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# 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 RESPECT**

19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Wow, we've made it! Those last seven weeks flew by, didn't they? We have had an absolutely amazing week here at Brading full of festivity.

The children have been practicing so well over the last few weeks on the "it's a Baby" performance and what a show it was! Each and every child should be so proud of themselves throughout both performances. Thank you to the children that came back to perform for the 5pm show. I would also like to thank all staff members for their contributions over the last few weeks and on the day. It was so lovely to see all the parents/carers supporting the children of Brading Primary. Thanks again for coming along.

Thank you to everyone who has donated money towards this term's charity Wessex Cancer Trust. We have raised £47.41.

Thank you to everyone who purchased our performance and raffle tickets. We have been able to raise £214 to go towards extracurricular activities for the children.

Thank you to all kitchen staff this week for proving all the lovely christmas lunches and party food for the children.

### Attendance –

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 to moving forward we will be running attendance weeks. The first of these will start on the first week back after the Christmas break. 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.

**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.

**Collective worship this week** – we have been continuing to focus on Tolerance  
**Bible Reflection** - "God is not partial."

Here are the Fun Clubs for after Christmas Break. These will start 12<sup>th</sup> of January and these will run for 5 weeks. These Fun Clubs are Free of charge and are on a first come first served basis. Please email 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)

Sharing Worship –

Next Term we have decided to change sharing worship to Friday mornings. Thy will start around 8.35am. We will be adding new rewards.

TRUST – Best piece of learning from the class

TRUST – Best behaviour of the week

SCARF AWARD – for personal development

PERSONAL ACHEIVEMENTS - children to bring in anything they have achieved outside of school. From awards to trophy's and certificates we would like to hear about it.

BIRTHDAYS – We will be celebrating birthdays weekly.

#### **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.

**Car Parking** – The town council have organised with the town trust for any parent/carer to park before and after school in the carpark by St Mary's Church free of charge, to reduce the congestion outside of school and make it safer for everyone. Please pop into the office for your official badge. This will be available from Monday.

#### **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. Looking forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

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

## Dates for Your Diary

### January

5<sup>th</sup> – First day back at school

5<sup>th</sup> – Attendance Week

## Attendance

Whole School Target: **95%**

Class	% Last Week
Antigua	97.1
St Lucia	85
Cuba	70
Hawaii	81.8
New Zealand	86.2
Galapagos	87
Jamaica	83.3

### 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	We have had a really lovely week. The children loved making Christmas decorations with their adults. We have been listening to dancing and singing to Christmas music. The children really enjoyed sharing our special Christmas PowerPoint with their adults on Wednesday.
HAWAII	This week we welcomed families into Hawaii Class where children shared what they had learnt about World War 2. They then performed a Christmas poem and shared some Christmas activities with their family. The children and adults had a lovely time completing Christmas crafts and decorating biscuits.
ANTIGUA / ST LUCIA	We've had a very exciting and busy week in Antigua. We took part in the school Christmas performance, we had our Christmas lunch and we made Christmas tree pizza that we really enjoyed. On Thursday we had our Christmas party with lots of games and fun. We also made melted snowman biscuits.
NEW ZEALAND	This week we worked hard on perfecting our performance and wow the children blew me away with their beautiful singing and acting - well done everybody. The children have been busy with Christmas activities as well as finishing our topic around The Great Fire of London. Have a lovely break.
GALAPAGOS	What a lovely week we have had in Galapagos, the children absolutely loved having some of the parents in on Monday to decorate Christmas decorations and what an incredible performance they put on for our Nativity! We are so proud! We have also finished of a few bits this week including designing our own WW2 commemorative events in topic and the creating our own commemorative coins for our events. Finally, we had a great party afternoon filled with party games, prizes and bingo! Have a great Christmas break, see you in January!
JAMAICA	<p>This week in Jamaica class, we have had a busy week in the lead up Christmas. On Tuesday, we had our final dress rehearsal ready for our nativity performance- it was great! We have also had an RE day this week which was focused on incarnation. We looked at the meaning of incarnation and how it can be applied to our own lives today. On Thursday, we completed our final purple write of the year which was a persuasive letter to Mr Baker, persuading him to let us have a Christmas party... We won! To finish off our week, we all walked up to the church for our Christine service.</p> <p>A very happy Christmas and new year to you all from Jamaica class!</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 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

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.



# Attendance Traffic Light System



90% and below

90 - 95%

96 - 100%

## Concern

Drastic affect on academic achievement.

## Cause for Concern

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

Excellent attendance!

