



Braishfield Bugle



Friday 26th 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,

As we come to the end of a very warm week, I would like to say how incredibly proud I am of all our children. Despite the heat, tiredness and sweaty mornings, they have shown our school values every day by being kind and brave. Most importantly, they have continued to do their very best to be ready to learn, and there has been some wonderful learning taking place across the school.

Thank you also to all our families for your support during the hot weather. As much as we love our beautiful old Victorian building, it certainly wasn't designed with heatwaves in mind! We greatly appreciated your understanding and flexibility when we made the decision to recommend collecting the children early so that they could stay cooler and more comfortable at home. I know these changes can cause inconvenience, but I hope that our timely communication and availability to answer questions helped make the situation a little easier. Throughout this week, I felt a real sense of community support and understanding, and for that I am extremely grateful.



However, I must offer a sincere apology to parents and children for the actions of one rogue member of staff, now affectionately known as "Wortham the Menace", following her unauthorised use of a water gun on Wednesday and Thursday mornings... and, I'm sorry to report, at various points throughout the day too! Thankfully, the children were on hand to remind her of our school values: to be kind, be ready to learn and be her best. She certainly needed no encouragement when it came to being brave!



Thank you to everyone for taking it in the light-hearted spirit in which it was intended, and for the many smiles and laughs it brought. I know that some parents also appreciated a brief moment of refreshment in the heat!

We look forward to returning to normality next week. In the meantime, thank you once again for your continued support and for helping children engage with the learning that has been sent home, ensuring they do not miss too much during this unusual spell of weather.

I hope you all have a wonderful and restful 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 ...

- Wednesday 1st July Y6 Secondary school transition day
- 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**
- **INSET DAYS 2026/2027 – 1st September, 22nd and 23rd October, 4th January and 28th May**

What we have been learning this week...

Little Acorns

In Little Acorns this week, we have been consolidating our maths learning by comparing numbers and exploring how to identify which numbers are greater than, less than, or equal to one another. In phonics, we have been investigating the different sounds that the suffix **-ed** can make at the end of a word. The children practised identifying /t/ as in *jumped*, /ɪd/ as in *started*, and /d/ as in *splashed*.

We have continued our work on *The Three Billy Goats Gruff*, practising retelling the story and sequencing key events using picture prompts. As part of our healthy eating learning, the children drew pictures of different foods they enjoy at home. These will be collated to create a colourful rainbow of foods display back at school.

As the weather has been particularly warm, we have also been learning how to stay safe in the sun. The children learnt the importance of slipping on a t-shirt, slopping on sun cream, slapping on a hat, seeking shade, sliding on sunglasses and sipping water. They then created posters to remind other children across the school how to stay sun-safe. Despite the hot weather, the children have shown fantastic resilience throughout the week, and we are incredibly proud of their positive attitudes and enthusiasm for learning.

Mrs Wortham and Miss Jones



Big Acorns

This week, the children were very resilient when it came to working in such hot weather and we are very proud of them! In maths, we continued to explore fractions with the year 2s learning about thirds and how $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{2}{4}$ are equal and Year 1s exploring quarters. In English, the children worked hard at writing their diary entries from the point of view of one of the characters in our book. They did a fantastic job trying to apply the skills we have been learning in their writing. We started our geography unit where we located the different continents on a map, explored compass points and started to make comparisons between hot and cold countries. In PE, we played a few quiet games of bocchia in the shade.

Mrs Morant

Saplings

Wow, what a hot week! The children have tried really hard to continue with their learning despite the sweltering conditions.

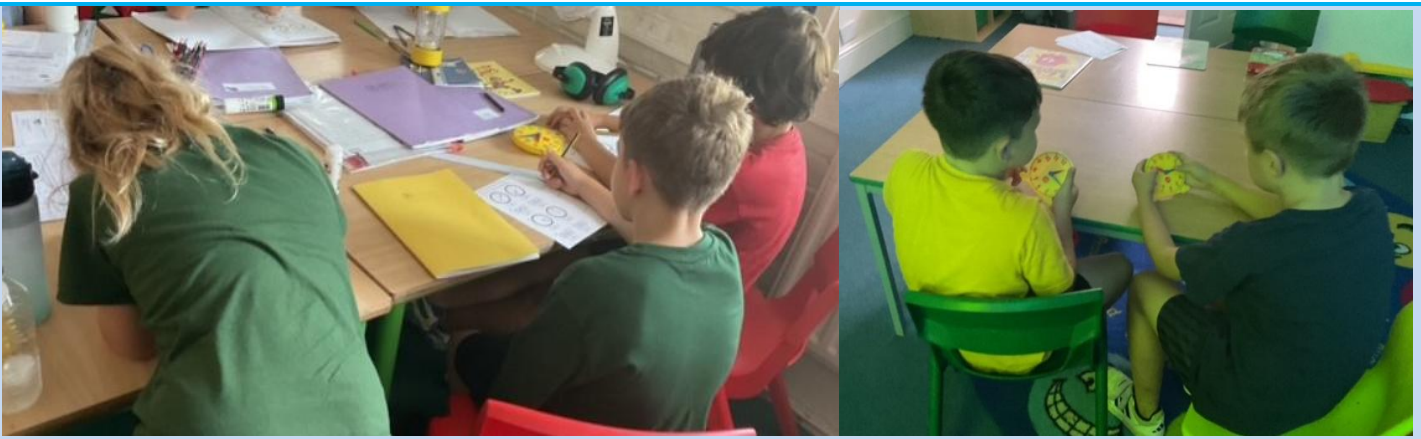
In English, they watched a clip called *Dangle* and wrote a setting description about what might be at the top of the rope. They also wrote a conversation using direct speech between two characters in the story.

