



Respect, Responsibility, Hope, Courage

17th October 2024

Brabourne

CofE Primary School

Vision

For our new families and, as a reminder for current families, please see a copy of our school vision below.

Through **creative and challenging** experiences, we **inspire** our school community to develop **resilience**, a **passion** for learning and the courage to **pursue our dreams**. Within our **nurturing** environment and beyond, we live out **Christian values**, enabling all to **flourish** in the **love of God**.

Our vision at Brabourne is underpinned by Biblical scripture, in particular, Matthew 13:31-32 and The Parable of the Mustard Seed. The children associate the parable with their own potential. In the same way the smallest of seeds, can become the tallest of trees, they too can grow to be a confident, independent and well-rounded individual who can fulfil their potential and be the best they can be.

Jesus told them another parable: "The Kingdom of heaven is like this. A man takes a mustard seed and sows it in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it grows up, it is the biggest of all plants. It becomes a tree, so that birds come and make their nests in its branches.

This term our pupils have been studying our first school value of Respect. They have learnt that this value is about how we treat each other. You can show you care for others and give people respect by: • listening actively to what they say • showing respect for differences and opinions • being honest • respecting confidentiality • taking an active stance against bullying and discrimination.

Please see the below sheet for further ideas to reinforce this value with your children at home.

[Home-School-Values-Respect.pdf \(brabourne.kent.sch.uk\)](https://brabourne.kent.sch.uk/Home-School-Values-Respect.pdf)

Harvest Festival

We look forward to welcoming you all to Brabourne Church, on **Wednesday, 23rd October**, for our Harvest festival. Early club will be run at the Church from 8.15am and the service will begin at 9.00am and run to approximately 10.00am. Children should be dropped off directly at the Church and once parents leave the children will return to school by minibus. **Please note the church is currently undergoing works and, due to the internal scaffolding, seating is very limited. Families are welcome to stand in the back section of the church (viewing is limited) however, please note there will be around 30 seats less than usual.** Donations of food should be brought straight to the Church and will be donated to Bright City Church in Ashford, to support the homeless and vulnerable.



Please note all clubs (except Dance on Monday 21st) have now finished.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 23rd October	9.00 am	Harvest Festival at Church
Friday 25th October		End of Term 1 NO AFTER SCHOOL WRAP AROUND TODAY
Monday 4th November		Start of Term 2



Siblings - 2025 intake

If you have a child due to start school in September 2025, would you please let Mrs Parry know, by emailing office@brabourne.kent.sch.uk, as this gives us an indication of how many Reception spaces will be available to new families.

A sibling link applies to school admissions in Kent County Council (KCC) when a child has a sibling who attends the same school:

- The sibling link is maintained if the family lives in the same house as when the older sibling was admitted.
- The sibling link is also maintained if the family moves within 2 miles of the school.
- The sibling link is broken if the family moves more than 2 miles from the school.
- A sibling link cannot be claimed if the older sibling is in Year 6, as they will be moving to secondary school.

Kent County Council Primary School applications open on **Tuesday 5 November 2024**. Please remember that you need to apply for a school place even if you already have a child in school.

Please find the dates for our open morning/afternoon/evening below for prospective YR places for 2025. Please let Mrs Parry know if you would like to book a tour:

Wednesday 16th October at 1.15 pm

Monday 21st October at 10.30 am

Thursday 7th November at 1.15 pm

Tuesday 12th November at 10.30 am

Thursday 21st November at 5.00 pm - 7.00 pm

If you know anyone who would be interested in visiting our wonderful school for a place for their child/ren next year, please do spread the word. A poster is also available at the end of this newsletter.

Pupil prayer of the week

Dear God

Let us have the courage to follow the light of Jesus. Let us not be selfish and think of others, particularly those that need our help.

Amen





Sunflower Competition

Congratulations to Fenn, Jupiter, for growing this superb sunflower measuring an amazing 3.2 metres!

Wrap Around - extending morning sessions

We are considering extending our morning club to start at 8.00 am. In order to establish how many parents would be interested in using the club from 8.00 am, we would ask if you could complete the short survey by clicking [here](#).

Kent Police Survey

We have been asked by Matthew Scott, Kent's Police and Crime Commissioner, to share the links below. Mr Scott runs these surveys every year to ask young people about their experiences of social media, online bullying and safety. This year, he is asking Parents and Guardians for their views for the first time. Please find below the links:

Primary School Pupils: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/PrimaryYouthSurvey/>

Parents: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/ParentSurveyKent/>

Thank you

The Community Led Plan organisation wish to thank the children who helped with the Rewilding Project, sowing wild flower seeds and plug plants, in such dreadful wet weather on Saturday. I know more volunteers would have supported with the planting but many children are involved with clubs on a Saturday. There will be more projects you can be involved in next year! Once again thank you for your support. Lucie (Gardening Club)



Volunteers Needed!

Ground Force Day—Sunday 20th
October from 9.30 am

We will be sowing grass seed in Wobbly Wood. If you have some time to spare please do come along. If anyone has a lawn seed spreader that would be really helpful and if you are coming along please bring a rake if you have one! Thank you for your support.

