



Respect, Responsibility, Hope, Courage

# Brabourne

## CofE Primary School

Friday 21st July 2023

### Mrs Winchester & Mrs Miller

It is with much gratitude, that we bid farewell to our two colleagues, Mrs Winchester and Mrs Miller, who are leaving to start their new business venture. Both teachers have contributed so much to our school, as excellent teachers, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them both personally, for their dedication, creativity and contribution to our school's journey and ongoing success.

Mrs Winchester started at Brabourne in 2010 and has given over a decade of pupils the most wonderful and nurturing start to their school journey. Mrs Winchester has been a valued colleague, often going above and beyond in her role and her contribution to wider school life, in her role as EYFS and Science Lead.

Mrs Miller joined the school in 2009 as a Teaching Assistant, although she started at the school as a parent to Ellie, Ethan and Grace. She then decided to train as a teacher at Brabourne (home grown!) and, once qualifying, left Brabourne, only to return a few years later as Mars Teacher and Maths Lead. Mrs Miller has contributed so much to our school, through her roles as Maths Lead and as a passionate advocate of continuous provision.

But importantly, both teachers have been valued and appreciated colleagues and, whilst we are sad to see them go, we wish them the very best of luck in their new venture and send them much gratitude for all they have given to our school.

### Hat-trick for Brabourne!



Following on from our Gold Sports Award and British Council full International Accreditation award, we are thrilled to announce that Brabourne is one of only a few select schools in Kent to receive the prestigious Wilder Kent Gold Award!

The children in the gardening club and Eco team have been amazing, giving up their lunchtimes, in all weathers, to contribute to making the school a haven and beacon for wildlife. Guided by the energy and dedication of Mrs Edmed, Mrs Smith, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Bravery, as well as the Brabourne and Smeeth gardening society, so much time has been given to inspiring our pupils and helping to forge a new generation of gardeners and people who care about nature. On behalf of all of our pupils and staff—a huge thank you! Mrs Edmed collected the Gold award for Brabourne in a celebration ceremony at the weekend. We are thrilled for all that has been achieved and cannot wait to see what is in store for next year (I know there are plans already!).



## British Council International Award

**We are equally thrilled to have been awarded full accreditation of the British Council's International School Award (the top level that can be achieved) until 2026. So much effort has gone into this award with, at its core, a determination to ensure that multi-cultural understanding holds a central place in our school's curriculum. Thank you to everyone involved. Below is what our assessor had to say:**

*"Well done to everyone at Brabourne CEP School, you have an excellent approach to ensuring that your pupils develop a positive, inquisitive approach to learning, in order to develop their global citizenship. Well done for such a creative and meaningful way of developing global awareness. The pupils at Brabourne CEP School are very lucky to be part of such an enlightened curriculum and the teachers are fortunate to have such a collaborative experience".*



I was so impressed by the Y3/4 football team who showed an abundance of determination and sportsmanship in their approach to coming second in the RUSH league.

They were an absolute credit to our school and have immense potential for next year!

As mentioned in my recent letter, to parents, we are thrilled to have received our new minibus from SAGA Holidays, through a donation to our school. We hope to get the minibus ready for use for September and it will open up so many possibilities for our pupils and our ability to take them on trips out.



Well done to the pupils who took part in the District Sports and a huge thank you to Coach Snare for taking them! Lots of 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. A special mention to George, Sadie and Evelyn for 1st places and the lower boys/upper girls relay team who gained first place for Brabourne!



### Prayer of the week: Our School Prayer

This is our School  
May peace dwell here  
Let the room be full of contentment  
Let love abide here  
Love of one another  
Love of mankind  
Love of life itself  
Love of God  
Let us remember as many hand make a house  
As many hearts make a school  
Amen

It has been wonderful to begin to take groups of children to our nearby hives (courtesy of Mrs Moo) to learn about Apiary (the study of bees). The school has been donated several bee suits (thank you Mrs Bravery!) and the aim is for every pupil to visit the hives. Each pupil has received a sample of honey to enjoy on their toast, whilst also having an deep appreciation and understanding of the importance of these fascinating insects.



