



Braishfield Bugle



Friday 25th 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 huge thank you to all the parents who attended our recent Parent Forum. We really appreciate the opportunity to meet with you, discuss all things school-related, and hear your thoughts, ideas and feedback. These meetings are a great opportunity for us to find out what is important to our families and, with your support, continue to shape and develop our school. We hope to see even more of you at our next meeting!

I have attached the minutes from our recent Parent Forum to this week's *Bugle*. Please do let me know if there is anything you would like to discuss at our next meeting, and I would be very happy to add it to the agenda.

I would also like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who attended our BSA AGM on Tuesday evening. There is more information about the outcome of the meeting below, along with the attached minutes. In particular, a huge thank you from everyone at Braishfield to our wonderful BSA team, who have worked incredibly hard over the past few years to raise funds for the school. We are delighted to share that, as a result of their fantastic efforts, we will soon be beginning Phase One of our playground development! This is an exciting milestone for our school, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone who has helped make it possible!

Have a wonderful weekend.

Natalie Alldred – Headteacher

headteacher@braishfield.hants.sch.uk

Celebration Assembly – 9am on Friday morning

Our wonderful children who have been awarded certificates this week.

Headteacher's Certificate			
Winter			
Little Acorns	Big Acorns	Saplings	Oaks
Ella	Harry H Eloise	Jasper Alfie	Micah Chester



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

- Check again next week

Upcoming events...

- Monday 28th September - Cross Country 1 from 4-5pm
- Wednesday 30th September – Macmillan Coffee Afternoon @ 3pm (wear green)
- Thursday 1st October – Census Day
- Thursday 1st October – Harvest Assembly in school @ 1:15pm
- Monday 5th October - Cross Country 2 from 4-5pm
- Thursday 8th October – Oaks' Mayan Workshop
- Monday 12th October – MHST led Parent Workshop on Managing Challenging Behaviour 2-3:30pm
- Monday 12th October - Cross Country 3 from 4-5pm
- Wednesday 14th October – Parents' Evening 1 3:40-6:10pm
- Friday 16th October – Braishfield Be Ready to Learn Day
- Monday 19th – Wednesday 21st October – EYs/KS1 Swimming (details to follow)
- Tuesday 20th October – Parents' Evening 2 3:40-7:10pm
- Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd October – INSET Days
- Monday 26th – 30th October – HALF TERM HOLIDAY
- Monday 2nd – Friday 6th November – KS2 Swimming (details to follow)
- **INSET DAYS 2026/2027 – 22nd and 23rd October, 4th January and 28th May**

What we have been learning this week...

Little Acorns

This week in PE, Little Acorns have been developing their ball skills, practising rolling, drop-and-catch, throwing and catching, and bouncing a ball with two hands. The children have also continued their 'Marvellous Marks' art unit, completing observational pencil drawings of objects and self-portraits. These activities are helping the children to develop their core strength and pencil grip, building the foundations they need for writing. At the end of the week, in PSHE, the children learnt some helpful coping strategies for when they experience big emotions. We talked about different ways we can help ourselves to feel calm and ready to learn.

Although the children have only been in school for a few weeks, they are already feeling very secure in our class and school routines. In fact, they are becoming so familiar with them that this week they were quick to tell me off for trying to teach our lessons in the wrong order! It's lovely to see them becoming such confident members of Little Acorns.
Mrs Wortham



Big Acorns

This week in Big Acorns we have been developing our understanding of number and place value, exploring different ways to represent numbers, using pictures, numerals and objects. We have also been practising our skip counting skills by adding in movements to count forwards and backwards. I have loved seeing students make connections, share their mathematical thinking and approach challenges with curiosity and confidence. Next week we start writing our English fact files, working towards creating a Big Acorns class book for the library. We have been working on writing sentences starting with 'I like', 'I dislike', 'I can', and 'I am'. We cannot wait to learn more about each other as our creation comes to life!

Miss Jones and Mrs Niles



Saplings

What a busy and exciting week we have had in Saplings Class!

In DT, we have been busy designing our very own castle structures. We have carefully considered our designs and are now looking forward to bringing them to life and building the real structures very soon!

In PSHE, we explored different scenarios that might happen in school and discussed the best ways to deal with them. We also talked about positive and negative words and considered how the words we use can make other people feel.

