



Braishfield Bugle



Friday 2nd October 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 lovely week of learning and celebration in school this week, with lots of exciting opportunities for our children to enjoy.

Our wonderful Sports Ambassadors led two assemblies this week - one for Oaks and Saplings and another for Big and Little Acorns - to introduce Walktober, which started yesterday. The children were incredibly enthusiastic about getting involved, and we are looking forward to seeing lots of walking feet throughout October!

On Wednesday, Big Acorns had a wonderful morning of gymnastics at Starlight Gym. They returned to school buzzing with excitement and eager to share how much they had enjoyed their trip. In fact, according to some of the children, it was *"the best school trip ever!"* A huge thank you to Mrs Niles for organising such a fantastic opportunity for them.

Also on Wednesday, Mrs Sanders was busy baking up a storm in school as we prepared for our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon. The children thoroughly enjoyed getting involved with the baking and decorating activities, and it was wonderful to see everyone getting into the spirit of the event. Thank you to everyone who supported this very worthy cause - whether by bringing in donations, helping to serve during the afternoon, or popping in to enjoy the delicious treats. We are delighted to have raised over £250 for Macmillan Cancer Support.

A very special thank you must go to Mrs Sanders for all her hard work in organising the event. From the cupcake colouring competition, to the baking, to providing little pots for children to take their treats home in, there were so many thoughtful touches that made the afternoon so special. Your dedication does not go unnoticed, Mrs Sanders, and we are very grateful for everything you did to make the event such a success.



Finally, yesterday we celebrated our Harvest Assembly in school. A huge thank you to Mrs Wortham for organising this special assembly for everyone to enjoy. Her hard work behind the scenes and on the day ensures that these events run smoothly and can be enjoyed by everyone.

Thank you also to Rev Jane for leading our assembly and to all those families who were able to join us. We are very grateful for the kind donations from our families, which will be passed on to Romsey Foodbank to support local families in need.

Thank you to everyone in our school community for making it such a special week. We are incredibly proud of our children and all that they have taken part in, and it has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm, kindness and community spirit throughout the school.

Have a wonderful 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
Eleanor	Thomas Arthur	Hazel Heidi	Ellie Ariah



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 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, Little Acorns have been learning all about our bodies!

After reading *Hello World! My Body* by Jill McDonald, we enjoyed singing *Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes* using different body-part words. We discovered lots of fascinating facts, including that the smallest bone in our bodies is in our ear and that, while humans taste with their tongues, houseflies taste with their feet!

We then headed outside with chalks to draw around our friends and create pictures of ourselves. We had fun adding our names to our drawings and practising our name-writing skills.

Later in the week, we looked at photographs of ourselves as babies, toddlers and children and worked together to put them in order. We talked about what comes next, learning that we become teenagers and then adults.

In maths, we have been exploring the composition of number, focusing on making collections of 3 objects. In phonics, we are continuing to learn new sounds and were excited to learn our new tricky word, "is". We have even made it our classroom door password — everyone has to say "is" before they can come in!

What a lovely week of learning and discovery!

Mrs Wortham

Big Acorns

We've had an action-packed week in Big Acorns! On Wednesday, we had our trip to Starlight to try out gymnastics. The children threw themselves into the activities, exploring specialised equipment while practising their balancing, rolling, and leaping with great enthusiasm. In Big Acorns, we love how movement can help us stay focused and healthy, whilst nurturing confidence, resilience, and concentration skills that translate directly back into our classroom. We were so proud of everyone's effort and persistence. To round off a great day, we arrived back at school to join in the Macmillan Day festivities. The classroom was filled with creativity as children participated in the cake decorating picture competition. Mrs Alldred shared that we made picking a winner a very tough job! The sweet treats continued as students decorated their very own gingerbread biscuits! A big thank you to all the families who donated, baked, and supported this wonderful cause Miss Jones and Mrs Niles



Saplings

This week in Saplings, we have been reading our new story in English, *Interview with a Shark and Other Sea Animals*. We have been thinking about questions we would like to find the answers to in the text. We have also been using the pictures to infer which sea animals the questions might be about.