### Sports Day, Smartest Class, Winning House, Potato Competition

What a fantastic afternoon sports day was! The wining team was the Willows (Red Team) who have won for the last 3 years!

Every week in Celebration Worship, the class who dresses, learns and behaves in the smartest way, wins the Class award for that week. I'm pleased to announce that this year's Class of the Year is.....NEPTUNE CLASS!

The overall winning house of the year is The Chestnuts (Blue Team) with 10, 270 Team points!

And finally, the class who grew the heaviest amount of potatoes and biggest potato is...NEPTUNE with 2.003kg of potatoes!



The Brabourne gardening society came to celebrate our Gold Wilder Kent award by building a gravel garden, as a drinking hole for insects and animals with the children and enjoyed some delicious tea and cakes afterwards!

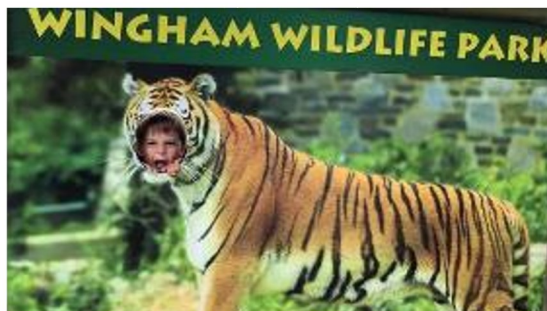
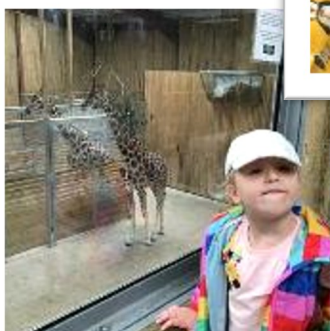
### Picnics

Venus and Mars Class had a great afternoon with their end of term picnic on the field and the new YRs had a wonderful time with their Teddy Bears picnic in the school hall!

Thank you to everyone who supported Jessica's birthday card and cake sale yesterday. She raised an amazing £48.00 which will be donated to Pilgrim's Hospice.

Also Evelyn and her friends in Craft Club have made some wonderful items that they have sold and have raised a super £40.00 for the RSPCA.





Venus had a wonderful trip to Wingham Wildlife Park!



Y4/5 pupils had a brilliant end of year celebration evening, with pizza making, team games and toasted marshmallows! Thank you to Coach Ellen, who has led our Forest School/ Adventurous Outdoor Learning this year! Y6 also had an exciting 3 day residential to Kingwood.



Congratulations to the children in Neptune class who all achieved their Young Leaders accreditation! Here are some pupils doing litter picking in Ashford and helping make a difference to the world, which contributed towards their award.







## PRIZES FOR LEAVERS 2023

### **The Prize for English – Emilia**

This prize could have been awarded to many of the Year 6 children this year as there are some exceptional readers and writers. As a cohort, 50% of them have attained Greater Depth in reading. However, Emilia has shone in English this year and achieved the Greater Depth standard in reading, writing and GPS. Her books are impeccable – the presentation of her work is outstanding and always a pleasure to read. Her book is normally one of the last ones that I mark so that I always end on an enjoyable, positive – it is a joy to read her writing!

### **The Prize for Numeracy – Monty**

Again, this prize could also have been awarded to many of the Year 6 pupils this year. However, Monty has demonstrated his passion and enthusiasm for all things mathematical. He enjoys the challenge in maths and it has been lovely to see him sharing his explanations of how to solve problems – and I am so pleased that he finally writes down his working out! He leaves Brabourne tomorrow as the reigning Times Tables Challenge Champion!

### **The Prize for Sport – Oliver**

The prize for sport, this year, goes to Oliver, who enjoys all sports and would probably spend every break-time kicking a football around, if he could – and even after the whistle has gone! His competitive nature has benefitted our football team, along with his sportsmanship. He loves participating in all sports and works well in a team to ensure everyone is included.

