



Respect, Responsibility, Hope, Courage

Brabourne

CofE Primary School

Friday 11th September 2026



Welcome Back

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back to school for the start of a new academic year. There has been such a positive atmosphere around the school already, and it has been lovely to see the children returning full of enthusiasm and ready for the year ahead.

The children have looked incredibly smart in their uniforms, and we are very proud of the way they have represented the school from the very first day.

A particularly warm welcome goes to our new Year R children and their families. They have made a fantastic start to life at Brabourne, settling into their new routines, making friends and beginning to explore everything school has to offer. We are delighted to have them as part of our school family.

We are looking forward to another exciting year of learning, opportunities and achievements, and to sharing our plans, developments and successes with you through our newsletters over the year ahead.



Brabourne Achieves Artsmark Gold!

We are absolutely delighted to share that Brabourne has been awarded Artsmark Gold, recognising the strength of arts, creativity and culture across our school.

This is a fantastic achievement and the culmination of a journey involving our children, staff, governors and the many artists, organisations and partners who have worked alongside us. The Artsmark assessment recognised that the arts have become a “vibrant part of our school’s ethos”, increasingly embedded across the curriculum and providing our children with a rich range of creative experiences.

The assessors particularly praised the way we have connected art, creativity, spirituality and RE, reflecting our distinctive character as a Church of England school and encouraging children to become thoughtful and reflective learners. They also highlighted the breadth of artists, genres and craftspeople our children encounter from Reception through to Year 6, alongside our work with theatres, galleries, other schools and international partners.

A huge congratulations and thank you to everyone who has contributed. We cannot wait to see where Brabourne's next creative journey takes us!



**Artsmark
Gold Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England



Our Key Concept: Power & Legitimacy

Our whole-school Key Concept this term is Power & Legitimacy.

Power is the ability to influence, lead or control people and events, while legitimacy explores what gives someone the right or authority to hold and use that power. Across the school, children will consider questions such as: Who should be in charge? What makes a good leader? Where does authority come from? And when is the use of power fair or justified?

Venus Class – Who is in Charge? Our youngest pupils will begin by thinking about leadership, rules and the different people who help make decisions in their lives.

Mars Class – What Makes a Successful Monarch? Children will explore monarchy and consider the qualities, actions and decisions that can make a ruler successful.

Neptune Class – How Did the Romans Use Power to Govern and Rule? Pupils will investigate how the Romans gained, organised and maintained power across their vast empire.

Jupiter Class – Which Is Better: Democracy or Dictatorship? Our oldest pupils will compare different systems of government, considering who holds power, how decisions are made and what makes authority legitimate.

Click on each class name above to view their curriculum plans and find out more about what they will be learning this term.

PE and Outdoor Learning Days

Please see below for our PE and Outdoor Learning days this term:

Venus Class: Wednesday – PE

Mars Class: Thursday – Outdoor Learning; Friday – PE

Neptune Class: Wednesday and Thursday – PE

Jupiter Class: Wednesday and Friday – PE; Thursday – Outdoor Learning

Year 5: Swimming takes place on Thursdays

Please ensure that children come into school wearing the appropriate kit on these days.

Attendance

Regular attendance is one of the most important ways we can support children to thrive at school. Being in school every day helps pupils to build strong friendships, keep up with their learning and make the most of all the opportunities available to them.

We are very grateful for the continued support of our families in promoting good attendance and punctuality. We also understand that children will occasionally be too unwell to attend, and we ask parents and carers to keep the school informed whenever this is the case.

Please note that holidays taken during term time cannot be authorised. We therefore ask families to ensure that holidays are booked within the school holiday periods.

You can read our full Attendance Policy here: [Brabourne CEP Attendance Policy – February 2026](#)

Thank you for working with us to ensure every child has the best possible opportunity to learn and succeed.



Dates for your diary

It has been lovely to see the children returning to school looking so smart and taking such pride in their appearance.

A reminder that school ties and book bags can be purchased directly from the school office.

Full details of our school uniform, including expectations and guidance, can be found here:

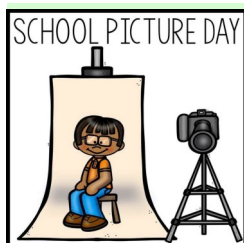
[Uniform – Brabourne Church of England Primary School](#)

Thank you, as always, for your support in helping our children represent Brabourne so proudly.