In Maths, we have continued developing our understanding of place value. We have been ordering numbers, placing numbers on number lines and practising how to round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 and 1,000.

In English, we completed our final character descriptions of the mighty Fenrir the Wolf.

We have worked hard to use descriptive language to bring our character to life and make our writing engaging for the reader.

And how could we forget our fantastic Roman Day? What an amazing day we had! We took part in lots of fun and practical activities that helped us learn more about the Roman invasion and the impact the Romans had. We even had the chance to take part in activities that made us feel like real Roman gladiators!

Mrs Doherty



Oaks

It has been another busy and enjoyable week in Oaks! In English, we have been exploring cohesive devices and different ways to vary our sentences to make our writing more interesting and engaging. In Maths, the children have been developing their confidence with numbers up to 10,000,000, reading and writing them in both numerals and words. In PE, we have been developing our tackling and defending skills in tag rugby and putting these into practice during games. Our Computing learning has introduced us to different search engines and how they can help us find information online, and in Spanish we have been learning to talk about dates and the months of the year. In PSHE, we have explored the benefits of different types of physical activity, from gentle exercise to moderate and vigorous activities, and considered how these can support our health and wellbeing. It has been lovely to see the children showing such enthusiasm in their learning throughout the week.

Mrs Wright 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

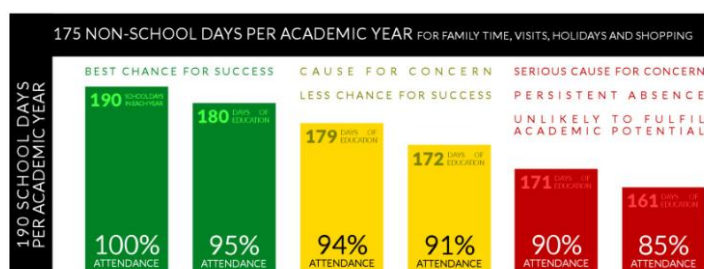
BEING LATE ADDS UP TO A LOSS OF LEARNING

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.



GOOD ATTENDANCE MEANS

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



🌟 Congratulations to Year 1 and 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 R – 100%	0 days missed
Year 3 – 98.7%	1 day missed
Year 5 – 98.5%	1 day missed
Year 2 – 97%	2 days missed
Year 1 – 95.4%	3 days missed
Year 6 – 95%	3 ½ days missed
Year 4 – 86%	8 ½ days missed
Overall this week– 95.9%	19 days of missed learning across the school

Overall this year- 96.2%
Our minimum target is 96.5%

Homework

Big Acorns

Reading and phonics or spelling sheet

Saplings

Times tables and spellings sheets in bags and reading their own books for fluency
(Homework books will be available next week)

Oaks

Reading and times tables this week. (Homework books will be available next week)

BSA - A New Era

Firstly, Fran, Becky and Leigh would like to extend huge thanks for all your support of the BSA over the last four years. Every time we've been buried in risk assessments or reorganising the shed for the 100th time, your positive comments and thanks have really got us through!

As our time on committee draws to a close, we're pleased to announce that we have presented school with a huge cheque for £14,000, allowing them to start work on phase 1 of the playground project, as soon as planning permits. This is a huge achievement as this fundraising target has run alongside our commitment to fund transportation for all trips, new library books, new iPads, new technology equipment and enrichment days for the whole school. We know that this has very much been a community effort, and without all our amazing volunteers and everyone turning up to events, prepared to donate their hard-earned money, this just would not have been possible, so thank you.

At Tuesday's AGM (Minutes are attached for anyone who would like a more detailed look), we summarised the year past and then voted in the new committee for 2026/2027. After a round of unanimous voting, our new committee is as follows:

Chair - Emily Harris

Secretary - Becky Sellors

Treasurer - Rosie Poytress

A huge congratulations to the new team, we wish you every success as you take the BSA forward in its next stage. Please do support our new team, as I know our lovely Braishfield community always does.

Once again, a huge thank you!

Fran, Becky & Leigh

Health and Safety Reminder

Please could we ask for your support in reminding children not to climb, sit or swing on the guardrails or fencing around the school.

Unfortunately, we have had children suffer serious falls from these barriers in the past. The rails and fencing can become particularly slippery when wet, making it easy for children to lose their footing. As they are positioned next to the road, there is also a serious risk that a child could fall backwards into the path of passing traffic.

