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# Brading CE (Controlled) Primary School



We are a Team that Trust each other to unlock potential.  
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## News from Brading CE Primary School

Headteacher: Mrs B Gilbert

Our Christian Values: **TRUST - TRUTH, RESPECT, UNITY, SINCERITY, TOLERANCE** –

This week our focus has been on **RESPECT**

21<sup>st</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

I can't quite believe that next week is going to be the last week before we enter December. This term is flying by so quick.

This week are Year 5 students in Jamaica travelled all the way up to London to visit the National History Museum. We would like to thank Diamond Adventures for organising the visit, as this has been made available to all year 5 children across the island. Also, a big thank you to Mr Baker and Mrs Cooney for going along with the children. The children had an amazing time and learnt lots. I have enjoyed hearing all about it. Also, New Zealand Class are very excited about their trip to the Cinema next week to watch DOGMAN.

**Christmas Activities & Celebrations** - This year these will all be held on the last week of term.

**Monday** – Charity fund raising. The children will be making Christmas decorations for Mountbatten Hospice. We will expect a donation of £1 to join us and take part. This will go towards our charity for this term which is Wessex Cancer Support.

**Tuesday** – Christmas Lunch for all pupils who wish to have one. There will be no other hot food option for this day. Please provide your child with a packed lunch if preferred.

**Wednesday** – “It’s a baby” Performance day. We will have 2 sittings at 1pm and 5pm.

Antigua, St Lucia, New Zealand, Galapagos and Jamaica are looking forward to you all joining them.

Cuba & Hawaii’s performance will take place in their classrooms. Parents are welcomed from 1.15pm to join in Christmas activities and to watch their performance.

**Thursday** – Party Day. We will be providing the children with party food for their school dinner. No other lunch choice will be available on this day. We ask children to come dressed in their jolliest jumper for Jolly Jumper day. We will be asking for £1 per child to come in MUFTI. The money raised will go towards our chosen charity for this term, Wessex Cancer Support

**Friday** – Christingle Service will be held at the church at 1pm. We will be leaving school at 12.30pm to walk up to the church. Please come and join us as we walk the children up from school. Children can be collected from the church after the service. The children will need to be signed out before they can leave.

**Collective worship this week** – we have been continuing to focus on  
Respect and Reverence

**Bible Reflection** – “What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived – these things God has prepared for those who love him”

**It's a Baby Christmas Performance** – Please pop into the office from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> of November to purchase the Christmas play tickets. The tickets are £2 per adult or free for any children attending. Two tickets will be available to purchase per family initially, however after numbers attending have been confirmed, spare tickets may become available nearer the time, If you would like any additional tickets please let the office know at the time you purchase your initial tickets. The tickets will be on a first come first served basis, so please book early to avoid disappointment. You will need to keep these tickets for entry on the day. The children have been working really hard to make it extra special for you, it's going to be a really lovely festive event.

**Christmas Raffle** – A raffle is being held to raise funds for extracurricular resources and activities by the school. This will be drawn Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December and we have received a number of fantastic prizes from local businesses including Red Funnel, Wightlink, The Yardbirds Inn, Westridge Golf Centre, Busy Bees, Blank Gang Chine and many more. The raffle tickets are £1 per ticket. Please pop into the office if you would like to buy some.

**Absences/Illness** - We have seen quite a lot of absences recently. Please make sure if your child is going to be absent from school due to illness, Medical appointments or any other reasons, please can you provide the office with a phone call, email or pop into the office (also any supporting letter you may have) on the day of the absence to inform them. Remember to please keep your child off of school for 48 hours after the last episode of Diarrhoea before bringing your child back into school.

**Wrap Around Club** – Can I please remind you that all clubs need to be booked at least 24 hours in advance. Obviously, we understand emergencies do happen, but staffing is an area we need to plan for in advance in great detail and we need prior notice for this. If we do not have the correct notice we will be unable to provide this service.

**Christmas Card Designs** - Please check your child's bag for their Christmas card designs and make a purchase if you'd like to do so. Final date for the orders to be processed is Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

**P.S** – Please don't forget Mrs Willshire and myself are available from 8.30am everyday if you need to discuss anything. All teaching staff are not available in the mornings but will be available after school only.

Have a fabulous weekend and remember my door is always open.

