

Truth – Being honest
Respect – Being Fair
Unity – Being Friendly
Sincerity – Being Genuine
Tolerance – Being accepting

Brading CE (Controlled) Primary School



We are a Team that Trust each other to unlock potential.
Tel: 01983 407217 email – admin@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk

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 **UNITY**

4th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! - I hope you and your families have enjoyed a wonderful summer break and had plenty of opportunities to rest, have fun and make special memories together. The children have made a brilliant start to the new school year. They have settled into their new classes and getting to know new routines and expectation. Starting a new school year can feel exciting but it can also bring a few nerves and we are all so proud of the way everyone has supported one another.

A very warm welcome to new pupils and families joining us this year. We are delighted to have you as part of our school family.

Reception Starters – We welcomed our newest members into St Lucia class this week. They have all settled in perfectly and I cannot wait to see how the progress over the next school year.

Attendance and Lateness – Everyone was sent a text message regarding attendance and lateness this week. We are going to focus really hard this term and throughout this school year to make sure all students arrive in school on time ready to start school each day. If your child is unable to come to school please make sure you contact the school office by..... and send a follow up email to admin@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk, this also applies for medical appointments.

Preschool - each student has their start time from 8.30am

Reception – 8.30am start time from Monday

KS1 – 8.25am start time

KS2 – 8.20am start time

Please make sure all students are on school grounds 5 minutes before their start time. We will be working very closely with our Attendance Officer this year.

Have a lovely weekend and see you all on Monday.

Mrs Gilbert

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

Mobile Phone Update

Due to changes in regulations, just a reminder that mobile phones and other smart technology (including watches, glasses and rings) with similar functionality (for example, the ability to send and/or receive notifications or messages via mobile phone networks or the ability to record audio and/or video) are not able to be used throughout the school day including before lessons, during lessons, between lessons at breaktimes or lunchtimes. We ask that all Parent/carers and families support the school in adhering to this new policy and not using them on site. Staff will also be showing the same consideration when working around the children.

REMINDERS

Lunch boxes/Bags – Children can only use hard plastic lunches boxes in school. Please do not send your child in with a material one. Also, we cannot have rucksacks/book bags in the classrooms. Please send your child in with a drawstring bag. I have added some examples below.



Fun Clubs:

MON -Tag Rugby (Y1,2&3) with Mrs Powell
TUES - Y6 SATS Booster with Mr Baker
TUES - Cooking KS1 with Mrs Attwell
TUES - Jewellery KS2 with Miss Ward
WEDS - Tag Rugby (Y4,5&6) with Mrs Powell

Please contact the office to book.

School Reminders

Safeguarding Reminders

Early Pickup – We have noticed an increase of children being picked up early at the end of each school day. If you need to collect your child from school for any reason you will need to email admin@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk to request this along with any supporting documentation you have to confirm the reason for collection before the end of the school day. This will need to be agreed by Mrs Willshire or Mrs Gilbert.

Safety End of the day Pick up - We have reminded all of the children that they should stay with their adult when they leave. Once you have picked up your child from school please make sure that they stay with you. Year 5 & 6 children who leave school without an adult, please remember you are representing the school and to be safe at all times. All roads are dangerous and I don't want any accidents happening, especially as the evenings are still quite dark. In addition, can I please remind you about parking sensibly. There are residents who also live along this road and we all should be considerate of this. – If your child is not attending their fun club, you will need to let the office know and sign them out. Children attending clubs in Years 5&6 still need to be collected by an adult after. Don't forget that we need to keep the entrance of school clear in case the emergency services need to attend. This includes the yellow zigzag zone is strictly no parking.

Medicine – Just a reminder in regards to medicines. Our policy states we are only allowed to give children medicine for EYFS when the prescription states 3 x daily and 4 x daily for Years 1 – 6. If the prescription does not have the named child on the packaging we cannot administer this either. We can only take medicine that has been prescribed by the GP.

