Brading CE (Controlled) Primary School



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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 TRUTH

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well what another busy week.

I am so proud of Year 6. They have been out of this world and have been the most amazing learning ambassadors for all year groups. I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who has helped this week including governors who have come in every day to help us invigilate the tests, staff in school (especially Mr Baker and Mrs Cooney) and not forgetting the rest of the staff and children who have had to change around their learning and have had breaks and learning activities in different places during the week than normal to accommodate the SATs for Year 6. Thank you to everyone.

Friday 16th May 2025



Collective Worship this
Week We have been
continuing
to focus on truthfulness.

Bible Reflection
Be truthful in everything, in all circumstances"

1 Thessalonians 5:18

We were also moderated for SATs this week by the Local Authority and it was fabulous to be told that the way we run SATs is the way it should be. Thank you to Mr Barnes, Mrs Willshire, Mrs Stubbs and Mrs Wenman for ensuring all behind the scenes work is undertaken correctly. It is definitely a well-oiled machine. Thank you again everyone.

Staffing

Today, we are sorry to lose Miss Widgery who has been working in KS2 with us since November. She is starting her new role at the Island Free school. We thank her for all her support and wish her well in her new job.

Events

There is one more date to add to the calendar, 27th June for Year 3 and 4. There will be a tea party celebration as part of our 1940s project with Carisbrooke Castle. All Y3 and 4 parents, grandparents and family members are welcome.

Weather

As the weather keeps changing; one minute it is rainy and the next it is really hot, can I please ask you to make sure that your child/ren have the appropriate clothing. If it is a hot day, please make sure they bring a hat for outside play and put on sun screen before they come to school. Can I remind you that staff are unable to apply sun cream during the day. If it is raining, they will need a waterproof coat.

Have a lovely weekend. I can't believe we only have one more week left until half term. Remember my door is always open.

Mrs Gilbert Headteacher

SCHOOL MENU WEEK COMMENCING: 19th May 2025

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



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Macaroni Cheese	BBQ Chicken Pizza	Roast Gammon	Beef Bolognese	Southern Fried
	with Potato Wedges			Chicken and Chips
Apple and Golden		Flapjack with Fruit	Chocolate Orange	
Syrup Cake	Strawberry Jelly		Drizzle Cake	Lemon Cake

School Nurse Sessions

There will be the opportunity to meet with Joanna Norman, our school nurse to talk about the following:

- Sleep
- Constipation / soiling / toileting concerns
 - Day and night time wetting
 - Hearing or vision concerns
- Dietary advice, weight management and body image
 - Development or puberty advice
 - Personal hygiene and oral health
 - Emotional wellbeing

The next date will be Thursday 20th May between 9.00 and 12.00 and will be half termly. Please email jo.willshire@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk if you would like to attend with a brief overview of what you would like to discuss so the nurse can be prepared for the session

	Diary Dates	
Dates for	or your diary:	
May	18 th , 21 st and 23 rd – EYFS Swimming 20 th – School Nurse Session	
June	10 th – Y5/6 Sea Safe Sessions 12 th – KS1 Nettlecombe Farm Visit 19 th – Year 5 and 6 White Tailed Eagle Visitor 20 th – Group and Leavers' Photos 30 th – Y1 to Y6 LSO Concert at Ryde Academy Theatre 30 th – Safety Week – Week beginning 30 th June. Covering travel (Bus and Train Y5/6), sun, online and beach safety and Be a Buddy not a Bully.	
July	4 th – PEACH Games for Year 4 4 th – Reports sent home 7 th – Parent /Carer Sessions 8 th – Y6 Transition Day 8 th – Whole School Transition Day 9 th – Y6 Leavers' Service in Portsmouth Cathedral 10 th – School Nurse for YR and Y6 14 th - 18 th - Sports & Health Week 18 th – Whole school Sports Day 18 th – Healthy Picnic 23 rd – Last day of Term (Summer Holiday) ** 2 nd SEPTEMBER – First day of Term **	

