



Respect, Responsibility, Hope, Courage

# Brabourne

CofE Primary School

Friday 7th March 2025

## Monkey bars/iPads

I am delighted to share that the PTA's incredible fundraising efforts over the past year have enabled us to order brand-new monkey bars for the playground and purchase 20 new iPads!

The iPads have now arrived and will enhance our existing tablets, providing even greater flexibility for IT within our curriculum. The monkey bars (see mock-up below) have been ordered and are expected to be installed over the Easter holidays.

A heartfelt thank you to our amazing PTA, who work tirelessly throughout the year, and to our generous parents, families, and friends of the school. Brabourne School truly is a special place, and we are so grateful for our fantastic school community.

If you would like to contribute to the PTA's next projects, please let me or Mrs Roberts (our PTA Chair) know.



## CCCU Music Day

Year 5/6 pupils had the fantastic opportunity to visit Canterbury Christ Church University for a special music day, where they explored instruments and experimented with sound in a real music studio!

They learnt how film soundtracks are created, discovered potential future careers, toured the university campus, and thoroughly enjoyed the creativity of this memorable experience.



## Parents' Evenings

Thursday 20th & Tuesday 25th March

The booking system will go live at **6.30 pm today, Friday 7th March.**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 20th March		Parents' Evenings Mars - Mrs Barnes Neptune - Mrs Green No after school Wrap Around or Football Club
Tuesday 25th March	9.00 am - 1.00 pm	Hearing Screening : Children in Year R Vision Screening: Children in Year R NCMP: Children in Year R & 6
Tuesday 25th March		Parents' Evenings Mars - Mrs Green Neptune - Mrs Burnett No after school Wrap Around or Multi-sports Club
Friday 28th March		PTA Non-uniform Day - Children can come to school dressed in their own clothes for a donation of an Easter egg
Thursday 3rd April	6.00 pm - 8.00 pm	PTA Easter Egg Bingo



## Miss Cook

Sadly, Miss Cook, our 1:1 Teaching Assistant in Neptune Class, will be leaving us at the end of this term to take on a full-time role in pre-school. Over the past few years, she has made a valuable contribution to the school, working closely with children in a 1:1 capacity. We wish her all the very best for the future.



## Big Frieze

This week, the entire school has been busy creating a stunning new display for the hall, illustrating the story of the Bible—from the beginning of the Old Testament to the end of the New Testament. I am sure you'll agree that the artwork is truly spectacular, showcasing the children's wonderful interpretations and creative designs.

## Celebration Worship

This week, we were delighted to welcome the *Open the Book* team, led by Reverend Susan and a wonderful group of volunteers from the village. The children thoroughly enjoy the chance to dress up and take part in re-enacting Bible stories.



Each day during Collective Worship, pupils volunteer to write a prayer and read it to the whole school. Here is today's:

*Dear God*

*Thank you for the freedom that we hold and for the wonderful world that we live in. Let us stop to appreciate everything in it and always be grateful for everything we have.*

*Amen*

## World Book Day

A huge thank you to everyone who dressed up for World Book Day! I even spotted a Mr Men theme among the staff, as well as more fantastic knitted characters from Mrs Parry! The children enjoyed a day filled with imaginative play and exciting activities, exploring their favourite authors and books.



## Healthy Snacks

Please remember children should bring in healthy snacks for break time and a reminder that children in Key Stage 1 receive a piece of fruit each day.



## Attendance & Punctuality

A few weeks ago, I had a meeting from KCC, to discuss attendance. I was pleased to share with them how strong Brabourne's attendance figures are and the officer commented on how evident it is that our families value attendance and punctuality. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support.



# Curriculum Plans

Please find links to the Class Pages to see what each class are learning this term.

