



# Brabourne

CofE Primary School

22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026



## Miss Unsworth's Award

We were incredibly proud to attend the Kent Education Awards last week to support Miss Unsworth, who was awarded **Ashford Teacher of the Year 2026**.

For those of you whose children have been taught by Miss Unsworth, I am sure you will join me in recognising the tremendous contribution she makes to our school as both our Year 5/6 teacher and Assistant Headteacher. Her dedication, commitment and care for every child are truly exceptional, and this award is richly deserved.

A message from Miss Unsworth:

"Thank you to everyone who nominated me for the teaching award. Thank you for the incredibly beautiful words you wrote, thank you for taking time out of your busy lives to write the nominations, and thank you for believing that I am deserving of this accolade. Thank you also to everyone who has congratulated me.

I feel truly honoured and blessed to teach at our amazing school and to be part of such a fantastic team and supportive community.'

A huge thank you also to Ginny, who kindly made every child a cupcake to help us celebrate this wonderful news."

## Platinum Award

We are incredibly proud to have achieved the Platinum School Games Mark; a culmination of five years of hard work, commitment and sporting achievement at Brabourne.

For a small school, this recognition is a tremendous achievement and reflects the dedication of so many people over the years. We would like to thank our sports coaches, volunteer helpers, and supportive parents and families who give up their time to transport and cheer on our teams at every opportunity.

This award is not only recognition for attending fixtures and competitions, but also for our broader commitment to sport and physical activity across the school. Alongside traditional sports, pupils have experienced a wide range of opportunities over the years, including golf, curling and wheelchair basketball. It also reflects our commitment to outdoor learning, active playtimes, and a balance of both competitive and inclusive inter and intra sporting events.

Most importantly, thank you to our pupils. This award recognises not only success, but also the determination, resilience and sportsmanship they demonstrate each day — winning with humility and losing with grace. We could not be prouder of them all (past and present!).



Respect | Responsibility | Courage | Hope

*Sow the Seeds, Nurture, Watch Them Grow*



## In memory of Sasha

We would like to send our heartfelt thanks to the Ghosh family for the beautiful bench now placed by our main gate in memory of Sasha Ghosh, a former pupil of Brabourne.

Sasha was a wonderfully bright and talented pupil who excelled in many areas of the curriculum, but particularly in gymnastics, where she went on to perform at an international level. Even during her illness, Sasha continued to visit us and say hello, remaining a valued part of the Brabourne family.

Many staff hold very fond memories of Sasha and, personally, I remember chatting with her near the very spot where the beautiful bench now stands. It is a fitting place for children to sit peacefully whilst waiting to go home, and I know it will be appreciated by many members of our school community for years to come.

With much love and gratitude to the Ghosh family for their kindness and continued support of our school over the last 15 years.



### Toys and pens from home

A polite reminder to families that children should not bring pens, toys or other items from home into school unless specifically requested by the class teacher. These items can easily become lost or damaged and can sometimes cause distractions or disagreements between children.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

## Thank you!

A huge thank you to all the parents and families who came along to our latest Ground Force Day. We are truly humbled by your kindness and support, as well as by the generous donations of items and materials to help improve our school environment.

Your time, effort and generosity make such a difference to our children and wider school community, and we are so very grateful for everything you do to support Brabourne.

## Dates for your diary

Monday 1st June		Staff Development Day—school closed
Tuesday 2nd June		First Day of Term 6 <b>Non-uniform for a donation of a Jazzy Jar</b>
Monday 8th June		School photographer taking class photos
Thursday 11th June	5.30 pm	Year 5 meeting regarding secondary transition
Friday 12th June		<b>Non-uniform for a donation of an unwanted toy</b> Pupil-led sweet sale after school for charity
Friday 19th June		<b>Non-uniform for donation of a bottle for the tombola</b>

## New catering provider

We are delighted to announce that, from September, our school meals will be provided by Nourish, an exciting new partnership for our school community. Nourish will provide meals at the same price as our current provider, Caterlink, whilst offering a fresh approach centred around healthy, nutritious and high-quality meals for children.