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT THIS WEEK				
CUBA	This week in Cuba class we enjoyed making our Bulls head for the Mardi Gras, the children enjoyed cutting and tearing the ribbons for it. We have enjoyed watering our plants and making a beanstalk for our growing topic. The children have especially enjoyed the soft play, tunnel, new yoga balls and the trampoline.			
HAWAII	In Hawaii, the children have started to plan their own board games. They will write their own rules and we will play them together. In Art and Design, we explored texture using paints and we have been comparing land uses of Brading and Newport. In maths, the children have started looking at arrays and multiplication. Keep up the good work everybody!			
ANTIGUA	This week in Antigua we have been looking at minibeasts and the hungry caterpillar. We planted some cress in a caterpillar shaped egg carton. We have used sponges to make our own butterflies and we have explored the different sensory trays like a minibeast habitat and water! We have had so much fun!			
ST LUCIA	This week in St Lucia, we have started our topic of farms. The children have enjoyed starting this topic. We have focussed on an animal each day and used colourful semantics to describe and write a sentence about the animals. They really enjoyed making a book all about the farm. We have been looking at different farm machinery, making farm pictures, reading farm stories and recreating stories.			
NEW ZEALAND	This week we have continued our magical mapping geography topic and had a super exciting workshop learning all about the 7 continents and 5 oceans. We learnt a song about the continents and have been able to recall all of them since. We then had material and pretended to be the oceans.			
GALAPAGOS	This week year 3/4 have been finalising their drafts of their persuasive letters, they have written some very convincing letters to persuade people the Isle of Wight is the best place to settle. In maths we have looked at finding tenths and hundredths as fractions and decimals, and the children have grasped this very well! In science this week we built our very own circuits, the children loved exploring the comments see how they fit together and finding ways to power motors, buzzers and lightbulbs. Finally, in computing we have made our very own digital magazine covers which the children thoroughly enjoyed! Great week year 3/4!			
ICELAND	This week in Iceland class we were lucky enough to participate in a workshop with Children's Laureate Frank Cottrell-Boyce who discussed his books, his work in television and how these have both stemmed from his love of creative writing. This has paired nicely with our English focus: 'Into Film'. In Maths we have been expanding our knowledge of polygons and 3D shapes. We have also started exploring our local surroundings in our Brading topic work. Our sailing has gone from strength to strength across the course of this term and we are enjoying the opportunity to get out on the water every Wednesday!			
JAMAICA	Year 6 SATs are over! Myself and Mrs Cooney are so proud of all the children and their amazing resilience and determination. They have worked so hard and now it is time to enjoy their last half term at Brading with lots of exciting activities, visits and visitors.			

Final phase of childcare expansion: get 30 hours childcare – apply now

From this September, 15 hours childcare for working families with children under 3 will expand to 30 hours, meaning eligible working families can now apply for 30 hours of childcare from the term after their child turns 9 months until they reach school age.

This expansion is designed to support your child's early education and help you better balance work and family life. It's the final phase of the childcare expansion, which could save families up to £7,500 per year. Apply for your childcare code by 31 August to start using the support from September What you need to do:

- Check if you're eligible: Working parents in England may be entitled to up to 30 hours of childcare per week for children aged **9 months to school age**, during term time (38 weeks per year).
- Apply online via GOV.UK: If you're eligible, apply now for your childcare code you'll need this to access your hours.
- Apply by 31 August: To start using your hours from 1 September, make sure you apply before the deadline.
- **Speak to your childcare provider**: Check that they offer the hours and confirm their arrangements.
- Keep your code up to date: you'll need to reconfirm your details every 3 months via your GOV.UK account. You'll get a reminder when it's time.

Already using 15 hours childcare for working families? You don't need to reapply for a new code. Simply continue to reconfirm your details every 3 months on your GOV.UK account and your existing code will update automatically to enable you to take up 30 hours from September.

For a step-by-step guide on how to apply, watch the video below with Early Years Educator, Steff, explaining the process: How to get help with the cost of childcare: government-funded support in England Click here to apply for your childcare code

We have vacancies!

