

# 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

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

### Our Christian Values: Trust

Truth, Respect, Unity, Sincerity, Tolerance

***This week our focus has been on TRUST.***



Dear Parents/Carers,

Once again it has been a really busy week at Brading. I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone: Governors, staff, yourself as parents/carers and especially all the fabulous little people that come to Brading every day. We are all so upset regarding the letter that we all received on Wednesday. As I said on Wednesday evening, since September the whole community has been working hard to put together proposals for the cabinet to consider. It is very upsetting, even though a vast range of proposals were offered, LA officers have decided they feel the best decision is to recommend the closure of Brading. I would like to reinforce that **no decision** has currently been made and any **final decision** should be made on 12th December at the next Cabinet meeting.

Myself and the Governors are working extremely closely with the Diocese in regards to next week's Scrutiny and Cabinet meeting and once I have any updates I will let you know. Thank you once again for all your support.

#### Christmas Celebrations

This year, we are looking at Christmas differently. We are inviting you to join us on Friday 20th December from 9.30. We will start the morning with our Christingle service where each class will stay in their classrooms. This will be led by the Rev Bev and the PCC. After that we will then show our Christmas Play which is called 'Whoops-a-daisy Angel'. This is a whole school production. This will be the only time that we will be showing our production. Following that there will be party games and finally party lunch. If you would like to take your children home after lunch, you are more than welcome. The party food will be free to the children but if adults would like party food, there will be a cost of £3.90. We need to know if you would like party food **by 6th December at the VERY latest.**

Our Christmas lunch day is on Wednesday 18th December. If you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner please let us know **by 6th December at the latest.** Please pay using School Money.

As the weather is now getting colder, can I remind you that the children need to bring a coat in to keep them warm at lunch and playtimes.

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

Mrs Gilbert  
Headteacher

### Collective Worship this week...

We have been continuing to focus on Compassion.

#### Bible reflection

*Do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.—Hebrews 12:5*

## SCHOOL MENU WEEK COMMENCING 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024:



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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese and Tomato Pizza	Pork Sausages with Mashed Potato and Gravy	Roast Chicken	Chicken and Vegetable Korma	Fish Fingers served with Chips
Chocolate Brownie with Orange Slices	Banana Cake	Oat Cookie with Fruit	Lemon Shortbread	Chocolate Orange Drizzle Cake

**Christmas Lunch**

**MAINS**  
Roast Turkey  
Roasted Vegetable and Cranberry Slice

**SIDES**  
Roast Potatoes,  
Carrots, Peas, Brussel Sprouts  
Pigs in Blankets  
Stuffing and Gravy

**DESSERTS**  
Festive Chocolate and Ginger Cake  
Festive Shortbread

\*Menus maybe subject to change

**Merry Christmas**

**PARTY MENU**

½ Ham Sandwich  
or  
½ Cheese Sandwich

Mini Sausage/Vegetarian Roll  
Pizza Finger

Carrot Sticks  
Cucumber Sticks

**TRIO OF DESSERTS**  
Festive Chocolate and Ginger Cake  
Flapjack Bite  
Shortbread Slice

## Diary Dates

### Dates for your diary:

<b>December</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> – Christmas Dinner 20 <sup>th</sup> – Christmas Family Activity Day, Christmas Play and Christmas Party (Adults welcome) 20 <sup>th</sup> – Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Mountbatten Hospice (Small donation, please!) 20 <sup>th</sup> – End of Autumn Term
<b>January</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> – Malta and Galapagos begin 10 Weeks of Swimming Lessons

## Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme

The scheme returns this winter. An ideal opportunity for the older siblings of the children at our school to potentially access fun activities over the Christmas holidays.

Free places are available for children who receive benefits-related free school meals. A small number of places are also available on HAF schemes for other vulnerable families. [Visit the council's website to check eligibility criteria.](#)

We will have 11 providers running a variety of activities across 18 sites including: arts & crafts, horse riding, animal care, football, skateboarding, musical theatre, and so much more. Every programme offers a free nutritious meal each day.