We are really looking forward to working with Nourish and sharing further information about menus, theme days and arrangements later this term. In the meantime, to find out more about Nourish, please visit their website:

[Nourish Contract Catering - nourish contract catering](https://www.nourishcontractcatering.com)

We are excited to be launching our very first Brabourne Holiday Club this May half term in partnership with PopupPlay! We are delighted to be able to offer three mornings packed with fun, activities and creativity for our children over the holidays.

## Sporting News!

We have had another fantastic few weeks of sport at Brabourne!

Our netball team enjoyed a wonderful match against Smeeth Primary. It was fantastic to see the pupils supporting one another, showing resilience and demonstrating such positive sportsmanship throughout the game.

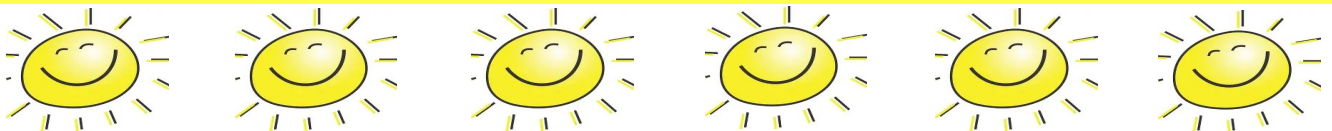
Our Y5/6 footballers also enjoyed a friendly match against Sellindge Primary, whilst our Y3/4 football team took part in a tournament in Folkestone, representing the school brilliantly.

Year 6 have also successfully completed their two days of training, developing their confidence and road safety skills whilst cycling.

A huge congratulations to Amara in Year 2, who took part in her first ever triathlon. Competing against children aged 8–10 despite being just 7½, Amara achieved the second-fastest swim time, the fastest run and finished as the first girl competitor overall — an incredible achievement!



A massive congratulations also to Audra, Juliet and Pippa, who completed the children's marathon in London, and to Eleanor who completed the 5k inflatable challenge — fantastic achievements all round!



## Prayer of the week:

*Dear Lord*

*Thank you for our farmers, and food, our school and our friends. We are so grateful.*

*Amen*

Wishing all of our families a wonderful half term! We hope you enjoy some well-deserved rest, lots of sunshine, adventures, and plenty of ice creams along the way. Thank you, as always, for your continued support — we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the final part of the term!



# Class News



In Venus Class we have been very busy with lots of exciting learning! We went on a mission into space where we made space helmets and explored the Artemis II mission, learning how astronauts eat, sleep and wash their hair in space.

We have also welcomed 17 duck eggs into Venus Class and are very excited to watch them hatch. The children have loved learning about the life cycle of a duck and plants. We have been growing tomatoes, flowers, strawberries and cress, and have enjoyed reading *The Tiny Seed* together.

In maths, we have been learning about addition and subtraction by adding one more and taking one away. We have also learnt about recycling and the importance of keeping our Earth clean. In our habitats learning, we even had the chance to look closely at an old wasp hive!



Mars have had a wonderful last Outdoor Learning session with Tom this week. We explored the stream, used flint and steel to make sparks, built a fire, hunted for suitable sticks and toasted marshmallows!

We have also created our own woodland stories this week inspired by our class text. We have become authors using a similar storyline to Anthony Browne. The children have used their imagination wonderfully well and should be so proud of their writing.



Neptune class have been learning about foods in French this term. Last week they enjoyed ordering food in French. The 'pain au chocolat' was particularly popular! In Music we listened to some of the 2026 entries for Eurovision. Our results were different from the ones on Saturday night with the UK winning with 15 points! 'eins zwei drei with a slice of pepperoni!'



As part of our Scavengers and Settlers topic, we have been learning about cave paintings. Stone Age people used different methods to create their artwork, which depicted their everyday lives. These methods included: brushing, dabbing, stamping, smearing, spraying and engraving. They used charcoal (from their fires), berries, chalk and blood to illustrate on the cave walls. Sometimes they mixed spit with charcoal to make a drawing paste. We used chalk, oil pastels and charcoal to create our cave paintings on pieces of wood covered in sand.