Friday 2nd October	Flu Immunisation
Sunday 4th October	Ground Force Day!
Monday 5th October	School Photographer visiting for individual photos
Tuesday 6th October	Parents Evening— No After School Wrap Around today
Thursday 8th October	Parents Evening— No After School Wrap Around today
Friday 23rd October	END OF TERM 1



Parents, carers and loved ones can find support and answers to common questions on the [Kent Family website](https://family.kent.nhs.uk). It brings together trusted information and advice for families before and after birth, through childhood and up to age 19.



Sarah Prescott, photographer, will be visiting school on Monday 5th October to take individual photographs. If you would like a sibling photograph to include your pre-school child(ren), please come along to the school hall (entering via the outside hall door) at **8.00**

am when Sarah will be taking these.

Please ensure all children are wearing correct uniform with their school jumpers/cardigans. Thank you.

Sunflower Competition



Just a reminder to send in your photographs and measurements as soon as possible. Please email to: office@brabourne.kent.sch.uk

Thank you



Parent Governor Vacancy

Please see the accompanying letter regarding our Parent Governor vacancy. If you are interested in the role and would like any further information about what it involves, please do come and speak to me — I would be very happy to answer any questions.

Simon Langton Girls

We have been asked to share the following link for Year 6 parents, which gives details of open mornings and evening that will take place in October.

<https://www.langton.kent.sch.uk/admissions/year-6-open-mornings-and-open-evening>

A wonderful way to celebrate those working in education across Kent and Medway

Kent Education Awards

The Kent Education Awards are a wonderful opportunity to recognise the dedication, care and commitment of those working in our schools.

The awards team are keen to receive as many nominations and supporting quotes as possible from parents, carers and families, so if there is a member of staff you feel deserves recognition, please do take the time to nominate them and share a few words about the difference they have made.

Please do spread the word among other families too — the more nominations and personal comments received, the better!

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS 28th February 2027

With best wishes, Andrew Stapley
Headteacher



flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



1. Protect your child

The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

2. Protect you, your family and friends

Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

3. No injection needed

The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

4. It's better than having flu

The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record

5. Avoid costs

If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

Most children have the nasal spray vaccine which is the preferred vaccine. A vaccine injection is also available which does not contain gelatine from pigs (porcine gelatine).

For more information visit
www.nhs.uk/child-flu

This is a reminder to parents to submit a consent or decline for the FLU vaccination via the Immunisation Service's website: <https://www.kentimmunisations.co.uk/>

Please submit your preference by the cut-off date 29th September 2026.

School's unique code/URN is: KT118663

Prayer of the week

Dear God,

Thank you for bringing us back together at the start of a new school year.

Thank you for our friends, our teachers and everyone who helps to make our school a special place.

Help us to be brave when things feel new, kind when someone needs a friend,
patient when learning feels difficult,
and hopeful when things do not go as we planned.

Help us to step up when we can make a difference,
step out when we need courage,
and speak up for what is right.

May we grow together this year, just like the mustard seed,
using our gifts to help others and make our school community stronger.

Keep us safe, help us to learn, and remind us that every new day is a chance to begin again.

Amen.



Our Staff Are Learners Too!

Our pupils are not the only ones who are learning at Brabourne! Over the past couple of years, staff have been involved in a range of professional development projects, research and training designed to deepen their knowledge, strengthen classroom practice and, most importantly, have a positive impact on pupils' learning.

Areas of development have included the use of Artificial Intelligence in education, Continuous Provision, Carbon Literacy, and cognitive strategies for learning.

This ongoing professional learning is an important part of our commitment to continually improving the quality of education we provide. It also gives staff opportunities to reflect on current research, trial new approaches and share effective practice across the school.

We are proud to have a team who remain curious, reflective and committed to developing their own practice so that our children continue to receive the very best learning experiences.

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 - Brabourne Church of England Primary School](#). Please book in advance on [School Money](#).

COLLECTION FROM WRAP AROUND: Would you kindly collect your child(ren):

Please collect your children promptly at the end of the session. Late pick ups may be charged.



