%	34 ½ days of missed learning across the school
Overall this year- 95.5%	
Our minimum target is 96.5%	

BSA News 🕯️

Just over 3 weeks to go until our Summer Fayre. It's always a highlight of the school calendar but we need your help to make it work!

How can you help?

• Volunteer on the day!

If you are planning on attending, please can you volunteer on a stall/help set up (from 9am) or pack up (4pm onwards). Pop your name on the rota below:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1kdGYuNLUwzoQ9ytSorENatLMnzyEWNfHvrppDB2V2jl/edit?usp=drivesdk>

• Donate

Tombola gift - On Friday 3rd July we will be inviting children to wear their own clothes to school in exchange for a tombola prize - please ensure all donations are within date on July 4th

Teddies - we'd love to run a child friendly teddy bear tombola so if you have any good quality soft toys in need of a new home, please drop them in to the office

Cakes - if you're a keen baker, any donations (nut free please) would be gratefully received on Friday or the morning of the Fayre

Plants - if you have any spare plants, please consider donating them to our very popular plant stall. Donations can be brought on Friday 3rd or the morning of the Fayre.

• **PAT Testing** Are you a registered PAT tester? Would you be able to test a few of our electrical items ahead of the Fayre? Please pop us an email or let the office know. **Thank you in advance for all your help to make this event possible.**



Be Your Best Celebration Board

Please help us to celebrate the children's achievements outside of school by sending over a photograph of their achievement or sending it in to school to share and we can snap a photo of them. There are regular opportunities to share and celebrate in our class assemblies so please do send them in.

Under the Children Act 2004, it is my role to promote the views and interests of children in England, and I have done this so far by conducting the two largest ever children's surveys: The Big Ask and The Big Ambition.

Now, for the first time, hundreds of thousands of children will be eligible to vote in the next general election, the biggest change to the franchise in half a century. Yet just one in five children say politicians listen to them. That's why I'm launching my final survey, The Big Future.

Your students should complete the survey here:

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.

I want to make sure that I hear from as many children as possible, aged 0-18, from all backgrounds, in all schools and colleges, and in every part of the country. To do that, I need your help.

I am asking children about the changes they want to see in their communities, their biggest concerns, and their hopes for the future. More than anything, I want to know what they think a good childhood should look like today.

I am asking you to share the survey with all the children, parents and carers in your school or college community. Schools and colleges that achieve high participation rates will receive formal recognition for their contribution to amplifying children's voices and encouraging civic engagement, and a summary of their pupils' responses.

I would be grateful if you could ensure that every child in your school has taken part before the deadline of Friday 23rd October.

I will be publishing my findings next year, and they will be used to advocate at the highest level for solutions that children want to see, to the problems that they tell me are most important to them.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Dame Rachel de Souza
Children's Commissioner

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](#)

Stubbington Study Centre



Open Day

(for children visiting in the Autumn Term 2026)

Saturday 11th July 2026

10am—4pm

FREE ENTRY

Allow about 1 hour to look around

Are you about to come to Stubbington Study Centre with your school and want the opportunity to have a look around? Come along to our open day where you can:

- ⇒ Have a look in the dormitories
- ⇒ Play on the adventure playground
- ⇒ Meet the Stubbington Staff
- ⇒ Explore the site
- ⇒ Follow a trail around the grounds
- ⇒ Visit the Tuck Shop
- ⇒ See where you will eat
- ⇒ Try a Stubbington biscuit!

For your safety and convenience:

- Report to the welcome desk on arrival
- Please limit your stay to 1 hour
- Due to limited parking, please car share if possible
- The Tuck Shop is CASH ONLY



Please note that NO refreshments are available to purchase, except purchase of biscuits or sweets in the tuck shop.

Stubbington Study Centre, 184 Stubbington Lane, Fareham, Hants PO14 2ND

Please note that unfortunately dogs are not allowed on the site, except for assistance dogs.



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Criteria.....

Children in care, Young Carers, Children affected by loss, Children with disabilities, Families affected by Domestic abuse, Children with terminal illness, children who have a parent/carer with disabilities

Go to book.spotlightuk.org to register

Safeguarding and Wellbeing:

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.

Coming soon... Autumn Term- Parent Workshop linked to supporting children's behaviour at home led by the MHST. Details coming soon.