Now we have had the fantastic news that Brading Primary School is staying open, we are pleased to be able to offer places in our Early Years Provision starting after the Easter holidays. As an experienced 2 to 11 setting, we understand that the requirements of each child and each family are different and we offer a flexible early year's facility which has been designed to provide an individually tailored approach for you and your child's needs. Whether you are looking for childcare for a few sessions or for the whole week, we are committed to ensuring your children are cared for in an environment where they will feel safe, happy and nurtured.

There is a range of funding available for children from 2 years old, it is really easy to check your family's eligibility for early years funding by visiting www.childcare.choices.gov.uk:

2-year-olds can get 15 hours of funding from the term after their 2nd birthday if you receive certain benefits (including Income support or Jobseeker's Allowance or if you receive Universal Credit, and your household income is £15,400 a year or less after tax).

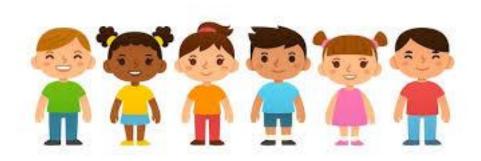
Working families can, subject to eligibility, get 15 hours of funding for 2-year-olds. All children are entitled to 15 hours of free early years education from the term after their 3rd birthday.

Working families of 3-year-olds can, subject to eligibility, apply for an extra 15 hours of funding, giving them a total of up to 30 hours.

If your child's birthday is before 31st March they could start with us straight after the Easter holiday, or if their birthday is between 1st April to 31st August then they could start in September.

If you, or someone you know, are considering places for any child from 2 years old and upwards either call the office on 01983 407217 or visit the early years section on our website www.bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk/classes/brading-early-years.

If you would like any help in investigating the funding options available to you either go to www.childcare.choices.gov.uk or pop in to talk to Mrs Stubbs who can assist you.



This week in Pictures:



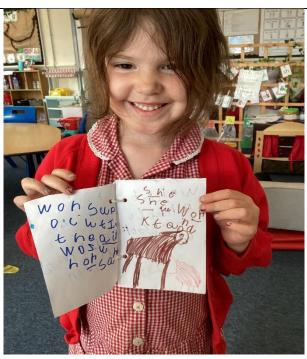




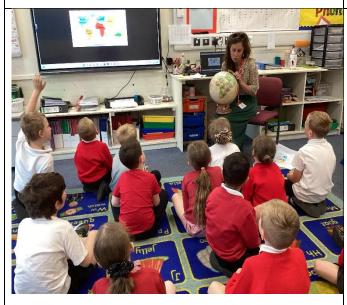














Attendance

Whole School Target: 95%

Class	Percentage Attendance last week
Antigua	96
St Lucia	87
Cuba	73
Hawaii	70
New Zealand	85
Galapagos	84
Iceland	85
Jamaica	78

Thames Valley Cyber Protect team are inviting Parents and carers to join engaging and informative Cyber Security on-line training presentations.

These sessions will share easy-to-implement tips for parents/carers regarding theirs and their family's online behaviours and internet-enabled device usage.

This session covers key topics, including:

- 1. Emails and mobile phones: The art of spotting a scam lots of hints and tips to share with your children around phishing and other scams.
- 2. Social media safety: The risks around social engineering, disinformation, AI, privacy and hacked accounts.
- 3. Gaming: Understand what the risks are to young people when gaming, particularly online, and discover ways to monitor and restrict usage.
- 4. Password mastery and Two-Factor Authentication (2FA): Helping you and your family to secure your accounts following best practice.

Link to booking onto the sessions - Online Safety for Parents by Police - South East Cyber Crime Unit | Eventbrite

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



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

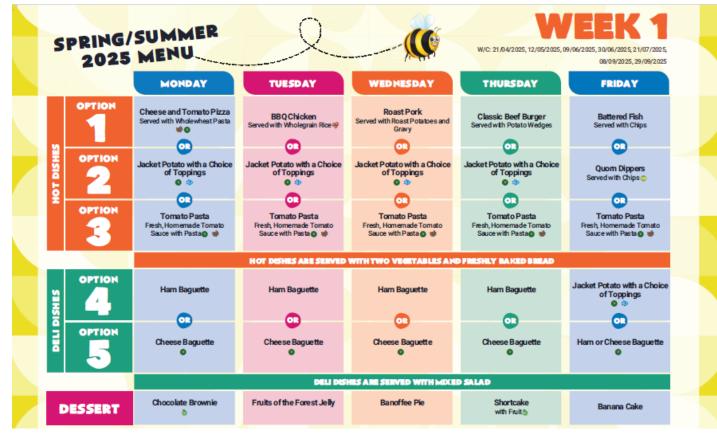
The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

