



Respect, Responsibility, Hope, Courage

Brabourne

CofE Primary School

Friday 23rd May 2025

Breaking News...First Brabourne pupil in space...

Mimi from Year 2 journeyed, with the help of Ootiboo, to outer space recently! Whilst in orbit the astronauts from the Fram2 mission, which launched from Florida on March 31st, answered questions from school children about space. 423 video questions were submitted, the astronauts had a very hard time making a decision as to which 12 questions to answer and Mimi was delighted to have been chosen! Please [click here](#) to watch the video.

Year 6 SATS

Year 6 children have now completed their KS2 SATS. They approached these assessments with calm and determination and we are incredibly proud of their efforts. Well done to each and every one of you!

Sporting Success



A massive well done to our Year 5 and 6 Girls' Football Team who won the Ashford & District Small and Medium Schools Championship. We are all so incredibly proud of their determination and of the fantastic team spirit on display. Congratulations, also, to the Year 5 and 6 Mixed Football Team who performed brilliantly against the following schools at the Ashford Preparatory Football Tournament: Hamstreet 2-0 win Brabourne, St Simons 3-1 win Brabourne, Victoria Road 1 - 0 win Brabourne, Willesborough 0-0.



VE Day

Culminating our VE Day commemorations, we held a fantastic street party in the playground for the whole school and visitors from the village this afternoon. It was a wonderful way to end a short, but brilliant term.

A tremendous thank you to Ginny, Lucie, Mrs Friend and their helpers for helping set up the fantastic occasion and to Ginny who also spent several afternoons cooking wartime biscuits with every class! Thank you also to Wendy who shared with us a photo of her in 1945 at a VE Day party. We were thrilled that she could join us for another one 80 years later. It was important to us as a school to commemorate this special and reflective occasion.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 2nd June		INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 3rd June		First day of Term 6
Wednesday 4th—Friday 6th June		Year 6 Residential Trip
Wednesday 11th June		Year 6 swimming
Wednesday 11th June	5.30 pm	Year 5 Transition Meeting with Miss Unsworth
Friday 13th June	After school	Year 1/2 pupils selling sweets for charity





Our uniform supplier's website will be down from Monday 2nd – Friday 6th June, for essential maintenance. They will be offering the following discount once the site goes live:

Date: Saturday 7th June - Sunday 8th June
Discount: 15%

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. I include one below:

Dear God

Bless this sapling and may it grow and grow into a strong tree that many generations of children can enjoy.

Amen



The date for these two exciting events will be Friday 27th June

Please come and join us on Friday 27th June 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!

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.

Website: www.brabourne.kent.sch.uk

Twitter: [@brabournecep](https://twitter.com/brabournecep)



As part of our VE Day commemoration, we planted a new conker tree in wobbly wood for future generations to enjoy. The whole school gathered to say prayers and Jasper and Evelyn (Head Boy and Head Girl) said a blessing for the tree. We then enjoyed a song led by Mr Connolly on the guitar.



Blessing for the Planting of a New Conker Tree

*Today, beneath open sky and with hearts full of memory and hope,
we gather to plant this young conker tree
in sacred place where once its elder stood—
rooted since the days of the Victorians,
witness to generations, seasons, laughter, and loss.*

*We honour the life that was:
The great tree that shaded children at play,
whose chestnuts fell like small treasures into eager hands,
whose branches held birdsong and whose roots drank the history of this place.*

*Though it has passed, it leaves behind no emptiness—
but a legacy of life, and now, renewal.*

*May this sapling grow strong and tall,
fed by rich earth and the quiet wisdom of its predecessor.
May it stand for a hundred years and more,
offering shelter to the creatures of the field,
shade to the weary, and joy to the young.*

*Bless the hands that plant it,
the rains that nourish it,
the sun that warms its tender leaves.
And may this tree remind all who pass
that even after loss, life begins again—
and beauty can take root anew.*

Amen



Eco Ambassador Day at Polo Ground, Canterbury

Some of our Jupiter Class attended an Eco Ambassador Day which was organised by Active Kent & Medway, in partnership with local Schools Games Organisers, Kent Wildlife Trust and Kent Schools Active Travel Team who delivered an Eco Ambassador Training Day to help pupils think about their environmental impact through sport and physical activity.

Gardening club update Spring 2025

After a winter of wet, wet, wet we now have a spring of hot, hot, hot! But our plucky gardening club members are more than able to meet the challenge. As you can imagine, splashing a watering can around is a very popular job on a hot day!

The summer starts here, with two challenges to connect pupils and parents alike to the fun and hands-on pleasure of growing flowers and veg.