Caterlink Menu

A reminder that Caterlink's new menu will begin on **Monday 4th November**. The menu is attached to this email.



Christmas Dates:

Tuesday 17th December - Early Years & KS1 Nativity
Wednesday 18th December - Christmas Church Service
Thursday 19th December - Jupiter Concert

Year 6 Parents

Applications for secondary schools are now open and close on **Thursday 31st October** (the link is below). If you would like any advice about this then please do not hesitate to contact me.

[Secondary school places - Kent County Council](#)

'Stepping Out The Door' homework

Teachers will be setting a special homework for children to complete over half term. The Stepping Out The Door homework is to encourage pupils to do something that makes a difference to someone, or to the world around them. Please upload any photos to Seesaw, as we would love to see our pupils' efforts.

Pupil Leaders

The whole school have voted for this year's House Captains and Head Boy and Head Girl. The children had to apply for the position and make a speech to their house teams. The results were:

Head Girl: Evelyn
Head Boy: Jasper
Willows: Josie & Bella
Oaks: Chloe & Hugo
Chestnuts: Phoebe & Ryan

We look forward to our first meetings next week when the children will be planning their exciting events for the year.

Food Bank

Reverend Susan has asked me to remind families that the Church has a food bank available to support vulnerable families or individuals. Should you know anyone who would benefit from some help in our local community, please do let me know.

Cake Sale



Thank you to everyone for supporting the recent cake sale. £122.30 was made from the sale with proceeds going to help the running of the mini bus which has recently been busy transporting children to many sporting events!

With best wishes,
Andrew Stapley
Headteacher

We have a number of boxes in the school office if you would like to take part in the Samaritan's Purse, Christmas Child shoebox appeal. You are most welcome to collect these from the office.

Drop Off Point

Please kindly return your filled boxes to Steve Moores Estate Agents **before 18th November:**

SJM Estate Agents, Lees Road, Brabourne Lees TN25 6QB

Opening times: Monday – Friday: 9 am – 5 pm, Saturday: 9 am – 3 pm Tel: 01303 812515



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PTA News

Thank you to all of you who have chosen to support our school through the Asda Rewards app. Together we have raised £75 so far. The scheme will run until the end of November, so there's still plenty of time to up the total and maybe get some additional families to support Brabourne with the **Cashpot for Schools** scheme. You can sign up by downloading the Asda Rewards App and selecting Brabourne School as your chosen school to donate to. A percentage of your Asda spend (in store and online) will then be donated to our school - thank you!

The Tesco Blue token scheme has now ended and for those of you who were wondering, we should receive the result including the amount we will receive (£1,500, £1,000 or £500) in the first week of November. Fingers crossed!

You will have seen that **Yes Day!** will take place on the last day of term, **25th October 2024**. The list of things the children can say yes to on the day (if they want) has been sent out. Please bring £2 on the day to support our fundraising.

We are also looking into a wreath making event at the end of November / beginning of December. We'd be most grateful if as many of you as possible could complete the survey to help us establish if there is enough interest to plan the event and purchase the materials. Please click [here](#) to complete the survey:

Also don't forget that the Christmas Fair is going to take place on Saturday 30th November (most likely late morning / midday) - so please save the date and let grandparents and family members know too.

Our **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** is going to take place **after the October half term** and the date will be announced soon. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend and we also very much welcome interest from any parent who would like to join the PTA committee.

As always, thank you for your support from us, the PTA



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Class News



Venus Class have been busy making leaf imprints. We enjoyed exploring the patterns, shapes and details of the different types of leaves.



Mars have been looking at colours and how they can show emotions. We looked at some of Picasso's early work called his Rose Period and Blue Period. We then created our own portraits in similar colour palettes.



Neptune Class have completed their first term of COOL time (Choosing Our Own Learning). They have created some fantastic pieces utilising skills that they had chosen to develop.



This week was Science week. Jupiter has been finding about materials and their properties. We carried out an investigation into the best temperature to dissolve sugar in and explored reversible and irreversible changes. When we mixed warm milk with vinegar, we discovered that an irreversible change happens and a new product, Casein, is created. Casein is a plastic that was used in the early 1900s to make items, such as buttons, combs and dominoes.





YES



Day at Brabourne School

yes



yes



Friday 25th October 2024



On 'Yes Day' you can:



- Have squash in your water bottle
- Wear non-uniform
- Have crazy hair
- Wear nail varnish
- Wear odd socks
- Bring a treat for break time
- Answer the register in a different language

YES

YES!



yes

Please bring £2 per child on the day to take part.

YES

All profits go towards PTA funds and support the children at school. Thank you!



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Open Evening

We warmly welcome prospective parents of children due to start school in September 2025 to our Open Evening on Thursday 21st November - 5.00 pm - 7.00 pm

This is an opportunity for you to meet staff and governors informally, as well as look around our school. We are a small, village, Church of England school for children from 4 years to 11 years of age. Our vision is that children will grow and flourish in their time with us, developing a life-long love of learning and becoming the best they can be.



We are also offering small group tours during the school week where you will see our wonderful children in action! These will be taking place:

Wednesday 16th October at 1.15 pm

Monday 21st October at 10.30 am

Thursday 7th November at 1.15 pm

Tuesday 12th November at 10.30 am

"The school's revised curriculum is strong and ambitious for all pupils. It is comprehensive and provides pupils with memorable learning experiences. Pupils are rightly proud of their small village school. They benefit from the involvement they have in community life." Ofsted 2024

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Brabourne PTA - Asda Cashpot

Between now and 30th November you can support Brabourne School when you shop at Asda (online and in store) - please see details on how below.

Don't forget that we're also featured in the Tesco Blue Token scheme until end of September - only 3 weeks to go so let's have one last push to the finish line....

Thank you for your support (as always)!

HERE'S HOW:

- 1 Download the Asda Rewards app and opt-in to Cashpot for Schools.
- 2 Choose your priority school.
- 3 Shop in-store across Asda & Asda.com using your Asda Rewards app at the checkout.
- 4 Shopping online? Simply log in to Asda.com using the same details as your Asda Rewards account.
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2nd session 12:30 - 2:30pm
3rd session 4 - 4:30pm
(optional session for reflection and support if needed)

CHILDREN & PARENT OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

OCTOBER 28TH** FROM 10 AM TO 12 PM AT JAY'S SOUL FOOD RESTAURANT TN24 8UU- GET READY FOR FUN ACTIVITIES CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY AND A DRUMMING WORKSHOP FOLLOWED BY A TASTY LUNCH!

OCTOBER 29TH GODINTON VILLAGE HALL TN23 3JJ 10-2PM
AUTUMN THEME ARTS/CRAFTS BAKING/DANCE/CHEERLEADING /GAMES

On 28th: Only £3 per child

CONTACT US TO BOOK NOW

INFO@MYHOPETREE.ORG.UK
PHONE 07444299575
TO REGISTER AND FOR MORE INFORMATION

Lunch included both days

www.myhopetree.org.uk

GODINTON HOUSE AND GARDENS



AUTUMN FAIR 2024

JOIN US FOR THIS BRAND-NEW EVENT CELEBRATING THE BEST OF FOOD, DRINK AND ARTISAN CRAFTS

FEATURING A HOOK-A-DUCK STALL, LAWN GAMES AND FACE PAINTING

SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER
11AM - 4PM

ADULT ENTRY £8 (INCLUDES GARDEN ADMISSION)
UNDER 16S GO FREE

For further information enquire at the ticket office or visit www.godintonhouse.co.uk

The Godinton House Preservation Trust - Charity No. 1002378

GODINTON HOUSE, GODINTON LANE, ASHFORD, KENT TN23 3BP

Free half term activity

Suitable for ages 7-13

Come along to a fun and interactive workshop.

'Brilliant Bats'

Learn bat facts, make your own wooden decoration, complete a fun fact trail and make your own mini bat piñata!

Wednesday 30th October 10am to 11.30am
Singleton Environment Centre

Please note, parents/carers are required to stay on site. Places need to be booked in advance:
01622 692383 or midkentmind.org.uk/youth-services



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We are delighted
to invite you
to the 19th
Annual



Thursday October
31st 2024

6.00 – 9.00 pm

(Special preview for disabled
visitors 5.30 – 6.00 pm)
Check out our website
elhamchristmasmarket.co.uk
for more information.

FOR PILGRIMS HOSPICES

We are absolutely DELIGHTED to tell you that our very popular festive event, with over 35 stalls, in a fabulous festive atmosphere, offering unique and special Christmas gifts, including:

Jewellery ✿ Sculpture ✿ Pottery ✿ Lino Cut Prints ✿ Art ✿ Wine ✿ Candles
Linens ✿ Accessories ✿ Christmas Cards and Decorations ✿ Local Crafts
Garden Gifts ✿ Chocolate, as well as fabulous Local Produce

will be taking place at:
Elham Village Hall, Elham, Kent, CT4 6SX

There will also be a fabulous raffle to raise money for the Hospices
(who, as always, desperately need our support)

If you can't make it, check out our website: elhamchristmasmarket.co.uk
with contact details of our lovely traders including their websites,
social media and Etsy. There is also a JustGiving Page for donations and
every £2.00 donated gives you a chance to win a fabulous Luxury Hamper.

We look forward to seeing you on the night...Do please bring your friends!
Please bring cash too for smaller purchases although many traders
can now take card payments.

Entry: £1.00 minimum (kids under 10 go free) – Cash required please!
Please park, weather permitting, in field in Park Lane (opposite the village hall),
or in village itself, leaving main Car Park for those less able!

**Any enquiries contact:
Carol on 01303 840430**



COME & TRY *Netball*

EAST KENT NETBALL ACADEMY

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YEARS 8-10	10AM - 11AM

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