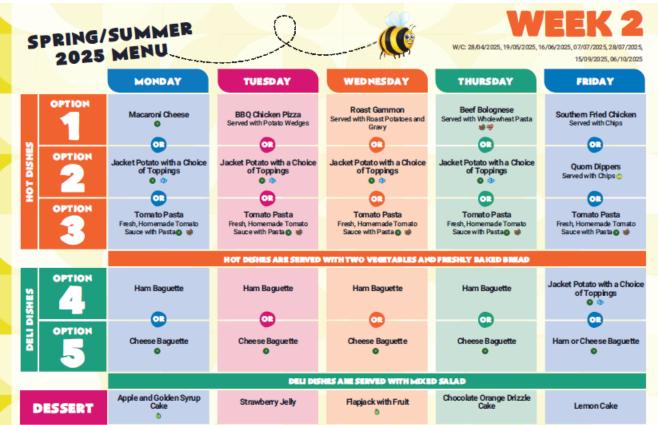
3 Third Offence

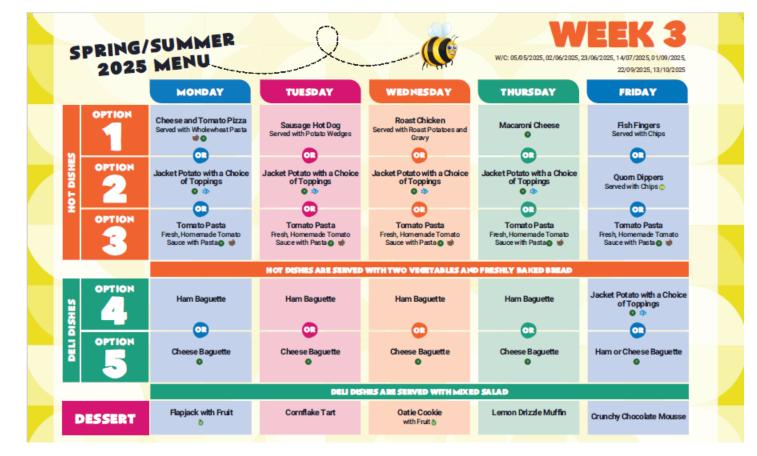
And Any Further Offence (Within 3 years)

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'.



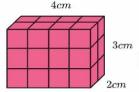




Jamaica Class News







Our artwork included origami moths in their Birch tree habitat

Our artwork was displayed at Quay Arts Gallery "Change"

Topic: Entertainment & Leisure in the Silent movies: 20th Century

P.E.=Dance













How to use **Subjunctive Mood**



What is a subordinate clause?

Year 6
Spring 2 2025

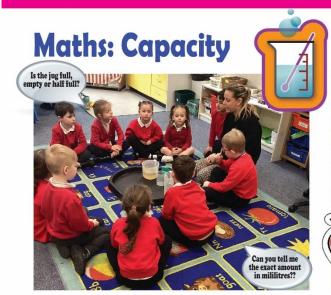
FANBOYS - what's that?



Maldives Class News

New Zealand Class News





DT: Making fruit smoothies











Year 1

Year 2

Spring 2 2025



What do fish need in their habitat?



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Little Baddow WI - last year's winner

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or contact our Learning & Discovery Team: discovery@wildheartanimalsanctuary.org



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

MINECRAFT

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS? Still the best-selling game of all time, Minecraft is a bastion of creativity and community, with hundreds of millions of players building and crafting in its almost endless world. The popularity of Minecraft among gamers of all ages means it's important to remain informed about the game, including how to play it safely and whether it's suitable for the children in your care. That's why we've created this guide explaining the risks associated with Minecraft and how to ensure a purely enjoyable gaming experience.

