



Respect, Responsibility, Hope, Courage

# Brabourne

## CofE Primary School

### 11th March 2026



### Ground Force Day -Thank you

We would like to extend a truly heartfelt thank you to everyone who gave their time to support our recent Ground Force Day. The playground has been given a real spring clean and several repairs were completed. Many people also kindly donated materials, tools and resources to support the work. I was genuinely humbled to hear about the number of people who turned up to help and by the generosity of time, energy and goodwill shown throughout the day. On behalf of everyone at the school, thank you for your kindness, community spirit and willingness to get involved. It has been an enormous help - our school community really is a very special place!

### Parent Evenings - Dates for your diary

#### Thursday 19 & Tuesday 24 March

You will be able to book a slot **tomorrow**. A link will be sent via the ParentsEvening system.

### Supporting Our School Community – A Kind Offer from Mockford & Hunt

We are extremely grateful to Mockford & Hunt Estate Agents who have kindly offered to support local schools and charities through a new initiative. When homeowners choose to sell their property with Mockford & Hunt, they can nominate a local school or charity to benefit from the sale. Many families may choose to nominate Brabourne CEP School. Once the sale of the property is completed, Mockford & Hunt will donate 2% of their commission (excluding VAT) directly to the school. For example, if the estate agent’s fee were £3,000 + VAT, the school or charity would receive a £60 donation. This is a generous gesture that could help raise additional funds for the school at no extra cost to families. We are extremely thankful to Mockford & Hunt for supporting our school in this way. Please to feel free to share with family and friends looking to sell their home.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 12th March	1.45 pm	Venus & Mars Class Mothers’ Day afternoon
Friday 13th March		PTA Non uniform day for a donation of an Easter egg
Thursday 19th March	3.30 pm - 7.15pm	Parents’ Evening
Friday 20th March	5.00 pm- 7.00pm	PTA Easter Bingo
Tuesday 24th March	3.30 pm - 7.15pm	Parents’ Evening
Thursday 26th March		Year R Vision & Hearing Testing
Thursday 2nd April		End of Term 4



## Community afternoon

Thank you to the children and super volunteers who created such a brilliant atmosphere in the school hall and treated some special guests from the village to a delicious afternoon cream tea! It was a truly lovely afternoon enjoyed by all. Here are some of the thanks from our invitees:

"I would like to thank you and the school for such an enjoyable Afternoon Tea yesterday. The lovely tea, beautifully and attentively served by the assembled book characters was a real treat and we would be grateful if you would thank all those involved."

"What an amazing afternoon. I wanted you to know how much we both enjoyed and appreciated this afternoon."

"The children dressed in their Harry Potter outfits were so colourful and incredibly helpful and courteous. As for the tea, the staff who prepared the sandwiches, cakes, sausage rolls and my favourite "cheese scones" deserve praise indeed.

"It was a joy to see so many familiar faces and the children were a pleasure to be with."

"Thank you ALL SO MUCH for an uplifting experience , it was as good as a prescribed tonic!"

"Dear Mr Stapley, the Staff, the team of volunteers and the children, Thank you so much for a really delicious Community Tea yesterday. The children served us so confidently and they looked so enchanting in their World Book Day costumes."

"It was especially kind of you to organise the tea party on Alan's birthday! He greatly enjoyed being pampered!"

"Please give our thanks to all the children who served us so enthusiastically. We are always really impressed by the happy atmosphere at Brabourne School."



## Valentine's Day Cookie Sale

A huge thank you to our PTA and pupil volunteers who organised a fantastic Valentine's Day Cookie Sale. The delicious treats proved incredibly popular and were enjoyed by children and staff alike.

Thanks to the enthusiasm and hard work of everyone involved, the sale raised an impressive **£237** for the school. Events like this are a lovely way for our community to come together while helping to support opportunities for our children.

A big thank you to everyone who baked, organised, volunteered and, of course, bought a cookie!





### World Book Day

The school was filled with colour and imagination as pupils arrived dressed as their favourite book characters for World Book Day. From classic heroes to magical characters, it was wonderful to see such creativity and enthusiasm for stories and books.



### Chemistry Lab Visit to Ashford School

A huge thank you to Ashford School for hosting our pupils for a Chemistry Lab afternoon. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to step into a real secondary school laboratory and experience hands-on science in action.

During the visit, pupils explored chemical reactions, observing colour changes, fizzing reactions and temperature shifts. They also investigated the properties of materials, learning more about solids, liquids and gases and how materials respond to heat and mixing.

The children were introduced to the periodic table, discovering how elements are grouped, what atomic numbers mean and why different elements behave the way they do. They also learned about important lab skills and safety, using equipment carefully and understanding why precision is so important in science.

It was an inspiring afternoon and a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to experience science beyond the classroom.

## Lunar New Year Celebrations

Our pupils enjoyed a wonderful day learning about and celebrating the Lunar New Year, exploring the traditions and stories behind the Chinese zodiac and discovering that 2026 marks the Year of the Horse.

Throughout the day, the children took part in a range of creative and cultural activities. They made beautiful red lanterns, practised Chinese character art and calligraphy, and enjoyed music and movement inspired by traditional celebrations.

The celebrations also included making and tasting Chinese food, followed by a delicious Chinese buffet lunch. To finish the day, everyone enjoyed opening a fortune cookie, bringing a fun and memorable end to a fantastic day of learning and cultural celebration.



## Prayer of the week

Dear God,

Thank you for our school and for the chance to learn something new every day. Thank you for our teachers who help us, our friends who make us smile, and for a place where we feel safe and welcome. Help us to be kind, to try our best and to help each other when things are difficult. We are grateful for our school and for all the opportunities we have here.

*Amen*

## Primary Singing Festival at Highworth

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils had a great day taking part in the Primary Singing Festival at Highworth School. It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to sing alongside pupils from other schools and experience the joy of performing together as part of a much larger choir.

The standard of singing was excellent and our pupils represented the school beautifully with their enthusiasm, confidence and teamwork.

If any children were inspired by the event and/or would like to pursue further singing opportunities, please see the link below for more information.

Click here to hear some of the children's lovely singing: [Facebook](#)

### Singing Courses

[Summer Singing Course - Kent Music](#)

[Ashford Junior Choir - Kent Music](#) (first half term free)

Please note that Financial Assistance covering 75% of the cost of these activities is available to pupils who meet the criteria. Further details can be found here: [Financial Assistance Scheme - Kent Music](#)

With best wishes, Andrew Stapley Headteacher



**FRIDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 5PM TO 7PM**

**£5**

**LOTS OF PRIZES  
TO BE WON!**

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EASTER  
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**BRABOURNE SCHOOL PTA**

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