## NON-UNIFORM DAY

*In exchange for an unwanted  
Children's toy or Soft Toy*



**Brabourne**

CofE Primary School

The PTA really appreciates your support for the Summer Fair through donations in exchange for Non Uniform days.

Every contribution helps make the event a success for the children and school community.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

A message from Di Dawson:

Smeeth will be having an open to all Nature Count in the churchyard on the afternoon of the 7th June from 2.00pm. The idea is that people wander around the churchyard and note all that they see in the way of flora and fauna, birds, insects, trees etc. We then collate the findings. We should have some information available to help and there will be simple refreshments too. If any of your families might be interested that would be lovely.

Additionally later in June we have our annual coffee concerts.

St Mary's Smeeth Coffee Concerts  
11.00—11.30 Concert in the Church  
11.30—12.00 Refreshments  
June 20th  
Tallis Quintet  
including John Hall flute  
June 27th  
Gemma Norford – Clarinet  
July 4th  
Alice Hall - Violin

Tickets (available on the door)

Adults: £8 including concert and refreshments

Or

£20 for all 3 concerts if booked at the first event

Children: Free and very welcome



Come and find out more about Girlguiding, join in with some unit activities and have fun!

1st Brabourne & Smeeth Scout & Guide HQ, Church Road, Smeeth, TN25 6SA  
(What3Words: hatter.educates.losses)

Wednesday 8th July 2026

5.30pm - 6.45pm  
Rainbows (age 4 - 7)  
Brownies (age 7 - 10)

6.45pm - 8.30pm  
Guides (age 10 - 14)  
Rangers (age 14 - 18)

Who? Girls between the ages of 4 - 18

Girlguiding WE DISCOVER, WE GROW.

BRABOURNE SCHOOL

SUMMER

FAIR

FRIDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 3PM  
(AFTER SPORTS DAY)

please bring  
family and friends!

BBQ'S AND  
REFRESHMENTS

BOUNCY  
CASTLE

CAKES

GAMES

ICE CREAM

RAFFLE

DONKEYS

TOMBOLA

FUN  
FOR ALL  
AGES!

AND MUCH MORE!

# THE HOPE TREE MAY HALF TERM CHILDREN & PARENT ACTIVITY DAYS

**28TH & 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026**

**£6 per child  
per day**

**10-2PM**

**lunch  
provided**

Arts /crafts, games, baking , workshop, McDonald's  
and cinema trip



Venue on the 28<sup>th</sup> Godinton Village Hall  
Loudon Way TN23 3JJ

**For more information and to book contact :**  
**info@myhopetree.org.uk**  
**web:www.myhopetree.org.uk**

# JOIN AN iROCK BAND TODAY

iRock

There are spaces in bands at your school  
secure a spot and join the fun!

At iRock, children experience the thrill of being in a band! Led by our passionate and professional Band Coaches, our weekly 30-minute in-school band lessons are designed for pupils from from age 4 to 11.

## Music for all!

Through our partnership with **RSL Awards (Ofqual-regulated)**, a global provider of creative and performing arts qualifications, iRock offers **exam-free music qualifications** as part of our curriculum. Each week, children build their musical skills, confidence, and teamwork as they progress through iRock lessons, all within a welcoming and inclusive environment where every child feels they belong.

## Feel like a rockstar!

The excitement culminates every term in a live concert, where children perform as a band for their families and peers. These performances sit at the heart of the iRock curriculum, bringing together the skills children have developed in lessons while offering more than just a showcase; they provide an opportunity to build self-esteem, strengthen confidence, and experience the joy of accomplishment.

## Choose your instrument...



VOCALS



GUITAR



DRUMS



KEYS



Hassle-free, rolling **monthly subscription\***



**No experience needed** and all instruments are provided



Every lesson supports progress towards music qualifications with **RSL Awards**



Parents/guardians can access our **online portal** for updates, pictures and videos



**First lesson money-back guarantee** (and you can cancel at anytime)



Start your child's  
iRock journey!

