



Respect, Responsibility, Hope, Courage

Brabourne

CofE Primary School

19th December 2025

Message from Fenn and Maisie

We are Fenn and Maisie, the Head Boy and Head Girl of Brabourne Primary School, and we are thrilled to be part of this kind and caring school community.

Over the past term, our school has been very busy with lots of exciting events. We hosted a tea party for members of the local community who have supported our school, and we ran a tuck shop during break times, which raised an amazing £290.00.

We also held our Christmas Fair, which included many fun activities such as raffles, face painting, glitter tattoos, sweets, Christmas-themed gifts, and hyacinths. The hyacinths were planted in pots that were beautifully decorated by our Gardening Club.

Our House Captains organised a fun run in support of Children in Need, raising £200.00. We have also held many House Captain and Eco Team meetings, which we were proud to help lead.

In addition, Mars and Venus classes recreated the Nativity in a wonderful play, Neptune class led the Christmas church service for the school and local community, and Jupiter class performed *The Grinch* on Thursday evening.

All of these events have been organised by the House Captains, the Eco Team, and ourselves, and we are very proud of everything our school has achieved together.

We hope you all enjoy a happy and restful Christmas holiday.

From Maisie and Fenn and all the pupils at Brabourne.



Message from Anna

My name is Anna, and I am the Head of the Eco Team. The rest of the Eco Team and I are planning lots of exciting activities and fundraising events for the new year.

We would also love parents, carers, and pupils to join in by helping our planet in simple but important ways, including:

- Recycling whenever you can
- Not littering
- Donating clothes to charity instead of throwing them away
- Switching your car engine off when you're not driving
- Having fun junk modelling using leftover or unwanted rubbish
- Thinking before you throw things away
- Trying to avoid buying as many plastics as possible

Thank you so much to everyone for your support, and please keep helping to look after our planet.

From,
The Eco Team





A thank you from Mr Graham Lilley

The pupils of the choir were absolutely sensational at the Christingle service. There were so many complimentary comments from the congregation of over 100 people, and it was a very humbling experience for me to lead both the service and the talk.

Every child turned up, and we were joined by one or two additional pupils who attended the service. Their performance of all three pieces was truly amazing — not just in my opinion, but echoed by many who were present.

Thank you all for making this possible.

Having seen what the children can achieve, I would very much like — with the permission of the children and their parents — to continue the choir next year.

I would be very grateful if you could pass on my sincere thanks and admiration.

Kind regards,
Graham



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 19th December	End of Term
Monday 5th January 2026	Start of Term 3

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 - Brabeourne 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.

Operation Christmas Child, a thank you message



Hello Everyone!

What a wonderful response!

A big thank you to all those who so generously supported 'Operation Christmas Child' this year.

101 shoe boxes were donated, along with a large bag of knitwear from Lynn Edwards, lots of beautifully hand knitted dolls from Hazel Terry, a large box of colouring pencils, notepads, small toys, underwear, toothbrushes and bars of soap.

Many people wrapped and supplied their own boxes and I have since heard that some people filled shoeboxes online too.

Some people happily donate year after year, and for some, it's their first time. They will all be very much appreciated by children around the world in war torn countries, including countries where Christians still suffer persecution.

Thank you all for helping to put a smile on so many children's faces this Christmas.

Special thanks to Steve and his friendly staff at SJM Estate Agents for letting people collect and drop off their boxes at the shop.

It was very much appreciated.

Thank you all again and I look forward to your support again next year!

Kindest regards

Val



Canterbury Cathedral Worship transcript

Hello, my name is Tess. I am from Brabourne Church of England Primary School, and our school vision comes from the picture Jesus gave us of the mustard seed, the smallest seed, and how even the tiniest beginning can grow into something strong. As children, this is what we are becoming.

Hello, my name is Freya, and I am also from Brabourne School. Our school saying is: Step up, step out, and speak up, because small actions, like tiny seeds, grow into big change.

In worship today, we learned from the prophet Isaiah to do right, seek justice, and defend the oppressed.

Stepping up means planting a seed of goodness. It means opening your eyes to notice when something isn't right, and understanding when something is unfair.

Stepping out means watering the seed. It means making a brave choice, making a difference, and having courage when times are tough.

Speaking up means the seed is growing into a strong tree. It means using your voice to protect others, challenge injustice, and stand with people who are hurting.

We do this at Brabourne when we say, "Stop, that's not kind," when we invite someone to join our game, and when we donate to people we may never meet.

Now, we'd like you to turn to your partner and share one injustice you have heard or seen; in school, online, or in the world.

And now turn to your partner again and think of one mustard-seed-sized thing you could do this week to step up, step out, or speak up.

Jesus says tiny seeds become huge trees.

Isaiah says small acts become justice.

We can't fix the whole world in one day, but we can change something for one person today.

So what tiny seed will you plant this week?

Will you step up, step out, or speak up?

Because small things done with courage grow big.

Thank you and warm wishes

A huge thank you to our staff, children, governors, and families for making this year such a success. Your support helps make Brabourne CEP School such a warm and welcoming community, where every child can thrive and feel valued.

We wish every member of our community a **Merry Christmas**, a restful break, and a very happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in 2026 with renewed energy, enthusiasm, and many more learning adventures!



*With best wishes,
Andrew Stapley
Headteacher*





Thank You

A huge thank you to our school community for every jazzy jar, bottle, hamper item, cake, teddy, jumper and raffle prize donated that made the Christmas fair possible.

A special thanks to everyone that gave up their time to set up, make the grotto, run a stall and tidy-up -we couldn't do it without you.

We are very grateful to the school staff and children for taking the time to make crafts.

Also to Miles Signs for creating a grotto backdrop, Barclays and Mockford & Hunt Estate Agents for their sponsorship.

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Wishing you all a Merry Christmas from the PTA





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Christmas in the Stour Downs

7th December -

Brabourne Church Christingle 10am
Mersham Village Carol Service 7:30pm



12th December

Stowting Village Carol Service 6pm

14th December

Smeeth Church with Lees Court Carols 5pm
Five Bells. Brabourne Carols 6pm

19th December

Carols on the green in Sellindge 6pm



21st December

Mersham Church Christingle 9:30am
Mersham Church Bringing Light to Loss 3pm
Brabourne Church Carol Service 6pm

24th December

Mersham Crib Service 3pm
Smeeth Crib Service 4pm
Sellindge Crib Service 5pm
Monks Horton Candlelit Carols 6pm
Smeeth Midnight Service 11:30pm



25th December

Mersham Christmas Communion 9:30am
Brabourne Christmas Communion 9:30am
Stowting Christmas Communion 11am