We know how tempting these barriers can be for children, so we would really appreciate parents and carers reinforcing this message and stopping children from climbing, sitting or swinging on them when arriving at or leaving the school.

Thank you for working with us to keep everyone safe.

Free School Meals (FSM) Information

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be £7,400 a year or less (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit

Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Your child may also get free school meals if you get any of these benefits and your child is both:

- younger than the compulsory age for starting school
- in full-time education

From the start of academic year 2026 to 2027, your child will qualify for free school meals if you get Universal Credit, regardless of household income.

If you do not qualify for most benefits (also known as having 'no recourse to public funds'), your child may still be eligible for free school meals. Ask their school or local authority whether they're eligible.

Infant free school meals in England

Your child will be able to get free school meals if they're in a government-funded school and in:

- reception class
- year 1
- year 2

Tell your local authority if you also get any of the qualifying benefits. Your child's school could get extra funding if you do.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding a Macmillan Coffee Afternoon next **Wednesday 30th September @ 3pm** in our school hall, in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. To help us raise as much as possible for this wonderful charity, we would love for the children to take part by:

♥ Wearing green to school on the day

🍰 Bringing in a cake donation to school

If you are sending in a homemade cake, please provide a separate list of ingredients with your donation.

For the safety of all our children, please do not send in any cakes containing nuts.

We look forward to coming together as a school community, enjoying some delicious treats and raising money for such an important cause.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity! ♥ ☺ 🍰

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support

Mrs Sanders

Harvest Assembly

In a break from tradition, this year we will be holding our Harvest Assembly in school, rather than our usual Harvest service in church.

The assembly will take place at **1:15pm on Thursday 1st October** and will be led by Rev. Jane. The children will not be contributing individually, but we will enjoy sharing some Harvest songs together.

Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend. Numbers are limited, so if you would like to come, please sign up using the Google Form: <https://forms.gle/78muSNoNqbs81khf6>

As part of our Harvest celebrations, we will also be collecting donations for Romsey Foodbank. Each class will have a collection box, and children are welcome to bring in donations on any day up until the day of the assembly.

Romsey Foodbank would particularly appreciate donations of the following items:

- Tinned Meat
- Tinned Potatoes & Carrots
- Tinned Sweetcorn & Peas
- Sponge Puddings
- Rice (Microwave and Standard)
- Custard & Rice Pudding
- Tinned Fruit
- Sweets and Chocolate
- Instant Mash
- Spreads, esp. Marmite

More information about Romsey Foodbank can be found here: <https://romsey.foodbank.org.uk/>

Thank you for your generosity and support as we come together to celebrate Harvest and help support families in our local community.

Census Day

On **Thursday 1st October** it is School Census Day. Therefore, we would appreciate as many children as possible (in YR, Y1 and Y2) having a school dinner on this day. The number of children choosing a school dinner on this day directly links to the funding that we receive as a school. Special lunch option details for this day to follow next week.

Pupil Voice Group Messages

Each week on the Bugle, we will be sharing messages from the children who are organising or have been participating in events. Please do have a read as these will be organised, shared and written by the children. Thank you.

Message from our Sports Ambassadors



We are pleased to announce that this year we will be taking part in Walktober.

Walktober is a challenge held each October to celebrate International Walk to School Month. School communities are encouraged to get moving by walking, wheeling and choosing other active and sustainable ways to travel throughout the month.

We understand that some of you may live further away so would encourage you to park a little further away (Village Hall/

Dog & Crook) and travel the rest of the way to school in an active way.

They are running a competition to encourage children to share their ways of travelling to school and creating sharing some top-tip for your travels.

The Sports Ambassadors will be seeing how the children have travelled to school each morning to encourage everyone to be more active.

Pupils, staff and parents/carers will be able to submit their Top Tips, More Trips entries directly at: myjourneyhampshire.com/walktober

The competition closes on 13 November 2026.

We look forward to seeing you be active!

Bisandu, Chester, Hallie, Imogen and Leo H

JRSO Team message from Tommy, Bisandu, Lily and Jacob

Parent webinar – modelling good road safety behaviour

A new programme is being launched by the Road Safety Team, helping parents teach their children about road safety from an early age.

