Respect, Responsibility, Hope, Courage

Brabourne C of E Primary School

Friday 23rd October 2026

Harvest Festival - thank you



We thank you for your generous food donations for Bright City Church in Ashford, supporting people who are homeless or vulnerable.

Harvest is a time to give thanks for the food we enjoy and to remember those who are less fortunate.

Your kindness helps our children understand the importance of sharing what we have and caring for others. Thank you for bringing our school community together in such a thoughtful and generous way.

Wishing you a peaceful half term,
Mr Stapley

Head Boys and Head Girls

We are delighted to introduce our Head Boys and Head Girls, **Jacob A, Seb, Everlyn and Havilah**, alongside our newly elected House Captains. Congratulations to all the children taking on these responsibilities! We look forward to seeing them represent their fellow pupils, listen to their ideas and set a positive example through their kindness, effort and enthusiasm.

There are also many other leadership roles across Brabourne, giving children opportunities to contribute to school life, support one another and take responsibility for their school community.

We wish them every success for the year!

Dates for your diary

Friday 23rd October	9.00 am	Harvest Festival Church Service
Friday 23rd October		PTA Pumpkin Patch (during school day)
Friday 23rd October		Last day of Term 1 **No afterschool Wrap Around**
Sunday 1st November	9.30am – 12.30 pm	Ground Force Day!
Monday 2nd November		First day of Term 2

Student Teacher

We welcome Miss Bradley, our student teacher, who will be joining Mars Class for the next two terms. We look forward to supporting her as she develops her teaching skills and gets to know our children and families. Please join us in giving her a warm Brabourne welcome!



A Harvest Prayer

Dear God,
Thank you for the food we eat,
for the sunshine and rain that help it grow,
and for the farmers who work hard to bring it to our tables.
At harvest time, help us to be thankful,
to share what we have,
and to care for people who are hungry.
Help us to look after your wonderful world
and show kindness through our words and actions.
Amen.

REMINDER: Film night - change of date

We have had to reschedule our Film Night, originally planned for Friday 23rd October. This will now take place on Friday 13th November. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and thank you for your understanding. We look forward to seeing the children at Film Night on the new date!

Cool Time

For families new to Brabourne, children from Reception to Year 2 learn through a combination of adult-led teaching and COOL time (Choosing Our Own Learning). This means having access to carefully planned resources and activities that allow them to explore, practise and build on their learning. Adults support and extend children's thinking through conversation, questioning and appropriate challenge.

Children in Year 3 and 4 also take part in COOL Time. These sessions provide opportunities to explore interests and develop practical life skills, encouraging children to make choices, work together and persevere when something is challenging. Both approaches give children opportunities to apply what they have been taught, follow their curiosity and become increasingly independent.

Brabourne Hockey Team

The Braboune hockey team had their first league match recently and despite a loss, they played with fantastic courage and determination, showing great improvement as the game progressed and working hard as a team until the final whistle. Special mentions go to Lucia who was Victoria Roads choice for player of the match and Benji who demonstrated excellent game play.

2nd Match: It's a win for Brabourne!

In only their second league match of the season Brabourne have beaten Bysing Wood (current tournament champions no less!) by 3 goals to 1. Two goals scored by Lucia and one by Theo. They all showed outstanding improvement since their first game and played some fantastic hockey. Working hard as a team until the final whistle. Bysing Wood chose Jacob as their player of the match and our coach's choice was Theo. Both players demonstrated some incredible hockey skills throughout the game. Congratulations boys! A huge well done to all the players, you should all be very proud of yourselves. Onwards and upwards Brabourne!





Calling all Brabourne storytellers!

The BBC 500 Words competition is open for children aged 5-11, who can enter an original story of 500 words or fewer. Stories are judged on creativity and storytelling, with spelling, punctuation and grammar not marked - so everyone can have a go! We will also be running our own Brabourne 500 Words competition! To enter, children should hand a copy of their story to Mrs Hussey, with their name clearly written on it. We cannot wait to read their imaginative adventures, mysteries and wonderfully funny tales! To enter the national competition as well, a parent or carer should submit the story separately through the BBC 500 Words website by **9pm on Friday 6th November 2026**, following the BBC's entry instructions.

