



Respect, Responsibility, Hope, Courage

# Brabourne

CofE Primary School

2nd April 2026

## Happy Easter

As we draw to the close of what has been a busy and successful term, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my warmest wishes to you all for a very happy and peaceful Easter.

I would also like to express my sincere thanks to those of you who took the time to speak with the inspector during our recent SIAMS inspection. We are incredibly grateful for your support throughout this process.

I am pleased to share the SIAMS report with you on the next page. It reflects the hard work and dedication of our whole school community, and we are proud of the outcome.

We hope that you enjoy a well-deserved break with your loved ones, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Tuesday, 21st April** for the start of the summer term.

With best wishes for a joyful and restful Easter break,

Mr. Stapley

## Mother's Day Afternoon

The infants had a fantastic afternoon of singing and crafts for Mother's Day. The children sang beautifully and were full of enthusiasm. They also enjoyed creating thoughtful crafts, which they were excited to share with their loved ones. Thank you to all the families who came along to enjoy such a lovely occasion.



## Cross Country Success at Spring Grove

Our pupils took part in the cross country event at Spring Grove and performed brilliantly. We are especially proud to celebrate two fantastic second-places—an excellent achievement! All of the children showed great determination and resilience in this challenging endurance event, and we are incredibly proud of how well they represented the school.



## Tuck Shop

A huge well done to our House Captains, who organised and ran a brilliant tuck shop to raise money for Red Nose Day. Thanks to the generosity of our school community, they raised an amazing £237! We are incredibly proud of their leadership and teamwork.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 20th April		Staff INSET day— school is closed today
Tuesday 21st April		Term 5 begins

## **SIAMS Inspection – A Celebration of Our School Community**

We are delighted to share the outcome of our recent SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection, which took place on 23rd March.

The inspection recognised that “Brabourne Church of England Primary School is living up to its foundation as a Church school and is enabling pupils and adults to flourish.”

The inspector highlighted many strengths of the school, including our clear and inspiring Christian vision, our inclusive and welcoming ethos, and the strong relationships that ensure every member of our community feels “known and valued.”

Our curriculum was praised as “creative” and “inspiring,” enabling pupils to develop resilience, confidence and a passion for learning, while also preparing them well for life beyond our school. The inspector also noted that our children were articulate and rightly proud of their work.

It was particularly pleasing to see recognition of our pupils, who were described as taking on meaningful roles and “stepping up, step out and speak up when they see things are unfair.”

Collective worship and spirituality were also celebrated as being central to school life, providing opportunities for reflection, growth and a deeper understanding of the world around us.

As with all inspections, there is always an area for development. The report encourages us to further strengthen how opportunities for spiritual development are planned across the curriculum—something we are already well on the way to as part of our ongoing school improvement work.

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the parents and families who spoke with the inspector or shared their views. Your support, honesty and engagement play a vital role in shaping our school and were an important part of the inspection process.

Finally, thank you for your continued support. This report reflects not just the work of staff and governors, but the strength of our whole school community. We are proud of what we have achieved together and excited about the next steps on our journey.

The full report is attached for your information.

### **Headline Quotes**

“A carefully crafted Christian vision and associated values lie at the heart of Brabourne.”

“The Christian vision permeates throughout school life.”

“Strong trusting relationships shape a supportive culture where pupils and adults are known and valued.”

“A strong sense of welcome and community pervades the school.”

“Pupils and adults feel valued, recognised, supported, and empowered to grow and thrive together.”

“The rich, varied and inclusive curriculum gives pupils an understanding of the wider world and prepares them for life.”

“Pupils are challenged through a broad, engaging, and inspiring curriculum to develop their resilience and a passion for learning.”

Pupils articulate the need for deep respect and understanding of the beliefs and practices of those around them. They actively 'step up, step out and speak up' when they see things are unfair.

“The creative, biblically rooted curriculum design widens the context of this small village school.”

“Collective worship and spirituality are deeply rooted in Brabourne's vision, fostering reflection, inclusivity, and inspiration.”

“Pupils identify worship as a place to think and feel. This promotes deeper connections with self, others, and the world.”

“Pupils are empowered as leaders and advocates for positive change.”

“Each pupil strives to be the best they can be. Strong relationships with families, the community, and a local collaboration of schools ensure pupils and adults feel valued, recognised, supported, and empowered to grow and thrive together.”