In Maths, we have continued our unit on time and completed some problem-solving activities.

We have also enjoyed creating posters about how to stay safe in the sun and have continued reading *The Firework-Maker's Daughter*.

Well done to all the children for their hard work and perseverance during such a warm week!

Mrs Doherty



Oaks

This week, Year 5 have been writing letters to their new Year R buddies for next year, introducing themselves and helping to make the children feel welcomed and excited about joining our school. Meanwhile, Year 6 have been writing letters of advice for the current Year 5s, sharing their experiences and offering guidance as they prepare to step into their new role as the oldest pupils in the school. In Maths, we have been solving a variety of problems involving units of measure, applying our knowledge to practical and challenging contexts. We also revisited water safety, discussing ways to stay safe in and around water, particularly as we head towards the summer holidays. Yesterday we enjoyed a very 'cool' rehearsal in the village hall for our Aladdin production. It's starting to look great and the children are already excited for you to come and see it.

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

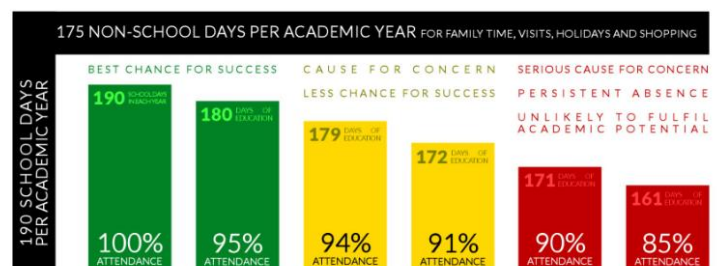
If you are 5 minutes late every day that adds up to 3 days lost each year.
15 minutes late is the same as being absent for 2 weeks per year.



*FIGURES ROUNDED TO NEAREST HALF DAY

GOOD ATTENDANCE MEANS

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



☀️ As we enter the final three and a half weeks of the academic year, we have many exciting learning experiences planned for the children. We would therefore like to encourage all families to support and prioritise good attendance, ensuring that children do not miss out on these valuable opportunities and can make the most of the remainder of the school year.

Overall, this year- 95.3%
Our minimum target is 96.5%

BSA News 🏠

Only one week to go until the Fayre!

Raffle Tickets

Please don't forget to bring back your raffle tickets, and money to the school office. There's a bumper list of prizes to be won and as the saying goes, 'you've got to be in it to win it!'

Non-uniform Day

Next Friday, 3rd July the children are invited to wear their own clothes to school, in exchange for a tombola gift. This could be a bottle of something or sweets/chocolates but please make sure anything you bring in is still within its use by date. Thank you!

General Info

The Fayre will begin at 12 and we'd love to see as many of our school community there as possible. There will be a BBQ, refreshments, inflatables to keep the children occupied and live Morris dancing throughout the afternoon. With a final big push, we might just be able to get over our fundraising target to gift school with a big cheque for the first part of the new outside area so please do consider supporting this event as it will make a considerable difference to school life for our children!

Great Oaks From Little Acorns
BRAISHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL
RAFFLE PRIZES
BRAISHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL FAYRE
4TH JULY