To find out more about local HAF schemes, please visit the [IOW Family Information Hub | Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) \(iow.gov.uk\)](#), here you can search for activities and the contact details for all local providers on the scheme.

If you have any questions about the HAF programme please do not hesitate in contacting them by emailing [holidayactivities@iow.gov.uk](mailto:holidayactivities@iow.gov.uk)

## WHAT WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT THIS WEEK

BAHAMAS	In Cuba and Bahamas this week we have started our exciting Christmas topic. We have been painting reindeer, Christmas trees and making tree decorations. We have been reading "That's not my Reindeer" and making reindeer food. We have also been practicing our special Christmas song ready for our performance.
CUBA	
HAWAII	This week in Hawaii class, the children completed a science experiment about the human body. They used bread, orange juice and food colouring to show how the stomach breaks down food using acid and enzymes. The children then squeezed the paste through a set of rights to show how it moves through the body. We learnt the function of each organ and how they help digestion.
ANTIGUA	This week in Antigua our topic is "Christmas is coming". The children have been super excited as we have all spoke about who is coming on the 25th of December! We have explored lots of fun tuff trays where we have decorated a Christmas tree, made reindeer soup and used pom-poms to make Christmas lights! The children have loved using glitter to decorate their own Christmas themed colouring sheets. Our classroom has been decorated beautifully as the children made their own paper chains.
ST LUCIA	This week in St Lucia, Christmas has arrived! We had an elf come from the North Pole and he even brought us a Christmas tree with him!! He has been up to all sorts this week and I can't wait to see what next week brings! The children have had lots of fun making Christmas trees and wrapping presents in Santa's grotto, we played pin the nose on the snow man and made beautiful snowflakes to hang on our tree!
MALDIVES	This week in Year 1 and 2 we have had a very exciting Christmas visitor! We came into school on Monday morning to find 'Elfie' our class Christmas elf had returned. He had not only returned... but had decorated our classroom door with balloons everywhere. He also delivered us a naughty and nice list from Santa and we have all been put on the nice list apart from Miss Silk who was on the naughty list!! Elfie was then super naughty and had a go at playing with the photocopying and covered our whiteboard in pictures of himself! We can't wait to see what we will do next week!
NEW ZEALAND	
MALTA	This week in Malta we have continued exploring our multiplication and division unit in maths, we have been working really hard on learning our 3 and 4 times-tables and we are getting more confident every day! We have started to learn how to write narratives in English and we are basing our stories on Viking legends to link with our topic. In science we have explored the digestive system, we learnt about all the parts and their functions. We then drew around our

	bodies and practised putting the parts of the digestive system in the right places. Another great week for Malta class!
GALAPAGOS	Year 4 have started exploring Viking Sagas this week and learnt all about Freya and the goblins. We have developed our description skills to paint a picture in the reader's mind. Mr Fisher was hugely impressed with the vocabulary used. We have also started our Art project to make sculptures in the style of Terry Chiao. We found it tricky to papier mâché but they will look once they are painted next week.
ICELAND	We've had a great week in Iceland. On Monday we had the RUDE workshop in to talk to the children about equality and values. We have also been getting Christmassy and practicing for our performance and planning out letters to Santa. We have all been working hard in maths on the tricky topics of fractions and have been learning about night and day in science.
JAMAICA	This week in Jamaica we have been doing some exciting activities. We have been planning to write a complaint for our English work, some dividing and multiplying fractions in maths and practising some singing for our play! Let's start off with English. We have been planning for our complaint by recognising the features of one. It has been very fun! Next in Maths we have been multiplying and dividing fractions accordingly. I would say we have aced it. And finally, for our play (Whoops a Daisy Angel). For our part of this funny story we have got narrators and a whole class song. By Sophia. (Head Girl)

## This week in Pictures:



# Christmas Card Letter Box and Christmas Tree Festival at St Mary's Church

The Christmas card letter box will be in the foyer from **December 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Children are welcome to post their Christmas Cards for their friends from their and others' classes. The Year 6 elves will deliver them.