Keep up the good work.

## MISSING SCHOOL = MISSING OUT!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## EVERYDAY MINUTE COUNTS



5 minutes per day

3 school days lost per year



15 minutes per day

10 school days lost per year



25 minutes per day

19 school days lost per year



# SCHOOL LUNCH

## WHAT'S COOKING?

### **SCHOOL MENU WEEK COMMENCING: 5<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
Macaroni Cheese	Pork Sausages Vegetarian Sausages	Roast Chicken Roast Quorn	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Fish Fingers Quorn Nuggets
Chocolate Caramel Crunch	Banana Flapjack	Chocolate Brownie	Raspberry Jelly	Lemon Drizzle Muffin

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



## This Week in Pictures:













In October, Jamaica class entered a competition run by English Heritage and Osborne House. Each child was asked to draw their own portrait for display in a gallery at Osborne House over Christmas. The winners would receive a sum of money to spend on art supplies. While none of our entries won, we did receive a 'Highly Commended' notification awarded to Grace in year 6. She was treated to a free guided tour of Osborne House on Sunday 14th December with all of its lovely Christmas decorations. Well done Grace!



A Massive Thankyou to Mrs Lendon and Godshill Cherry Orchards for donating Brading School with this beautifully huge Christmas Tree! If you havnt already purchased your tree for this year, please pop by Godshill Cherry Orchards. You wont be disapointed.



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



## Brading Church of England Controlled Primary School

A Team That Trust Each Other

**Starting School in September 2026?**

**We are still taking applications!**

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

**Please phone 01983 407217**

**Or email**

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

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



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

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

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



### **Our Christian Values**

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







## Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing.

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

### Per Parent, Per Child

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

#### For example:

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

### 5 consecutive days of term time leave

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

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

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

### 1 First Offence

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

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

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

### 2 Second Offence

#### Within 3 years

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

### 3 Third Offence

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

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

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



# 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



## 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**



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](#)



**Scan the QR code to Contact us now : [Contact Us : Isle Of Wight Family Centres](#)**



**Hampshire and  
Isle of Wight Healthcare**  
NHS Foundation Trust

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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# 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

## Consultation Notice – Reduction to Published Admission Number (PAN) September 2027 – 2028

Tuesday 2 December 2025 – Tuesday 13 January 2026 (midnight)

As the admissions authority, and in accordance with 1.45 of the Schools Admissions Code, the local authority is consulting on the 2027 – 2028 Admissions Policies for:

- Community and Controlled Primary Schools on the Isle of Wight
- The Bay CE School

The proposed amendment is to reduce the Published Admission Number (PAN) at the following schools:

- **Greenmount Primary School** – reduction from 60 to 30
- **Haylands Primary School** - reduction from 60 to 30
- **The Bay CE School (primary site)** – reduction from 60 to 45
- **Wroxall Primary School** – reduction from 25 to 20

The number of places available for children to start Reception in September 2027 and all subsequent Reception cohorts will be reduced to the proposed Published Admission Number (PAN) for each of these schools.

The change to the Published Admission Number for the above schools is the only proposed change to the admission arrangements, all other criteria, including oversubscription, will remain the same.

The proposed change to the admission arrangements and the admission policies can be viewed online at: [www.iow.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-admissions-consultation/](http://www.iow.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-admissions-consultation/)

Comments on the proposed admissions arrangements should be sent by email to [school.admissions@iow.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@iow.gov.uk) entitled 'Primary Admissions Consultation for 2027 – 2028.'

or by post to:  
Miss R Adams  
Senior Officer (Admissions and Transport)  
County Hall  
Newport  
Isle of Wight  
PO30 1UD

by midnight on Tuesday 13 January 2026.

# 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



## School Aged Immunisation Service

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



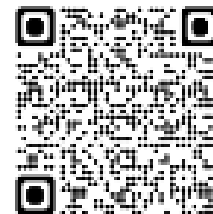
The School Aged Immunisation Service has been in school for flu vaccinations. If your child missed this but you would like them to receive it, there are community clinics available until the end of December.

**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: **CW118182**

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.**

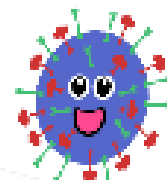
If you do not wish your child to be vaccinated and do not want to receive any further reminders this season, please use the link or QR code and select 'NO' on the consent form so that your child's record can be updated.

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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# Isle of Wight **SENDIASS** 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

[www.iowsendiass.org.uk/workshops](http://www.iowsendiass.org.uk/workshops)



# 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**