In Maths, we have continued our work on place value, focusing on rounding numbers and ordering numbers on number lines.

In Science with Mr Churcher, we made electrical circuits using bulbs, buzzers and switches. We then learned how to represent these circuits by drawing circuit diagrams.

In PE, we worked together to find our way around mazes made with cones. This activity required us to communicate, listen to one another and work collaboratively to achieve our goal.

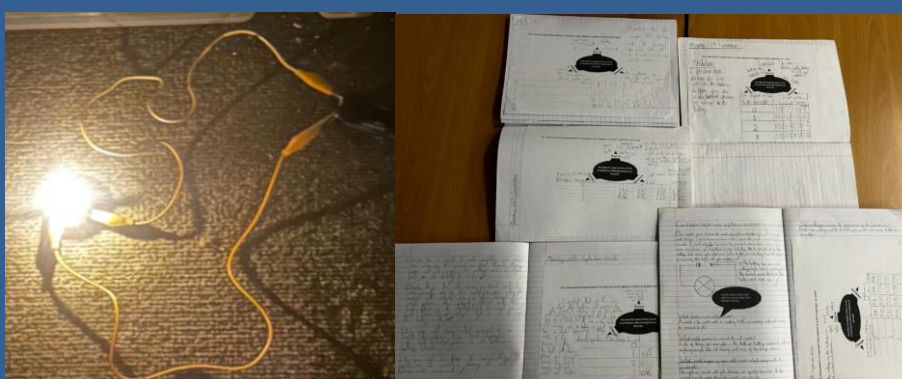
Mrs Doherty



Oaks

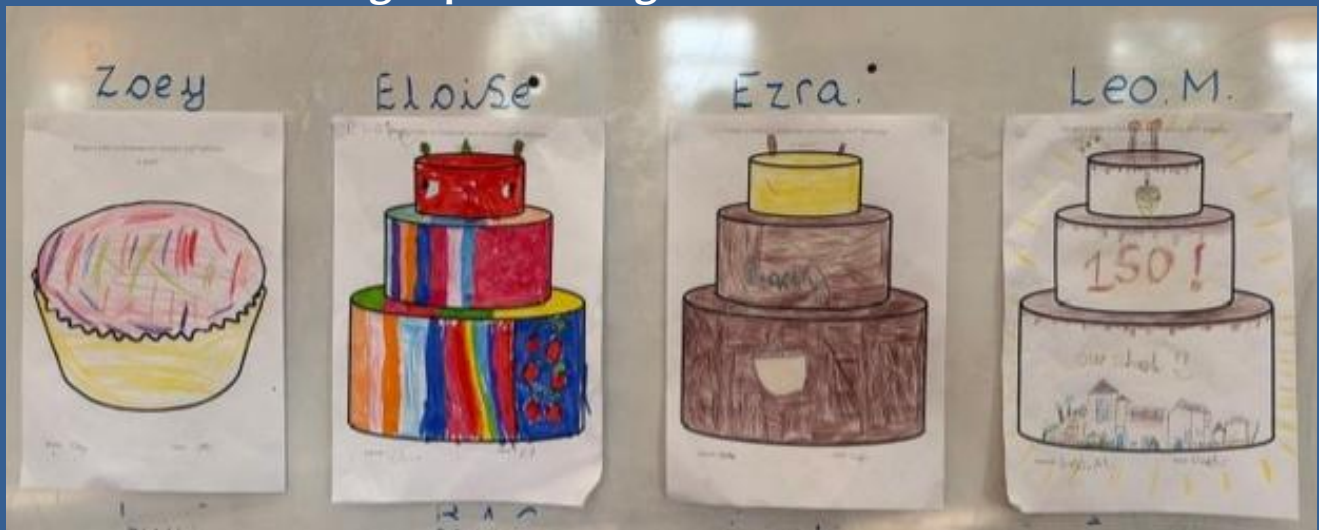
This week, Oaks have been busy exploring lots of exciting learning across the curriculum. In Science, we have been investigating how the length of time that current flows affect the brightness of a bulb. In English, we have been generating ideas for and describing characters and settings as part of our own 'Lost Thing' designs. In Computing, we have been learning about how search engines select and display results. During Guided Reading, we have been exploring further stories by the author Shaun Tan, considering the themes in his books and reflecting on our own responses to both the text and illustrations.