The Christmas Tree festival at St Mary' Church will be this weekend - **6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> December**. The children's tress decorations will be on display.

## 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)

## Attendance

Whole School Target: **95%**

<u>Class</u>	<u>Percentage Attendance last week</u>
Antigua	88
St Lucia	69
Bahamas	58
Cuba	92
Hawaii	82
Maldives	98
New Zealand	87
Malta	86
Galapagos	84
Iceland	86
Jamaica	81





Can you find your decoration?



## 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'.





# Wildheart Wonderland

**Join us for a magical experience  
this December!**

Santa needs your help with an urgent mission... Come and join his team of Elves this Christmas at the Sanctuary to help to save Christmas!

## Selected dates

**14th, 15th, 21st, 22nd and 23rd December 2024**

## Daily start times

**10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00, 13:00, 13:30, 14:00, 14:30**

Each Wildheart Wonderland experience is approximately 1 hour long, and the price also includes entry into the Sanctuary for the rest of the day.

This event is suitable for children aged 3+

## Tickets

**Children £20 | £15 each for accompanying adults.  
Members: Children £16 | £11 for accompanying adults.**



**Book your tickets today!**  
**wildheartanimalsanctuary.org**

In collaboration with Enchanted Isle





New Carnival Presents

# Merry & Bright Festival of Light

Lantern  
Parade  
6-7pm

Fri 6th Dec 5-8pm  
**RYDE TOWN**

**FREE**

Entertainment  
Music  
Performance  
Illuminations  
Craft Market  
Digital Graffiti  
Games  
Craft Activities



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***Brading Youth & Community Centre,***

**CHRISTMAS CHARITY FUNDRAISER FAYRE**

**OPENED BY THE LORD HIGH SHERIFF**

**SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER**

**11AM TO 3PM**

**HIGH STREET BRADING PO36 0DH**

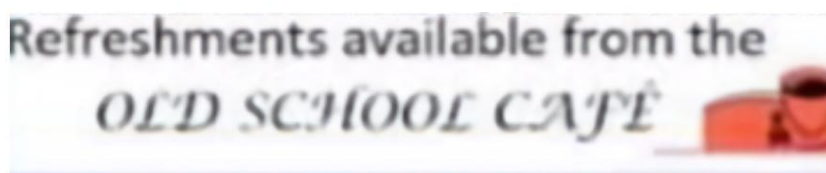
**MEET SANTA**

**MANY STALLS, LUCKY DIP, TOMBOLA,  
ADULT AND KIDS RAFFLES, GAMES,**



**C.N.1172210**

**CAFE OPEN**





# St Mary's Church Brading

**Christmas Tree Festival & Concert**

**December 6th to the 8th**

View trees from midday Friday 6th December

**Friday December 6th at 7:00 pm**

**Advent Concert**

**Two Orchestra's and the  
Brading Community Choir**

Mulled wine, mince pie's refreshments and raffle

**Saturday December 7th**

**10:00am till 2:00pm**

**Craft Fair in the Church**

Live entertainment in the Church Hall  
Coffee, Cake, Stalls, Farmer Ralph

**Sunday December 8th at 3:00pm**

**Light Up A Life Service in the Church**

**Nativity Procession at 4:00pm**

in conjunction with the Methodist Church,  
starting from St Mary's Church

ADMISSION FREE RETIRING COLLECTION



**Brading Methodist Church &  
St Mary's Church**

*invite everyone to join the*



**Community  
Nativity Celebration**

**4pm, Sunday 8 December**



**Starting outside St Mary's Church**

**Journey around Brading as we follow  
the real story of Christmas**

*Why not **dress as a shepherd or angel** if you wish  
**Bring a torch, but no candles please***

**Concludes with refreshments  
at Brading Methodist Church**

**All children to be accompanied by an adult**



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING APPS

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

When looking at options for supporting a child's mental health, the sheer volume can be overwhelming. There are many wellbeing apps available, but unfortunately not all are trustworthy. It's important to evaluate which resources are suitable, reliable and effective. This guide lets you know what to consider before installing such an app, to determine just how useful it's going to be.