### **The Prize for Art – Matthew**

Matthew has a natural artistic ability which has developed significantly during the course of the year. Whenever there is a spare moment, he can be found with a pencil in his hand drawing. It is a pleasure to look through his art book and experience all the wonderful pieces of work he has created with such patience and perseverance - our classroom is decorated with many pieces of his fantastic artwork.

### **The Prize for Reading – Issy**

Issy has read every day this year, which has had a huge impact on the quality of her writing. She takes great pleasure from reading books which challenge her and is always seeking new authors to try. It has been lovely to discuss books and recommendations with her. I hope she continues to find enjoyment in reading once the demands of secondary school arrive.

### **The Prize for Debating – Elliot**

From the start, Elliot has demonstrated leadership ability; others listen when he speaks and copy his behaviour – not always for the best! He definitely knows his own mind and has strong views on things that are going on in the world! It is an experience to discuss topics with this child, as he can vehemently put across his point of view and make a lot of people change their minds because of what he has to say. During the Titanic trial, he persistently questioned suspects until he got the answers he wanted. I can see a potential political or legal career in his future!

### **The Prize for Perseverance – Henley**

Academically, Henley has made incredible progress over the last two years, especially in maths and English. He has 'dug deep' at times! Having developed his perseverance through his Growth Mindset approach that sometimes 'he can't do this yet' has allowed him to flourish in Jupiter class. He has excelled in confidently answering questions in class and should be so proud of everything he has achieved. I hope he takes this determination with him to secondary school.

### **The Prize for Endeavour – Harry**

Since joining our school in Year 3, Harry has grown so much in confidence. It is never easy starting at a new school, but he has slowly and surely found his way to the end of Year 6. He has approached all his learning with a can-do, try hard attitude – and it has been lovely to see his many successes because of this. He should be very proud of all that he has achieved! It has been a joy to see him flourish.

### **The Prize for Citizenship – Sophie B**

Sophie has a naturally kind, caring nature. She always puts others before herself, always asks how I am when she comes into school and is always on-hand to help anyone. Her thoughtfulness for others has been shown throughout her time in Jupiter class, especially when it comes to leading playground games and caring for her friends. Her determination to make the world a better place for the future through kindness is to be commended – and make her a fantastic citizen now and for the future.

### **The Prize for Outstanding Progress – Sadie**

The pupil leaving Brabourne tomorrow is a million miles away from the child who started here two years ago. It has been lovely to see Sadie's confidence grow in her own ability as she has grasped new learning concepts. The child that would hardly put pen to paper two years ago has developed into one who writes such imaginative, creative, interesting stories that are a joy to read. She should be incredibly proud of achieving the expected standard in writing!

### **The Prize for Outstanding Learning – Sophie J**

Sophie has an enthusiastic determination to succeed and has worked incredibly hard in all areas of learning this year. Her classwork is always of the highest quality. She should be very proud of achieving Greater Depth across the board (in reading, writing, maths and GPS) – especially achieving maximum marks in maths and reading!

### **The Prize for Outstanding Effort – Rita**

It has been wonderful to see the recipient of this award approach all her learning with a hard-working, considered manner. Rita fully engages with her learning, shares her ideas and seeks ways to improve her work. I am so glad that she is now writing fluently using paragraphs! She should be very proud with all that she has achieved this year. I know she will continue to put in maximum effort at her next school!

### **The (Mike Hickmott) Prize for the Exceptional Brabourne Pupil – Josh**

This prize goes to a young man who, throughout his time at Brabourne School, has embraced every opportunity and done so with such kindness and maturity. Josh embodies the Brabourne values and is a model Brabourne pupil. It has been a pleasure to teach this pupil and witness all that he has achieved through his hard work, perseverance and resilience. He has pushed himself out of his comfort zone at times, especially on the Leap of Faith where we all thought he was going to pass out – and it has been a joy to see the smile of success on his face when he achieves.