Football

Well done to our Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 football teams, who represented Brabourne at the football tournaments at Ashford Prep. These events provided a fantastic opportunity for children to put their skills into practice, work together as a team and enjoy competing against other schools. We are proud of everyone who took part. Thank you to Ashford Prep for hosting and to the staff and families who supported our teams!



Pupil Premium - update for parents

Following government changes from September 2026, all children in households receiving Universal Credit can qualify for free school meals, regardless of household earnings. If this applies to your family and you have not already registered, please apply. Your child may also qualify for pupil premium, which provides additional funding to the school to support children's learning and progress.

Pupil premium funding

This remains linked to the existing "targeted" eligibility criteria, including Universal Credit households with annual take-home earnings of £7,400 or less. Other qualifying circumstances also apply. Children newly eligible solely through the expanded free school meals scheme do not automatically attract pupil premium funding.

Registering for support

Please still apply if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and already receives a free lunch. Registering under the benefits-based scheme may unlock additional support and funding for the school. It is also worth registering if your child usually brings a packed lunch.

Check eligibility and apply

You can check eligibility and apply through Kent County Council's free school meals page. If you are unsure or need help, please speak confidentially to the school office.

https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals

We want every family to receive the support available to them.



Website: www.brabourne.kent.sch.uk

Facebook: www.facebook.com/brabournecep

Instagram: www.instagram.com/brabournecep

Music lessons

A few spaces have opened up for piano, brass or woodwind lessons this term with our specialist tutor, Alison Purton! Lessons take place during the school day, with options for both group (£22/month) and individual tuition (from £38/month). Whether your child is a complete beginner or looking to build on existing skills, learning an instrument is a fantastic way to build confidence and focus. To find out more or register your child, please contact Make Time for Music at office@maketimeformusic.org / 01303 894178.

Helping our community



Well done to our two Brabourne siblings who took part in the Heli Hike for Kent, Surrey + Sussex Air Ambulance 3 mile hike on Saturday 19th September. The girls also took part in the Marine Conservation Society's annual Beach Clean on Sunday 27th September. The beach clean at Sandgate, was organised by Sandgate Environmental Action. Eric and Keira also joined the girls helping with the beach clean. It was a successful morning and they met lots of lovely people who were keen to help.

A separate PTA newsletter is sent alongside the school newsletter.

PTA and Community News

Cake Sale thank you

A huge thank you to everyone who donated cakes, bought treats and supported our cake sale, including those who brought in extra donations. We raised £175.00 with a further £10.00 pledged. A special thank you to our Cooking Club for contributing their lovely biscuits.

Support our PTA through the Co-op

Our PTA is part of the @coopuk Local Community Fund. Download the Co-op App, become a member and choose our cause, so we can receive a share of £3.5m.

Please click on this link for further information: https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/106186

Ground Force Day - thank you

A heartfelt thank you to all the parents and families who gave up part of their weekend to help at our Ground Force Day. From tidying the school grounds to repairing items around the school, your hard work has made a real difference to the environment our children enjoy every day. We are so grateful to have such an amazing community here at Brabourne. We truly appreciate everything you do. Thank you!

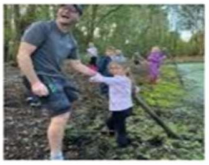


Class News

Venus Class have had a wonderful time exploring Autumn! We have been reading the lovely story Leaf Man and using our creativity to make our very own leaf men, leaf turtles and lots of other wonderful animals using autumn leaves. We also had a mysterious visitor who spun a giant spider's web and trapped lots of autumn treasures! The children had great fun carefully rescuing the objects from the sticky web. In Maths, we have been busy exploring the numbers 1, 2 and 3, practising counting, recognising numbers and finding one more and one less. In phonics, we have been working hard to use the sounds we have learnt to build, blend and write CVC words. We are so proud of how the children are beginning to put their phonics knowledge into practice! What a fantastic week of autumn adventures and learning in Venus!