### QUALITY & RELIABILITY

Mental health apps can be a useful starting point when looking for wellbeing advice and strategies and can be a useful extension to the in-person services available. However, they aren't a substitute. Information on the quality of some of these apps is scarce. They may look cute and child-friendly, but have they been designed by a mental health professional? Furthermore, do they have research to back up their content?

### PLACE RESPONSIBILITY ON CHILDREN

Some apps add the words 'kids' or 'children' to their title or use cartoon icons to make them more appealing to young people. When signing up for some of these apps, some will speak to the parent directly, saying something along the lines of "Your child is good to go. Let them take it from here". It's important to remain involved in the child's mental health journey, so regular check-ins are recommended.

### DISREGARDING APPROPRIATE SUPPORT

Young people who feel anxious and have trouble sleeping may download a mindfulness app to help. While this is a good strategy initially, it's not addressing the root of the problem. A child could simply try managing these symptoms themselves (as opposed to speaking out and seeking professional help), which could potentially worsen their anxiety in the long run.

### LACK OF PERSONALISATION

Mental health or wellbeing apps are useful tools for the short term, teaching users several helpful habits to manage their condition – such as keeping an illness diary, improving nutrition and practising mindfulness exercises. As every person is unique – and children especially will grow and develop in different ways – these apps struggle to tailor themselves to users' individual needs. For example, many apps don't distinguish between the ages of users and can offer extremely generic advice.

### DATA SECURITY

As with any other app – not just those for mental health and wellbeing – it's wise to check out the privacy policy before downloading it. Some of these applications may share data with third parties for numerous reasons (such as targeted advertisements), and if a user is sharing personal and sensitive information within the app, they probably don't want it ending up elsewhere without their consent.

### IN-APP PURCHASES

Many apps will provide their most basic features for free but will require you to pay for other aspects – such as a more tailored experience or access to additional resources. This could be a one-off fee or a regular subscription. Consider whether this is actually required. Is it benefiting the child, or could they receive the same support from a medical professional?

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### CHECK THE CREDIBILITY OF THE APP

Before you download a mental health and wellbeing app, investigate the developers. Have they consulted with qualified mental health professionals to create their resource? Also check whether the app is affiliated with any government or mental health organisations, as these are solid indicators of legitimacy. Reviews can also be a useful signpost to the app's quality. There are many good apps out there, but there are just as many that miss the mark.

### SEEK PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT

Trusted mental health and wellbeing apps designed by qualified, reputable organisations can be used alongside the personalised advice and support of fully trained professionals. These apps should never be considered a substitute for counselling or other tailored medical help. If you have real concerns about a child's mental wellbeing, you should seek appropriate advice from a suitable source, such as their GP – or Childline, who can be contacted by calling 0800 1111.

### READ THE PRIVACY POLICY

Look into the app's terms of service – especially its privacy policy. Do so by yourself first, then go over it with the child who is considering using the app, to ensure they know what data will be collected and how exactly it will be used. Use all of this information to make an educated decision on whether or not to download that particular app.

### ENCOURAGE OPEN COMMUNICATION

Mental health and wellbeing apps can be useful for writing down feelings, tracking your own health and other such activities. These can help if the problem is short-term and temporary – such as a child getting stressed about approaching exams – or if you're currently waiting for professional support. Nonetheless, it is important that children aren't solely reliant on the app and have a safe space to talk about their feelings and experiences in the real world.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



The National College

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# St Catherine's School Christmas Market

10:30am  
till 4pm

14th December  
2024



Colouring  
Competition  
*Free to Enter before Event*



St Catherine's

*Specialists in Speech, Language and  
Communication Needs*

School - College - Post 19



Treasure Hunt  
*Free to do!*



Free  
Entry



## St Catherine's Church Church Street Ventnor



Join us for surprise guests throughout.  
Christmas gifts market stalls.  
Don't forget to post your letter to  
Santa! Live music, church choir and  
local artists.

Chance to visit Grinch's Grotto!

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