Wraparound Care Booking – Remember that there is a new way to book Wraparound. Ideally, we will need a **week's notice** of any bookings for Wraparound. To make sure the booking is secure for wraparound, we will require you to send us an email and make payment on School Money. Do not assume your child has a place until you receive an acknowledgement from the school office. Any bookings made on school money without contacting the office will be invalid. Without an email sent to the office and a confirmation email back from the school office we cannot book any Wraparound.

Other Reminders

Absences/Illness - Please make sure if your child is going to be absent from school due to illness, medical appointments or any other reasons, you need to 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 and vomiting before bringing your child back into school. If we do not hear from you by 9.15am we will ring you. This is part of our duty of care and our safeguarding to ensure everyone is kept safe. We have changed our answer phone so you are unable to leave a message, you will need to ring the office from 8.45am daily and talk directly to us and let us know the reason your child is unable to attend school.

Headlice – We have started to see a rise with Headlice in school. It is important to check your child's hair for head lice. The best technique is to use a head lice comb when the hair is wet, leaving in conditioner and combing the hair in sections. When the hair is wet, head lice cannot move so they are easier to comb out. Please note that they do not jump or fly, you can only catch head lice from head to head contact. Treat appropriately: the wet combing technique eradicates the lice and eggs. This should be done every 3 to 4 days over a 2-week period to break the life cycle. If you require further information please have a look at the following website: <https://www.chc.org/how-to-treat-head-lice-and-nits-successfully/> Children who become clear of head lice can be re-infected at school. You can help to tackle this by following good prevention, by being vigilant to spot any new infections or re-infections and by seeking prompt treatment if you find any head lice.

Facebook – Please pop onto Facebook and follow our new page. We will be posting what your children have been getting up to here at school and wonderful photos for you to enjoy.

Lunch boxes/Bags – Please remember that the children can only use hard plastic lunches boxes in school. Please do not send your child in with a material one. Also, we cannot have rucksacks in the classrooms. Please send your child in with a drawstring bag.

Food Snacks – Please can I remind all parents/carers that are sending their children in with grapes in their packed lunches, that these have been cut into at least **halves or quarters**, especially for EYFS children as this is a choking hazard.

Collective worship this week – we have been continuing to focus on Truth
John 17:17 Sanctify in *the truth*; *your word is truth*

Weekly Focus

Start time for KS2 – 8.20am

Start time for KS1 – 8.25am

Please make sure your child is here 5 minutes before your child is due to start school.

Dates for Your Diary

September –

23rd - Maldives trip to The Garlic Farm

Because of the introduction of Benedict's Law, all schools must have an allergy policy and spare EpiPen's in school. We now have both. The above diagram shows the 14 most common allergens that people can be allergic to and that could cause an anaphylactic reaction. Please remember we are a strictly nut free school.

The 14 food allergens

There are 14 food allergens as contained within the law:



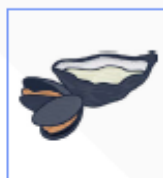
Peanuts



Nuts



Crustaceans



Molluscs

Shellfish



Fish



Eggs



Milk



Cereals
containing
gluten



Soya



Sesame
seeds



Celery



Mustard



Lupin



sulphur
dioxide

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

Attendance

Whole School Target: 95%

Current weekly % = to be updated next week %

Class	% Last Week
Antigua	%
St Lucia	%
Cuba	%
Hawaii	%
New Zealand	%
Galapagos	%
Jamaica	%



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'.

Our Brading Attendance Values

TRUST

Being honest straight away about the reasons why children are not in school.
Telling us straight away how you are feeling.
We will be honest and tell you what is going to happen.

RESPECT

Be fair and we will listen as to why your child is not in school and provide help.

UNITY

We need everyone to be friendly and, as a school, we will do our best to help.

SINCERITY

We will be genuine in our correspondence with you and look together at all the impacts of how not attending affects everyone in all aspects.

TOLERANCE

We should accept that we all need to work together to improve attendance at school even if it is challenging.



We are a **TEAM** that **TRUST** each other

Green attendance

Above 95%

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

Children

Children arriving at school on time.
Coming into school every day.