Mars Class are flying high through the term. They have been thoroughly enjoying Outdoor Learning with Tom, experiencing getting stuck in the mud last week in the stream and using tools in safe spaces to rake and dig this week. They have been building on their teamwork skills. We have also finished reading 'The Queen's handbag' and have enjoyed learning about British landmarks including Stonehenge, The Giant's Causeway, Snowdonia and The White Cliffs of Dover. The children also enjoyed re-enacting chasing the sneaky swan passed all these landmarks. Lots of learning and lots of fun.




Neptune Class have been learning about the Romans, including how and why they invaded Britain. We took on the roles of Roman soldiers and Celts and talked to each other about how we felt about the invasion. We've also learnt about Roman gods and goddesses, why the Romans built new roads in Britain and why the Roman army was so effective. We've even been marching around the playground in formation as Roman soldiers!





Jupiter Class has continued with our 'Battles! Blackouts! Blitz!' topic which focuses on the Second World War. We have written biographies about Winston Churchill. Did you know that Winston Churchill lived at Chartwell Manor, in Kent, and that he was Prime Minister of Great Britain twice? We have also been drawing 3-dimensional pictures of Anderson Shelters. Next term, we will be designing and building model Anderson Shelters





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3.30-5.30PM

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Ticket
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Ground Force Day

Sunday 1st November
9.30 am – 12.30 pm

Please come along!

We are planning to improve **Wobbly Wood**, and would love your help.

If you are able to source **seed**, **turf** or **dirt** this would be very much appreciated.

Please let Ginny know if you have anything that will help.

Tel: 07889969211



A message from iRock

For parents of children in Years 2 and 6

Dear Parents

As your child is in Year 2 or Year 6, they have the opportunity to work towards a nationally recognised music qualification through in-school iRock band lessons this academic year.

Enrolment deadline

To be eligible to achieve the qualification this year, your child must be enrolled with iRock by **Friday 6th November 2026.**

Enrol your child with iRock

If your child is already enrolled with iRock and is in Year 2 or Year 6, no further action is needed. They will be automatically included in this year's qualification pathway.

The qualification is awarded by RSL Awards, which is regulated by Ofqual, and recognises the musical and wider skills children develop through playing as part of a band.

There is no separate exam day or added pressure. Children are assessed naturally through their weekly iRock lessons and termly performances.

In the 2025/26 academic year, 97% of iRockers working towards their RSL Awards qualification successfully achieved it.

To find out more about the qualification, how children are assessed and what they will work towards throughout the year:

Find out more about the qualification

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

Kind regards



CHILDREN'S ARTS & CRAFTS HOLIDAY CLUB

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with Corinne

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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.



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

Enrol Now!

Folkestone, Kent | 07540 037349 | corinnejfordham@gmail.com

Academic and Co-curricular *Discovery Day*

Saturday 14 Nov | 09:00 - 14:00

We are delighted to invite **Year 5** and **6** pupils from all schools to our upcoming **Academic and Co-curricular Discovery Day**.

Free to attend, this exciting day gives pupils the opportunity to try a variety of subjects, develop new skills and experience life at Ashford School.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Scan to reserve a place:

Pupils can choose **three subjects** from the following areas to participate in throughout the day, as well as an exciting Combined Cadet Force (CCF) session:

- Maths
- Music
- Business
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Design & Technology
- Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)
- Geography
- History
- Art

Ashford Senior School, East Hill, Ashford, Kent, TN24 8PB

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Music Lessons at Brabourne Primary

New spaces open for Autumn 2026 with our piano and woodwind specialist, Alison Purton!

Expert tuition on: | Piano | Brass | Clarinet |

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- Group Sessions: **£22 / month**
  (Perfect for beginners! Add £12 for starter book)
- Individual: From **£38 / month**
  (1-to-1 focus for faster progress, 20min: £38 | 30min: £55)

