



Respect, Responsibility, Hope, Courage

# Brabourne

CofE Primary School

3rd July 2023

## Goodbye Mr Dray (and thank you for the music!)

It is with sadness, but also much gratitude, that we will be bidding farewell to Mr Dray, after over 20 years of service to Brabourne. Mr Dray, whose own son came to the school, has taught many generations of musicians in his time with us. Many will remember his music cafes of old and his skilled musicianship, which brought alive our Church services, Christmas and Leavers' performances.

Mr Dray, now Director of Music at Spring Grove, has loyally stayed on at Brabourne for the last year, since his new appointment, but will now take on his role full-time at Spring Grove. We wish him the very best in his new career and hope to welcome him back periodically, if we ever need him!

We hope you can join us for Mr Dray's final performances at the Year 6 leavers' service and prize giving evening.

Mr James Connolly will be our new music teacher from September. Mr Connolly is an expert musician, already working at Challock Primary and Lady Joanna Thornhill Primary. He conducts the 100 pupil CARE choir at the 'Carols by Candlelight' annual charity event at the Ashford International hotel. He will be teaching music in Key Stage 2 and leading our Nativity and Christmas productions and Church services. We very much look forward to welcoming him to our Brabourne family.

## Going for Gold!

We are incredibly proud to have been awarded the Gold Sports Mark award for a second year! It is credit to all the pupils who have shown much courage and sportsmanship and also to our amazing sports' coaches. We are fortunate as a small school to have Coach Harry, Coach Massie (hockey), Coach Snare (athletics) and Coach Golding (Dance), as well as our Forest School lead Coach Ellen.



## International Cooking Day

What an amazing week it was! There was pizza making, sushi rolls, Caribbean chicken and Japanese milk bread.

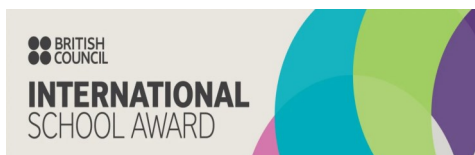
To see more of our cooking week, please see our Twitter feed (and don't forget to subscribe!). [Twitter: @brabournecep](#)

Next week we also have a Hong Kong visitor who will make Cantonese food with Y5!



## Welcome to Year R

It has been wonderful to welcome the new Year Rs to our school family this week, as part of their first taster day. They all arrived like ducklings to water and had a wonderful time exploring the YR classroom and making some new friends. Thank you to the current YRs who welcomed them with open arms and ensured they had some friends to play with.



### Pupil prayer of the week:

Dear Lord

*Let us remember anyone can make a difference to the world. Always have courage in yourself.*

Amen

### Cricket Kwik, Rapid Cricket & 7 a side Hockey

There have been some amazing sporting events taking place this term! Mars Class did us proud at Ashford Prep Rapid Cricket, Neptune at Mersham Kwik Cricket and our hockey team who came second in the Ashford tournament! Well done to everyone involved!



### Sports Day/Summer fair

Please come and join us this Friday, 7th July for our Sports Day which will run from **1.30pm** to approximately **2.45pm**. Can parents please arrive before this time (from **12.30pm** onwards) as the gate to the field will be closed at **1.15pm**. The children will then return to their classrooms where they need to be picked up as usual by parents/carers. Once the children are with their parents, you are then free to make your way to the PTA summer fair stalls which will open at **3.15pm**.

Everyone is welcome!



### Stowing Football

It was a thrilling match for Y1/2 against Stowting (away). The final score was 3-1 to Brabourne, but what struck me was the determination of all children, at such a young age, to represent their school and do their very best.

### Longest chip!

It has become somewhat of a Brabourne tradition over the last few years, to see who can find the longest chip on Fish & Chip Friday. The winner this year is Jacob HQ who found a chip of 15cm! (the record of all time is 17cm by Fenn!).