Parents / carers

Arriving at school on time.
Provide accurate and up to date details.
Providing school with more than one emergency contact number.
Updating school if their details change.
Ensuring children attend daily.
Complete all absence forms.
Contact by email / phone a reason for absence before 8.15am daily.
Keep school updated in regards to medical appointments and provide evidence where possible.
Book medical appointments around school hours.
In regards to absence of more than 3 days or 10 days in a term, parents are expected to provide a signed letter explaining absence.
If asking for leave of absence, 2 weeks notice is required.



School

Keep you up to date on any changes in regards to attendance.
Provide leave of absence forms and reply with reasons for the decision.
Once register closed, school will contact parents daily if we have not heard from you.
Reminders in the newsletter.

Yellow attendance

90%-95%

Attendance equates to 8 – 20 days absent
each year and 50 – 100 lost lessons

Children

Children will have to catch up on the lessons they missed
15 minutes – 10 school days lost per year
5 minutes per day loses 3 school days per year

Parents / carers

Arriving at school on time.
Provide accurate and up to date details.
Providing school with more than one emergency contact number.
Updating school if their details change.
Ensuring children attend daily.
Complete all absence forms.
Contact by email / phone a reason for absence before 8.15am daily.
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If asking for leave of absence, 2 weeks notice is required.

School

Hold termly meetings with any parent where there are concerns about attendance.
Meetings will be with the EWS service.
We will check and look for patterns and codes and speak to parents to find ways to improve their child's attendance.
If a child has missed 10 days a term, we will inform the Local Authority.

Red attendance

Below 90%

Attendance equates to more than 20 days absent
each school year and over 100 lessons lost

Children

There will be serious gaps in my learning.

Parents / carers

15 minutes a day loses 19 school days per year.
Arriving consistently late to school without prior arrangement.
Not letting us know at school why they are absent.
Not informing us.

School

If required, and if attendance does not improve, appropriate legal action will be considered after a referral to Education and Inclusion Department.



**Every
Minute
Counts**



Our Attendance Values



Wraparound care prices:

FREE Breakfast Club (from 7.45am)

Wraparound until 4pm - £6

Wraparound until 5pm - £8

Wraparound until 6pm - £12 (this needs to be agreed by Mrs Gilbert with prior notice)

Wrap Around number – 07864599219

All to be booked via Schoolmoney and email sent to admin with 24 notice

Class emails:

antigua.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk

cuba.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk

stlucia.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk

maldives.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk

malta.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk

australia.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk

hawaii.class@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk

PE Days:

Cuba - Friday

St Lucia - Wednesday

Maldives – Wednesday

Malta - Tues & Thurs

Australia – Tues & Thurs

Hawaii - Tuesday

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



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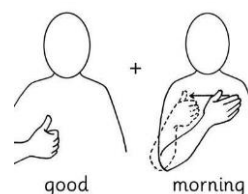
WEDS - Tag Rugby (Y4,5&6) with Mrs Powell

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.





SCHOOL LUNCH

WHAT'S COOKING?

SCHOOL MENU WEEK COMMENCING 7th September 2026

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 Tex Mex Veggie Fajita	Beef Burger Veggie Bean Burger	Roast Gammon Bean and Cheese Turnover	Chicken & Veg Korma Macaroni Cheese	Fish Fingers Meat Free Nuggets
Banana Oat Bite	Chocolate Cookie	Caramel Mousse	Chocolate Brownie	Lemon Cookie

THIS WEEK AT BRADING

ANTIGUA

We have had an amazing few days getting to know one another and exploring our new classroom and garden.

Our topic is 'All about me' and we have completed our hook of drawing self-portraits using mirrors to see ourselves.

CUBA

We have had a lovely few days back in Cuba class, we have enjoyed lots of sensory play and outside time. The children have enjoyed looking in mirrors at themselves for our All About Me topic.

ST LUCIA

We have had an amazing few days getting to know one another and exploring our new classroom and garden.

Our topic is 'All about me' and we have completed our hook of drawing self-portraits using mirrors to see ourselves.