### **The (John Morton) Prize for Outstanding Achievement – Ariel**

This Prize for Outstanding Achievement goes to a young lady who has been beyond amazing this year. Ariel has always focused on her learning, got her head down, been enthusiastic and never given up. She has an unwavering commitment to achieve and I know that she will continue this at Secondary School. But as well as this, she is always kind, helpful, polite, caring – all wonderful personal qualities to have! It has been a privilege to teach this child and see her grow and flourish.



## Happy Summer!

As you will have seen from Mrs Fenwick, our Chair of Governor's, in her recent correspondence, this year has been a fantastic year for our school development. Every one of our pupils should be proud of their achievements and also of the fact that visitors to our school never fail to comment on how articulate, caring, well-behaved and knowledgeable our pupils are—everything a Brabourne pupil should be!

I would like to offer the warmest welcome to our new team members, Miss Brown (YR), Mrs Green (Y3/4), Miss Foley (TA Y3/4) and Mr Connolly (Music Teacher). We very much look forward to welcoming you all to our school in September and hope your time at Brabourne is a memorable and cherished one.

We also bid farewell to our Y6s and wish them every possible success in their next adventure and with many thanks for all they have contributed to our school. We hope they will hold our school values close to their hearts.

We also bid farewell to some of our longstanding parents—The Denyers, Heckels, Hopes, Jiggins, Johnsons, Mortimers and Tutts. Thank you for your support over the years.

Wishing the children, families, staff and governors and wider school community, a very Happy Summer holidays.



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](#).

**Please collect your children promptly at the end of the session. Late pick ups may be charged.**

### Dates for your diary:

Friday 1st September	INSET DAY - School closed
Monday 4th September	First day of Term 1

With best wishes,  
Andrew Stapley  
Headteacher

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**Instagram:** [@brabourne\\_cep\\_school](https://www.instagram.com/brabourne_cep_school)





## Gardening Club

Lucie, Maggie, Katy and the children in the Gardening Club would like to thank everyone for supporting the Farm Shop by making donations and buying items from the stall. This has enabled us to undertake many projects like our girlies, the chickens!

I would like to say a big 'thank you' to all the parents who have given up their time throughout the year and undertaken many tasks on 'Ground Force Days'. Also, the Brabourne and Smeeth Gardeners Society, the Local Community Plan, the Smeeth WI and Ginny and John Taylor. Your hard work is much appreciated, the grounds look amazing! Lucie

We have received donations from and wish to thank the following:

Beverley and Malcolm, Jarvis Homes—curb stones and slabs

Nick Bissenden, Jackson's Fencing—fencing and gate around chickens

Kate Ransley, Ransley Turf—compost and top soil

Linda Harman—chicken coop and pen

Jane and Richard Whitbread—chicken accessories

Katherine Jules—for looking after the chickens before arrival and donating food

Mary Daly, Community Champion, Tesco Crookfoot—fruit etc and items for PTA Summer Fair

Farthing Common Nursery, Harringe Plants Garden Centre, Thompson's Garden Centre—bulbs and plants

Sunflower Challenge reminder: Don't forget to take a photo with measurement and send it to [office@brabourne.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@brabourne.kent.sch.uk)



# Blessing OF THE Backpacks



Sunday 3rd September  
10am Brabourne Church  
Sunday 10th September  
9:30am Smeeth Church

Bring your backpack,  
book-bag or teacher's  
bag along for a blessing  
for the new school year.

Stour Downs Parish

[www.stourdowns.org.uk](http://www.stourdowns.org.uk)







THE ARCHBISHOP'S SCHOOL  
CANTERBURY

# OPEN EVENTS 2023

The Archbishop's School invites you  
to become a part of our vibrant,  
caring and supportive  
Christian Community.