## Gardening Club News

What an amazing job the children have done in planting up such a beautiful space! We would urge everyone to go and look at the sunlight pouring through the daffodils. And to buy something from the shop to keep the garden club going! As you can see there are plenty more healthy veg seedlings coming through...



The volunteers and children from the school Gardening Club just want to say a huge thank you to all the Committee Members in the Brabourne and Smeeth Gardener's Society for creating a special class at their Annual Spring Show last Friday. Each child received a beautiful certificate made by the society, making it very special. Thank you so much for going the extra mile, it means a lot, there were 16 entries! The gardens were admired by all those who attended the show, including the judge. Congratulations to the Gardening Club children.

## Message from Folkestone School For Girls

This year we are running five open mornings from Monday 27th April to Friday 1st May 2026 from 9.15am to 10.45am at the school for Year 5 girls.

It will give prospective students and their parents/carers the chance to see the school in action and hear from the principal about all the opportunities on offer at The Folkestone School for Girls. If you wish to attend, can you please register via our website here: <https://www.folkestonegirls.kent.sch.uk/events-and-key-dates/year-5-open-mornings-2026/>

## Prayer of the week

*Dear God,*

*Thank you for the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem, when people welcomed him with joy, waving palm branches and shouting "Hosanna!"*

*Teach us to be kind, gentle and brave, just like Jesus showed us.*

*Help us to bring peace to others, and to choose love, even when it is difficult.*

*Amen*



# Class News

In Venus Class, we have been busy exploring shape and pattern. The children have created some fantastic repeating patterns using dominoes and a range of natural materials, showing great creativity and attention to detail. We have also been developing our speaking and listening skills by creating riddles about different mini beasts and challenging our friends to guess which creature we were describing—this was great fun and really got everyone thinking!

We are incredibly proud of our beautiful Easter garden, which the children have worked hard to create and care for. It has been lovely to see their teamwork and creativity shine through. During our outdoor learning sessions, we explored the environment and visited the pond, where we learned all about water safety and how to keep ourselves safe around different bodies of water.



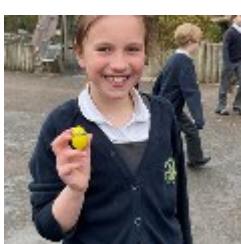
Mars class have been enjoying the build-up to Easter. We have been practising our 'Spring Chicken' song, which we performed beautifully at the Easter Church service. We have also worked hard on our RE Curriculum Write in which we recalled the events of Holy week through retelling the Easter story. We have been enjoying Easter-themed activities in COOL time including Easter card making, Easter egg shops and even an Easter egg scavenger hunt in our outdoor area. We are now looking forward to a playful and restful Easter holiday!




Neptune class have been working hard in Science this term learning about 'States of matter.' We conducted an experiment to find out which chocolate melted the quickest – milk, dark or white. They were very careful in their observations and most groups found that the dark chocolate melted first. Usually, the rule is that we don't eat the Science! But as it was nearly Easter I made an exception!

Mars and Neptune class also enjoyed an Easter egg hunt!

Jupiter has finished our topic on Extreme Earth by creating our own Ring of Fire with our 3D volcanoes. We went down to the field to create the horseshoe. Then we used bicarbonate of soda, red food colouring and vinegar to create the irreversible change that caused the volcanic eruptions.





**Easter at**  
**St Mary the Blessed Virgin,**  
**Brabourne**

**Palm Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

**Donkey Parade**

**Starts at Five Bells 9.15am**  
**Service in Church at 9.30am**

**Easter Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

**Service 10am**



# WE NEED YOU!

## Will you join the PTA?

After five wonderful years of service, our current committee is looking for new members to take the lead. Don't worry — joining doesn't mean a five-year commitment! Any time and support you can offer makes a difference. If we keep the PTA going, we can continue enjoying fun events like bingo and our Christmas and summer fairs.

### WHAT WE DO

The PTA helps strengthen the school community and improve the overall experience by raising funds for resources such as school equipment and school trips. This is achieved through organising a variety of events and fundraising activities.

## Why join the PTA?



Make your voice heard

Stay informed

Support your child

Connect with parents

Share your ideas

We'd love your **SKILLS**, **EXPERTISE**, **TALENTS**, **TIME** and **ENERGY**

Please contact us at [brabournecepspta@gmail.com](mailto:brabournecepspta@gmail.com)

