



Respect, Responsibility, Hope, Courage

Brabourne

CofE Primary School

6th February 2026

CREST

This year, part of our School Improvement Plan focuses on further embedding our pupils' access to STEM learning (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). As part of this, we are taking part in the CREST programme (Creativity in Research, Engineering, Science and Technology), which encourages pupils to develop their problem-solving and investigative skills through hands-on challenges.

Our first CREST day took place this week and pupils demonstrated a wide range of important skills. Pupils will continue working towards their projects and will apply for their CREST Award at the end of the year!



COOL Time

COOL Time (Choosing Our Own Learning) continues to go from strength to strength. Our Year 1/2 pupils are now independently uploading evidence of their learning to Seesaw for teacher assessment.

Meanwhile, our Year 3/4 provision is being extended and is nearing completion. This will allow pupils to access a wider range of learning opportunities, including woodwork skills, cooking, sewing, science, and outdoor learning activities.

We would be most grateful to receive any donations of screws/nails/sandpaper/craft wood/doweling - which will be used during COOL Time. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 10th February		Year 5/6 pupils visiting Bridge Primary as part of Artsmark award
Wed 11th February	4.00—5.00 pm	Year 6 visiting Ashford School—Chemistry Academy
Fri 13th February		Cake sale after school - proceeds will be used for minibus expenses End of Term 3 PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO AFTER SCHOOL WRAP AROUND TODAY
Mon 23rd February		Start of Term 4
Sun 1st March	9.00 am—12.00 pm	Ground Force Day!

PTA Events



Thursday 12th February	Break time	Valentine's biscuit sale - £1.00 per pupil
Friday 13th February		PTA non-uniform day - Wear something red/pink or hearty! £1.00 per pupil
Friday 6th March		Wonka Bars - Golden Ticket! £2.00 per chocolate bar
Friday 13th March		Non-uniform day - for a donation of an Easter egg please
Friday 30th March	5.00-7.00 pm	Family Easter Egg bingo! (Further details to follow)

Ground Force Day!

Please join us for our Ground Force Day if you have an hour or so to spare and some handy skills. The event will take place on **Sunday 1st March, 9.00 am –12.00 pm**, and will focus on tidying up the school grounds and carrying out minor repairs, such as jet washing, sweeping and small fixes.

We would be extremely grateful for any help you are able to offer. Thank you for supporting our school!

VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!



Screen Use

Please see the following websites which may offer helpful advice to parents on the use of smartphones and social media.

Smartphone Free Childhood – <https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/>

NSPCC: Online Safety and Access to Technology – <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/access-to-technology-for-different-ages/>

Carbon Action

Our school now has a carbon action plan following the DFE's Sustainability and Climate Change Strategy. Through this plan, we are taking steps to reduce our carbon footprint and promote sustainability across the school.

The Eco Team, have already begun weighing food waste at lunchtimes. This information is being shared during collective worship each week to help chart reductions over time and raise awareness across the school.

Next term, the Eco Team will also be selling a range of eco-friendly items to further raise awareness of plastic pollution. We are very proud of their enthusiasm and commitment to making a positive difference.

Spirituality

Part of our school's development of the whole child is a strong focus on spiritual development. Spirituality can be understood as encouraging children to develop a sense of awe, wonder and connection — helping them to understand themselves, others, the world around them and life's deeper meaning. It is not something that is taught as a single lesson, but something that is nurtured through reflection, creativity, discussion and shared experiences.

At our school, pupils are encouraged to pause to notice, dare to wonder and choose to step out and make a difference. Spirituality is for everyone, regardless of faith or belief, and supports children in developing empathy, curiosity and reflection.

To support this, pupils have access to spirituality corners within classrooms and around the school. These spaces give children valuable opportunities to pause, reflect and think about the world around them in a calm and thoughtful way.

To find out more about our school's approach, please see: <https://www.brabourne.kent.sch.uk/about-us/spirituality/>





Theatre week

As part of our Artsmark application, this week we held Theatre Week! All classes enjoyed KIC workshops linking their current topic learning to drama and dance, while Jupiter Class also enjoyed a fantastic trip to *The Lion King* in the West End.

It was a truly memorable experience for everyone involved.



Goodbye Mrs Graves

We are bidding farewell to Mrs Graves this term who supports in Mars Class.

Mrs Graves has been a valued colleague and we wish her all the best in her new career opportunity.



