



Respect, Responsibility, Hope, Courage

Brabourne

CofE Primary School

Friday 17th January 2025

Welcome back!

I wish all of our families a very happy, albeit slightly belated, New Year! On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank everyone for their generous cards and gifts at Christmas, which really were greatly appreciated. We look forward to another prosperous year ahead - for the children, we are planning two exciting, adventurous out door learning theme days and we will also be celebrating Chinese New Year across the school. Towards the end of this term, we will send out mini reports, giving parents an indication on how their children are progressing. This will be followed by Parents' Evening in late March. Please find below links to the class learning for this term; each class will be studying the following key concept and key questions:

Venus Which is the best way to travel? **Neptune** How can Brabourne be more energy efficient?

Mars How can we look after our planet? **Jupiter** What is the impact of deforestation?

Energy and Sustainability

Sustainability is the idea that humans must interact with the environment in a way that ensures there will be enough resources left for future generations.

Human activity has harmed the environment in many ways. Some of the resources that people use cannot be replaced once they are used.

Tours

We have taken numerous parents around the school on tours for reception places in September 2025. It has been a pleasure to showcase the school and I am always incredibly proud of the children and the vibrant learning environments.

Chinese New Year - School Dinner



To celebrate, the kitchen will be changing the menu on **Thursday 30th January** and will be serving sweet and sour chicken (Quorn - vegetarian option), rice and noodles, with a vegetable spring roll and plant based prawn crackers and a vanilla iced cookie for pudding. If your child does not normally have a school dinner on Thursdays, but would like to on the 30th, please complete the online form by clicking [here](#) by Wednesday 22nd January. Payment of £2.70 should be made direct to Caterlink.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 22nd January		Deadline for nature photo competition entries
Thursday 30th January	Lunch time	Chinese New Year celebration school lunch
Monday 3rd February	All day	Young Voices Concert at the O2 trip - Jupiter Class
Friday 7th February	Break time	Tuck Shop
Friday 14th February		End of Term 3
Monday 24th February		Term 4 Starts





Years 1 & 2 Agility Event

It was a pleasure to take some of Year 1 & 2 to the Ashford Agility Event at The Stour Centre this week. All of the staff who went commented on how brilliant the children were, throwing themselves into the activities with such tenacity!



Nature Picture Competition

Thank you for all the wonderful pictures of the natural world that the children have sent in for the Eco Team's competition. There is still time to enter (before Wednesday 22nd) and we will be announcing the winners very shortly after that.

Celebration Worship

This week we have welcomed Rev. Susan and The Open The Book team, who re-enacted the story of A Baby in a Basket. Please see a prayer written by some of the children below:

*Dear Lord
Thank you for the freedom that we cherish. Thank you
for your creation and showing us the meaning of
kindness.
Amen*

Staff Research

As a school we are continually striving to explore new initiatives and projects. This year the teachers will be undertaking various research projects including: the role of AI in future education, neuro-divergence, cognitive approaches to memory and carbon literacy.



Term 2 Class Attendance

Congratulations to Jupiter class who had the best attendance in Term 2 at 97%.

Online course for parents/carers:

Please find below an online parent session from the Child Centred Policing Team. The subject for the first session is "Sextortion" - the threat of sharing images or videos online. Click [here](#) for further information.

Stepping out the Door

Thank you to all of the children who took part in the 'Stepping out the door' homework over Christmas. We are delighted to see so many of our pupils aspiring to make a difference. Here is a small selection of ways in which our pupils have helped others...



E was helpful over the holidays. She made lunch for herself and her sister on Christmas Eve when her Mummy was trying to clean the house. She cooked up tomato soup with toast and cheese on toast - yummy! She also made herself lunch on another occasion as well as vacuuming the car and dusting and removing cobwebs from the hard to reach places.

H helped his nanny at her yard by mucking out and grooming the horses with his brother. His nanny doesn't get a day off from work over winter, even working Christmas Day, because the animals need to be cared for, so she is always grateful of a helping hand!



J painted a Christmas picture for a lady in the village who has recently gone into a care home. J also painted a picture for their next door neighbour.



F and L tidied up the local phone box. They also returned egg boxes to Perry Court farm shop to be reused.



M has been walking retired greyhounds at the Dunrinnin kennels while they are waiting to be adopted by loving homes.



A has been showing lots of kindness to his younger cousins at Christmas. He showed his younger cousin how to climb the rocks at the coastal park.

With best wishes,
Andrew Stapley

Tuck Shop

The House Captains have held their first meetings to organise their plans for the year. The first event will be a Tuck Shop in aid of Ashford Bee Keeping Society, where we regularly visit the hives to study the bees. This will take place on **Friday 7th February** during break times. Children can bring in some loose change if they would like to buy something from the Tuck Shop.



Class News



Venus class have enjoyed exploring the different weather types we have had recently. This week we went on a walk in the fog,

everything around us was quiet. We spotted a spider web covered in dew, the tiny drops were shining like little beads.



Mars class have been studying the story Beegu by Alexis Deacon. Beegu's space ship crashes and she finds herself all alone on Earth. Luckily Mars class were on hand to make her the perfect friends!



As part of our new topic 'Endangered!', we used our close observational drawing and shading skills to create pencil drawings of a tiger. We have added some of these to the rainforest display we are creating in the classroom.



As part of our topic about our local area, Neptune class made a bird's eye view map of our school grounds.

