



Respect, Responsibility, Hope, Courage

# Brabourne

CofE Primary School

28th April 2023

## Welcome back to the Summer Term

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and welcome back to our Summer Term. I am pleased to see the sunshine finally peeking through and I am sure you will appreciate how lovely the school garden is looking, thanks to the hard work of the gardening team, Eco Team and Ground Force Team - a huge thank you!

We begin our new topics this term: Venus are learning about 'Come Outside', Mars about 'Explorers', Neptune 'Traders & Raiders' and Jupiter 'Storms & Shipwrecks'. Learning across classes is connected by our common theme this term of 'Movement and People'.

For information on what the children are learning in each class this term, please see the relevant class pages below, we hope you find them useful: [Venus](#) [Mars](#) [Neptune](#) [Jupiter](#).

## Coronation picnic

You are cordially invited to join us for a Coronation picnic, on **Friday 5th May**, on the school field. Staff will bring the children outside, at **2.00 pm**, and parents/families are most welcome to join us. Please bring a rug, (some brollies!) and some nibbles, but not too many, as the PTA will be selling refreshments - so please bring lots of loose change also!

Please do not worry if you cannot attend, as the children will be catered for.

At 3.00 pm the children will return to the classroom to collect their things and can be collected as normal by parents/carers.



## English Workshop

The Reading workshop for parents/carers will now take place on **Tuesday 23rd May** in Jupiter Class. The main school door will be opened at 3.30 pm. The workshop will be led by Mr Stapley and Mrs Barnes and will finish by 4.15 pm. It will cover a range of ages and explain how reading is taught at Brabourne.

May we remind you that places must be booked and paid for in advance for both Early Morning Club and Wrap Around. **To ensure we always have appropriate staffing levels, we cannot accept bookings on the day.** Details can be found here: [Wrap around care - Brabourne Church of England Primary School](#). Please book in advance on [School Money](#).

**COLLECTION FROM WRAP AROUND:** Please collect your children promptly at the end of the session. Late pick ups may be charged.





### Playground Leaders

Our amazing Playground Leaders in Year 5/6 have been busy creating lots of new activities to choose from at playtime. These include: hopscotch, bubble making, 'cat's cradle', clapping games and even dancing to music! The children are also busy running their own lunchtime clubs: crafts, art, Lego, reading and teddy club, just to name a few!

### Mathematics Challenge, Kings School

Last week, four of our Year 5 mathematicians visited King's School, Canterbury, to participate in a challenge involving different mathematical tasks. The pupils showed fantastic resilience and team cooperation. We will also be talking some Year 5 pupils to the annual Ashford School Maths competition next week!



### Football Tournament

The T5/6 football team had a great time at the annual Ashford tournament last Saturday, accompanied by Mr Walker. He reports that their effort and team spirit were excellent.

The results were as follows:

Brabourne v St Simons	0 - 1
Challock v Brabourne	0 - 2
St Teresa's v Brabourne	2 - 0
Sellindge v Brabourne	1 - 0



### Young Leaders Award

Neptune Class are participating in the Archbishops' Young Leaders award this year. The children are loving completing sets of challenges, both in school, in their local community and towards the wider world. At the end they will achieve a certificate as an accredited Young Leader!



## Brabourne - A haven for bees!

By Mrs Bravery and the Eco Team

Some of you may be wondering why on earth there is a wheelbarrow full, apparently, of weeds near the school's front door! It's all part of an exercise that, we hope, might help our children connect more with nature. We'd love them to learn to understand and care about our fascinating buzzy, crawly and flitty British insect life.

Anyone who's watched David Attenborough's Wild Isles on TV will know that our vital pollinators are in real trouble - they are losing the battle against pesticides, herbicides and the overall loss of wild places and the delicate plants they need to live.

We humans, too. One in three mouthfuls of food we eat depends on a pollinator doing its little thing - our fates are intertwined.

So... Brabourne School to the rescue!

As we are lucky enough to be surrounded by fabulous countryside, we hope to help pupils – and any interested parents – to notice, understand, appreciate and love the rich diversity of wild insect and plant life on our doorstep. We have an Eco Club that will meet most Thursday lunchtimes for bee hunts and general scientific insect and plant know-how as well as our marvellous Gardening Club.