Mrs Gilbert  
Headteacher

## Dates for your diary:



November	27 <sup>th</sup> - New Zealand's Trip to the Cinema 27 <sup>th</sup> – Y3&4 Evacuee Day
December	1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Flu Immunisation Session 15 <sup>th</sup> – Charity Fund raising day 16 <sup>th</sup> – Christmas Lunch for students 17 <sup>th</sup> – Whole school concert – “it’s a Baby “1PM & 5PM sittings 18 <sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party day 18 <sup>th</sup> – Jolly Jumper Day for Wessex Cancer Support 19 <sup>th</sup> – Christingle Service at St Marys Church 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Christmas Holidays start

## WHAT WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT THIS WEEK

CUBA	This week in Cuba class we have been exploring space, the class made moon dough and really enjoyed moulding it, smelling it and touching it. We have made marks in moon dust using tractors, brushes, rollers and our fingers. The children have really enjoyed listening to the story "Whatever Next". I think the highlight of the week for the class was exploring our new space rocket set. They enjoyed pressing the button to hear it count down for take-off.
HAWAII	This week, Hawaii class continued their understanding of what life was like as an evacuee. In pairs, the children made bomb shelters and played games in them such as noughts and crosses. We also listened to the air raid siren and thought about how the children might have been feeling if they heard it. We also have started creating our own podcasts using the laptops. The children have learnt to record, edit and playback their recording and will use this to plan their podcast.
ANTIGUA / ST LUCIA	This week in early years we have been learning all about space. We have had a very busy crafting week. We pretended we were astronauts landing on the moon and made paper plate aliens. We have also made our own planets and used marbles to make moon craters in flour.
NEW ZEALAND	This week we got fully submerged in our new topic 'Sparks and Flames.' We sang 'London's Burning' and discovered The Great Fire of London. We created a timeline to show the order of events and looked at historical sources. In English, we had a visit from a naughty book eating monster! We are now thinking about how to make a trap to catch him! Have you seen him? In maths, we are looking at 1 more and 1 less. We have had fun with basketball in PE and are getting much better with our ball control.
GALAPAGOS	This week in Galapagos class we have continued to explore our WW2 topic further, we learnt all about the Battle of Britain, made our own timelines and then had a go at making our own spitfire models! In English our focus is still on evacuation, we had our questions sent to a lady that was evacuated in WW2 and she sent us a video explaining what it was like, it was very interesting! We have then began discussing writing a persuasive letter, imagining we are the British government trying to persuade parents to evacuate their children to safer places. We have explored persuasive techniques like emotive language and rhetorical questions. In art we created our own mood boards to match the primary colour wheel, the children loved searching for blue, yellow and red items all around the school. Have a great weekend!
JAMAICA	This week in Jamaica class, we have looked at the importance of exercise for the heart. We studied the different parts of the heart, and recognised the different ways that we can keep our heart healthy. On Tuesday, the year 5 children arrived at school at 6am ready for our trip to the Natural History Museum in London. We studied the different artefacts and explored the different areas in the museum. We found an area which linked directly to our science topic: animals including humans. We looked at the bone structures of different mammals and found a detailed replica of the human body.



### Wraparound care prices:

Breakfast Club - £4 (from 7.45am)

Wraparound until 4pm - £6

Wraparound until 5pm - £8

Wraparound until 6pm - £12 (this needs to be agreed with prior notice.

All to be booked via SchoolMoney

### Class emails:

[antigua.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk](mailto:antigua.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk)

[cuba.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk](mailto:cuba.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk)

[stlucia.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk](mailto:stlucia.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk)

[newzealand.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk](mailto:newzealand.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk)

[galapagos.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk](mailto:galapagos.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk)

[jamaica.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk](mailto:jamaica.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk)

[hawaii.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk](mailto:hawaii.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk)

### PE Days:

Cuba - Friday

St Lucia - Wednesday

New Zealand - Wednesday

Galapagos – Thursday/Friday

Jamaica – Tuesday/Thursday

Hawaii – Tuesday

Children are to come in their PE kits on these days.

### Coats, Hats and Scarves

Now that the temperature has dropped, can you please ensure children have a warm, waterproof coat in school every day. Children can wear hats and gloves at break and lunch times, but scarves may only be worn to and from school for health and safety reasons. Please make sure all items are named to prevent them from getting lost!