The sunflower challenge should have hit your homes by now. Each pupil has two seeds of a MASSIVE sunflower variety, so get a big pot ready or clear a sunny space in your garden (later on you might need a garden cane for support on a windy day).

Clearly, the object is to grow the mightiest, tallest sunflower – nothing subtle here! Last year's winner was around 12 feet, so the bar is set high, literally.

Next up is the class potato-growing challenge. Each class has planted a potato bag and is caring for it. The object is to get the heaviest yield at harvest time and the biggest single spud. If pupils want to sneak some (organic) fertiliser into their bag in a bid to beat the other classes then so be it – the gloves are off. All's fair in love and potato wars.

Lastly you may have seen that the wildflower wheelbarrow is back. We've put markers naming some of the common flowers therein so it'd be great if you can point them out to your offspring. Quite apart from feeding our beloved and vital insects, it's our attempt to encourage your lovely children to be able to put names to things - flowers, trees, butterflies...

Our philosophy is that if you can name something, you create a connection to it – and connecting to something leads to caring about it. Without doubt, nature really needs a new generation to care.

The fantastic news is that, after nearly 15 years of campaigning by the indomitable Mary Colwell, there WILL be a GCSE in Natural History in 2026. We hope the grounding and connections to nature that your child makes at Brabourne will prime them for success in that subject and we hope they choose it when they get to that stage.

Yours, the Gardening Club volunteers



Wishing everybody a very happy
Half Term

With best wishes,
Andrew Stapley
Headteacher





Class News



Venus collaborated with Year 5 to design and make a protective casing for an egg. They thought carefully about which materials would be best and even added parachutes. It was lots of fun and the majority of eggs remained in tact. A very success-



Mars have been busy designing and creating pieces of Art this week. We were looking at the work of Vincent van Gogh.



In Geography we have been thinking about human features.

And in Science we went on a mini beast hunt. We found many different minibeasts



including flies, woodlice, butterflies and bees. We also found a toad in a hole!



Neptune class took advantage of the lovely weather on Thursday and took our learning outside. In Science we looked at what trees we had around our school and field. We found Oak, Ash, Maple, silver birch and of course horse chestnut!



In music we took the ukuleles into the garden area. The children really enjoyed playing them outside. They used the chords that they had been taught to compose their own songs – we were very impressed!



Even the chickens enjoyed the concert!

We also enjoyed making VE day cookies. Thank you Ginny for setting up this wonderful activity – for the whole school!



Jupiter has been investigating forces as part of our Science learning. We designed and created 'sinker' toys for a swimming pool and dropped them into water to test the effect of water resistance. We also made 'helicopters' and changed the blade sizes to test the effect of air resistance. We concluded that the larger the blade surface area the more air resistance there is.





I Hear Your Voice

A Concert for Sasha



On Saturday, 5th July 2025 : 6pm - 8pm
The Great Hall, Kent College, Canterbury

Presented By

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QUIZ NIGHT

Monday, 2nd June 2025

The New Chimneys, Loudon Way, Godinton,
Ashford, TN23 3JJ

Doors open at 7PM, with the quiz running from
7:30PM - 10:00PM

Get your teams together, and join us for our next quiz!



To book your table call 01303 269602
Payment taken in advance

£6 per person, with a maximum of 6 people per table.

The bar at The New Chimneys will be open, and food is available
from the bar.

We'll also be running a raffle on the night, so don't forget to bring
cash along to get your tickets and win some great prizes!

This quiz will support our life-changing community work,
empowering older people to live fulfilled and happy lives.

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SUMMER FAIR

THURSDAY 5TH JUNE
15.30-17.30

Delicious hot dogs/homemade treats &
refreshments (available from 1pm onwards
throughout sports day)

*PONYCYCLES, EXCITING GAMES &
CRAFTS STALLS (from 15.30 onwards)

*Please note, we accept CASH or CARD payment in exchange for tokens,
which can be purchased at the event. *Ponycycles are cash/card only.

** No alcohol/smoking/vaping or dogs permitted on site. **

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BUY a BIKE

Pick up an affordable refurbished bike at our next bike sale event
at Goldwyn School, Ashford (TN23 3BT). Bikes are fully serviced,
clean and available in a variety of sizes.

DONATE a BIKE

Bike too small or sitting unloved gathering dust? Donate it to us
and we'll find it a good home. If you need a replacement, we'll
offer you a 20% discount on a more suitable refurbished bike.

BIKE SALE EVENT

Goldwyn School, Ashford (TN23 3BT)

Saturday 24th May (10.00-13.00)

FREE bike checks during the event and bookable Learn-to-Ride sessions
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