



Respect, Responsibility, Hope, Courage

Brabourne

CofE Primary School

17th October 2025



Harvest

We were delighted to see so many families join us at Brabourne Church for our Harvest Service, where the children shared beautiful readings and sang with great joy on the theme of "Harvest of Love."

Thank you to all of our families for your generous Harvest donations. Bright City Church, Ashford, were delighted with the donations, particularly due to the ever growing numbers of vulnerable people needing their help.

Art Week

It is been a fantastic week of creativity across the school! The children have enjoyed exploring a wide range of artistic activities and expressing their imagination in wonderful ways. This year, our focus will continue on providing creative artistic experiences for the children and widening our provision for Cooking, Art, and Design Technology (DT) as part of COOL Time in Years 3 and 4. To find out more, take a look at our Class News and visit the school's social media pages:

[instagram.com/brabournecep](https://www.instagram.com/brabournecep)

[facebook.com/brabournecep](https://www.facebook.com/brabournecep)

Welcome

Ms Robinson

We are delighted to welcome Ms Robinson to Venus Class for her first teaching placement at Brabourne. She joins us as a trainee teacher, and we look forward to supporting her as she begins her journey in education.

Fundraising in Memory of Sasha

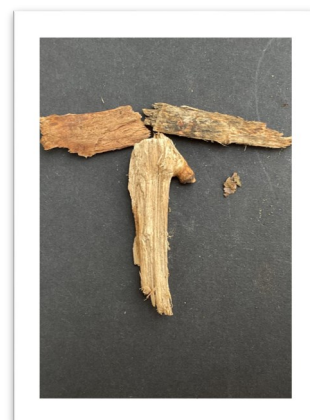
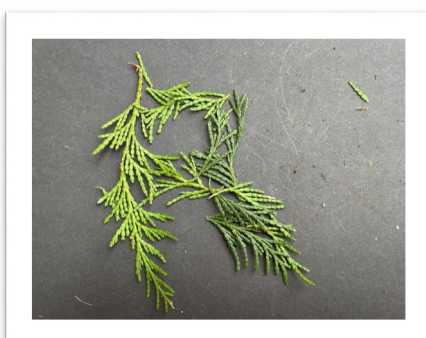
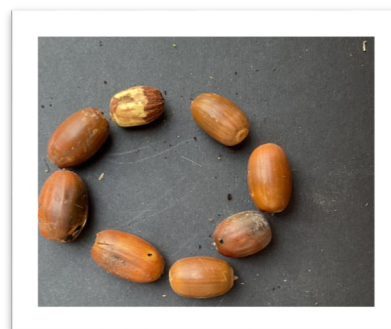
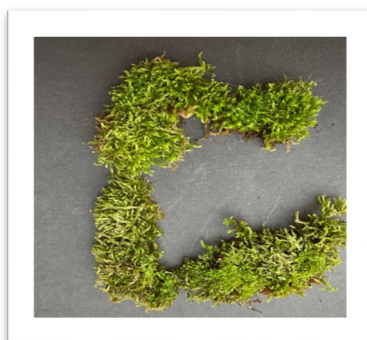
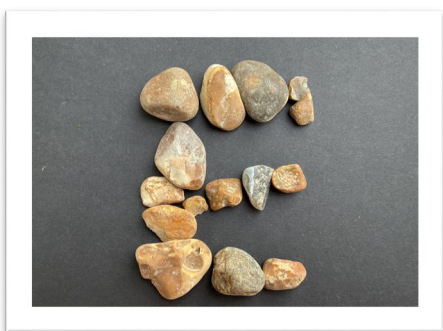
Our incredible House Captains and Head Boy and Girl organised a wonderful non-uniform day and tuck shop in memory of Sasha, a much-loved former Brabourne pupil. The whole school community joined together to support this special cause, raising an impressive £300 to help children affected by cancer in Ukraine. We are so proud of their kindness, teamwork, and compassion.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 27th October

Term 2 Starts





Term Dates 2026/2027

Please see below term dates for **2026/2027** Academic Year. The 2025/2026 term dates can be found on the school website.