The Wildflower Wheelbarrow is part of that (instant detention for anyone calling its flowers 'weeds' btw!). Do read the little tags on the barrow to find out a bit more about each plant.



We hope some of Britain's 270-odd (270!) different species of bee will come to visit and we can observe how, say, different bees or butterflies go to different flowers. Could it be that some bumblebees, for instance, have a tongue as long as their body, designed to reach into tubular flowers? And that some bees with short tongues only visit flat flowers? Hmmm – does that mean we need a diverse range of different flowers?

There are some taller wildflowers coming along in a patch in the garden, too, foxgloves, cornflowers, hedge woundwort and borage, for starters. Keep a lookout for some of our lovely native butterflies visiting too.

Also in the garden you'll see bee hotels up in the trees, hand-made by the Gardening Club, and two wooden boxes. The latter are bee observation houses that we hope, come summer, will be more interesting to stare at than a smartphone.

These are NOT beehives full of Honey Bees – the little guys we hope to attract are sweet little Red Mason and Leaf-cutter bees and they don't sting. (Well, they might have a go if you really try to squish them, but their tiny stingers are nothing like a Honey Bee's equipment.) Put one on your finger to get over any nervousness; they like warming their feet...

Do please go and lift the lid and watch their amazing life cycles unfold over the next few months.

Honey Bees, however, are possibly our most fascinating insects. Did we mention there are 270-odd different kinds of bees in the UK? Honey Bees are the only ones that live socially – in hollow trees in the wild and in hives when domesticated. And the only insect to swarm.

Local beekeepers Yvonne and Philip Moo have been kind enough to offer interested pupils a look inside a hive later in the year, with a quick talk about what goes on in there.

You'll see pollen is gathered to feed baby bees in their hexagonal chambers, and nectar stores that bees magically turn into honey. As well as the bees themselves, being busy.

We have a few child-sized bee suits for protection and when the bees warm up a bit more, we hope to be able to offer visits, a few pupils at a time.

Lastly, later in the year – if there is interest – we hope to put out a light-attracting box at night to gather moths around the school. It's amazing to see the sheer variety of these beautiful creatures, who are busily pollinating our crops and flowers while we sleep.

You'd have to get up early, though, to check the box for what we've caught overnight. (It doesn't hurt them, btw).

Here's to raising a whole new generation of David Attenboroughs!

Mrs Bravery & the Eco Team

## **Ground Force Day**

**Saturday 29th April 10.00 am onwards**

We are again, looking for volunteers for this Saturday.

Tea, coffee and cake will be available.

Thank you for your continuing support.



## Continuous Provision

Continuous Provision continues to go from strength to strength in Y1/2 and really makes our Infant Provision unique at Brabourne. Here are some photos of the children in Independent Learning from this week. To find out more, please see: [Continuous Provision - Brabourne Church of England Primary School](#).



Next week, look out for our new Book Exchange, which you will find outside of the school, by the front door. Inside will be trays for each class where you can drop off any unwanted children's books and/or exchange them for a new one!



## Pupil Prayer of the Week

Dear Lord

*Let us remember the light of Jesus and his teachings and remember to always follow the right path, take care of others, help people in need and speak up for those who need us most.*

Amen



### Pupil Premium

Pupil Premium/Free School Meals Pupil Premium is government funding used in different ways by each school, but at Brabourne School, we target the funding to make sure that children from families on low incomes, are not at a disadvantage. We can help with things like contributions to the purchase of school uniform/private music lessons/ payment for school trips, as well as other activities in or outside of school. We have also used some of the funding to increase the teaching assistant hours in each class.

All infant pupils are given access to free school meals, but if you are experiencing any financial hardship, or are on a low income, please come and see myself or Mrs Parry in confidence, as your child/children may be entitled to free school meals in Year 3 to Year 6, as well as Pupil Premium throughout their time in primary school.

