



Braishfield Bugle



Friday 4th September 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,

A very warm welcome to the start of another school year. I hope that you and your families have enjoyed a happy, relaxing and restful summer. It has been lovely to welcome everyone back, and a particularly warm welcome to the new children and families who have joined our school community. We are delighted to have you with us and look forward to getting to know you and working together over the year ahead.

There has been a real sense of excitement around school as the children returned, eager to catch up with friends and share stories of their summer adventures. From holidays and days out to new school bags, water bottles and everything in between, there has certainly been plenty to talk about! It has been wonderful to see the children settling so positively into their new classes and reconnecting with their teachers and friends.

The staff have worked hard to ensure that the children have had a calm and purposeful start, with routines quickly becoming established and getting underway. As always, our priority is to make sure that every child feels safe, happy and supported; while being given the opportunities and encouragement they need to make strong progress both academically and personally.

Good attendance remains an important part of children making the most of their time at school. Being in school regularly helps children to keep up with their learning, maintain friendships and feel confident and secure in their routines. The habits established in these early weeks can have a real impact throughout the year, so we encourage all families to make attendance a priority from the outset. If your family is experiencing any difficulties that are affecting attendance, please do talk to us. We are always happy to listen and see how we can help.

We are very fortunate to be part of such a supportive village school community, and I look forward to working closely with you throughout the year. As always, my door is open, so please do come and speak to me if you have any questions, concerns or ideas you would like to share.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Natalie Alldred – Headteacher

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Celebration Assembly – 9am on Friday morning **STARTING NEXT WEEK**

Our wonderful children who have been awarded certificates this week.

Headteacher's Certificate			
Little Acorns	Big Acorns	Saplings	Oaks



Congratulations to all of the children below who were awarded their **Bronze** reading badges this week for **100 reads!** What a fantastic achievement!

• MORE COMING SOON...

Upcoming events ...

- Monday 7th - YR Parent Curriculum Workshop @ 3pm
- Tuesday 15th September–Meet the Team - Find Out More in classrooms @ 3:40pm
- Monday 21st September– Parent Forum @ 2:30pm
- Monday 28th September - Cross Country 4-5pm
- Thursday 1st October – Census Day
- **INSET DAYS 2026/2027 – 1st September, 22nd and 23rd October, 4th January and 28th May**

What we have been learning this week...

Little Acorns

This week, Little Acorns have all had a visit at home from Barney Bear. They enjoyed their first morning in school, exploring their learning environment, making new friends and learning routines, followed by their first lunch in school with their grown-ups.

Mrs Wortham



Big Acorns

What a lovely first week we have had! It has been wonderful getting to know all the children and seeing them settle into their new classes. We have enjoyed lots of fun 'getting to know you' activities and have been learning the routines of Big Acorns ready for our learning to begin next week. One of the activities was a team building task to build a tower as high as they could using spaghetti pasta and play doh. It was certainly a challenge and they needed lots of patience and resilience. They all did so well but we decided that spaghetti definitely wasn't the best material to use!

Everyone has been demonstrating our school values, but we have been especially impressed with how the children have shown they can be kind and brave.

We are looking forward to sharing lots more of our learning with you next week!

Miss Jones and Mrs Niles



Saplings

It has been a great start to the new term in Saplings! The children have been working hard to learn and adopt our classroom rules, and they have been incredibly respectful and positive. We have practised these skills during paired work and choosing time.

This week, we have been exploring how we are both different and similar. We have talked about neurodiversity, including ADHD, autism, dyslexia and tics, and discussed how, throughout our lives, we will meet and learn from lots of different people. The children have shown great understanding and empathy during these discussions. In Maths, we have been revising our key skills in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, making sure we are confident with the strategies we have learned.

We have also started our new Spanish unit, focusing on greetings. The children have been enjoying using their new Spanish vocabulary to answer the register in the afternoon!

Mrs Doherty

Oaks

Oaks Class have made a fantastic start to the new school year! They have worked together to come up with ideas for making our classroom a place where everyone can learn, feel happy and stay safe. The children have enjoyed sharing things about themselves and getting to know our new routines.

They have also been thinking about how they can contribute to our school community and have been thinking about some of the jobs and responsibilities they would like to take on this year. In PSHE, the children have been learning about healthy choices and food labels, developing their understanding of what makes a balanced diet.

It has been a busy and exciting start, and we are proud of the enthusiasm, maturity and positive attitude the children have shown already. Well done, Oaks Class!

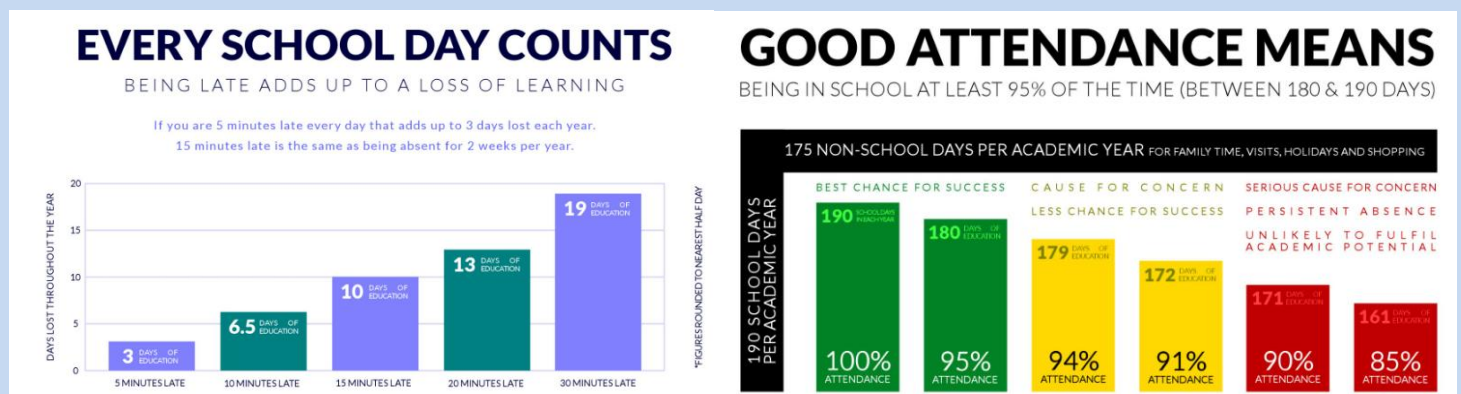
Mrs Wright (was Miss Jones) and Mrs Niles



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.



☀️ As we enter the final week and a half 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.

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

Year 3 – 100%	0 days missed
Year R – 100%	0 days missed
Year 2 – 98.7%	½ a day missed
Year 1 – 97.4%	1 day missed
Year 6 – 96.2%	1 ½ days missed
Year 5 – 94.9%	2 days missed
Year 4 – 83.3%	6 days missed
Overall this week – 96%	11 days of missed learning across the school
Overall this year- 95.5%	
Our minimum target is 96.5%	

Homework – Coming soon

Big Acorns

Saplings

Oaks

Useful links and information:

Look out for the clubs letter early next week. Coach Tom's clubs will be on Mondays and Wednesdays, and Sparks on a Tuesday.



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... 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/>

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 CTS](#)