1ST PRIZE
★ £100 JOHN LEWIS VOUCHER ★

2ND PRIZE
★ £50 CASH ★

★ Golden Gecko Climbing	£30 voucher
★ ROADS Plaza Theatre	x2 Tickets to Mother Goose Pantomime
★ Romsey Country Market	£15 voucher
★ Personal Best Education	1 week multi activity camp voucher
★ Personal Best Education	1 month fitness suite voucher
★ CryoFix Wellness	£45 Voucher
★ Thrive and Wild	Family Soft Play voucher
★ Mayflower Theatre	x4 Tickets to Ballad of Johnny and June
★ COOK	£20 voucher
★ TS Services Plumbing and Heating	Free Boiler Service
★ SamPT	1:1 Personal Training Session
★ The Concorde Club	x4 Tickets to PhoneyFest
★ Eastleigh Football Club	x2 Matchday Tickets
★ Totton Football Club	Family Matchday Tickets
★ Romsey Rapids	Family Fun Swimming voucher
★ Bradbeers	£25 voucher
★ Mottisfont National Trust	Family Entry
★ Romsey Eyecare	£75 Voucher
★ Photoflair	Photo Frame
★ Swish Theatre	50% off summer camp voucher
★ Paultons Golf Centre	2 Ball Voucher
★ Beauty Studio	£15 voucher
★ Fig and Fox	Wax Melts Selection box
★ The Play Park, Romsey	2 adults and 2 children entry
★ Broadlands Estate	Entry and Guided tour for 2
★ The Romsey Show	Family Entry
★ Savannah Spa	£50 voucher
★ Helen Rushton Photography	Photoshoot and Print

LOTS OF AMAZING PRIZES TO BE WON!

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR GENEROUS DONORS!

Homework

Big Acorns

Y1

Maths - complete the maths sheet in your reading pack

Phonics - practise reading and writing the words on your new word list in your reading pack

Y2

Maths - complete the maths sheet in your reading pack

Spelling - complete the spelling sheet in your reading pack

Saplings

Maths - Year 3 pg 51 Year 4 = pg 58

Spelling sheet in bags

Oaks

There is no additional homework set this week, however please could you ensure you finish the Science work Miss Jones set on Wednesday afternoon and finish the programme cover that Mrs Niles set on Thursday afternoon. Please also remember to bring your reading logs in next Friday for a check. Thank you.

Useful links and information:

Following a discussion and review of the new RSHE Policy at our most recent Parent Forum, please find a link to the website for the scheme which we use to support the teaching of PSHE and the RSE curriculum. This gives further information for parents about the new revised curriculum for September. If you have any further questions, please do speak to your child's class teacher. The focus area for PSHE each half term will be indicated on the class half termly overview too.

<https://www.kapowprimary.com/subjects/rse-pshe/curriculum/rse-pshe-parent-information/>



Message from the Children's Commissioner for England

As Children's Commissioner, I am writing to ask you to ensure all of your children complete my new survey, The Big Future.

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
- Follow a trail around the grounds
- Play on the adventure playground
- Visit the Tuck Shop
- Meet the Stubbington Staff
- See where you will eat
- Explore the site
- 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.

Hampshire County Council

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Spotlight UK's Scarlett's Smiles Membership is free and gives you access to a year's timetable of free and discounted activities and then our charity funds the difference

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

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- GET WILD N' WET IN TUESDAY'S WATER FIGHT
- EVERY WEDNESDAY IT'S BIKES AND SCOOTERS
- FRIDAY FUNDAY ON INFLATABLES

Funded by UK Government

Free holiday activities and meals for eligible children this summer!

Children in Reception to Year 11 receiving benefits-related free school meals can enjoy a variety of fun activities and healthy meals for free during the summer break through the Hampshire Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme!

Scan the QR code on the left to browse HAF schemes in your local area via our new booking system, or scan the code on the right to find out more about the HAF programme through the connect4communities website.

Book Schemes

HAF FAQs

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connect4communities/holidayactivities>

BEST START IN LIFE

connect4communities

Hampshire County Council

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME - NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED

OT'S & ROMSEY CRICKET CLUB PRESENTS

GIRLS' DYNAMOS CRICKET

BE PART OF THE OT'S & ROMSEY FAMILY

SAFE SOFT BALL CRICKET!
Perfect for beginners. No hard balls. Designed for girls aged 8-11.

FREE EXCLUSIVE T-SHIRT!
Personalised t-shirt for all personalised with your child's name, to look the part. Plus, everything else they need to join the team is included!

EXPERT ECB COACHES.
Friendly, DBS-checked coaches lead every session. Learn new skills and make new friends.

EVERY FRIDAY SESSIONS

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Venue: Romsey Sports Centre

STARTING 26TH JUNE 2026

SPECIAL EVENT: GIRLS FESTIVAL - WEDNESDAY 31ST AUGUST!
A full day of celebration and fun!

BOOK YOUR SPACE TODAY!
Short link: bit.ly/OTRCJuniors Scan to Book

ONE CLUB. ONE FAMILY. ALL WELCOME. BOOK TODAY!

ABBOTSWOOD SUMMER FAYRE

FREE ACTIVITIES

- Food & drink
- Games
- Performances
- Local businesses
- Stalls
- Ice cream
- Bouncy Castle
- Music
- Raffle Prizes
- Princess meet and greet!