*30 lessons per academic year

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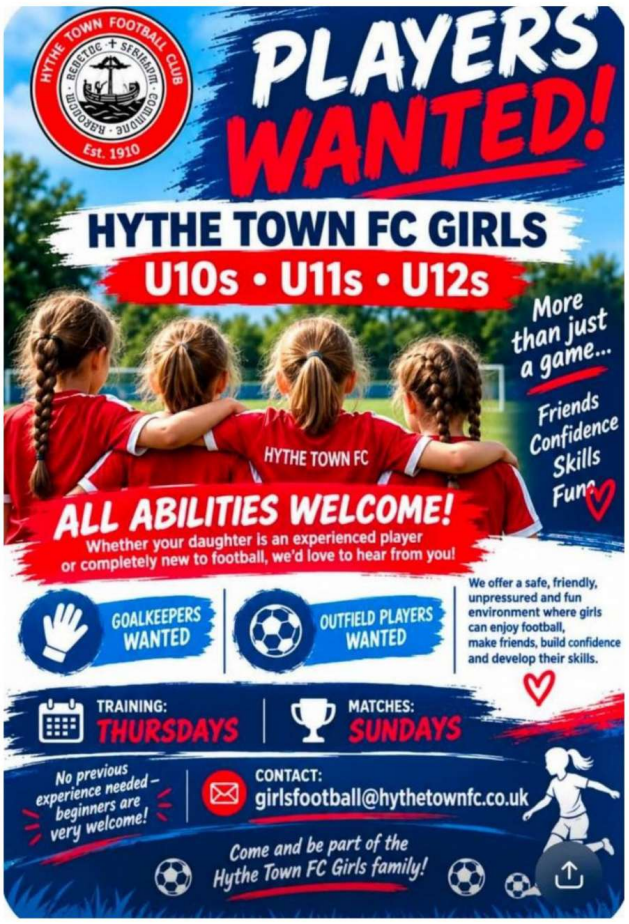
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Scan or visit SamaritansPurse.org.uk/ooc to learn more about how God can use a gift-filled shoebox given in Jesus' Name to transform a child, their family, and their community.

Leaflets are available from the school office. Drop Off Point Please kindly return your filled boxes to Steve Moore's estate agents before **16th November: SJM Estate Agents, Lees Road, Brabourne Lees TN25 6QB** Opening times: Monday – Friday: 9 am – 5 pm Saturday: 9 am – 3 pm Tel: 01303 812515

Admission to

Primary school in Kent 2027

KCC residents apply online at *kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions*

Opens Friday 6 November 2026 and closes at midnight on Friday 15 January 2027

For children born between **1 September 2022** and **31 August 2023,** Transferring to Primary 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 Primary admissions at ***www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.***

You can name up to three Primary 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 **Friday 6 November 2026 and closes at midnight on Friday 15 January 2027.** Other LA deadlines may differ.

You will first need to set up an online account. The applicant is you, the parent/carer; you will then need to add your child's details before starting an application. You will receive a confirmation email that your application has been correctly submitted.

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

Receiving your offer

On offer day **(Friday 16 April 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 **Friday 30 April 2027.** A link to a guide with information you will need to provide the school with will be in your offer email.

If it has not been possible to offer 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.

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

Friday 6 November 2026	Online application process opens. Go to ***www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions*** to register and apply.
Friday 15 January 2027	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to ***kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk***
Friday 16 April 2027	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after **4pm.**
Friday 30 April 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 schools named on the original application.
Monday 17 May 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 ***primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk***
Full information booklet can also be viewed online at ***kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions***

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.

Kent County Council
kent.gov.uk

Admission to

Primary school in Kent 2027

Common misconceptions

For children born between **1 September 2022** and **31 August 2023**, Transferring to Primary school in **September 2027.**

MYTH #1

Attending a nursery or pre-school will automatically guarantee your child a space at the associated school.

TRUTH

You must still apply using the online application portal at:

www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

★ Nurseries and primary schools are not linked for admissions purposes.

MYTH #2

A sibling attending the school will automatically guarantee your child a space at the same school.

TRUTH

You must still apply using the online application portal at:

www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

★ If eligible, your application may be considered under a school's 'sibling' oversubscription criteria.

MYTH #3

Attending an infant school will automatically guarantee a space for your child at the linked junior school.

TRUTH

You must still apply using the online application portal at:

www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

★ Children do not automatically transfer to a junior school. Admissions are ranked according to the school's admission criteria, including any linked school arrangements.

www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

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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.

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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.
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