Thank you

### Fun Clubs:

Mon – Y1,2&3 Sports Club – spaces available

Tues - KS1/2 Christmas Club – FULL

Tues - KS1 Puzzle Club - spaces available

Wednesday – Y4,5&6 Sports Club – spaces available

Please contact the office to book.

### Makaton

As part of our ongoing learning here at Brading Primary School we focus on a Makaton symbol every week.

Here is our next Makaton sign.



# Attendance Traffic Light System



**90% and below**

**90 - 95%**

**96 - 100%**

## **Concern**

**Drastic affect on academic achievement.**

## **Cause for Concern**

We work with our EWS Officer who will conduct home visits when attendance becomes a concern

**Excellent attendance!**

**Keep up the good work.**

## **MISSING SCHOOL = MISSING OUT!**

96 – 100% attendance equates to 4- 7 days off each year

90-95 % attendance equates to 9-20 days off each year (50-100 lessons lost)

90% and below equates to 20-30 school days off each year (100-150 lessons lost)

**We want our children at Brading CE Primary to enjoy coming to school.**

**Research proves that there is a high correlation between school attendance and academic performance and success.**

**Absence from school is often the greatest single cause of poor performance and achievement.**

**Ensuring children attend school is crucial for the welfare of children and safeguarding their wellbeing.**

## **EVERYDAY MINUTE COUNTS**



**5 minutes per day**

**3 school days lost per year**



**15 minutes per day**

**10 school days lost per year**



**25 minutes per day**

**19 school days lost per year**



# SCHOOL LUNCH

## WHAT'S COOKING?

### **SCHOOL MENU WEEK COMMENCING: 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

We also offer Vegetarian options, tomato pasta as well as jacket potatoes, baguettes and sandwiches with a selection of fillings each day.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Beef Bolognese Vegetarian Bolognese	Roast Pork Roast Quorn	Chicken & Vegetable Korma	Fish Fingers Meat Free Nuggets
Crunchy Apple Slice	Strawberry Shortcake Mousse	Chocolate Orange Drizzle Cake	Strawberry Jelly	Oat Cookie with Fruit

**We now have some vegetarian options available each week. These are all available on School Money**



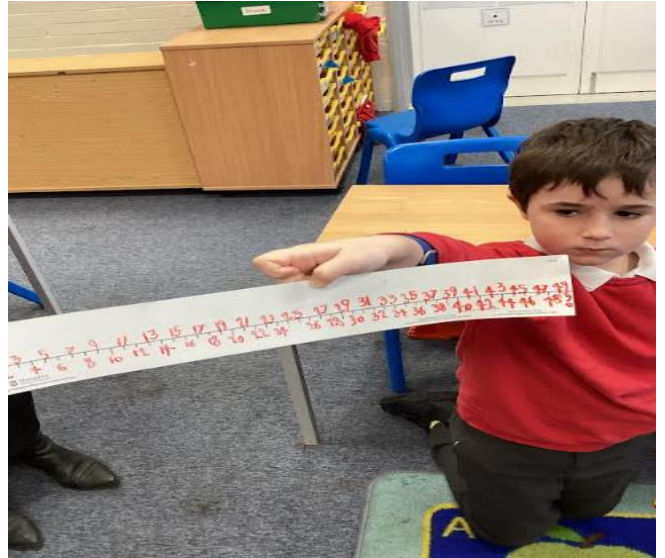
Please see the above festive menus we have coming up on the last week of term. These will be available to book on School Money shortly.



## This Week in Pictures:











## Attendance

Whole School Target: **95%**

Class	% Last Week
Antigua	97.2
St Lucia	100
Cuba	81
Hawaii	77.3
New Zealand	89.2
Galapagos	95.7
Jamaica	85.7

## Foodbank Vouchers

Mrs Willshire is able to issue Foodbank Vouchers to anyone who may be struggling. Please email Mrs Willshire to request one if required. [Jo.willshire@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk](mailto:Jo.willshire@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk)



**We are still taking applications for School Starters 2026.  
We look forward to meeting all the new faces coming to  
look around our wonderful school.**



## Brading Church of England Controlled Primary School

A Team That Trust Each Other

**Starting School in September 2026?**

**We are still taking applications!**

Please come along and see our fabulous **2-11-Year-old** Primary school in action, our amazing EYFS would love to welcome you for a tour!