SCARY ELEMENTS

While Minecraft can be seen as a kind of 'digital LEGO', certain game modes include creatures accompanied by eerie sound effects. These can be a bit too frightening for some younger players, potentially leading to distressing in-game combat and other encounters – although the combat is quite basic and free from any real depiction of violence.

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GRIEFING

Some players in Minecraft take pleasure in deliberately damaging or destroying another person's creations. This behaviour, known as 'griefing,' is a form of bullying—it intentionally ruins someone else's experience by erasing hours of their work and forcing them to start over. Many public servers regard griefing as a serious offence and often ban those who engage in it.

ADDICTIVENESS

Minecraft's focus on creativity means that, as with any creative endeavour, it can be easy to get carried away. If your child is finding it difficult to manage their time because they're drawn in by Minecraft's gameplay loop of resource gathering and building elaborate projects, it could have a knock-on effect on their social interactions and schoolwork.

PUBLIC SERVERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

With public servers being so easily accessible in Minecraft, it's highly likely that children will end up chatting with strangers through the in-game text chat. Some servers even place an emphasis on social interaction, actively encouraging communication between players. While there's nothing inherently wrong with this, it does carry certain risks. In addition to the concerns around speaking with strangers online, players who host their own servers may have their IP addresses exposed, posing a further security

ADDITIONAL PURCHASES





Minecraft is available as a free trial on a variety of devices; however, the full game requires a one-off purchase, which is typically around £15. After that, players have the option to buy additional cosmetic upgrades or subscribe to Minecraft Realms. Realms is an entirely optional subscription service that allows users to run their own private server to play with friends. Without proper supervision, younger players may end up making unintended or excessive nurchases.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Selecting Creative or Peaceful mode allows children to play Minocraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is far lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of enemies and creatures attacking you or damaging your building.

HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for children to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they ve been given its address and password. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – ban anyone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft. Hosting a private server, however, will cost a monthly fee.

TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone will make contact with a stranger online. Talking to children about online safety, therefore, is essential – as is having a plan for dealing with any hostile or difficult people. It's important that a child knows never to tell a stranger about themselves online and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

Much of Minecraft's early stages can be an exercise in frustration for players who don't know where to start. Thankfully, there's a wealth of material online and in video format to help you learn the basics. Just be mindful that some of this content may not be appropriate for children, so you should consider watching it yourself first.

PLAY MINECRAFT WITH YOUR CHILD

As a creative building tool, Minecraft makes it great fun for children to team up and construct vast buildings accompanied by imaginative landscapes, much like working with LEGO or model kits. Playing in a game mode that includes enemies can encourage critical thinking and teamwork; however, you should consider which game mode is appropriate for the child in your care.

Meet Our Expert

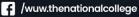
Lloyd Coombes is Gaming Editor at the Daily Star, and has worked in games media for more than 6 years. A long-time gaming enthusiast, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety for children of all ages.





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10 JUNE

12:30 - 14:30 Newport Family Centre PO30 2AX

16:00 - 18:00 Cowes Family Centre PO31 7ET

25 JUNE

09:30 - 11:30 Ryde Family Centre PO33 2JF

12:30 - 14:30 East Cowes Family Centre PO32 6PA

17 JULY

12:30 - 14:30 Newport Family Centre PO30 2AX

16:00 - 18:00 West Wight Family Centre PO40 9XH

26 AUG

09:30 - 11:30 Sandown Family Centre PO36 9EQ

11:30 - 14:30 Ventnor Family Centre PO38 1EX No booking required

Any questions email: info@iowsendiass.org.uk

A huge thank you to Barnardo's Family Hubs for the use of their family centres for our in-person sessions across the island.





- 10am to 2pm
- •£1 per person
- Wednesday 28 May

- + 10am to 1pm
- •£1 per person
- Tuesday 27 May and Thursday 29 May

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ACTION'S

Guildhall, High Street, Newport, IW, PO30 1TY



Isle of Wight Council

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