Sat 1st Aug | 12 - 4 pm

Abbotswood Sports Pavilion, Cutforth Way, Romsey

Organised by Abbotswood Community Association

Recently, we were delighted to welcome Martin Seymor the Director of Music at Romsey Abbey in this week to hear about the music and the history of the 900-year-old building. There's been singing going on there all that time and mainly by girls until King Henry VIII's time when I became the parish church of Romsey and boys were allowed in! The Abbey runs an un auditioned training choir 'Quavers' for year 2 upwards as well as separate boys' and girls' choirs. William, one of the former Braishfield pupils, who started in Quavers, is now the head chorister! If you have a musical child Martin would like to hear from you and give you some more info about some open rehearsals. Please send a quick message to music@romseyabbey.org.uk and have a look at this short video –

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/43zg5yqdz95xolgvodg06/2025-Romsey-Abbey-Choir-Promotional-Video.mp4?rlkey=yf4mw62glt14ldsiox08rax9ya&dl=0>



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Telephone: 01794 513125
Email: music@romseyabbey.org.uk



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The Romsey Abbey training choir



Love singing?
In school year 3 and up?
Then Quavers is for you!
Come and have fun!



Every Monday 5 - 5.45pm
in the Parish Rooms



Phone: 01794 513125
Email: music@romseyabbey.org.uk

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.

Further dates and information are available using this link:

<https://www.hampshiresendiass.co.uk/workshops/>

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

STAYING SAFE IN HOT WEATHER

As temperatures rise, it's essential to take proactive steps to ensure children and young people stay safe and healthy. Hot weather can pose serious risks such as dehydration, heatstroke and sunburn. This guide provides practical tips for parents and teachers to protect children during sunnier spells, helping them enjoy the summer safely.

1 STAY HYDRATED

Ensure children drink plenty of water throughout the day, even if they don't feel thirsty. Encourage them to carry water bottles and take regular sips. It's better to drink small amounts to counteract the effects of sweating. Even if children replenish lost fluids with equal amounts of water, they may still be dehydrated due to salt lost from the body. Avoid sugary drinks and caffeine, which can contribute to dehydration.

2 APPLY SUNSCREEN

Use a broad-spectrum sunscreen with at least SPF 30 on all exposed skin and reapply every two hours or after swimming. Don't forget often-missed spots like the ears, back of the neck and tops of feet. Sunscreen needs around 20 to 30 minutes to be absorbed by the skin, so make sure you leave plenty of time to apply it.

3 WEAR PROTECTIVE CLOTHING

Dress children in light-coloured, loose-fitting clothing made from breathable fabrics like cotton. Ideally clothing should cover as much skin as possible. Shoulders should always be covered as they can easily burn. Wide-brimmed hats and sunglasses with UV protection are also essential to shield them from the sun. Be sure to check your school's dress policy, as uniform rules may be relaxed during amber or red Heat Health Alerts (HHAs).

4 SEEK SHADE

Covering up and seeking shade are the most important sun protection measures. Encourage children to play in shaded areas, especially during peak sun intensity between the hours of 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Use umbrellas or canopies if natural shade is unavailable.

5 AVOID STRENUOUS ACTIVITIES

Children shouldn't take part in vigorous physical activities in very hot weather. Limit these during the warmest parts of the day. Schedule any outdoor games or sports for early morning or late afternoon when it's slightly cooler.

6 KEEP COOL Indoors

If it's safe and appropriate, open windows early in the morning to allow stored heat to escape from the building. Use fans or air conditioning to maintain a cool indoor environment. Close curtains or blinds to block direct sunlight. Switch off electrical equipment like computers, monitors and printers when not in use; don't leave them in 'standby mode' as this still generates heat.

7 TAKE COOL BATHS OR SHOWERS

Encourage children to take cool baths or showers to lower their body temperature. Alternatively, use damp cloths on their skin to provide relief from the heat. When heading out of the house, consider filling up a spray bottle to cool everyone down on the go.

8 MONITOR FOR SIGNS OF ILLNESS

If sensible precautions are taken, children are unlikely to be seriously affected by hot conditions – but teachers, assistants, school nurses and all child carers should watch for symptoms of heat exhaustion, such as heavy sweating, weakness, dizziness, nausea or fainting. If any signs are present, move the child to a cool place, make sure they drink some water, and seek medical advice if needed.

9 MAINTAIN A COOL SLEEPING ENVIRONMENT

Ensure children's bedrooms stay cool by using fans or air conditioning. Use lightweight bedding and consider letting them sleep in the coolest part of the house. Older children can have more choice over what they wear to bed. Some children may prefer to sleep without pyjamas, while some may prefer to opt for a light cotton t-shirt and shorts.

10 EDUCATE CHILDREN ON SUN SAFETY

Teach children the importance of sun safety and encourage them to take responsibility for their health. Explain the risks of sunburn and heatstroke and the value of following these safety tips.

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings (and other industries) to help them maintain a safe working environment.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: [staying-safe-in-hot-weather](https://nationalcollege.com/staying-safe-in-hot-weather)

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