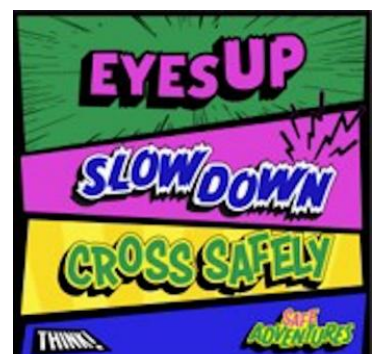
A leaflet and webinar cover pedestrian, cycle and in-car safety, supporting parents to model good road safety behaviours.

The first webinar takes place on **Monday 16 November, 12 - 12.30**. Parents can register via the [webinar registration form](#).

Distraction poster competition

The Road Safety Team is launching a new poster competition, inviting pupils to design a poster promoting the importance of giving the road their full attention.

To register and receive the supporting classroom resource, complete the [poster competition registration form](#).



Useful links and information:

Starting school in September 2027

If your child is 4 or will turn 4 before 1 September 2027, they can start school in September 2027

Applications open for Hampshire residents on **1 November 2026**

THE NATIONAL CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS **FRIDAY 15 JANUARY 2027**
DON'T MISS IT!

For more information go to
www.hants.gov.uk/admissions



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Raising Resilient Children Online course

Mondays 28 September - 19 October
7pm - 9pm

FREE - Eligibility criteria applies

This is an online course using Microsoft Teams. Participants will be required to use Microsoft Teams.

Booking is essential, please visit

<https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/library-courses> to book your place. If you have issues booking online please contact branch staff or call 02392 232957

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Positive Parenting Online course

Mondays 2 November - 30 November
7:30pm - 9pm

FREE - Eligibility criteria applies

This is an online course using Microsoft Teams. Participants will be required to use Microsoft Teams.

Booking is essential, please visit

<https://shop.hants.gov.uk/collections/library-courses> to book your place. If you have issues booking online please contact branch staff or call 02392 232957



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HOW TO COPE WHEN YOUR CHILD CANT

A one-day event focused on parents/carers understanding their own needs, and learning strategies to look after themselves as they support a young person with their own mental health needs.

The sessions will include looking at emotional regulation. When distress and emotional responses make situations challenging, how can we think clearly and avoid becoming overwhelmed.

The afternoon will focus on

How to Feel Better as a Parent in Burnout

Exploring what burnout is, what contributes to it, the signs and avoiding repeating cycle. An immersive workshop including self-care & nervous system regulation practices you can try. Led by Courtney Freedman-Thompson - coach and wellbeing practitioner with lived experience.

For more information and to book a place go to:
<https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events/>



Some events have a small charge to allow us to cover costs, some discretionary free tickets are available

Wed, 30 September 2026 9.30am - 3.15pm

The Irish Centre, Council Road,
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Tickets £25
Tea, coffee and lunch included

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- Learn new skills
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Braishfield Village Hall

Wednesday from 5.45 until 6.45

rainbows.braishfield@gmail.com

We'd love to welcome you!



READ to the BEAT

School
Achievement
Certificate



Well done for taking part in Read to the Beat!

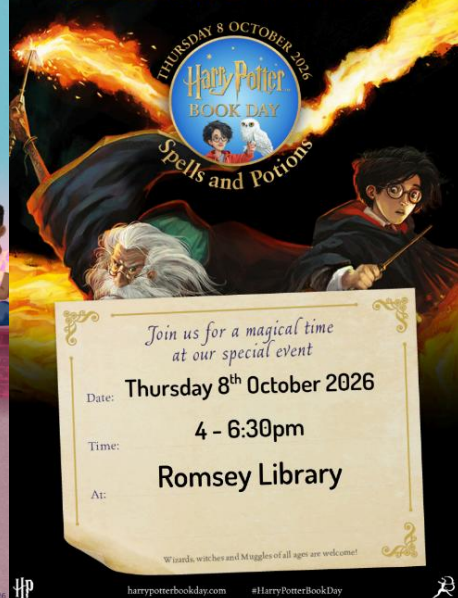
School name: **Braishfield Primary School**

Congratulations on **21** pupils
successfully taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge!



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CELEBRATE WITH US!



Join us for a magical time
at our special event

Date: **Thursday 8th October 2026**

Time: **4 - 6:30pm**

At: **Romsey Library**

Wizards, witches and Muggles of all ages are welcome!

harrypotterbookday.com

#HarryPotterBookDay

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.

Parent Workshop linked to supporting children's behaviour at home led by the MHST.

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](#)