



Respect, Responsibility, Hope, Courage

# Brabourne

CofE Primary School

12th September 2025



## Welcome back

The new school year is off to a wonderful start! It was such a joy to welcome both our returning pupils and our new starters to Brabourne. Everyone arrived looking smart in their uniforms, with big smiles and plenty of excitement for the term ahead.

It has been a real pleasure to walk around the classes and see the children so settled and engaged in their learning already. We are looking forward to the weeks and months to come, filled with new learning, proud achievements, and lots of opportunities to shine both in and out of the classroom.

With best wishes, Andrew Stapley, Headteacher

## Meet the Teacher sessions

We hope you have enjoyed the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions this week, which were particularly aimed at families with children moving class or joining the school.

Please see below dates for our Parent Evenings being held later this term.

In the meantime, do let us know if you have any queries; please remember that Miss Unsworth and myself are available, most days, for a quick chat at the school gate/entrance.

## Topics for Term 1

### Key Concept: Cause & Effect

Below are the key questions each class will be studying in depth this term:

**Venus:** How can I be a good friend?

**Mars:** How did the Great Fire effect life in London?

**Neptune:** How did the events of the late 18th early 19th century change life in Britain?

**Jupiter:** How did Spanish colonisation impact life in Central America, then and now?

The plans, giving further details, will be uploaded to the school website shortly.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 29th September		Individual school photographs
Friday 3rd October		NHS Flu Immunisation
Tuesday 7th October	After school	Parent Evening - booking information will be sent nearer the time <b>No after school Wrap Around</b>
Thursday 9th October	After school	Parent Evening - booking information will be sent nearer the time <b>No after school Wrap Around</b>
Wednesday 15th October	9.00 am	Harvest Festival Church Service
Friday 17th October		End of Term 1 <b>No after school Wrap Around</b>



We were aware that our website was not fully functioning, but we are pleased to let you know that this has now been resolved.

## Book Exchange

This is situated outside the main front entrance. Please feel free to choose a book for your child and, if you would like to, please donate any preloved books you have.



## Facebook/Instagram

Please see links to our Facebook and Instagram pages where you can keep up to date with school news and events. Please click on the links below:

[Facebook](#)

[Instagram](#)

## Uniform

The children have returned to school looking so smart. Please continue to encourage them to tuck their shirt in, wear their ties, look after their named items and come to school in the correct sports wear. We have a selection of Brabourne merchandise that you can now purchase from Brigade Uniform (<https://www.brigade.uk.com/>). Ties and bookbags are available from the school office and should be paid for online using SchoolMoney.



## Courageous Advocacy

We are very proud of Amara who cut her hair for the Little Princess Trust over the summer holiday. If you would like to make a donation towards the Little Princess Trust please click on the picture above. Thank you.



## Proud Board

Every Friday in celebration worship, each class shares something that they are proud of. In addition, we would love to hear of the children's achievements outside of school. Please send in a photo of their achievement with a paragraph about it and they will appear on our communal Proud board.

## 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 water, our food, for nature and trees. Thank you to the farmers that give us crops for food everyday, we are very thankful.*

*Amen*





## Young Cooks Competition

Please find a link below of the Kent Young Cooks competition, where “young culinary enthusiasts can take part in a thrilling journey into the world of flavours, creativity, and lifelong skills”.

Click [here](#) for more information and to enter your child.



## Flu Vaccination Reminder from the NHS

This is a reminder to parents to submit a consent or decline for the FLU vaccination via the Immunisation Service's website: <https://www.kentimmunisations.co.uk/>

Please submit your preference by the cut-off date is **30/09/2025**. Please see previous email sent home for further details on how to respond.

## School Vision

*Sow the Seeds, Nurture, Watch them Grow*

Through **creative and challenging** experiences, we **inspire** our school community to develop **resilience**, a **passion** for learning and the courage to **pursue our dreams**. Within our **nurturing** environment and beyond, we live out **Christian values**, enabling all to **flourish** in the **love of God**.

Our vision at Brabourne is underpinned by Biblical scripture, in particular, Matthew 13:31-32 and The Parable of the Mustard Seed. The children associate the parable with their own potential. In the same way the smallest of seeds, can become the tallest of trees, they too can grow to be a confident, independent and well-rounded individual who can fulfil their potential and be the best they can be.

Jesus told them another parable: “The Kingdom of heaven is like this. A man takes a mustard seed and sows it in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it grows up, it is the biggest of all plants. It becomes a tree, so that birds come and make their nests in its branches.”