# ENROL NOW

[www.irockschool.com/enrol](http://www.irockschool.com/enrol)

0330 174 2655

[info@irockschool.com](mailto:info@irockschool.com)

\*Monthly cost shown after selecting your child's school (before enrolment is confirmed).

# Brigade Uniform

Please could you share the details below with both your current parents and new September starters, reminding them that the code **LASTCHANCE15** must be entered at checkout to receive the discount.

## Promotion Details

- Dates: **Friday 29th May – Midnight Sunday 31st May 2026**
- Offer: 15% Discount
- Code: **LASTCHANCE15**

Website: [Brigade Parents Ordering Site](#)

Thank you for your support in sharing this information with your parents.

**We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of our summer ordering deadlines and kindly ask that you also share these with parents and include them within the uniform section of your school website.**

## 📅 KEY SUMMER DEADLINE DATES - 📅 Order early to avoid the Back to School rush!

- **Direct to School (Delivery to School)** – Order by **Friday 12th June** for free delivery to school before the summer holidays\*

*\*From Saturday 13th June, all orders will switch to Parents Direct (Home Delivery).*

- **Parents Direct (Home Delivery)** – Order by **Friday 17th July** for delivery before the new September term.
- **Wholesale Orders** – Order by **Friday 12th June** for delivery to school before the end of the summer term.

**BRIGADE ARE PROUD TO BE ONE OF THE TOP RATED SCHOOL UNIFORM PROVIDERS ON TRUST PILOT WITH A RATING OF 4.6\***

<https://www.trustpilot.com/review/brigade.uk.com>



AGES 4-11  
**FREE!**

New Wells  
**Kids**

# HOLIDAY CLUB

10AM TO 12NOON

**FINBERRY - WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY**  
KENT INVICTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, ASHFORD BUSINESS POINT,  
WATERBROOK AVENUE SEVINGTON, TN24 0LH

**BRABOURNE - THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY**  
NEW WELLS BRABOURNE, PLAIN ROAD, TN25 6QN

**WILLESBOROUGH - FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY**  
NEW WELLS ASHFORD, HYTHE ROAD, TN24 0QR

SOFT PLAY BUS, SPORTS, CRAFTS, GAMES,  
STORIES, PRIZES, SURPRISES, UPFRONT LED FUN,  
AND MUCH MORE



**SIGN UP**

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[www.newwells.church/kids](http://www.newwells.church/kids)



# STARTERS FOOTBALL ACADEMY

ASHFORD



FRIDAY EVENING'S



GODINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL, TN23 3JR

ALL SESSIONS TAKEN BY PREMIER LEAGUE ACADEMY COACH WILL ROURKE

SCHOOL YEARS R, 1 & 2



4:30-5:30PM

SCHOOL YEAR 3-6



5:30-6:30PM

## JOIN NOW!



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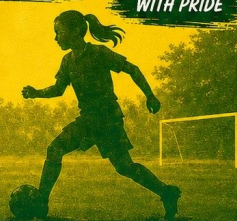
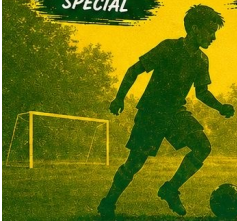
ASHFORD DISTRICT SCHOOLS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

# PLAYERS WANTED!

BE PART OF  
SOMETHING  
SPECIAL

## REGISTER TO TRIAL

REPRESENT  
YOUR DISTRICT  
WITH PRIDE



### TRIALS FOR NEXT SEASON'S REPRESENTATIVE SQUADS



**OPEN TO ALL PLAYERS**  
who attend an Ashford school



**CURRENT SCHOOL YEARS 3-9**



**BOYS & GIRLS WELCOME**



**DEVELOP YOUR GAME**  
Represent your district and achieve your best!



**TO REGISTER:**

Please complete the online form displayed on our Facebook page or email us.

**DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE!**

**BE PART OF OUR FUTURE. WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU!**



REACH OUT VIA EMAIL:  
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*YOUR TIME. THEIR FUTURE. OUR COMMUNITY.*