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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**

9<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back, I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and New Year – I can't believe its 2026! It's been great to see the children settling back in to school so quickly and working very hard.

**Attendance Week** – This week has been our first attendance week here at Brading. The Information below is everything we will continue working towards throughout the remaining school year. Thank you to everyone for making a great start to attendance week here at Brading.

We have been working closely with our Educational Welfare Service on attendance. As you are aware they come in regularly to monitor every child's attendance at Brading and across the Island

As a school we have decided moving forward we will be running attendance weeks. We would really like your support as parents/carers to help us with this to raise attendance during the first week and every week moving forward for the rest of the school year.

To help us have that strong start together on the Spring Term we will

- Every day your child attends school, they'll receive a raffle ticket for a fun prize drawn at the end of the week.
- The class with the highest attendance for the week will also get a sperate prize activity.

In addition, we will be talking to the mini governors to hear their ideas on how we can make attendance even better as well as the parent/career survey which will go out next term on your views and feedback.

Research does show that good attendance in the fist week of term sets the tone for the rest of the year. Children who attend regularly right from the start are more likely to do well in school and feel settled and complete. Thank you for your support in this.

**Enrichment** - This week we have started our enrichment sessions on a Friday afternoon for your child. There will be seven activities which will include:

SPORTS - Golf lessons

WORKING IN THE COMMUNITY - Visit to the farm by St Mary's Church

ARTS - Tiling for a new banner

MUSIC - Developing a new Brading Choir

BOARD GAMES - Developing opportunities to play a range of traditional games

COOKING - Becoming the new chefs of the Isle of Wight

INVESTIGATING - Completing different challenges as a team.

It's been lovely walking around watching all of the children interact and engage with each other this afternoon.

**Topics –** This term we have new topics and lots of exciting hooks. Each classes Hooks are listed below.

**Antigua** – Winter, People who help us, Superheroes and Pancake Day

**Cuba** – Winter, People who help us, Superheroes and Pancake Day

**St Lucia** – Winter, People who help us, Superheroes and Pancake Day

**New Zealand** – No Place like home

**Galapagos** – Extreme Earth

**Jamaica** – Raging Rivers

**Hawaii** – Extreme Earth



**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, 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 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.

**Fun Clubs** – We still have some spaces available for Fun Clubs starting from next week. Please send an email to admin or pop into the office to book.

Y1,2,3 – Sports Club with Mrs Powell on Mondays

Y4,5,6 – Sports Club with Mrs Powell on Wednesdays

SATS Booster Club with Mr Baker on Tuesdays

KS1 Science with Mrs Attwell on Tuesdays

KS2 Sewing Club with Miss Fuller on Tuesdays

KS1 Cooking Club with Mrs Gardner on Tuesdays (10 spaces only)

Please be reminded that there is NO After School Club or Fun Clubs on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January.

**Sharing Worship** – Please remember the change in time for Sharing Worship moving forward. These will take place on Friday mornings from 8.35am. We will always contact you via text inviting you along if your child has received a certificate.

**Don't Forget -**

**Safety** – If your child is not attending their fun club, you will need to let the office know and sign them out. 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 it is getting dark so early now. 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.

**Other reminders –**

**Wrap Around Club** – Can I please remind you that all wraparound needs to be booked by 3pm the day before. This needs to be booked 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.

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

Mrs Gilbert  
Headteacher

**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.

## Dates for Your Diary

### January

- 13<sup>th</sup> – New Zealand's trip around the local area
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Cuba Parents in class for activity with children
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Mixed Year Group - Westridge Golf trip
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Mixed Year Group – Brading Farm Visit
- 20<sup>th</sup> – St Lucia Trip to Isle Imagine
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Mixed Year Group - Westridge Golf trip
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Mixed Year Group – Brading Farm Visit
- 30<sup>th</sup> – Mixed Year Group - Westridge Golf trip
- 30<sup>th</sup> - Mixed Year Group – Brading Farm Visit

### February

- 13<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – First day back at school after half term.

## Attendance

Whole School Target: **95%**

Class	% Last Week
Antigua	97.4
St Lucia	82.5
Cuba	69
Hawaii	82.7
New Zealand	83.8
Galapagos	84.8
Jamaica	86.7