### Dates for your diary:

<b>Monday 3rd / Tuesday 4th July</b>	Year 6 Bikeability
<b>Friday, 7th July pm from 1.30 pm</b>	Sports Day followed by Summer Fair
<b>Monday 10th - Wednesday 12th July</b>	Year 6 Kingswood Residential
<b>Wednesday 12th July 2.00 pm</b>	Venus and Mars 'Picnic in the Park' on school field
<b>Friday 14th July</b>	Venus Trip to Wingham Wildlife Park
<b>Thursday, 20th July 9.15 am</b>	Year 6 performance dress rehearsal
<b>Thursday, 20th July, 6.30 pm</b>	Year 6 performance and Prize Giving
<b>Friday, 21st July, 9.00 am</b>	Leavers' service at Brabourne Church/End of term

With best wishes,  
Andrew Stapley  
Headteacher

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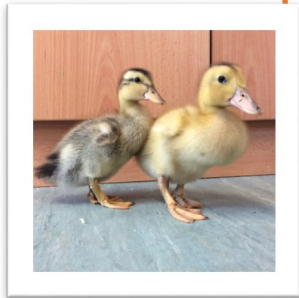
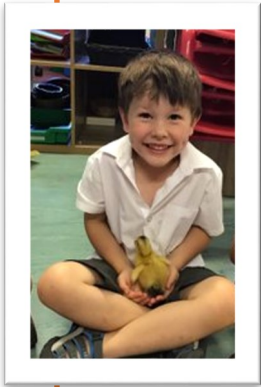
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# Class News



Over the past couple of weeks Venus class have loved nurturing their little ducklings. They have been giving them lots of cuddles and watching them have their first swim.



Children in Mars have been enjoying their Independent Learning this week. They have been making clay mini beasts, exploring different countries and continents around the world on the Orboot and have been busy making pizza and tasting different types of bread during International week.



Neptune have been making Eton Mess, which was part of our DT learning about eating seasonally.



This week, Jupiter class has been carrying out investigations into different forces. We made helicopters with different shaped or sized blades and then dropped them from the top of the climbing frame to see which design had the best air resistance. We concluded that the helicopter with the best air resistance landed last.



Children may wear non-school uniform on the following Fridays, in exchange for the following donations:

## Summer Fair Prep Dates for the Diary

- **FRI, 23 JUNE: DONATE A JAZZY JAR**
- **FRI, 30 JUNE: DONATE A CHOCOLATE ITEM**
- **FRI, 7 JULY: DONATE A BOTTLE FOR THE BOTTLE TOMBOLA**

If you have donations of cakes to sell at the Fair, kindly send them in on Friday 7th July. Please remember that cakes etc should not contain nuts. Thank you for your support!



**PTA AFTER-SCHOOL ICE CREAM SALES**

**FRIDAY, 9TH JUNE 2023**

**FRIDAY, 16TH JUNE 2023**

**FRIDAY, 14TH JULY 2023**

**FRIDAY, 21ST JULY 2023**

**PLEASE BRING SOME CHANGE**

ALL PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT THE SCHOOL. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

IF THE WEATHER ISN'T QUITE RIGHT FOR ICE CREAMS AND WE NEED TO CHANGE THE ABOVE DATES, WE WILL INFORM PARENTS ASAP

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# Brabourne PTA



# Summer Raffle



<https://brabourne-pta.rallyup.com/summer-raffle-2023>



Great prizes to be won, including:

- Family experiences incl. snow rings, Flip Out, Alpaca Annie, Clip to Climb
- Gifts incl. wine, flowers & soaps
- Afternoon Tea
- Fish & chips dinner
- ... and a **DIY tool!**

Buy tickets from:

Fri 23 June at 10 am

Raffle closes on:

Sun 9 July at 4pm



Scan me to buy tickets!



Don't forget that we are trying to raise £6,000 towards the outdoor cover so please support our raffle - thank you!





# **Coffee Concerts at St Mary's Smeeth**

**Concert in Church 11.00 -11.30**

**Refreshments 11.30-12.00**

**July 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Tessa Fineman Entertains**

**July 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Tom Vafidis - Saxophone**

**July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Amici Ensemble – Music for woodwind**

Tickets available on the door :

ADULTS: £7 including concert and refreshments - OR  
why not book for all 3 concerts at the first event for £18

CHILDREN (up to 18): Free and very welcome





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# OPEN EVENING

for parents and pupils of our prospective year 7's.

**WEDNESDAY 12th JULY**

Principal's Speech...meet our staff...watch performances...take part in activities...view our facilities...see our School Farm...

5 - 8pm

**Brockhill Park Performing Arts College, Sandling Road,  
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