**Please phone 01983 407217**

**Or email**

**[admin@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk)**

At Brading, we unlock children's potential, allowing them to reach for the stars!



At Brading, we have our Early Years starting from 2 years, through to 5, offering a bespoke environment to meet the needs of every child. Our main for our Early Years provision: to provide a safe and secure learning environment for the children that is holistic and open to a variety of different learning styles.

This will ensure it is a place where the children can develop emotionally, physically and intellectually as part of a **team that trust.**

We recognise that for any parent or carer, choosing the very best environment is of paramount importance. Therefore, we are delighted to offer an interlinked Early years provision that provides a safe and stimulating environment, so the children can reach their full potential and more!



### Our Christian Values

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Ensuring a 'Brading' child has the skills for their future and to become a lifelong learner.







## Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing.

As set down by the Department for Education, penalty notices can be issued for unauthorised absence. With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

### Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.

#### For example:

3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

### 5 consecutive days of term time leave

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days. INSET training days are school days and can be included in the 5 or more consecutive days where there was intent to be absent for term time leave.

### 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

Penalty Notice Fines will be considered when there has been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

### 1 First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

**£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.**

**Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.**

### 2 Second Offence

#### Within 3 years

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

### 3 Third Offence

#### And Any Further Offence (Within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate, due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

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# ADULT COMMUNITY LEARNING

ALL COURSES ARE FOR ADULTS 19+



For further information or to book a place on any /all of these sessions please contact:

info@thecrossley.co.uk or text 07977 041 539

## 90 Minutes to Family Calm Series

Join our **FREE** (fully funded) online classes! - **Join one or join them all....**



**BRAIN TRAINING FOR CALM**

- 4th November

**TAMING THE EMOTIONS MONSTER**

- 11th November



**SENSIBLE ABOUT OUR SENSES**

- 18th November

**BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM & CONFIDENCE**

- 25th November

**RELAXING OUR KIDS**

- 2nd December



Autumn Term 2025

Tuesday evenings

6:00-7:30PM

Booking & enrolment required to secure a place on any or all these sessions.

\*enrolment required **just once** (for any number of sessions) per academic year



# Occupational therapy

## Parent advice sessions

The NHS Occupational Therapy Team will be running monthly parent advice sessions. These sessions are open to any families which don't have an existing referral.

The sessions will be with an Occupational Therapist and an Assistant.

The team will be able to give advice, signpost to other services / charities and support with completing a full referral to Occupational Therapy if it is felt the needs discussed require a full assessment.

The team will be able to support with advice around:

- Self Care tasks - e.g. washing, dressing, using cutlery, toileting
- Fine motor skill development
- Play skills
- Preschool / school readiness



### Session Dates for 2026

(more dates and locations may be added if required):

15 Jan, 19 Feb, 19 March, 16 April, 21 May and 18 June.

Slots will be available at 9am, 10am and 11am.

Appointments will last for 45mins.

To book, contact the department on **01983 534520** or via email to **[iownt.paediatric-ot-mailbox@nhs.net](mailto:iownt.paediatric-ot-mailbox@nhs.net)**

Sessions will take place at the Childrens Therapies Department,  
St Mary's Hospital, Newport, Isle of Wight

- Free impartial advice relating to SEND for 0-25 years.
- Confidential sessions not recorded.
- Peer support, talking to others experiencing a similar journey.
- A dedicated session with an experienced support worker

**13  
NOV**  
**09:30**

Responding to a draft  
EHCP

If you are in that critical  
time frame having  
received your draft

**18  
NOV**  
**10:00**

Appeals to SEND Tribunal

A step-by-step guide  
through the appeals  
process

**21  
NOV**  
**10:00**

Ordinarily Available  
Provision and SEN Support

Looking at support  
available for those who do  
not have an EHCP

**24  
NOV**  
**13:00**

Considering an EHC Plan?

Independent and  
impartial information to  
guide you through the  
process

**25  
NOV**  
**10:00**

Responding to a draft  
EHCP

If you are in that critical  
time frame having  
received your draft

**26  
NOV**  
**12:30**

Alternative Provision

What constitutes as a  
suitable education in  
relation to section 19 of  
the education act