Today is

MR NOURISH's

**BIRTHDAY
PARTY**

01 OCT

Beef Burger in a Bun 1,3,5
Vegetable Fajita 1 VG
Jacket Potato with a Choice of
Fillings 7,8,9

Potato Wedges
Sweetcorn

Iced Birthday Cake 1 VG
Mr Nourish Confetti Cookies 1 VG


NOURISH



Dishes marked with any of the following numbers contain the matching allergen:

1 Wheat Gluten 2 Crustaceans 3 Soybean 4 Mustard 5 Sesame 6 Sulphites/Sulphur Dioxide 7 Milk 8 Fish
9 Egg 10 Peanuts 11 Molluscs 12 Celeriac/Celery 13 Nuts 14 Lupins 15 Oat Gluten 16 Barley Gluten



Class News



We are so proud of all the children in Venus Class for how brilliantly they have settled into their first week! We have been busy getting to know each other, making new friends and becoming familiar with our classroom routines.

We have started reading *The Colour Monster* and have been thinking and talking about our different feelings and emotions. The children have enjoyed making faces to show different emotions and creating their very own Colour Monsters. They have also been practising drawing themselves and writing their names – we are so proud of their fantastic first attempts!

We have also really enjoyed our Reading Buddies! Some of the older children have been coming to visit Venus Class to share stories and read with us. The children have loved spending this special time with their buddies and listening to lots of wonderful stories.

What a fantastic first week we have had – well done, Venus Class!



Mars Class have had a remarkable start to the school year. They have settled in beautifully to our class routines and are enjoying exploring our topic of King and Queens. We have painted and decorated extravagant crowns and thought about what rules and laws we would implement if we were king or queen of the country. We have also enjoyed reading the beginning of our story 'The Queen's Hat.' We have discovered onomatopoeia words such as 'swish' and 'whoosh' to describe how the wind has blown the Queen's hat off. We have then discovered some London landmarks that the hat has flown passed such as Trafalgar Square and Tower Bridge. In maths, we have been exploring the place value of numbers and representing them on ten frames and in science we have looked at seasonal changes and how signs of Autumn are now emerging. We have also enjoyed exploring independent learning time through choosing different COOL time activities.

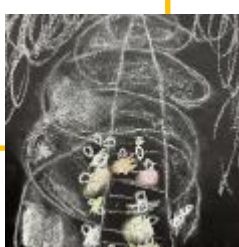
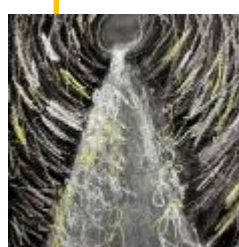
Well done Marvellous Mars!



Neptune class have had an amazing first week back! The year 3's are stepping up and embracing the challenges of KS2 and the year 4s are being excellent role models! We have been working hard, learning new routines and expectations, but have found some time to enjoy the class's new crafts and games.



Jupiter class has made an excellent start to the new academic year. We have begun our topic 'Battles! Blackouts! Blitz!' which is all about World War 2. We have been learning about why this war began and the Allies and Axis powers who fought in it. In art, we looked at work by Henry Moore, who was the official artist employed to draw people sheltering in the London Underground during The Blitz - we tried to create his work using chalk on black card. We have also created timelines which show the chronology of all the main events that happened during World War 2. We will be learning about these in more detail over the next two terms.



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As our iRocker school leavers move on to their next adventure, new places are opening for children to start band lessons from September.

About iRock Lessons

- 30-minute band-based music lessons taught by a professional Band Coach
- Lessons take place during school hours
- Easy subscription: cancel at any time, with a first lesson money-back guarantee.
- Open to children aged 4 to 11, regardless of ability or experience
- Children learn popular music while building confidence, teamwork and listening skills
- Pupils can work towards an exam-free RSL Awards music qualification as part of their iRock journey.

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NETBALL ACADEMY**



STARTING SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

SATURDAYS	9AM - 10AM	BEGINNERS - INTERMEDIATES (AGES 7 - 13)
SATURDAYS	10AM - 11AM	INTERMEDIATES - ADVANCED AGES (11 - 18)

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SINGING LESSONS



with Corinne

Singing lessons are a fun & exciting way to build confidence, boost self-esteem and release your inner performer! Now available at Brabourne Primary School, during the school day.

In lessons, we cover:

- Voice control
- Breathing
- Expanding your vocal range
- Performance technique
- Repertoire
- Trinity College London exams (optional)

And much more!

Lessons are one-to-one (£15 a session) or in pairs (£10 per student per session) and last for 20mins.



Corinne has over 18 years teaching experience within the performing arts and has a 100% pass rate of students entering Trinity College London exams. She holds an enhanced DBS check & works regularly as a peripatetic teacher within local schools and her own vocal academy.

Enrol

Now!



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