Tuesday 1 st September 2026	School Closed – Staff INSET Day
Wednesday 2 nd September 2026	Term 1 Starts
Friday 23 rd October 2026	Term 1 Ends
Monday 2 nd November 2026	Term 2 Starts
Friday 18 th December 2026	Term 2 Ends
Monday 4 th January 2027	Term 3 Starts
Friday 12 th February 2027	Term 3 Ends
Monday 22 nd February 2027	Term 4 Starts
Thursday 25 th March 2027	Term 4 Ends
Monday 12 th April 2027	School Closed – Staff INSET Day
Tuesday 13 th April 2027	Term 5 Starts
Monday 3 rd May 2027	School Closed – Bank Holiday
Friday 28 th May 2027	Term 5 Ends
Monday 7 th June 2027	Term 6 Starts
Friday 16 th July 2027	Term 6 Ends
Monday 19 th July 2027	School Closed – Staff INSET Day
Tuesday 20 th July 2027	School Closed – Staff INSET Day
Wednesday 21 st July 2027	School Closed – Staff INSET Day



Operation Christmas Child: Monday 10th-17th November

Hello! It's Shoebox Time again!

Thank you all for your support in the past. I do hope I can count on you again this year!

Sadly, as we are all aware, there are so many war-torn countries around the world where children are suffering unimaginable trauma. Your shoebox gifts will bring joy and hope to children in over 100 countries.

You'll bring a big smile to a child's face and let them know that they are loved and not forgotten.

I will deliver leaflets to schools, churches and various organisations around the villages, but I would appreciate it if you could collect boxes from:

- 1) Steven J Moore Estate Agents,
- 2) Brabourne Baptist Church on Sunday or Wednesday mornings,
- 3) Val Thorpe, Sandhurst, Canterbury Road

Plain shoeboxes wrapped in Christmas paper can also be used,

Drop Off Point

Please kindly return your filled boxes to Steve's before 17th November:
SJM Estate Agents, Lees Road, Brabourne Lees TN25 6QB

Opening times: Monday – Friday: 9 am – 5 pm

Saturday: 9 am – 3 pm

Tel: 01303 812515

Kind regards

Val Thorpe

Any further information?

Please phone Val Thorpe 01303 813152 or email val_geoff@btopenworld.com

Or contact: samaritans-purse.org.uk/ICC



Pupil Prayer of the Week

Dear God

Thank you for Rosa Parks and her bravery.
Thank you that she stood up for what was right by sitting down.
Help us to be strong like her,
to speak up when something is unfair,
and to treat everyone with kindness and respect.
May we always remember that one small action can change the world.

Amen.

May I wish you all an enjoyable break and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 27th October.

With best wishes,

Andrew Stapley

Headteacher



Class News



Venus Class have designed a beautiful autumnal hanging display inspired by repeating patterns in maths. We have proudly displayed it in the classroom.



Mars class have thoroughly enjoyed Arts Week this week. The theme for the week has been COLOUR and each child has created a canvas inspired by Kandinsky's circles and our prayer cushion in the hall! We have also looked at Frida Kahlo, creating self-portraits with oil pastels and collage and Yayoi Kusama, re-creating her famous dotty pumpkin painting using cotton buds!

We have also been budding authors over the last 2 weeks where we have written our own stories based on 'The Last Wolf' and published and illustrated them to create story books. We have been so impressed with how engaged the children have been with this project and what superb writing has been produced.

The children have also completed a Curriculum writing piece in R.E based on retelling the story of the Lost Son. The children were amazing at recalling the details of the story and they wrote their little hearts out!

We are immensely proud of the children completing a fun and successful first term.



Neptune Class have had great fun during Art Week and have produced some beautiful work. The whole class worked together to sew an incredible new backing for our school piano that will not only brighten up the school hall, but also help us to think of ways we can

care for our wonderful world. The children have also been thinking about the issue of seasonality, and have used mixed media to create abstract paintings inspired by the art of Wassily Kandinsky, while listening to the music of Vivaldi's Autumn. We have been so impressed by the children's enthusiasm and creativity across the week. Well done, Neptune!



As part of our Arts Week, we have been creating Plaster of Paris tiles using natural resources. We are hoping that they will be dry enough to hang up after half term. We have also designed and made Diva lamps which we are hoping to paint at the end of the week before we insert, and light, a candle for a moment of stillness and mindfulness.





KENT EDUCATIONAL
PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE

PARENT CONSULTATION LINE

Free 30 minute phone/video
consultation with an Educational
Psychologist for parents.



The aim of this service is to provide advice and guidance to parents and carers to support children's wellbeing and learning.

Topics or areas that you may wish to discuss might include:

- **Social and emotional issues**
- **Concerns about learning**
- **Family relationships**
- **Concerns about behaviour**
- **Daily routines including sleep**

kepscommunitysupport@kent.gov.uk

If you would like to make use of this service please send a message to the email address above including the following information:

- **your name;**
- **phone number;**
- **a convenient time to call (morning or afternoon)**
- **your child's education phase e.g. early years, primary school, secondary school;**
- **a brief description of what you wish to discuss.**

We will do our best to respond within
10 working days but this may be
subject to availability.