You are welcome to join us for a tour of our  
school and to listen to talks from our  
students and staff on the following dates:

**OPEN MORNING**  
**Saturday 16 September**  
10am – 1pm

**OPEN EVENING**  
**Wednesday 20 September**  
4pm – 8pm

**OPEN MORNING TOURS**  
**Monday 25 September – Friday 29 September**  
at 9:15am, 10:05am and 11:10am

**QR CODE TO  
BOOK TOURS**



The Archbishop's School, St Stephen's Hill,  
Canterbury, Kent CT2 7AP

Tel: 01227 765805

Headteacher: Mr D Elliott

# **THE HOPE TREE FAMILY MATTERS CHILDREN & PARENT SUMMER FUN DAYS**



## **Dates**

**July 24th-26th and 31st**

**August 1st & 2nd**

**15th-16th & 30th 2023**

**10-2pm most days- but times will vary**

**Contact Us to book  
now**

info@myhopetree.org.uk  
to register and for  
more information

## **Admission**

**£10 per family  
per day £45 for 9  
days**

## **Activities include**

Arts & Craft  
Outdoor  
activities  
Godinton House  
and Gardens  
Picnic  
Seaside trip  
Cinema trip  
Various  
creative  
workshops

**Lunch and snacks**

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# Summer Reading Challenge 2023



## Ready, Set, Read!

### Free children's activities

#### Ready, Set, Be Dog Smart:

Monday 24 July: Ashford Library 10am - 11am  
Suitable for children aged 7 - 11 years old. In association with DogsTrust.  
Booking is essential.

#### Sing, Sign & Story:

Wednesday 26 July: Ashford Library 10am - 11am  
Tuesday 15 August: Charing Library 10am - 11am  
Monday 21 August: Stanhope Library 10am - 11am  
Wednesday 30 August: Bockhanger Library 10.30am - 11.30am  
Suitable for children of pre-school age. In association with Ashford District  
Children's Centres. No booking required!

#### Explorer's Quest:

Thursday 3 August: Ashford Library 10am - 11am  
Thursday 10 August: Charing Library 10am - 11am  
Tuesday 29 August: Ashford Library 10am - 11am  
Suitable for children aged between 5 - 11 years old. In association with Explore  
Learning, Ashford. Booking is essential.

#### Zoolab:

Friday 11 August: Ashford Library 10.30am - 11.25am  
Suitable for children aged 4 - 11 years old. In association with Zoolab.  
Booking is essential.

#### Family Sports:

Wednesday 16 August: Bockhanger Library 10.30am - Midday  
Suitable for children aged between 5 - 11 years old. Hosted by Adult Education,  
Family Courses. Booking is essential.

#### Little Builders and Boffins (Cardboard Pinball making):

Thursday 24 August: Ashford Library 1pm - 2.30pm  
Suitable for children aged between 4 - 10 years old. Hosted by Adult Education,  
Family Courses. **Online booking only** - booking is essential.

Children must be accompanied by a parent or  
responsible adult for all activities listed.



## Kent Libraries

For more information and bookings:

✉ [ashfordlibrary@kent.gov.uk](mailto:ashfordlibrary@kent.gov.uk)

☎ 03000 41 31 31





## Attention all bug-loving, wildflower-loving and eco-friendly pupils!

If you would like the possibility of a nature-spotting walk over the summer holiday - or some other bee, butterfly and plant linked meet-up - do please give this to your parent or carer.



I'm Katy Bravery and live up the byway from the school. I also volunteer with the excellent school Gardening Club.

I would love to pass on just a little of my love and enthusiasm of the exciting world of insects... and how they depend on various local wildflowers.

If you're interested do please send me an email, maybe with 'Bee' in the subject line, just to say hello – [katybravery@hotmail.com](mailto:katybravery@hotmail.com). I'll start an email group.



When I've got an idea of numbers and drawn up plans for an event or two, I'll get back to you and see if we can pull together some dates for an outdoorsy, buzzy, fluttery, crawly and fun session.

In the meantime, happy hols!

Katy



The Stour Downs Parish

# Little Saints



## **Teddy Bear's Picnic** **Thursday 17th August**

**11:30am-1pm**



**The Oak Room,**  
**Church Road, Smeeth**  
**TN25 6SA (next to church)**

**Bring a picnic & a teddy — Stay & Play**

Contact Charlotte 07543 176258/ Rev Chris 07526 688826