



Respect, Responsibility, Hope, Courage

# Brabourne

## CofE Primary School

### 29th September 2025



### Congratulations to Mrs Brown-Harris

As many of you know, Mrs. Brown-Harris is expecting a baby. We are thrilled for her and wish her all the very best during this exciting time. She will be with us until January, when her maternity leave will commence. The recruitment process for her maternity cover is already underway.

### Parents' Evening

A reminder that Parents' Evening bookings will be made online and the system will become live at **6.30 pm today (Monday 29th September)** you will have already received an email from Parents Booking earlier today.

The schedule as parent evening will be as follows:

Tuesday 7th October	Thursday 9th October
Venus: Mrs Brown-Harris	Venus: Mrs Brown-Harris
Mars: Miss Stevens	Mars: Miss Stevens
Neptune: Mrs Green	Neptune: Mr Saye
Jupiter: Miss Unsworth	Jupiter: Miss Unsworth

### Ashford 200 Years Commemoration

Some of our pupils were delighted to see their train design unveiled last week at Ashford International Station, as part of the *Ashford 200 Years* celebrations.

If you are passing through the station, look out for the **Brabourne design**—featuring our school values and proudly displaying the message along the side: *"Everyone is loved here."*



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 3rd October	During school time	Flu immunisation. Please ensure you have completed the online form for opting in/out—this closes at 4.00 pm on 30th September.
Tuesday 7th October	After school	Parents' Evening. <b>Please note no after school Wrap Around or Multi Sports after school club today.</b>
Thursday 9th October	After school	Parents' Evening. <b>Please note no after school Wrap Around or Football club today.</b> Outdoor Learning after school club will be going ahead.
Tuesday 7th October	During school time	Year 5 attending visit to Gurdwara, Rochester
Tuesday 14th October	During school time	Year R & 6 Kent Child Health - National Child Measurement Programme
Wednesday 15th October	9.00 am	Harvest Festival at church
Friday 17th October		Last day of Term 1. <b>Please note no after school Wrap Around or after school clubs today.</b>
Monday 27th October		First day of Term 2.



## Playground News

We have some exciting plans for the playground this term, including the installation of a *mud kitchen* and the exploration of a potential 'nurture pod' design.

You may also have noticed that the chicken area has recently had a wonderful refit, thanks to the hard work of our fantastic grandparents, parents, and pupil volunteers. While we explore ideas for a new location for our rescue chickens (who are currently having a lovely time at the Joules' farm!), keep an eye out for some more furry friends joining us soon!

## Looking Ahead

We are looking forward to a number of special theme weeks this term. These will include a focus on *Spirituality and Moments of Reflection and Stillness*, as well as an exciting *Arts and DT Week*. We are eager to see the creativity, curiosity, and thoughtfulness these weeks will inspire across the school.



## Eco Team News

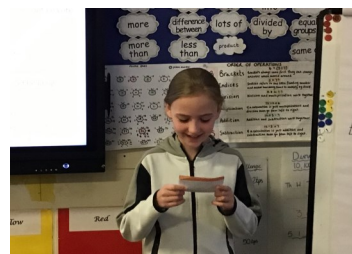
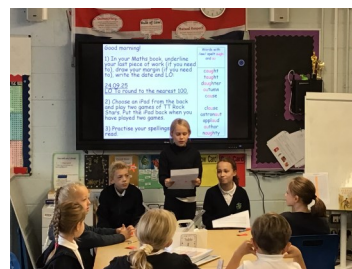
Our pupil Eco Team attended Sports Mark Ambassador training in July and were successful in securing £400 to kick-start the development of a *mini orchard* and *wildflower area* on the school field.

We are also keen to take this project further, with the exciting idea of building a *yurt* for children to use during outdoor learning. If any families know of businesses who might be interested in sponsoring this aim, we would be very grateful for your support.

## Pupil Leadership Elections

Elections took place across the school this week to vote in our new pupil leaders. Roles include: *House Captains, Eco Team, Playground Leaders, Sports Captains, School Council*, and our new *Head Pupils – Fenn and Maisie*.

We are very proud of all the children who put themselves forward and look forward to the first meetings of the year, as well as the exciting plans our new leaders will bring to life.



## 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.



## Year 5 Bee Trip

Some of our Year 5 pupils visited our sponsored hives last week as part of their science learning. They explored the important role of pollination in food production, observed the Queen bee in action, and learned the process of extracting honey. The children were even able to take some home, making the link between classroom learning and real-world experiences.

You can see more from their visit here:

[Watch on Facebook](#)



## Harvest Festival -

### Wednesday 15th October

We look forward to welcoming you all to Brabourne Church, on Wednesday, 15th October, for our Harvest Festival. Early club will be run at the Church from **8.15am, we cannot accept children before this time**, and the service will begin at 9.00am and run to approximately 10.00am.