### Dates for your diary:

Monday 1st May	May Bank Holiday - school will be closed
Friday 5th May, 2.00 pm	Coronation picnic on school field—families welcome. Non uniform day—dress as a King or Queen or in red, white and blue
Monday 8th May	Bank Holiday - For King's Coronation - school will be closed.
Tuesday 9th—Friday 12th May	SATS examination week Y6
w/c 15th May	SATS examination week Y2
Friday 12th May	Coronation cookie sale
Tuesday 23rd May	Reading Workshop 3.30 pm - 4.15 pm
Friday 26th May	INSET day - school closed

With best wishes,  
Andrew Stapley  
Headteacher



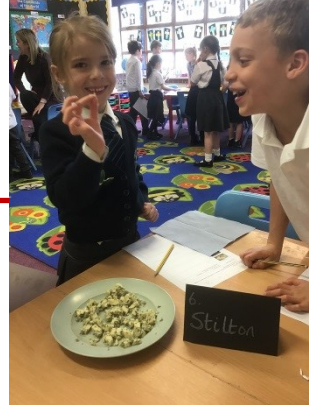
# Class News



Venus Class have been learning about the life cycle of sunflowers this week. They made their own sunflowers and planted sunflower seeds ready for our sunflower growing race. Ready, steady, grow!



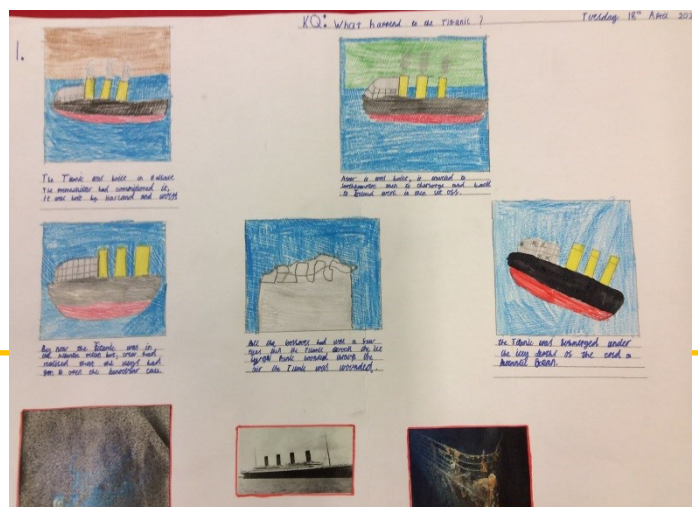
This week Mars Class have been learning about Continents, particularly Europe and the Country France. They have had lots of fun tasting different cheeses and rating them out of 10. Some of the faces pulled whilst tasting the cheeses were very funny! The favourite was cheddar and the least favourite was Stilton and goat's cheese.



In Science, Neptune class have been learning about the famous botanist Sir Joseph Banks. We went into the school garden and did some observational drawings of the plants that were there, to discover if they are native or non-native to Britain.



This term, Jupiter Class have started our Storms and Shipwrecks topic. Our Key Concept Question is 'Why have people migrated throughout history?' We linked this to our previous learning about the Romans, Anglo-Saxons and Vikings and their legacies. We are starting to learn about the Titanic; beginning with creating a chronological timeline of the disaster.