Mrs Wright and Mrs Niles





Well done to our winning cupcake designers...



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

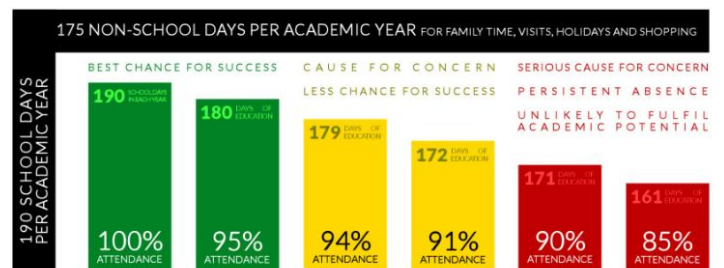
If you are 5 minutes late every day that adds up to 3 days lost each year.
15 minutes late is the same as being absent for 2 weeks per year.



*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 R, Year 1 and Year 3 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 1 – 100%	0 days missed
Year 3 – 100%	0 days missed
Year 5 – 98.5%	1 day missed
Year 2 – 98.3%	1 day missed
Year 4 – 95%	3 days missed
Year 6 – 95%	3 ½ days missed
Overall this week– 98.1%	8 ½ days of missed learning across the school
Overall this year- 96.6%	
Our minimum target is 96.5%	

Homework

Big Acorns

Reading and phonics or spelling sheet

Saplings

Timestables.co.uk or TTRS, spelling sheet in bags and reading their own books for fluency

Oaks

We would like you to design your own electricity poster/page to showcase the learning we have completed so far in our unit, 'Controlling Electrical Circuits'. Your poster could include key vocabulary such as voltage, current, circuit, bulb, battery, wires, motor, buzzer and cell, as well as circuit diagrams using the correct circuit symbols we have been learning about in school. You could also explain what a circuit needs in order for an output component to work and what might prevent a circuit from working. We will have an opportunity to share your work in one of our upcoming science lessons.

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





Come and Join Girlguiding Rainbows!

Is your little one ready for fun, friendship and exciting adventures?

Girlguiding Rainbows is a wonderful place for girls aged 5-7 to make new friends, try new things and build confidence in a fun and welcoming environment.

- Get creative
- Make new friends
- Play games
- Learn new skills
- Explore and have adventures
- Have lots of fun!

Rainbows is all about being yourself, having fun and trying something new.

Come along and see what Rainbows is all about!

Braishfield Village Hall

Wednesday from 5.45 until 6.45

rainbows.braishfield@gmail.com

We'd love to welcome you!

CELEBRATE WITH US!

THURSDAY 8 OCTOBER 2026

Harry Potter BOOK DAY

Spells and Potions

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

MUSIC PRODUCTION HALLOWEEN ENRICHMENT DAY

For children in Years 5 - 8

- Create spooky tracks and Halloween soundscapes!
- Use iPads and GarageBand
- Make monster beats and haunted remixes
- Explore sampling and sound effects
- No experience needed - just bring your creativity!

Sign Up Here

October Half Term Music Enrichment

Monday 26 October 2026 9:30am - 3:30pm

Barton Peveril College, Eastleigh, SO50 5ZA

£42.50 (lunch included)

CHOIR FOR A DAY

For children in Years 4 - 9

- Spend the day singing with other young people from across Hampshire!
- Perform songs from musical theatre and pop
- Build confidence and vocal skills
- Learn harmonies and performance techniques
- No auditions or experience needed - everyone welcome!

Sign Up Here

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Disability Football

FOOTBALL FOR EVERYONE

Looking for a fun, relaxed and inclusive way for your child to enjoy football?

Comets is a recreational, pan-disability football programme for disabled children aged 5-11, delivered by Romsey Town Youth FC. It's all about fun, friendships and inclusion - with children of all abilities encouraged to take part, play football and, most importantly, just be themselves.

WHAT DOES PAN-DISABILITY MEAN?