Our Key Concept is **Energy and Sustainability** and our Key Questions are:

**Venus** [Which is the best way to travel?](#)

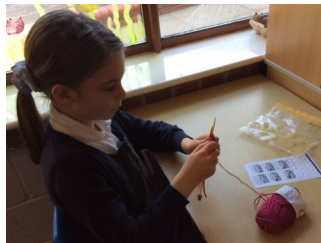
**Mars** [How can we look after our planet?](#)

**Neptune** [How can Brabourne be more energy efficient?](#)

**Jupiter** [What is the impact of deforestation?](#)

## COOL Time

Mondays are COOL Time in Neptune Class (Choosing Our Own Learning), where we focus on skills-based learning with an emphasis on life skills. The children are receiving wonderful support from our volunteers, and this week they were taught the skill of knitting.



## Cake Sales

A huge thank you to Ginny and Lucie, our grandparents, who have raised over £500 towards fuel for the minibus—funding many trips this term. We are very grateful indeed!



## Wrap Around

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](#).

**COLLECTION FROM WRAP AROUND: Please collect your children promptly at the end of the session. Late pick ups may be charged.**

Hello parents,



We have some exciting news for you! iRock School of Music would like to invite your children to a free taster session within the coming weeks, on a Friday afternoon.

The children will be given one 30-minute iRock lesson and will have the opportunity to learn part of a song and try out playing the guitar, keyboards, drums and to sing, as part of a band. This lesson is completely free and there are no conditions or commitments following the taster session.

If your child would like to attend one of the free taster sessions (no musical experience is necessary!), please let us know via email, and we will arrange for your child to be picked up by the iRock band coach, Amy Hambrook.

In order to book your child's iRock taster session please contact Amy: [amy.hambrook@irockschool.com](mailto:amy.hambrook@irockschool.com)

If your child is currently subscribed to iRock, their band session will be going ahead as normal on Friday afternoon. Looking forward to our concert in March!

Best wishes

Amy, iRock Team



With best wishes,  
Andrew Stapley  
Headteacher



# Gardening Club News

Finally - the sun has come out!

The Wednesday club's gardeners have had a great time learning how to weave willow. They have started making attractive mini-hurdles to protect beds or newly-sown grass areas. Once we all get the hang we'll attempt more designs such as obelisks for climbers and other beautiful, natural structures.

These will all be for sale at the little 'farm shop' that OPENS NEXT WEEK!

Our tough junior gardeners had not let the ghastly cold, wet weather in January and February deter them from doing some sterling work preparing for a busy spring. So the shop will be selling all kinds of fruits of their labour.

You'll find the sweet pea and broad bean plants they have sown, spider plants and Kalanchoes they propagated, packets of Honesty seeds they have harvested and bagged - and some cunning, recycled, slug deterrents.

These marvellous things really work in the battle against pesky slugs. They are cut from plastic bottles and snipped to form sharp 'battlements' around the top. Lightly spray the outside with WD40 or smear a ring of Vaseline mixed with rock salt round the outside - then simply push them into the ground around each tender seedling.

Slugs won't want to climb up and cross the barrier and, even if they reach the top, will find it difficult to climb over the sharp battlements. Just 3 for £1 - pick your own sizes.

Over the coming weeks we'll plant strawberry beds, onions and garlic, sow all kinds of salad and vegetable seeds; tackle the pots in the greenhouse ready for tomatoes and peppers and keep sowing wild flowers in the various beds for our pollinator friends.

In the meantime, wish us luck with the willow-weaving!

Lucie and the gardening volunteers



# Class News



On Tuesday, Venus learnt that Pancake Day is also called 'Shrove Tuesday' and that it is celebrated on the Tuesday before Lent begins. Lent is a time when Christians are getting ready for Easter.

Venus enjoyed mixing the flour, eggs and milk to make the batter for the pancakes. They tasted delicious!



Mars have been working so hard in maths this week. We have been learning to divide sentences using the rows and columns in arrays to help us make number sentences.



Jupiter Class are currently using their persuasive writing skills to create a leaflet about Indonesia which persuades tourists to visit. We are using rhetorical questions and exaggeration to persuade our readers that Indonesia is the perfect paradise for a holiday.



Neptune class enjoyed making pancakes on Tuesday. We explored the reason behind Shrove Tuesday and we thought about the temptations that Jesus faced whilst in the desert for those 40 days. We considered

what we might give up for Lent and how tempted we would be to break it!

