



Respect, Responsibility, Hope, Courage

Brabourne

CofE Primary School

12th June 2025

Year 6 PGL Adventure

Year 6 had an unforgettable time at PGL Windmill Hill in Sussex, taking part in a wide range of exciting activities including rafting, fencing, orienteering, abseiling, and zip wiring.

From conquering fears to cheering each other on, it was a few days full of adventure, teamwork, and memory-making. Our pupils represented the school brilliantly—they were a true credit to Brabourne throughout the trip!

Stay connected!

We are excited to announce our new social media channels! Stay up to date with the latest news, events, and highlights from Brabourne CEP School by following us:

Facebook: facebook.com/brabourncep

Instagram: instagram.com/brabourncep

X (formerly Twitter): x.com/brabourncep

The QR code at the top of this page will take you to our website.

We would love for you to join our online community.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 13th June		Non-uniform day for PTA Summer Fair - please bring in a Jazzy Jar
Tuesday 17th June	3.30pm	Football match for some Y3/4 pupils (away) at Lady Joanna Primary
Wednesday 18th June	All day	Year 4 trip to Turner Contemporary, Margate
Thursday 19th June	Morning 3.30pm	Venus trip to Folkestone Tag rugby match (away) at Challock Primary for some Y5/6 pupils
Friday 20th June		Non-uniform day for PTA Summer Fair - please bring in bags of sweets
Friday 27th June	1.30pm-5pm	Sports Day followed by Summer Fair on the school field



Curriculum plans

Please find attached the plans for this term's curriculum learning, organised by class:

[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?](#)

Year 5 Art afternoon at Bridge

Last week, our Year 5 pupils received a warm welcome from Bridge and St Patricxbourne CEP School.

Both of our schools are currently working towards achieving the Artsmark Award and are looking forward to supporting one another on this journey—while also strengthening our friendship as Church of England schools.

During this first collaborative session, the children took part in a joyful “food-less tea party,” where they got to know one another by imagining and illustrating the kinds of delicious treats they would love to share. The activity culminated in a large-scale collaborative drawing.

We are thrilled to continue this partnership and look forward to working with Bridge and St Patricxbourne CEP School in the next academic year.



Flag SOS!

Would any parents be able to help us untangle the flag from the top of its post? We would really appreciate it—thank you so much!

Class Attendance of the Term

The highest attendance for Term 5 goes to Neptune and Jupiter classes with an amazing **99.2%** attendance! Well done to all the pupils for their dedication and commitment to attending school regularly!

Tag Rugby Enrichment afternoon

We were delighted to welcome 16 Year 10 students from Folkestone Girls' School to Brabourne for a fantastic afternoon of tag rugby. The visiting students led activities across the school, showing great enthusiasm, teamwork, and encouragement.

Our children had a brilliant time learning new skills and enjoying some extra PE enrichment. A big thank you to the Folkestone Girls' students for their energy and leadership—it was a wonderful experience for all involved!

Year 5/6 pupils look forward to their friendly match against Challock Primary next week!



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Dance Festival

Year 5 Shine at Ashford School Dance Festival

We are incredibly proud of our Year 5 pupils, who took to the stage at the Ashford School Dance Festival with confidence, energy, and teamwork. They have been training all term with Mrs Golding and their hard work paid off!

Their performance impressed the organisers and earned them the award for Best Musicality and Timing—a fantastic achievement and a true testament to their hard work and school spirit.

Well done, Year 5—you were amazing!



Football

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Ashford Schools Football Association is inviting pupils in Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 to trial for next season's Ashford Schools Representative Teams.

This is a fantastic opportunity for your child to represent the district. Please note that participation in this team is in addition to any current school or club commitments—not a replacement.

If you would like your child to be considered, please complete the online form using the link below:

[Ashford Schools Football Trials Form](#)

If you have any questions, feel free to speak to your school's sports teacher or contact me directly at **07960 015616**.

Kind regards,

District Chairman

Ashford Schools District Football Association

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.



National Curriculum Expectations - English & Maths

We've included some helpful links to resources that provide an overview of the national curriculum expectations for English and Maths across each year group.

- [Expectations for Maths](#)
- [Expectations for Writing](#)
- [Expectations for Reading](#)

To support you further, here are examples of writing expectations for each year group:

Writing Examples

- [Year 1 Expected](#)
- [Year 1 Greater Depth](#)
- [Year 2 Expected](#)
- [Year 2 Greater Depth](#)
- [Year 3 Expected](#)
- [Year 3 Greater Depth](#)
- [Year 4 Expected](#)
- [Year 4 Greater Depth](#)
- [Year 5 Expected](#)
- [Year 5 Greater Depth](#)
- [Year 6 Expected](#)
- [Year 6 Greater Depth](#)

We hope these resources will help you understand what your child is working towards in school.

Brabourne's Wedding of the Year!

Congratulations to Mrs. Parry, who is getting married this weekend! In her honour, we have decorated her office to celebrate the big occasion. With love from all the staff.



