



Respect, Responsibility, Hope, Courage

Brabourne

CofE Primary School

Friday 2nd May 2025

Monkey Bars

We had many excited children arrive this morning to see the monkey bars being built on the lower playground. They should be ready for use when we return to school next Tuesday. A massive thank you to our wonderful PTA and the generosity of our school community. I am sure the children will enjoy them from many years to come.



Flags

We are delighted to announce the winners of the garden flag competition - Maisie and Freya, Year 5! The winning designs are below and will be made into flags to fly in the garden during the summer.



SOW THE SEEDS, NURTURE,
RESPECT  COURAGE
HOPE RESPONSIBILITY
WATCH THEM GROW

Baby News!

We have wonderful news to share, Mrs Burnett had a baby boy and girl today!

We send her and her family love from everyone at Brabourne.



Survey results

A huge thank you to all parents for completing the parental survey last term. It was really heart-warming to read so many wonderful comments about the school and also to receive your ideas for further improvement. We also surveyed our pupils and are delighted how the overwhelming majority of children are engaged and love coming to school. We reviewed all of the surveys at our annual strategy day in order to plan the next 3 - 5 years of the school development plan. I am very proud to lead our school and forever grateful for the support of our Brabourne family community.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 5th May Bank Holiday		School Closed
Thursday 8th May		VE Day 80th Anniversary Pupils can wear red, white and blue for a donation.
W/c 12th May		SATS week for Year 6
Monday 19th May		Photographer visiting to take class photos
Friday 23rd May		Whole school VE Day celebration End of Term 5



Sports

It's that time of year when we can enjoy the great outdoors and there is certainly a lot of sport taking place over the next few weeks. Congratulations to the football team on their win against Sellindge Primary yesterday. Good luck to the Year 5/6 girls today for their football tournament in Ashford!

Curriculum Plans

Please find below links to the children's' learning this term. Our Key Concept is Movement and People:

Movement and People

Human migration is people moving from one place to another to stay there. It often happens in large numbers. Migration can be within countries or between countries. Humans are known to have migrated extensively throughout history and prehistory. Sometimes, the movement is voluntary, but sometimes, people are forced to move. They may suffer warfare, religious and political persecution, famine and other natural disasters. When people are forced to move, they are refugees.

- Venus: [Why do people go outside in summer?](#)
Mars: [Where did explorers travel around the world and why?](#)
Neptune: [How did trade and invasion impact British history?](#)
Jupiter: [Why have people migrated throughout history?](#)

Maddison

A huge well done to Maddison, in Year 2, who raised £540 in donating her hair to The Little Princess Trust charity for children who are suffering hair loss. We regularly talk to the children about courageous advocacy and stepping out to make a difference to others lives. Maddison is certainly a fine example of how caring Braboune pupils are.

VE Day

We will be decorating the school and grounds with a sea of red, white and blue for VE Day next Thursday 8th May. Children are invited to come into school wearing red, white and blue for a donation to the British Legion. In addition, on the last day of term, 23rd May, we will be holding a VE day street party for the whole school on the playground and inviting some members of our village community as special guests to enjoy with the children. We will use the occasion to plant a new conker tree for future generations to enjoy.



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

Thank you for our wonderful Open the Book team and our school that is like a little piece of heaven on Earth.

Amen

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Pupil Premium information

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals. Your child is eligible for free school meals if you're in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400.
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190

Registering for free meals could also raise an extra **£1,320** for your child's primary school to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities. This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed above.

Further information along with the online application can be found here:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals>

Dates for Diary

Year 6 SATS w/c 12th May - this will be a busy week for Year 6, please ensure the children get plenty of sleep and bring a water bottle so that they are refreshed and ready to go every morning.

The school photographer is coming in on Monday 19th May - please ensure your child is wearing correct uniform on that date and looking smart!

With best wishes,
Andrew Stapley
Headteacher

Sports Day and PTA Summer Fair!

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

(Further information will be sent home nearer the time)



Class News



As part of our new topic, 'Come Outside', Venus Class had a go at 'leaf pounding'. The children used the mallet to firmly pound the calico to see the leaf veins. After lots of persevering Venus were really impressed with the leaf print effect.



Mars class have had a busy return to school this term. In Science, we have been making habitats for different animals. Mars class had to think carefully about what that animal would need in their habitat and use natural resources and junk modelling to create them. After that, they labelled their creations.



Neptune were very excited to welcome Mr. Chapman into our class on Monday afternoon. He has very kindly offered to run some STEM based activities with us this term during COOL time. Activity 1 was to make a car that used energy from a coiled elastic band to move forwards. The children all worked really well in groups to make their cars. We couldn't quite get them to move without pushing them, so that will be our first challenge next COOL time!



Jupiter has started a new topic this term called Storms and Shipwrecks. We are learning about the Titanic to begin with, including creating a timeline of the events that led up to this disaster and writing newspaper reports about this 'Titanic Tragedy.' We have been amazed at how little time it took from hitting the iceberg to sinking completely.