THIS WEEK AT BRADING

MALDIVES

Wow what a wonderful first week back. The children have all settled really well and are working hard. We have been revisiting our phonics and working hard to blend and segment. The children have been exploring new reading books and being digraph detectives. They have started to work on sentence structure and counting in maths.

MALTA

What a great first week back In Malta Class! We have completed some fantastic art work exploring tints and shades by adding black and white to colours as well as the colour wheel. We also choose objects around the class room that we wanted to mix colours to try and colour match. We have also completed our hook for our new geography topic building a puzzle of the world map and labelling the continents and oceans. Have a great weekend!

AUSTRALIA

This week in Australia class, we have been busy settling into our new class. We have written out head boy/ girl and sports captain letters and we have completed our PSHE day for this half term.

HAWAII

This week the children completed an escape room. They worked amazingly well together to complete the task and figure out the passwords.

Class HOOKS for this Term

ANTIGUA

Tradition Tales – decorating
gingerbread

What's in the bag?

All about me - mirror self portraits
Houses and homes – Tree little pigs

CUBA

Mirror, mirror on the wall who am I - Hook- We are looking at our holiday books from home that the children have made during the holidays. We will be looking in mirrors and making puzzles with photos of ourselves.

Where's my Teddy- Hook- Porridge explosion in a tuff tray. We will be exploring Goldilocks and the Three Bears, making porridge and having a Teddy Bears Picnic. Can you tell me a story? - Hook- Make Ginger Playdough. We will be exploring the stories of The Gingerbread Man and The Three Little Pigs. Why do leaves change colour- hook- Autumn walk to collect leaves- we will be exploring The Leaf man book and making leaf men.

ST LUCIA

Tradition Tales – decorating
gingerbread

What's in the bag?

All about me - mirror self portraits
Houses and homes – Tree little pigs

MALDIVES

In Maldives class we will be embarking on our geography topic 'What a Wonderful World.' Our hook will be to solve a treasure map whilst travelling around the world.

MALTA

Our Hook this term is all Around the world topic was to build a puzzle of the world map and label the continents and oceans. We also chose a country of our choice to research and present to the class.

AUSTRALIA

Hook; Our hook for our Roman empire topic is a Roman themed escape room. We will be looking at various Roman artefacts to crack the codes to escape a Roman maze.

Outcome: Roman shield building. We will be having a DT day to plan, design and evaluate our Roman shields.

HAWAII

The children completed a Roman themed escape room. They had to match Latin and English words to complete roman numeral puzzles, create mosaics, name countries in the roman empire and use the letters earned in each challenge to find the password. The children worked amazingly as a team to escape the room.

Meeting On The Meadow

With The Brading Community Partnership

On These Dates...

May 30th

June 13th and 27th

July 11th and 25th

August 8th and 22nd

September 5th and 19th

October 3rd, 17th and 31st

November 14th and 28th



Meeting On The Meadow

With The Brading Community Partnership

@The Meadow, Brading High Street, PO36 0DH

**Every Two Weeks From Saturday 4th April
10 am - 1 pm**

**Join Our Relaxing FREE Family Outdoor Sessions.
Nature Based Activities, Cooking On An Open Fire
And More**

Children Of All Ages Welcome.

Children Under 8 Must Be Accompanied By An Adult

**Contact Ben... 07544079296 Or ben@arbadvice.co.uk
For More Info**





Friends of Brading

If you would like to support the school and the children by arranging some fun, exciting events while raising much needed funds, please let the office know! Absolutely anyone who has a connection with Brading Primary can become a 'Friend of Brading'. Mums, Dads, Guardians, Carers, Grandmas, Grandads – you are all welcome to join



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Contact us

Roberta: 07894546619

34themallwellbeing@gmail.com

Supporting an adult or child struggling
with their mental health?

Parents & carers support group

Fortnightly

Wednesday evenings 7-8:30pm

34 The Mall, Newport

Informal and friendly (plus tea & biscuits!)

Meet with other parents / carers

Share experiences

Find out more about where to go for
help, advice, signposting etc.