Visit from Fire brigade

We were delighted to welcome the team from Kent Fire & Rescue Service to our school, who showed our Infant children the fire engine and even allowed them to sit behind the steering wheel! The visit was both exciting and educational, giving the children an insight into the career of a firefighter while also reminding us how to stay safe. It was a true reminder of the fantastic work they do to keep us all safe.



A reminder please to only send in healthy snacks for children to have during break time.



Prayer of the week

Dear God

Thank you for making us all special and unique.

Please help us to be kind to everyone we meet.

Help us to notice when someone is left out.

And give us brave hearts to include them.

Help us to stand up for what is right.

Amen

With best wishes,

Andrew Stapley

Headteacher

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Join us for

Valentine's



Cookie Sale

Thursday 12th February
- playtime. Purchase for
a loved one in time for
the big day or enjoy
yourself!



£1



Non-uniform

Friday 13th February
Wear something red, pink
or lovehearty



£1



Brabourne School PTA

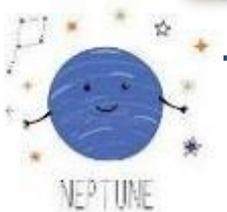


Class News



This week in Venus we have been learning about our feelings through the story *The Colour Monster* and have started using our new Calm Down Den to help us relax and regulate our emotions. In maths, we have been practising numbers 1–10 through fun, practical activities.

We also enjoyed taking part in our Wild Challenges, including a bird watch and making our own bird feeders. In our topic work, we have been learning all about the inspiring Amelia Earhart and her amazing achievements.



Neptune Class enjoyed a deeply reflective experience while exploring recreated First World War trenches and learning about the realities and horrors of warfare. It was a sobering yet fantastic day, with pupils experiencing powerful learning first-hand that brought their history studies to life.



Mars Class have had another wonderfully busy fortnight. We have continued delving into 'The Snail and the Whale' including a phenomenal lesson of hot seating where we asked our honorary snails where they had explored around the world. We had some excellent volunteer snails who took on the role of snail and answered the questions using ideas from the text, their own world knowledge and their imagination. In Maths, we have been enjoying our sequence of lessons on multiplication including creating arrays and understanding commutativity!

Our COOL time has continued to see children accessing a range of tasks with enthusiasm and motivation including map work, creating jellyfish, making silvery snail trail messages and learning all about collective nouns. Did you know a group of flamingos is called a flamboyance?

This week, we have even managed to squeeze in an exciting theatre workshop where we used our imagination to visit the seaside and a day of science tasks to contribute to our CREST award; including an animal adventure, sneezy sniffles and smelly socks!



On Wednesday, we went to London to watch *The Lion King* at the Lyceum Theatre. We left school at 10.45am and arrived on The Embankment at about 12.30pm; having crossed over the River Thames on Westminster Bridge and seeing The London Eye, The Houses of Parliament and The Elizabeth Tower. We were very fortunate with the weather, which meant we could eat our lunch in Victoria Embankment Gardens, behind the Savoy Hotel, before taking the short walk to the theatre. The performance was amazing! We enjoyed the whole experience! On the way home we saw The Tower of London and Tower Bridge. All the Jupiter staff are very proud of every child - they demonstrated excellent behaviour and we were complimented on their manners. It was a memorable trip for everyone!



Paul Hyde's

Football Holiday Club



£30

Per Person per day

Per Person per week

£100

**Years
3-8 welcome**

13th - 16 April 2026: 10:00-15:00

Ashford Prep School, Great Chart, TN23 3DJ

Club Features:

- Football Training
- Skill Development
- Movement Development
- Mini Matches
- Specialised goalkeeping classes
- Coached by professional players
- Limited spaces

Paul Hyde:

is an ex-professional player, and goalkeeper. Paul has played for Wycombe Wanderers, Leyton Orient, Leicester City and played over 350 games for Dover. He has appeared twice at Wembley for Wycome Wanderers and represented England in the C team. He is a qualified UEFA coach.



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Donations needed

Good quality second hand items including clothes and shoes (ladies, men's and children's), toys, linen, bric-a-brac and accessories.



Come along to our Jumble Sale!
Saturday 28th February
10am – 2pm at Age UK Hythe

**These can be dropped off at the following
Community hubs, from
Monday 16th – Wednesday 25th February**

Age UK Ashford, Farrow Court, Stanhope Road, TN23 5RF
Age UK Hythe, Sanford House, Stade Street, CT21 6BD

For further details please contact

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