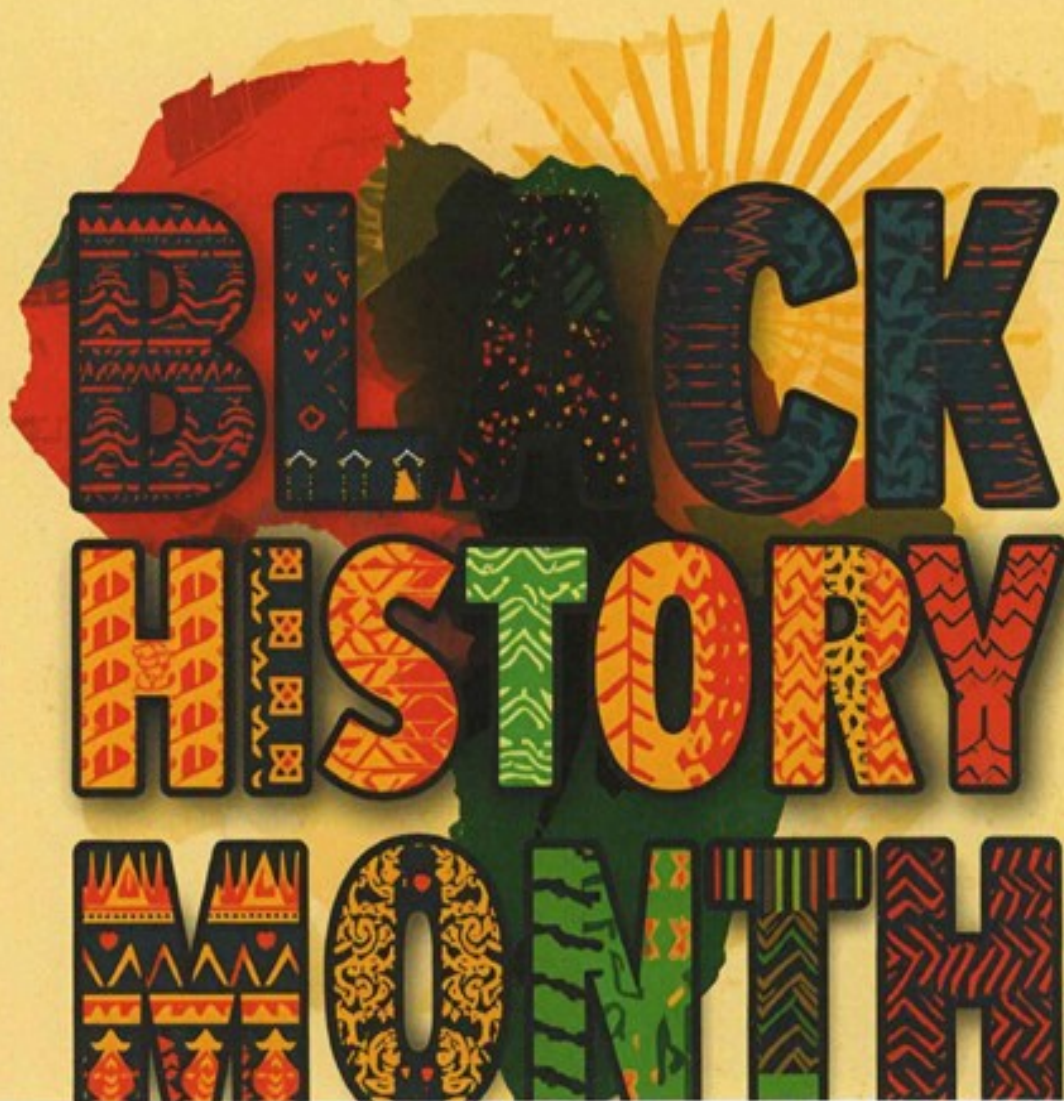
Design Ashford Borough Council's Christmas Card!

Children aged 4 to 11 can enter

Deadline: Sunday 9 November 2025

Submit entries to christmascardcomp@ashford.gov.uk

WIN £30 worth of Waterstones vouchers and
10 printed cards to send to family and friends.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

CELEBRATION IN ASHFORD October 18th 2025

Come and hear black voices, stories from the African Caribbean Community in Ashford. There will be Music, and a delicious Caribbean buffet.