Isle of Wight Secondary Colleges and 6th Form
2026-27 Open Day/Evening dates
(as at 8/6/2026)

School/College	Date	Time
Carisbrooke College	29 September 2026 6, 7, 8 October 2026	Year 6 open evening: 5-8pm Tours of the school @ 10.45am To book: donna.godfrey@carisbrooke.iow.sch.uk
Christ the King College	17 September 2026 11 November 2026	Year 6 open evening: 5.30-7.30pm 6 th Form open evening: 5.30-7.30pm
Cowes Enterprise College	15 th October 2026 9 November 2026 – 11 December 2026	Year 6 open evening: 5-8pm 6 th Form Open Month
Island Free School	10 October 2026	Y6 open day: 09.30-1pm Headmaster's Talks at 10am, 11am and 12noon
Medina College	22 September 2026 29 September 2026 8 October 2026 13 October 2026	Year 6 open evening: 5-8pm } Open mornings 9.30-12noon
Lift Ryde	7 October 2026 10 October 2026 18 November 2025	Y6 & Y5 Open Evening Quiet School Tours and meet the Headteacher sessions 6th Form Open Evening
Ryde School	3 October 2026	Y6 and 6 th Form Open Morning: 10-12.30pm
ST George's School	7 October 2026	Open event: tours at 1.15pm (limited spaces during the school day) Y6 and 6 th Form 3.30pm and 4.30pm Please note that the child MUST have an EHCP as an admissions criterion Please call St George's to book a place
The Bay CE School	1 October 2026	Y6 Open Evening: 5-7.30pm
The Island VI Form	12 November 2026	VI Form open evening: 5-8pm
The Isle of Wight College	17 September 2026 7 November 2026	5-7pm Open Evening 10am-1pm Open Day
The Priory School of our Lady Walsingham	n/a	Don't hold open days. Ring up to make an appointment for a show round. Tel: 861222 or email: mail@prioryschool.org.uk



School Jotter

Never miss school notifications

Download the School Jotter Mobile App today and you'll get:

- News and message notifications
- School calendar access
- Other links to useful resources





The graphic features a blue and white geometric background. On the right, two smartphones are shown displaying the app's interface, surrounded by icons of a paper plane, a molecular structure, and a beaker.

Download APP from one of the above APP Stores

Go in as guest

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Type in Brading in the search bar at the top

Click on Brading

Click Select

You won't need to do this each time

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https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofbrading/?utm_campaign=pmc&utm_medium=email&utm_content=tesco-5000-email1

PARENTS

“youth trust”



CONNECT

A relaxed and friendly space to connect, meet other parents, feel supported and share experiences.

When?

15th Sept - East Cowes Library 12:00 - 13:30

29th Sept - Youth Trust 12:00-13:30

13th Oct - NetWork Ryde 10:30-12

27th Oct - Youth Trust 12:00 - 13:30

Where?

East Cowes
Library
PO32 6RU

Who?

For parents with young people aged 5-17



**For Every Parent,
Everywhere**

This activity is funded by



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Home Learning Environment Survey

Have your say!

<https://ipsos.uk/LA29RCYW>

Are you a parent or caregiver
of a child born between April
2021 and March 2023?

Did you access any of these
courses at the Family Hubs
between April 2025 and
March 2026, Language
builders, Parenting Puzzle,
Book start, School Readiness
and Toileting ?



The Department of
Education wants to hear
about your Experiences.

Surveys are anonymous and
confidential.

Questions about the survey?
Email for more information:
UK-HLEsurvey@ipsos.com



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**HEALTHY
BABIES**



Take part for the chance to win a £100 voucher!

Coming to Ryde Family Hub in September

Parenting Puzzle and the Nurturing Programme



Both courses can help you:

- Understand your child's emotional needs
- Build stronger communication and connection
 - Manage behaviour positively
- Feel more confident in your parenting

Parenting Puzzle - **4 sessions** for parents and carers only
whose children are aged **3 to 5 years**.

The Nurturing Programme runs for **8 sessions** and is for
parents and carers only whose children are aged **5 to 13 years**.

Please speak with your setting or contact us via
our website – link below or scan the QR code:

www.isleofwightfamilycentres.org.uk



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Competitions



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