### 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)

# WHAT WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT THIS WEEK

CUBA	<p>This week our topic is Winter, the children really enjoyed exploring the ice and polar animals for our topic hook. We have been reading Stickman and making our own Stickmen using sticks. The class have enjoyed drawing Stickman using chalks and pens. We have really loved using our new construction gravel area this week.</p>
HAWAII	<p>This week in Hawaii we have been making Lego volcanos where we added vinegar and baking powder to make them explode. We started on our extreme earth topic where we experimented with playdough making 4 different layers which represented the layers of the earth.</p>
ANTIGUA / ST LUCIA	<p>Our first week back after Christmas in Antigua has been very busy. Santa bought us some new toys to play with, which we have really enjoyed. Our story has been stickman, we've had fun making our own stick men. We have been learning the number one, we went on a number one hunt it was stickman's first birthday and he had a cake with one candle. We have also been busy with our winter theme, we've helped penguins escape from ice and had lots of other fun winter activities.</p> <p>This week in St Lucia we have been learning all about winter. We started our topic thinking about how cold it is and how we could use this to create our own ice. We planned out our experiment and then filled tubs with water and placed them outside to create ice. Once we had ice we then painted it to make decorative ice.</p>
NEW ZEALAND	<p>Welcome back, the children have settled really well and are all fully emerged in their learning! We started the new term with a Design and Technology challenge. The children were split into two groups and had to design, create and evaluate their large-scale cardboard aeroplanes. The children demonstrated great teamwork to create their planes. Then in geography, we went on a virtual journey around the world looking at the islands belonging to our class names. We made stamps for each island that we visited. We then returned to the Isle of Wight as our new topic 'Is No Place like Home.'</p> <p>In maths, we are looking at addition and subtraction and related facts. The children have been using concrete apparatus and pictorial representations to help with their learning. In English, the children have been introduced to Katie Morag who also lives on an island! In PSHE, we discussed the importance of sleep and our bedtime routines. In science we are looking at seasonal changes and have linked this to singing and listening about seasons in music. We also learned how to move safely in gymnastics.</p>
GALAPAGOS	<p>What an amazing first week back we have had! We have had a lot of fun exploring our new topic Extreme Earth! We have discussed a range of natural disasters including volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, tsunamis and tornados. Our hook into our topic was exploring natural disasters through music and drama. We have also focused more specifically on volcanoes for our English unit. We have explored subject specific vocabulary, formal tone and present tense in preparation for writing our non-chronological reports next week. In science we started our unit on rocks, our main focus this week was describing, grouping and comparing rocks. Finally, in our first topic lesson we look at layers of the Earth and made our own models to represent this. Have a great weekend everyone!</p>
JAMAICA	<p>This week in Jamaica class, we have started our new topic by investigating the water cycle. For our hook, we are making water cycles in a bag, which will then monitor over the half term to check when the water evaporates. In science, we have been exploring the term 'inheritance' and decided which characteristics can be passed on through inheritance. In PE, we have started our new gymnastics topic, and have focused on balancing to create group balance routines.</p>



### 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 by Mrs Gilbert 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

Tues – Yr. 6 SATS BOOSTER Club

Tues - KS1 Science Club

Tues – KS2 Sewing Club

Tues - KS1 Cooking Club

Wednesday – Y4,5&6 Sports Club

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.



More

# Attendance Traffic Light System



**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



**3 school days lost per year**

**10 school days lost per year**

**19 school days lost per year**

# SCHOOL LUNCH

## WHAT'S COOKING?

### **SCHOOL MENU WEEK COMMENCING: 12<sup>th</sup> January 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 and Tomato Pizza	Chicken & Broccoli Pasta Bake	Roast Gammon Roast Quorn	BBQ Chicken	Southern Fried Chicken Quorn Nuggets
Chocolate Marble Cake	Chocolate & Pear Slice	Lemon Cookie	Crunchy Chocolate Mousse	Strawberry Jelly

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

Please be advised of a menu change next week. Thursday will be Southern Fried Chicken/Quorn Nuggets and Friday will be BBQ Chicken and Rice. We will be providing any child who does not have School dinners with a taster pot on Thursday.

All other menu options remain the same.

# This Week in Pictures:









# BIRTHDAYS at SCHOOL



BIRTHDAYS AT BRADING PRIMARY THIS WEEK ARE:

ASHER & JASPER  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**



**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**



**Our Christian Values**

Truth – Being honest

Respect – Being fair

Unity – Being friendly

Sincerity – Being Genuine

Tolerance – Being Accepting



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

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!



ATTEND TODAY  
ACHIEVE TOMORROW

## 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'.

# Parenting Puzzle

**Are you a parent or carer of a child aged 3-5 years?**

Parenting can be challenging... but you don't have to figure it out alone.

Join our **FREE 5-week Parenting Puzzle Programme**, developed by the **Centre for Emotional Health** and based on proven strategies that really work.

Our 5<sup>th</sup> week includes our Preschool and School Readiness workshop.

This relaxed and supportive course will help you:

- Understand your child's emotional needs
- Build stronger communication and connection
- Manage behaviour positively
- Reduce stress for the whole family
- Feel more confident in your parenting



You don't have to be struggling to benefit – the Parenting Puzzle is packed with strategies and insights that are valuable for **all** parents and carers of children age 3-5 years.

