



Respect, Responsibility, Hope, Courage

Brabourne

CofE Primary School

Friday 29th November 2024

Christmas Fair - Saturday 30th November

Please join us for our Christmas Fair this Saturday, between 11.00 am and 2.00 pm.

Everyone is most welcome. Please enter via the hall door.

The PTA have worked incredibly hard and I am sure it will be a super, festive event.



Mrs Burnett



I would like to send my warmest congratulations and best wishes to Mrs Burnett and her family, as Mrs Burnett is expecting...twins!

I will, of course, keep parents informed once a maternity recruitment process is under way, which will begin later on next year.

Toy Sale

A plea, please, for any unwanted toys suitable to sell in aid of the House Captains' toy sale for the vulnerable.

Children in Need

I was so impressed with the House Captains' organisation of games and activities for the whole school to take part in last week. In total, they raised an amazing £144 for Children In Need. Thank you to the whole school community for your support.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 30th November	11.00 am - 2.00 pm	PTA Christmas Fair
Friday 6th December	All day	Neptune Class trip to Canterbury Museum
Monday 9th December	2.00 pm - 3.00 pm	Jupiter Class - lantern making
Tuesday 10th December	After school	NO AFTER SCHOOL WRAP AROUND TODAY
Thursday 12th December	1.45 pm	Venus Class - Christmas craft making
Friday 13th December	2.15 pm	iRock concert - Parents of children taking iRock lessons are most welcome.
Monday 16th December	2.00 pm	Early Years & KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 17th December	1.30 pm	Early Years & KS1 Nativity
Wednesday 18th December	9.00 am / lunch	Christmas Church Service and Christmas lunch for children
Thursday 19th December	6.30 pm	Jupiter Concert
Friday 20th December		Last day of Term 2 - NO WRAP AROUND AFTER SCHOOL



COOL Time

As many parents are aware, we are one of the few schools in Kent that offer Continuous and Enhanced Provision in Key Stage 1. This year we are extending our offer through to Year 3 and 4. COOL Time (Choosing Our Own Learning) fosters independence, life skills, communication and creativity through teaching and learning. We were delighted that so many parents/families were able to attend one of our COOL time afternoons this week. Next year, we are looking for volunteers with the following skills to offer e.g. carpentry, sewing, knitting, cooking, bricklaying, to join Neptune Class on Mondays. Please let me know if you are able to help in anyway.

CARE Choir

Carols by Candlelight

Ashford International Hotel

Year 5 and 6 pupils have been busy rehearsing for the CARE Foundation choir, a group of 10 schools collaborating in aid of Kent Air Ambulance. If any parents would like to come along to this charity event, it will take place next **Monday 2nd December at 6.00 pm.**

There will be a raffle and some craft stalls before the main singing event. Brabourne children taking part in our choir, need to arrive and meet me in the main lobby at 4.30 pm.

Class activities for families:

Venus and Mars: Christmas Craft afternoon in the school hall, on Thursday 12th December from 1.45 pm.

Jupiter: Christmas Craft afternoon on Monday 9th December, between 2-3 pm, to work alongside the children in making Christmas lanterns. Everyone is most welcome!

[Free school meals - Kent County Council](#)

If your child is under 19 and in full-time education, and you receive certain benefits, you may be able to get free school meals for them.

Apply online

Your eligibility will be checked and your application processed straight away. If your application is successful the school will be notified and your child should start receiving their free school meal within 24 hours. We may ask for proof of benefit after you apply.

[Check your eligibility and apply now](#)

If you apply and are eligible, even if your circumstances change, you will remain eligible for benefits-related free school meals until your child finishes their current phase of education (either Year 6 if they are in primary school or Year 11 if they are in secondary school).

This will continue to be the case until the end of March 2025.

Benefits of receiving free school meals

In Kent, 21% of children receive free school meals. If you are eligible and register your child will get:

- a choice of delicious, healthy hot meals every school day at no cost - this is worth £470 a year per child and recognised to improve behaviour and learning
- meals to cater for cultural, dietary, and religious requirements
- the chance to develop social skills by sitting with friends for a school meal.

The school will receive additional funding to cover the catering cost and school funding grants, such as the Pupil Premium, based on their take up of free school meals.

Some schools and academies also offer reduced rates for school trips, clubs, after school care, [holiday activities](#) and uniform to children registered for free school meals.

If you receive certain benefits, your child's school can also get some additional money to support your child's learning. We encourage you to [check your eligibility and apply online](#) as your child's school can benefit from the additional funding if you apply for the free school meals.

Operation Christmas Child

I just want to say a big thank you to you and your schools, churches, organisations and groups for once again supporting 'Operation Christmas Child'. Could you please pass on my thanks to those involved.