Comets welcomes children with a broad range of disabilities and additional needs, including:

- LEARNING DISABILITIES
- PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENTS
- SENSORY IMPAIRMENTS
- NEURODIVERGENCE & ADDITIONAL NEEDS

You don't need any previous football experience - children can explore football at their own pace in a supportive and welcoming environment.

SIGN UP HERE

or use the QR code on the right.

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- Make new friends

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED - JUST BRING YOUR ENTHUSIASM!

sessions start in September 2026

EMAIL: dreamsnetballclub@gmail.com

Halloween Tales at King John's House

This Halloween, step inside the grounds of the historic King John's House for a spook-tacular adventure the whole family will enjoy!

Join our enchanting Halloween tours and meet a cast of mysterious spooky characters lurking throughout the grounds. Discover ghostly tales, Halloween surprises, and magical moments as you explore this atmospheric historic setting.

Date: Saturday 31 October

Time: 5pm & 7pm

Where: King John's House Gardens

Price: £8 per person

Book online from TicketSource or use the QR code

For more information, visit www.kingjohnshouse.org.uk

Halloween Cookie Decorating at King John's House

Get into the Halloween spirit and create your own deliciously spooky cookie masterpieces!

Date: Monday 26 October

Time: 10:30am-2pm

Where: King John's House Cafe

Price: £5 per cookie

Book online from TicketSource or use the QR code

For more information, visit www.kingjohnshouse.org.uk

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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.

Topic: Supporting your Child with Anxiety

Focus: Secondary & Primary Schools

Date: Oct 8, 2026 10-11:30am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83038532980?pwd=6WG3MaoqalLhP8TCbgXaqvn1PmAggD.1>

Meeting ID: 830 3853 2980

Passcode: 231178

2026/27 Online Parent Workshop Offer

What To Expect:
Our workshops are delivered by experienced Mental Health Practitioners and last approximately 1.5 hours. There will be time at the end of each session for questions and discussion. We hope you find the sessions informative and supportive. Please note that we are unable to discuss individual young people or specific cases.

Topic: Supporting your Child with Anxiety
Focus: Secondary & Primary Schools
Date: Oct 8, 2026 10-11:30am

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83038532980?pwd=6WG3MaoqalLhP8TCbgXaqvn1PmAggD.1>
Meeting ID: 830 3853 2980
Passcode: 231178

Topic: Autism
Focus: Secondary & Primary Schools
Time: Nov 12, 2026 10-11:30am

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89937011870?pwd=Ma6Hzq98vxaLKDGo51rXME042dOWj.1>
Meeting ID: 899 3701 1870
Passcode: 971139

Topic: EBSA & Transition
Focus: Primary Schools
Time: Jan 20, 2027 1-2:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87622535818?pwd=MWnqNGM85Daqc0ZCAAwbwXJA7yKxtc.1>
Meeting ID: 876 2253 5818
Passcode: 236620

Topic: EBSA & Transition
Focus: Secondary Schools
Time: Mar 10, 2027 1:00-2:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85042241502?pwd=1kfuSW6Qte5MeNX7ySwaG38wbKURlq.1>
Meeting ID: 850 4224 1502
Passcode: 881854

Topic: Now conversations
Focus: Primary Schools
Time: May 12, 2027 1- 2:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87416646498?pwd=zMH0rqao8cHD5Kjqrzz7ha0PapPan.1>
Meeting ID: 874 1664 6498
Passcode: 411941

Topic: MH Building Blocks & Teen Brain Development
Focus: Secondary Schools
Time: Jun 9, 2027 1 – 2:30PM

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85277493568?pwd=br4a4xRWoBDZ2ZbBtafKjYQY6bLMi7.1>
Meeting ID: 852 7749 3568
Passcode: 171177

Topic: Supporting Yourself to Support Your Child
Focus: Secondary & Primary Schools
Time: Jul 6, 2027 10-11:30am

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86444219793?pwd=bsylRCwnx0hNRgzldLgTrG36XaIW.1>
Meeting ID: 864 4421 9793
Passcode: 566456

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAMS

We look forward to welcoming you to our Parent Workshops!

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 CTSH](#)