You'll meet other parents and carers, share experiences, and discover practical tools to make family life calmer and happier.

**For more information check out our website** [Parenting Puzzle & The 10 Week Nurturing Programme : Isle Of Wight Family Centres](http://ParentingPuzzle.IOWFamilyCentres.org)



## Up coming dates:

Face to face at Ryde Family Hub

**Starting 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026 for 5 consecutive**

Mondays, ending 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**9.30am until 11.30am**

Or

Online via Microsoft Teams

**Starting 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026, for 5 consecutive**

Fridays, ending 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

**9.30am until 11.30am**



Scan the QR code to Contact us now : [Contact Us : Isle Of Wight Family Centres](http://ContactUs.IOWFamilyCentres.org)



The school nurse will be offering drop-in sessions each term bookable via school.

The slots are for 30 minutes and these are bookable through Mrs Willshire, please email: [jo.willshire@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk](mailto:jo.willshire@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk)

Next session:

Date: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026

Time: 9am – 11am

Your school nurse can support with the following health concerns:

Physical Health concerns related to school absences: not chronic or persistent absenteeism.

Long term conditions e.g. asthma, eczema, impacting on schooling.

Support for healthy lifestyles - diet and exercise.

Growth concerns

Support around Sleep

Continence i.e. night/daytime wetting, soiling, constipation

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Competitions



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**£60m**  
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**£0**

extra cost to anyone

# 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



# The Nurturing Programme

If you have a child aged 3 to 13 years,  
then this programme is for you.



The Nurturing Programme offers strategies to add to your parenting toolkit, giving you positive ways of helping children handle their feelings and behaviour.

**We have 2 new courses starting in January at our  
Newport Family Hub**

**Wednesdays - 7<sup>th</sup> January until 18<sup>th</sup> March**

(no session in February half-term)

9:30am till 11:30am

Or



**Mondays - 12<sup>th</sup> January until 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

(no session in February half-term)

9:30am till 11:30am

**Please visit our website and complete the contact us form to  
register your interest:**

[www.isleofwightfamilycentres.org.uk/contact-us](http://www.isleofwightfamilycentres.org.uk/contact-us)



For any questions or support booking on, please  
email [iowfamilycentres@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:iowfamilycentres@barnardos.org.uk)  
or call 01983 529208



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## School Aged Immunisation Service

NHS  
Hampshire and  
Isle of Wight Healthcare  
MHS Foundation Trust

### IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO PROTECT YOUR CHILD AGAINST FLU



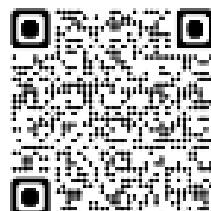
The School Aged Immunisation Service has been in school for flu vaccinations. If your child missed this but you would like them to receive it, there are community clinics available until the end of December.

Please complete a consent form to book in.

To access the consent form, use the link:

<https://www.hiowhealthcareimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

or this QR code:



Your school code is: **CW11818Z**

Clinics available are:

Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> December	East Cowes Medical Centre (next to Waitrose)	13:30 – 16:00
Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Ryde Family Hub (at entrance to Co-Op Car Park)	13:30 – 16:00
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	West Wight Sports Centre (the Meeting Room)	10:00 - 12:00
Tues 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	Newport Family Hub (next to Barton Primary School)	09:30 – 11:30

If the clinic does not appear as an option, it is full.

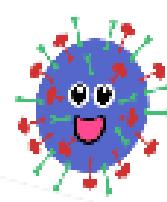
If you do not wish your child to be vaccinated and do not want to receive any further reminders this season, please use the link or QR code and select 'NO' on the consent form so that your child's record can be updated.

If you need any help or advice, please contact the school Aged Immunisation Service.

Email: [hiowh.iowimms@nhs.net](mailto:hiowh.iowimms@nhs.net) or Tel: 0300 123 5074

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Protect your  
family





# Isle of Wight SENDAIASS Online Workshops

- 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

**6  
JAN  
13:00**

Considering an EHC Plan?

Independent and impartial information to guide you through the process

**7  
JAN  
12:00**

Responding to a draft EHCP

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

**8  
JAN  
17:30**

Appeals to SEND Tribunal

A step-by-step guide through the appeals process

**14  
JAN  
11:00**

Ordinarily Available Provision and SEN Support

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

**19  
JAN  
12:00**

Alternative Provision

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

**23  
JAN  
10:00**

Responding to a draft EHCP

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



# Additional Information and Services

We have created a number of Online Notice Boards, known as Padlet's, full of information and guidance on a range of topics, including:

Best Start in Life

Early Language

Oral health

Infant Feeding  
Support

Nutrition and  
Healthy Eating

Neurodiverse  
Information, Resources  
and Services

Toileting

School  
Readiness

Health Visitor  
Drop-in Clinics



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