Ninety three shoe boxes were collected this year and handed in to the local 'Drop off Point' at SJM Estate Agents and some shoe boxes were also donated online.

What a wonderful response! Thank you all so much for helping to put a smile on so many children's faces around the world this Christmas. Special thanks to Steve and his friendly staff for letting people drop off their boxes at the shop. It was very much appreciated.

Thank you all again and I look forward to your support again next year!
Kindest regards
Val

Social media

A reminder to follow our social media page, for regular updates and news from school: [x.com/brabournecep](https://www.x.com/brabournecep).

A message from water colour artist Graham Lilley...

Dear Friends

You are invited to join me and the stall holders at Brabourne Village Hall, Christmas Fair on Saturday 30th November from 10 am—2 pm. Where I will be demonstrating watercolour painting techniques as well as exhibiting my own work. There will also be refreshments and other gifts available for you to buy.

Please don't forget that all are welcome to attend the Christingle Service at Brabourne Church on Sunday 1st December at 10 am. A family friendly service for all! Join me in making Christingles.

Fond regards and best wishes Graham.

Venus & Mars Nativity

Parents and families of children in Venus and Mars are warmly invited to their Nativity performance on Tuesday 17th December at 1.30 pm. Parents who are not able to attend on this day can come along to the dress rehearsal at 2.00 pm on Monday 16th December. Due to restrictions on space, may we please ask that two adults per child attend on either day.



Celebration Worship

Every Friday, we celebrate the children's work and their achievements for the week. Certificates to each year group are awarded for good work, as well as Citizenship badges for putting the school values of Respect, Responsibility, Hope and Courage into action. Please look out for these when your child comes home on a Friday! Children are chosen each week to write a prayer, which they then read to the school. This week we have been learning about courage through the story of David and Goliath and Annunciation.

Dear God

Thank you for the light of Jesus when times are tough. Let us all remember our school value of courage and that with your love anything is possible.

Amen

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Bottle
& jazzy jar
tombola

Craft &
food stalls

BRABOURNE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 30th November
2024

11am - 2pm

Come and join us for stalls,
craft, games, food and drink.

All proceeds support the
children at the school.

Everyone
is welcome!
Come & join
us and bring
family &
friends

Christmas
Grotto

Brabourne CofE Primary School - School Lane - Brabourne - TN25 5LQ



Class News

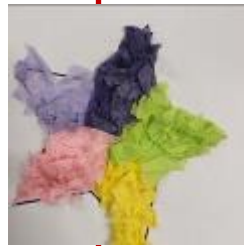


Venus Class have been inspired by the story of 'The Enormous Turnip'. Have a look at us in action retelling the story. Please

click on the picture:



Mars class have been busy creating stars for the latest Ootiboo competition. We had some lovely, creative ideas. I wonder if we will have a winner?



Neptune class were very excited to welcome their families to Neptune's 'COOL Time parent workshop.' So many families were able to join us, and we were delighted to see you all!



We now have lots of lovely things to sell at the Christmas fair – chocolate filled stockings, candy cane Christmas trees, wrapping paper and tree decorations. So, please come and support us this Saturday!

This week, Jupiter have been learning more about visible light in Science. We learnt about: the different parts of our eyes and how we see; what reflection is and the ray of incidence and reflection; what refraction is and how it appears to bend light and found out about Sir Isaac Newton's Theory of Colour and the colour spectrum. We made our own periscopes looking at reflection.





Join the jolliest jog of the year!

SANTAS ON THE RUN!



Sunday 15 December 2024



Santa suit included with all advanced entries!

Herne Bay Clocktower, CT6 5JQ

Celebrate the ho, ho, holiday season at Pilgrims Hospices' festive family fun run, and walk, jog or run your chosen distance to support a good Claus.

Sign up at www.pilgrimshospices.org or 01227 812621

www.pilgrimshospices.org fundraising@pilgrimshospices.org Pilgrims Hospices in East Kent is a company limited by guarantee. Registered office: 56 London Road, Canterbury CT2 8JA. Registered charity no 293968 and as a company in England no 2000560.



Everyone who registers in advance will receive a **5-piece Santa suit, including jacket, trousers, hat, belt, and beard** as part of their entry fee. All participants also get a medal.
Standard entry closes on 9th December

Adults: £18

Under 18's: 12

Family ticket £50 (includes 2 adults & 2 under 18s)

Under 3s are free no matter when you sign up

On the day entry

Adults: £25

Under 18's: £15

Family ticket £70 (includes 2 adults & 2 under 18s)

Under 3s are free no matter when you sign up

For more information and to register please visit: