



Respect, Responsibility, Hope, Courage

Brabourne

CofE Primary School

Friday 25th September 2026

New families

Well done to our Reception children, who have shown such wonderful confidence and enthusiasm as they settle into life at Brabourne. It has been a joy to see them embracing new experiences, building friendships and approaching each day with curiosity and excitement.

A warm welcome to the new children and families who have joined our other year groups. We are delighted to have you as part of our school community and hope you are already feeling at home.

For our new families, we would like to share the vision that underpins life at Brabourne: 'Sow the Seeds, Nurture, Watch Them Grow.' The Parable of the Mustard Seed underpins this and we believe every child holds enormous potential. Just as a tiny seed can grow into a flourishing tree, children can achieve wonderful things when given care, encouragement and opportunities to stretch themselves.

Our Christian values of Respect, Responsibility, Courage and Hope guide our everyday choices and relationships. We help children put these values into action through caring for others, taking responsibility, persevering through difficulties and believing they can make a difference. You will also hear us encouraging children to 'Step Up, Step Out, Speak Up'—to take responsibility, embrace new challenges and use their voices for good. We want every child to feel known, valued and supported as they grow into a confident, thoughtful and compassionate individual.

Open Days

Please help us spread the word about our open days for children starting school in September 2027. Tours are taking place now, giving prospective families the opportunity to see our school in action and discover what makes Brabourne special. If you know a family looking for a school place, please encourage them to contact the school office to arrange a visit.



Pupil leaders

Our Year 6 pupils have been applying for leadership roles this week, and Miss Unsworth and I have been incredibly impressed by the quality of their applications for Head Boy, Head Girl and Sports Captain. They have certainly made our decisions

difficult! We will announce the successful candidates shortly.

Pupils have also voted for their House Captains, following some fantastic speeches. Well done to every Year 6 pupil who put themselves forward and spoke with such confidence and enthusiasm. Standing up in front of others takes courage, and you should all feel proud of yourselves.

Music

We are delighted to welcome Sarah Hume, our new music teacher, to Brabourne. Mrs Hume brings a wealth of experience teaching music in schools, and we look forward to the enthusiasm and expertise she will share with our children.

Mrs Hume will be teaching class music lessons, supporting the music for our school productions and running our after-school music club for infants. She will also be joining us at our Harvest church service. We are very pleased to welcome her to our school community!



Mr Graham Lilley's **Art after school club** will be returning in **Term 2**. This club will be for children in Years 4, 5 and 6. The club will run on Tuesdays on the following dates: 10th Nov, 17th Nov, 24th Nov, 1st Dec between 3.15—4.15 pm at a cost of £9.00 per session (total £36.00)

If your child would like to join the club please click on the link [here](#) to complete the expression of interest form before **Friday 9th October**.



Outdoor Learning

We are delighted to welcome back Tom from Primary Sports Giants, our Forest School lead, for another year at Brabourne. Tom brings over sixteen years of experience in PE teaching and sports development, having worked across primary, secondary and special educational needs settings.

This year, we are excited to be increasing the frequency of Forest School lessons for our classes, giving children more opportunities to explore, solve problems, work together and develop their confidence outdoors.

We are also linking up with Led by the Wild for additional outdoor learning sessions near Bilsington. Their approach connects children with nature and conservation through practical experiences—a wonderful opportunity to deepen our pupils' understanding of the natural world and how to care for it.

As part of our School Development Plan, classes will also be taking part in adventurous learning trips. These will provide further opportunities for children to embrace new challenges, develop independence and resilience, and put their teamwork skills into practice beyond the classroom. We look forward to sharing more details with families as arrangements are confirmed.



Harvest Festival

Friday 23rd October

We look forward to welcoming you all to Brabourne Church, on Friday, 23rd October, for our Harvest Festival. Early club will be run at the Church from 8.15am, unfortunately, we cannot accept children before this time. The service will begin at 9.00am and run to approximately 10.00am. Children should be dropped off directly at the Church and once parents leave the children will return to school by minibus. Donations of food should be brought straight to the Church and will be donated to Bright City Church in Ashford, to support the homeless and vulnerable.



Flu Immunisation reminder

www.kentimmunisations.co.uk

Our unique code: **KT118663**

The deadline is **4pm on 29th September 2026**

Flu immunisation is taking place at school on Friday 2nd October.

Prayer of the week

Dear God,

Help us to notice when someone is sad, lonely or needs a friend.

Teach us to listen, to share and to include others in our games.

When someone is finding things difficult, help us to be patient and offer a helping hand.

Show us how small acts of kindness can make a big difference.

May we put compassion into action each day and share your love with those around us.

Amen.



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.

Dates for your diary

Friday 2nd October	Flu Immunisation
Sunday 4th October	Ground Force Morning—see page 7 for further details
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	Harvest Festival Church Service PTA Movie Night END OF TERM 1

Reading

Reading with your child each day is one of the most important things you can do to support your child's learning. It builds vocabulary, understanding and confidence, while nurturing imagination and a lifelong love of books.

Books are integral to life at Brabourne. Children read individually, in groups and as a class, with core texts forming the foundation of our English curriculum for every child. These shared books inspire discussion, develop understanding and provide rich starting points for writing.

Reading is a huge strength of our school, with the proportion of our Year 6 pupils achieving greater depth in reading over double the national average. The support families give at home plays a valuable part in helping our children flourish as readers.

Please make time for reading every day, whether you listen to your child read, read aloud to them or take turns. Older children benefit from being read to as well, so keep sharing stories even when they can read independently.

Talk about a favourite character, an unexpected event or an interesting word, and share your own thoughts too. Even a few minutes together can make reading a special part of your daily routine—something you both look forward to.



Nourish



We are delighted to see the children enjoying their lunches with our new caterer, Nourish. Wonderful smells have been drifting through the school each day, and feedback from the children has been overwhelmingly positive! A special thank you to our new head cook, Elena, who has worked so hard to make the new meals a success.

Children have three main meal choices each day: a meat dish, a vegetarian option or a jacket potato with fillings. There is also a salad cart where children can help themselves, alongside three dessert choices each day. Seconds—and sometimes even thirds—are frequently available!

The children 'place their orders' with their class teacher each morning, choosing the meal they would like for lunch.

If you would like your child to have school dinners, please book and pay for them in advance, using SchoolMoney.

Remember, school meals are free for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. **For children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 to ensure the kitchen has the correct numbers for dinners each day please go to SchoolMoney and choose the days your child would like to have a lunch, you will not be billed for this.**



Parking

A quick reminder that the school field is open for parent parking at the start and end of the school day.

Please do make use of the field where possible, as this helps to reduce congestion around the school entrance and makes drop-off and collection safer and easier for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support and consideration for our neighbours and the wider school community.



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



Rewards

At Brabourne, we encourage every child to develop a growth mindset, turning 'I can't do it' into 'I can't do it yet.' We want children to understand that learning takes practice, mistakes help us improve, and asking for help is part of becoming a confident learner.

You may see your child come home wearing a sticker to celebrate their work. For our infants, this might be a Rainbow or Shooting Star; for our juniors, a Gold or Out of This World award. These recognise achievement alongside the effort, perseverance and progress behind it: tackling something challenging, trying a different approach or using feedback to improve. What represents a significant achievement will look different for each child.

We also present reward certificates each week, with special Gold, Silver and Bronze certificates awarded at our end-of-term church services, providing further opportunities to celebrate children's achievements.

Alongside learning, we celebrate the contribution children make to our school community. Citizenship badges are awarded during Celebration Worship to pupils who consistently put our school values into action through their everyday words, choices and behaviour.

Punctuality

A quick reminder about punctuality and our school attendance procedures.

The school day begins at 8:50am, when the morning register is taken. The register then closes at 9:05am. Children arriving after 8:50am but before 9:05am will be recorded as late, while arrival after 9:05am is recorded as arriving after the register has closed.

Our afternoon register is taken at 1:00pm and closes at 1:15pm.

We know that mornings can sometimes be busy, and we would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support in ensuring children arrive at school on time and ready to begin their day. Good punctuality helps children settle quickly, join in with learning from the very start and make the most of every school day.

Thank you, as always, for your support.

Wrap Around

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.

With best wishes, Mr Stapley
Headteacher

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 only to wear PE kits to school to wear during Outdoor Learning)

Year 5: Swimming takes place on Thursdays

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



Class News



We have had another lovely week in Venus Class!

This week, we went on a beautiful nature walk where we used our senses to explore the world around us. We spotted a cricket, smelled lots of different herbs and listened carefully to the sounds around us – we could even hear sheep in the nearby field! The children loved slowing down and noticing all the wonderful things in nature.



We have also been reading Owl Babies and talking about our own families and the people who are special to us. The children enjoyed getting creative outdoors and made their own families using different natural materials they found around the playground.

In Maths, we have been learning all about measuring. We explored weight by using balance scales to compare different objects and talked about which objects were heavier and which

were lighter. The children had great fun investigating and making their own predictions.

Another busy and exciting week of learning in Venus!



Mars have had another fabulous fortnight.

We have finished our English text 'The Queen's handbag' and have demonstrated some wonderful writing skills by retelling the story. We have also completed our unit on place value in maths and we have now moved on to addition and subtraction, learning all about part-whole models. We have been exploring an array of COOL time activities including consolidating our number line skills, sketching portraits of King Charles III, designing an Autumn poster, creating artwork of the creation story with oil pastels and ordering past kings and queens on a timeline. Keep it up, Mars class!



Picture by Elsie.



Neptune class have been making the most of the nice weather this week. In Science we explored vibrations in sound by feeling it through different musical instruments.

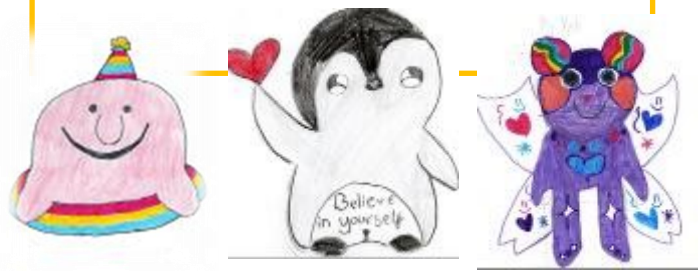


In English we were thinking about the importance of chronological order and acting out our school morning. Can you see what we are showing in these pictures?



In Jupiter this week, we have continued to learn about World War 2. We have been researching The Blitz and the different types of air-raid shelters available to protect people, which we are going to use to produce our own information poster about The Blitz.

As part of our art and PSHE, we read a book called The Magical Yet by Angela DiTerlizzi; about a girl who discovers how powerful having a Growth Mindset can be. We created our own 'Yets' to support us when learning gets challenging and to remind us that we cannot do it...yet!



For Mr Nourish's birthday there will be a special menu on offer on Thursday 1st October. Please use SchoolMoney to book and pay if your child would like to have a dinner next Thursday. Reception, Years 1 & 2 please also book, you will not 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
Fruit Pots VG

Design a Birthday Card for Mr
Nourish.
Hand it to the catering team and
prizes will be awarded


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

Brabourne School



GROUNDFORCE

Morning

Sunday 4th
October

9.30am-12.30pm

SWEEPING

PLANTING

FIXING

PRUNING

GENERAL MAINTENANCE

Please bring equipment; such as brooms, spades, gloves, cable ties, tools or wheelbarrows etc.

If you have any questions or can donate supplies such as ply board, top soil or turf please contact Ginny or a member of the PTA.



Thank you for helping our school community.

**BRABOURNE PTA
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BRABOURNECEPSPTA@GMAIL.COM

Admission to Secondary school in Kent 2027

KCC residents apply online at
kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Opened Tuesday 1 September 2026 and closes
at midnight on Monday 2 November 2026

For children born between
1 September 2015
and **31 August 2016**,
Transferring to Secondary
school in September 2027

What to do

Choose a school

It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.

Read the Guide to Secondary admissions at www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions.

You can name up to four Secondary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.

Apply for a school place

A simple, fast, convenient process which opens **Tuesday 1 September 2026 and closes at midnight on Monday 2 November 2026**. Other LA deadlines may differ.

If you already have an account set up from the Kent Test process, please use these login details.

You will receive an email confirmation that your application has been submitted correctly and that the LA has received it.

You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.

Receiving your offer

On offer day (**Monday 1 March 2027**) an email will be sent to you informing you of your offer.

You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by **Monday 15 March 2027**. A link to a guide with information you will need to provide the school with will be in your offer email.

If we have not offered your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list if your child is eligible for admission.

Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you are moving, please email the team on one of the email addresses below for advice.

Key dates

Tuesday 1st September 2026	Online application process opens. Go to www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions to register and apply.
Monday 2nd November 2026	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk
Monday 1st March 2027	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
Monday 15th March 2027	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of eligible schools named on the original application.
Tuesday 13th April 2027	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September - appeals information can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals . You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

Need help?

Email kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk

Full information booklet can also be viewed online at kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Only one application per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of application. Keep your login details safe and use your registered email address for all communication with the team.

The confirmation email may go to your junk/spam folder of your email – please check here before contacting our team for confirmation.

Please note applications can only be made via Kent County Council (KCC) if the child resides at a KCC address. If your child does **not** reside at a KCC address, you must make an application via your Local Authority.



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.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Exciting news! Your child has the opportunity to join their very own band through fun weekly music lessons here at our school.

Through weekly band lessons, children can learn drums, electric guitar, keyboard or vocals, play songs they know and love, build confidence and enjoy making music with their bandmates. **All instruments are provided and no previous experience is needed.**

If your child would like to join, you can enrol them here:

[Click Here to Enrol Your Child](#)

(If you're not sure whether iRock is right for your child, all new starters are covered by a **first lesson money-back guarantee.**)

To find out more, iRock has created a short year-group guide showing what children can learn and achieve through the **iRock curriculum** at each stage of primary school.

[Learn more about iRock by year](#)

If you have any questions, the iRock team will be happy to help. Please contact them on 0330 174 2655 or info@irockschool.com.



Open Events

Y6 Event Schedule 2026



To register: The
Norton Knatchbull
School Y6 Open
Mornings 2026 – Fill
in form

Tuesday, 6th
October and

Thursday, 8th
October 2026

Open Mornings (9:15 to 10:30am)

This will consist of speeches in the
Hall, followed by a tour with our Y7
students.

For further information please see
our prospectus : [Prospectus 2026](#)

Hythe Road, Ashford TN24 0QJ

Tel: 01233 626045 Web: www.nks.kent.sch.uk



[The Norton Knatchbull School Y6 Open Mornings 2026 – Fill in form](#)



HOMWOOD SCHOOL
& Sixth Form Centre

OPEN EVENING

We warmly invite you to explore our vibrant school community
Wednesday 30th September (4pm-7pm)



To find out more please contact Admissions:
admissions@homewood.kent.sch.uk
01580 764222 ext 2201

Open Mornings (bookings to be made available soon)

- 17th September
- 21st September
- 28th September
- 29th September
- 30th September
- 1st October
- 5th October
- 8th October
- 12th October
- 13th October
- 15th October

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