## 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.







Etta 344cm



Ralphie  
346cm



Fenn 357 cm



Valencia



Harrison  
274 cm



Elsie 183 cm



Joseph  
310 cm



Priscilla  
231 cm

## Sunflower Growing Competition



Well done to our green  
fingered growers! If you  
have not sent your photo in  
there is still time before we  
announce the winner!



# Class News



Venus class have been settling beautifully into life at Brabourne school. Here's a photo of some of us enjoying our lovely outside area.



Neptune Class have had a great start to the new year, and have enjoyed finding out about our new topic on the Victorians.

We've learnt a bit about some of the incredible things that were invented during the Victorian era that we still use today, but we were shocked to learn what life was like in a Victorian workhouse through our class text, *Street Child* by Berlie Doherty. In contrast, we have been thinking about some of the things that make our world wonderful during our RE lessons, and we used the many beautiful colours that are found in nature at this time of year to create artists' palettes.



Mars have had an amazing start to the new school year. The Year 1s have settled in remarkably well into their new class and the Year 2s have risen to the challenge of being the 'experts' of the classroom, mentoring their new learning buddies wonderfully.

We have delved into our class text in English, 'The Last Wolf' and are enjoying making predictions about the story and making comparisons with the traditional tale of Little Red Riding Hood. In Maths, we have been busy understanding the place value of the numbers to 20 and finding various ways to represent them.

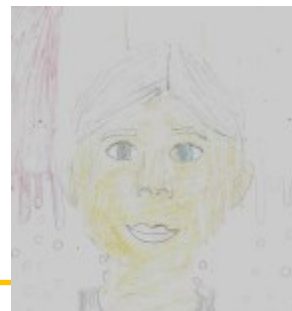
The children have been really engaged with our topic, including learning the song 'London's Burning' as a round, creating Tudor houses using strips of paper and mapping out how far the fire spread across London, using a key.

We have explored the story of the Lost Son in R.E through role play, story cubes and wonder bubbles.

A positive and productive fortnight!



Jupiter have settled well into this academic year. To help create our collaborative class, the children have been drawing self-portraits using different mediums to show how unique we all are but how we can also be a strong, supportive team too. Can you guess these who these self-portraits are?



## Year 6 Secondary School Open Day/Evening events

We have been asked to share the following:

Please click on the link for further information: [From Simon Langton Girls'](#)



To register:

<https://forms.office.com/e/UJnFXkrWyk>

# Open Events

## Y6 Event Schedule

Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup>  
October

**Open Mornings** (9:15 to 10:30am)

This will consist of speeches in the Hall, followed by a tour with our Y8 students.

Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup>  
October

For further information please see our prospectus : [Y7 Prospectus 2025](#)

**Hythe Road, Ashford TN24 0QJ**

Tel: 01233 620045 Web: [www.nks.kent.sch.uk](http://www.nks.kent.sch.uk)

### St Edmund's School:

**Whole School Open Morning**, an excellent opportunity for families to learn more about St Edmund's – our ethos, staff, and pupils. Please do share this date with your community; they can book a place here: [Open Morning Registration](#).

#### Event Details

**Date:** Saturday, 20 September 2025

**Location:** St Edmund's School, Canterbury

The morning will include a presentation and a tour of key areas of the school, followed by refreshments – a wonderful opportunity for families to ask questions.

Ahead of the visit, families may wish to create their **personal digital prospectus** by clicking here: [Your Digital Prospectus](#).

Watch our [Open Morning Tour](#)

# KENNINGTON JUNIORS FC

## Saturday Morning Football Coaching - Invite to all Children in School Year Groups 1-5

**Kennington Juniors Football Club** are again offering the following Football Training sessions, to all children within the Ashford community.

School Year 1 Group - 08.30 - 09.35

School Year 2 Group - 09.45 - 10.50

School Year 3-5 Group - 11.00 - 12.05

A fully qualified Coach, with appropriate Child Welfare certification, will manage the sessions

Cost per session will be £6.00 cash, payable prior to the start of the session.

Sessions will take place every **Saturday Morning, commencing Saturday 13th September 2025**, to be held at the Ashford Hockey Club, Ball Lane, Kennington TN25 4EB.

KJFC ask that your Child wears Football Boots and Shin Pads to each session. The Club will not stop your Child participating if they are not wearing these items, the responsibility / accountability, standing entirely with the Parent/Carer.

If you require any further details, please contact Graham Jordan - Mobile 07934349666 or email him at [g.jordan439@btinternet.com](mailto:g.jordan439@btinternet.com)

We look forward to seeing you.