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 Lord

Thank you for the stories from the Open the Book Team which teach us kindness, compassion and how to care for each other and the world we live in.

Amen

*With best wishes,
Andrew Stapley
Headteacher*



Survey Feedback

We were delighted by the kind and complimentary responses from both our pupil and parent surveys. This valuable feedback plays a crucial role in shaping the next stages of our school's development. Please find attached a separate letter summarising the parent survey results.

Below, we're excited to share some of the wonderful comments from our pupils, alongside a word cloud highlighting the adjectives they used to describe our school. We're proud to report that 100% of our pupils say they enjoy coming to school and feel safe here.



What Our Pupils Say

- "You can be whoever you are and have loads of fun."*
- "The teachers are inspirational, and we go out on school trips."*
- "People are there for you if you are ever sad."*
- "We get the opportunity to do a wide variety of activities."*
- "It is calm and peaceful with great teachers."*
- "Everyone is nice – the teachers... they support me."*
- "Celebration worship and we get to do loads of things!"*
- "The teachers help me with all my work and everybody is kind."*
- "There are lots of clubs, art, playground fun, and amazing lessons."*

Summary of Pupils' Suggestions for Development

- Better hockey sticks and more football/basketball matches
- More lessons and school trips
- Additional art lessons
- 9-a-side goals and AstroTurf on the field
- Improved school meals, especially on Thursdays
- Longer first break and no leather footballs
- Sustainable energy initiatives and homework on times tables
- More bird and bug houses, eating local food, and more plants

And some simply said: *"Nothing – it's perfect as it is!"*



Class News



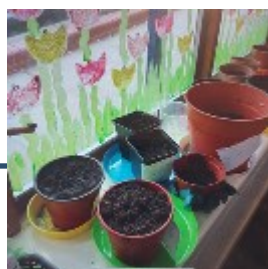
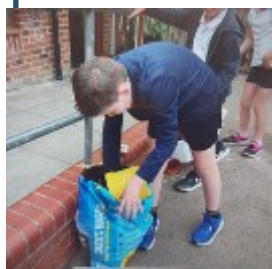
Venus Class has been observing the growth and changes in the sunflowers we planted last term. We used our observation skills to draw them and looked carefully at the details, including the number of leaves. We also predicted how tall they might grow. I wonder if they will be taller than you?



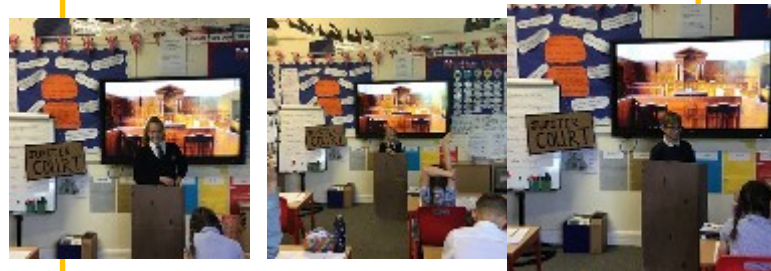
Mars class have been completing their cityscape mixed media work using Van Gogh's Starry Night painting as a starting point. They created a cityscape of Mecca, the birthplace of Prophet Muhammad, using paint, oil pastels and black card.



Neptune Class have been busy this week setting up their Science investigations. The objective is to change only one variable when planting two of the same seeds. We will monitor our plants over the next few weeks to see what happens? Can a plant grow when given coke rather than water? Does the type of soil make a difference? Does the size of the pot affect the growth? Neptune class will have the answers in a few weeks time!



This week, as part of our English and Topic learning, we have been researching the people who could have been held accountable for the sinking of the Titanic. We wrote questions to ask them and found evidence to support our arguments for and against them being to blame. Today, we role-played a court case where we put our culprits on trial. We asked challenging questions and were not always satisfied with their answers. From our trial, we have formed our own opinions as to who is to blame; we will be writing our recount tomorrow.





Join the Adventure!

1st Brabourne & Smeeth Scout Group currently has places available in the Beaver, Cub and Scout sections. Beavers are 6-8 years, Cubs 8-10.5, and Scouts are 10.5 to 14 years. Each age group has its own programme of exciting activities, badges and awards. If anyone would like to join or to come along for a taster session, please email brabournesmeethscouts@gmail.com for more details.

**ST MARY'S CHURCH
BRABOURNE**

SUMMER FAIR 2025

FULL OF ARTS & CRAFTS

ON SATURDAY JUNE 21, 10AM-4.30 PM



A WIDE ARRAY OF STALLS, INCLUDING:

**Art ♦ Home accessories ♦ Crafts
Jewellery ♦ Gifts ♦ Pet portraits ♦ Pottery
Beauty products - and much more!**

**FREE
ENTRY**

Beer tent in the churchyard

RUN BY THE FIVE BELLS PUB

Delicious refreshments all day

RAFFLE with amazing prizes

AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, THE STREET, EAST BRABOURNE, TN25 5LR

ALL WELCOME - BRING YOUR FRIENDS!