Free Event (with Extra Goodies for Sale)

2-6pm

Venue

Elwick Club

Church Road TN24 1RD



Organised by The
Hope tree & Jays
Soul food
restaurant

**Event supported by Ashford Borough
Council**

contact: 07444299575

We are delighted
to invite you
to the 20th
Annual



**Thursday October
30th 2025**

6.00 – 9.00 pm

(Special preview for disabled
visitors 5.30 – 6.00 pm)

Check out our website
elhamchristmasmarket.co.uk
for more information.

FOR PILGRIMS HOSPICES

We are absolutely DELIGHTED to tell you that our very popular festive event, with over 35 stalls, in a fabulous festive atmosphere, offering unique and special Christmas gifts, including:

Jewellery ✳ Sculpture ✳ Pottery ✳ Lino Cut Prints ✳ Art ✳ Candles
Fudge ✳ Linens ✳ Accessories ✳ Christmas Cards and Decorations
Wooden Crafts ✳ Garden Gifts, as well as fabulous Local Produce

**will be taking place at:
Elham Village Hall, Elham, Kent, CT4 6SX**

There will also be a fabulous raffle to raise money for the Hospices
(who, as always, desperately need our support)

If you can't make it, check out our website: elhamchristmasmarket.co.uk
with contact details of our lovely traders including their websites,
social media and Etsy. There is also a JustGiving Page for donations and
every £2.00 donated gives you a chance to win a fabulous Luxury Hamper.

We look forward to seeing you on the night....Do please bring your friends!
Please bring cash too for smaller purchases although many traders
can now take card payments.

Entry: £1.00 minimum (kids under 10 go free) – Cash required please!
Please park, weather permitting, in field in Park Lane (opposite the village hall),
or in village itself, leaving main Car Park for those less able!

**Any enquiries contact:
Carol on 01303 840430**





THE HOPE TREE FAMILY
CHILDREN & PARENTS

AUTUMN

HALF TERM ACTIVITIES



20TH & 24TH
OCTOBER 2025

Venue Repton community Centre

Repton Avenue TN24

Time 10-2pm

FREE ENTRY

LUNCH
BAKING
ARTS & CRAFT
GAMES

OUT DOOR ACTIVITY(WEATHER
PERMITTING)

Contact: info@myhopetree.org.uk

07444299575 to book

£6 per day per child

GODINTON HOUSE AND GARDENS



HALF TERM WORKSHOPS GETTING BATTY AT GODINTON! THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER

Start with a bat-tastic trail around the gardens, discovering amazing bat facts. Then warm up inside with a hot drink and make your own bat mobile using natural materials.

Workshop times:

10am - 12pm

1pm - 3pm

TICKET PRICE: £3 PER CHILD

Under 4s are free. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

For more information and to purchase tickets please visit
www.godintonhouse.co.uk

The Godinton House Preservation Trust - Charity No. 1002278

GODINTON HOUSE, GODINTON LANE,
ASHFORD, KENT TN23 3BP



EVENTS

Quex Adventure Farm Park's seasonal events are starting soon. Don't miss out on family friendly fun

Halloween Trick or Treat Trail

Back for its 6th year, join us on our family friendly Trick or Treat Trail in the Spooky Woods, the Bewitched Pumpkin Picking Patch and 'The Slime Blaster Express'.

Are you brave enough to face our Creepy Characters in The Spooky Woods? Survive their terrible tricks and you just might be rewarded with a Spooktacular Sweet Treat.

Oct 18th-26th & 31st - from £20.95

NEW Halloween Fest

Autumnal vibes, scare maze, music, photo spots, suitable for adults, teens and couples.

Oct 24th 25th & 31st - from £19.95pp or £59.95 group of 4

Elf Express 2025

Board the Elf Express this Christmas and immerse yourself in the Magic of the Elf Kingdom and Magical Elf Woods.

With thousands of Christmas lights, sweet treats and unforgettable encounters with Santa's top elves, the Elf Express is a unique and unrivalled interactive theatrical treat.

Dec 6th - Dec 24th / from £22.95 for children

Skate into Quex

Back for 2025 our even bigger and better real Ice Rink is back to let you skate your way into the Christmas spirit! Underneath the canopy of our Giant-Marquee, you can enjoy skating rain or shine. Perfect for skaters from toddlers onwards, it's a fun and friendly introduction to ice skating.

The ideal activity for Best Mates, First Dates and Toddler Play Dates, this unique attraction has strictly limited numbers so will sell out fast! Don't delay, book your skates today!

1st Dec - 31st Dec / from £7.50pp / from £25 Group of 4
Exclusive hire from £299

Contact Us

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info@quexactivitycentre.com

More Information

www.quexadventurefarmpark.com



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