Children should be dropped off directly at the Church and once parents leave the children will return to school by minibus. Donations of food should be brought straight to the Church and will be donated to Bright City Church in Ashford, to support the homeless and vulnerable.



## 2026 Reception intake

Kent County Council Primary School applications open on **Friday 7th November 2025** and close **Thursday 15th January 2026**. Please remember that you need to apply for a school place even if you already have a child in school.

Please find the dates for our open mornings/afternoons/evening below for prospective YR places for 2026. Please let Mrs Hussey know if you would like to book a tour:

**Tuesday 30th September at 10.30 am**

**Wednesday 8th October at 10.30 am**

**Monday 13th October 5.00 pm—7.00 pm Open Evening**

**Thursday 30th October at 1.15 pm**

A sibling link applies to school admissions in Kent County Council (KCC) when a child has a sibling who attends the

- The sibling link is maintained if the family lives in the same house as when the older sibling was admitted.
- The sibling link is also maintained if the family moves within 2 miles of the school.
- The sibling link is broken if the family moves more than 2 miles from the school.
- A sibling link cannot be claimed if the older sibling is in Year 6, as they will be moving to secondary school.

If you know anyone who would be interested in visiting our wonderful school for a place for their child/ren next year, please do spread the word.



## Secondary School Applications 2026 (advice from Kent County Council)

For children starting year 7 in September 2026 applications open on Monday 1 September 2025 and will close on Friday 31 October 2025.

You can apply for up to 4 schools.

- Put the schools in the order of preference.
  - We strongly recommend you use all 4 preferences on your application form. Initially, we are only able to look at schools you have named. If you do not name a local school, families who did name it may fill its spaces. This means it may no longer be an option if we cannot offer you one of your preferred schools.
  - Naming only one school does not guarantee your child a place or give priority for a place over another child.
  - You are not able to name the same school more than once.
- To apply for a school outside of Kent, name the school in your application with other preferences. Your application details will be passed on to the relevant local authority for processing.

Applications are processed between 1 November 2025 and 1 March 2026.

If you have applied but your circumstances have changed and you need to amend your application, email [kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk) so we can help you.

### Apply

To apply for a year 7 place complete our online application form.

Before you apply for a school place, [read our admissions privacy notice](#).

### [Apply online](#)

If you are unable to apply online, email [kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk) for assistance.

## Collective Worship

This week we welcomed Reverend Susan and the Open the Book team who spoke of Jacob and Esau.

Dear God,

Thank You for the story of Jacob and Esau,  
which teaches us about forgiveness and making peace.

Help us to say sorry when we do wrong,  
and to forgive others when they hurt us.  
May we learn to be kind, patient, and loving.

*Amen*





## Sunflower Competition

Congratulations to Felicity, who grew a whopping 487.65cm (16ft) sunflower at the grandpa's house. Amazing!

Well done to everyone who nurtured their seeds and watched them grow.



With best wishes,  
**Andrew Stapley**  
Headteacher



# Class News



Venus Class have been busy exploring their creativity by designing beautiful artwork using natural materials. It was a wonderful way to connect with nature while expressing their artistic talents.



Mars are continuing to work hard, play hard. In English, we have been thoroughly enjoying 'The Last Wolf' and have re-enacted the characters of The Last Lynx, The Last Bear and The Last Wolf through role play. We have had some great discussions about the importance of trees and what our world would look like without the nature we are so blessed with surrounding our school.



We have completed our first Maths unit of place value. We have conquered number lines and using the symbols greater than, less than and equal to.

We have been accessing our foundation subjects in the afternoon through continuous and enhanced provision. This allows children freedom of choice to complete 'should' and 'could' tasks. Children have had the option to create a piece of artwork depicting the colours of fire linking to our Topic, create a poster by Little Red linking to our English text and exploring greater than/less than using manipulatives, to embed our Maths learning. When children have completed a 'should' and 'could' task to the best of their own ability, they are able to have free choice and direct their own learning, honing in on their creative and social skills.



Neptune have been learning all about forces in Science. This week we conducted experiments to see what material would be the best to coat a ramp with, in order to make

a toy car go a greater distance. Most groups found that the towel was the least effective, because it had more friction and the foil was the most effective, because less friction was produced. Super Science Neptune!!



Jupiter has continued learning about the Maya Civilisation. They were the first to have a symbol to represent zero in the mathematics and they built temples that they painted red because they believed that the temple building was alive. In art this week, we used our technical drawing skills to create a three-dimensional drawing of a Maya temple - it took a great deal of concentration and patience.





Folkestone Model Railway Club

# MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone, CT20 2DZ  
Sat 4th & Sun 5th October 2025, 10am-5pm

ADULT (16+): £8, CHILD(5-15): £4, FAMILY: £22

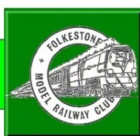


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