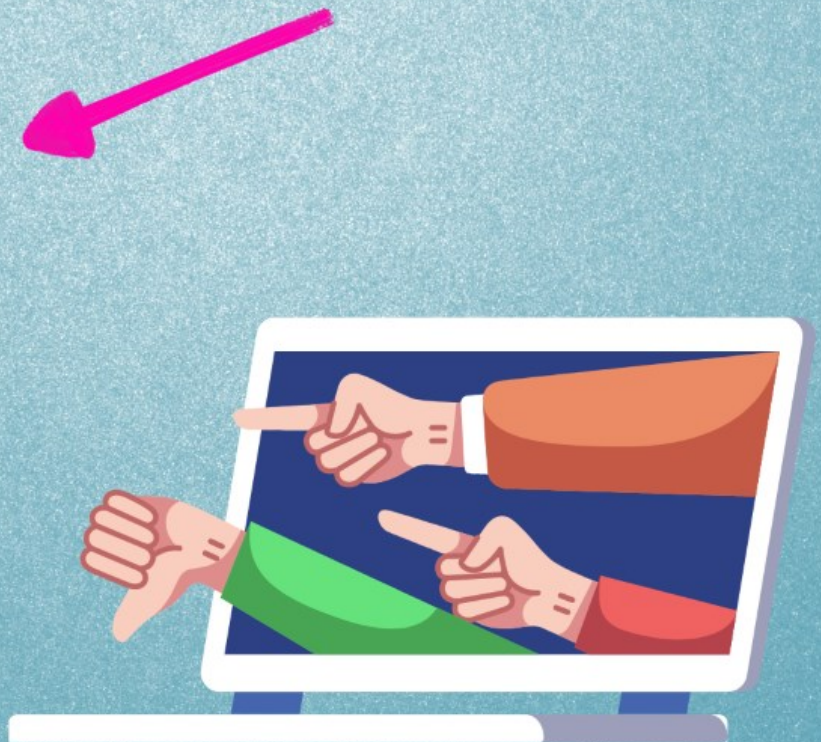


# Youth Cyber Survey 2023

**How often are you online? Have  
you ever been bullied online?  
Fill in this short anonymous  
survey!**



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NEXT GEN PRESENTS  
**GIRLS FOOTBALL**



**THURSDAYS**  
**5:30 - 6:30**  
STARTS 20TH APRIL

**AGES 5-11**

**£3** PER SESSION



HAVE FUN, MAKE FRIENDS  
**PLAY FOOTBALL!**

ALL ABILITIES  
WELCOME!

**SANDGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
COOLING LANE, FOLKESTONE, KENT, CT20 3QU

**SQUAD**  
GIRLS' FOOTBALL



**Ashford & Folkestone**

**Monday - 5-6pm**  
Girls Wildcats Football Session  
(5-11 Years old) -  
The Norton Knatchbull School

**Monday - 6-7pm**  
Squad Girls Football Session  
(12-16 Years old) -  
The Norton Knatchbull School

**Tuesday - 5:30-6:30pm**  
Girls Wildcats Football Session  
(5-11 Years old) -  
The Folkestone Academy

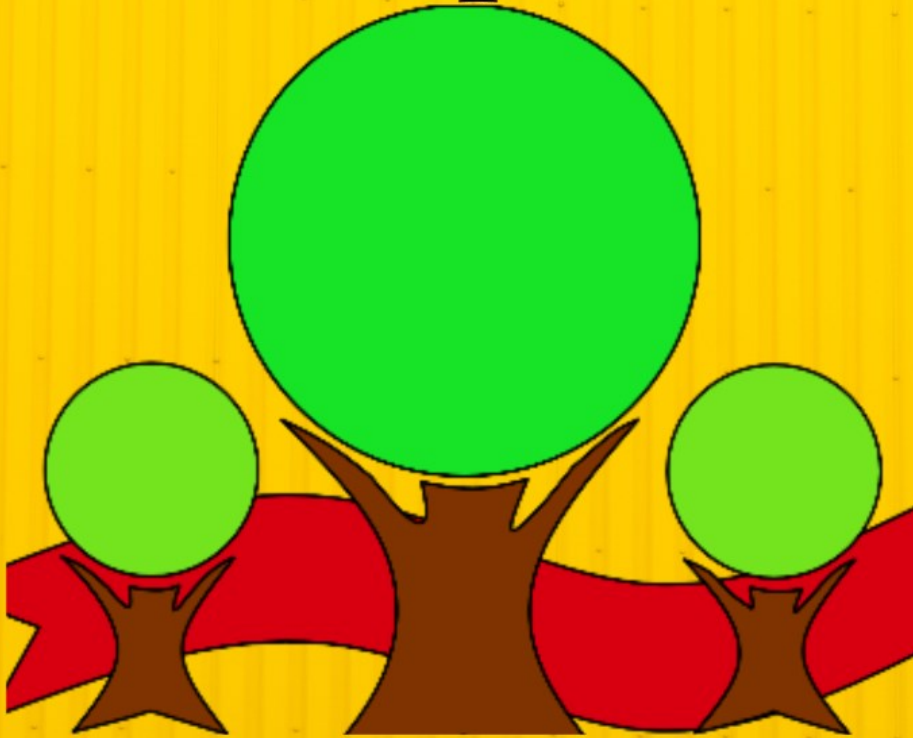
**Scan for  
Squad & Wildcats**



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# The HopeTree



invite you to an anniversary event to  
celebrate eight years supporting families  
in Ashford

*workshops*

*Entertainment*

29th April 2023  
12-4pm Repton  
Community Centre  
Repton Avenue, Ashford  
TN23 3RX

*Free event*

*snacks*

Booking essential at  
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