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# 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

Our Christian Values: **TRUST - TRUTH, RESPECT, UNITY, SINCERITY, TOLERANCE** –

This week our focus has been on **RESPECT**

5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

Wow! Didn't that first week of December go by so quick? Only a couple more weeks until the end of this term. Christmas is just around the corner.

We have also had lots of Santa's Elves join us this week in school. Everyday is so amazing to see what they got up to.

All students across the school this week have been working extremely hard on practising their Christmas Performance. Its been so lovely hearing the corridors filled with their singing voices. Please pop into the office if you would like to book tickets to watch the performance. Spaces are filling up and we would love to see you all there.

This Thursday Mr Baker and Mrs Cooney took some children from Jamaica class up to St Marys Church to decorate a Christmas Tree for the Churches Christmas Tree Festival. The decorations have been made by every class here at school and look fabulous at the Church. Well-done to everyone involved. If you would like to visit & see all the trees from across the Brading Community please pop up to St Marys Church this weekend.

**Christmas Activities & Celebrations** - This year these will all be held on the last week of term. Our celebrations start from 15<sup>th</sup> of December to 19<sup>th</sup> December.

**Monday** – Charity fund raising. The children will be making Christmas decorations for Mountbatten Hospice. We will expect a donation of £1 to join us and take part. This will go towards our charity for this term which is Wessex Cancer Support.

**Tuesday** – Christmas Lunch for all pupils who wish to have one. There will be no other hot food option for this day. Please provide your child with a packed lunch if preferred.

**Wednesday** – "It's a baby" Performance day. We will have 2 sittings at 1pm and 5pm.

Antigua, St Lucia, New Zealand, Galapagos and Jamaica are looking forward to you all joining them.

Cuba & Hawaii's performance will take place in their classrooms. Parents are welcomed from 1.15pm to join in Christmas activities and to watch their performance.

**Thursday** – Party Day. We will be providing the children with party food for their school dinner. No other lunch choice will be available on this day. We ask children to come dressed in their jolliest jumper for Jolly Jumper day. We will be asking for £1 per child to come in MUFTI. The money raised will go towards our chosen charity for this term, Wessex Cancer Support

**Friday** – Christingle Service will be held at the church at 1pm. We will be leaving school at 12.30pm to walk up to the church. The service will be run by members of the Church. Please come and join us as we walk the children up from school. Children can be collected from the church after the service. The children will need to be signed out before they can leave.

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

## Don't Forget -

**Festive Lunches** – Please remember to book these in advance via School Money. The kitchen requires enough time to order the ingredients needed. Please can you make sure you have ordered your child's Christmas Lunch (16<sup>th</sup> Dec) and the Party Food ((18<sup>th</sup> Dec) options by the 9<sup>th</sup> of December. Please note there will be no other food options on these days so you will need to provide your child with a packed lunch if a school dinner is not required.

**It's a Baby Christmas Performance** – Please pop into the office or logon to School Money to purchase. The tickets are £2 per adult or free for any children attending. Two tickets will be available to purchase per family initially, however after numbers attending have been confirmed, spare tickets may become available nearer the time, If you would like any additional tickets please let the office know at the time you purchase your initial tickets. The tickets will be on a first come first served basis, so please book early to avoid disappointment. You will need to keep these tickets for entry on the day. The children have been working really hard to make it extra special for you, it's going to be a really lovely festive event.

**Christmas Raffle** – A raffle is being held to raise funds for extracurricular resources and activities by the school. This will be drawn on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December and we have received a number of fantastic prizes from local businesses including Red Funnel, Wightlink, The Yarbridge Inn, Westridge Golf Centre, Busy Bees, Blank Gang Chine and many more. The raffle tickets are £1 per ticket. Please pop into the office if you would like to buy some.

## Other reminders –

**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 safe guarding to ensure everyone is kept safe.

**Wrap Around Club** – Can I please remind you that all clubs need to be booked at least 24 hours 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

### December

15<sup>th</sup> – Charity Fund Raising Day

16<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Lunch for Students

17<sup>th</sup> – Whole School Performance - "it's a Baby" 1PM & 5PM sittings

18<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Party Day

18<sup>th</sup> – Jolly Jumper Day for Wessex Cancer Support

19<sup>th</sup> – Christingle Service at St Marys Church

22<sup>nd</sup> – Christmas Holidays start

### January

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

## Attendance

Whole School Target: **95%**

Class	% Last Week
Antigua	98.5
St Lucia	98.8
Cuba	52.0
Hawaii	78.2
New Zealand	87.7
Galapagos	90.0
Jamaica	77.6

## 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	This week we have really enjoyed exploring our Christmas topic. The children have made snowmen with marshmallows, then enjoyed eating them. We are painting a box to make a post box for our Christmas cards. The children have enjoyed making hats, snowballs and beards with Playdoh. The highlight of the week was decorating our mini Christmas tree with sparkles and touching the branches of this real tree.
HAWAII	Hawaii class have been very busy this week. In topic the children learnt about different forms of entertainment people in world war 2 would listen to and watch as well as games they would play. In science the children learnt about how the human tendons, muscles and bones help to move each body part and even getting to do an experiment by making a hand from paper, muscle from a straw and sting for the tendons. Finally, in art the children made a colour wheel mixing different primary colours to see what the mixed colours would make. We then went outside to see what colours on the wheel they could find out in nature.
ANTIGUA / ST LUCIA	<p>It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...This week in St Lucia our Christmas topic has officially begun. We have been visited by naughty elves who have been causing mischief in the classrooms. We have also been very busy spending time in our post office role play area creating Christmas cards and posting them in our Christmas post box. We have also had lots of fun making our own salt dough Christmas tree decorations and painting them, we can't wait for them to dry so we can take them home to share with our families and put them on display.</p> <p>In Antigua this we have been doing everything Christmassy. We have been learning about baby Jesus, practicing our Christmas song, decorating our tree and writing cards to Santa.</p>
NEW ZEALAND	The week started on a very sad note, the elf on the shelf was missing! This made Mrs Attwell very sad so the children created 'Wanted' posters for the elf to return and it worked! By Tuesday, he was back and brought advent calendars. We are going to write a diary of all his antics! In maths, we have been counting sides and vertices on 2-D shapes. We played basketball in PE and learned new skills. We made Christmas decorations for the church tree. We also had a mental health workshop where we discussed our bag of worries and what we should do if we have any worries.
GALAPAGOS	This week Galapagos class have worked super hard, especially on their times tables! This is something we will continue to work on so that the children are confident in multiplying up to 12x12. In English we have been finding out all about the Blitz, reading to write out diary entries next week! The children loved looking at the Anderson and Morrison shelters in more detail and listening to real people's experiences of what life was like during the Blitz. In art the children created some wonderful collages to complement their colour wheels and in science we investigated whether people with longer femurs could jump further. Made predictions, gathered our evidence, examined our results and drew conclusions like real life scientists! What a wonderful week, have a fantastic weekend!
JAMAICA	This week in Jamaica class we have finished our English learning journey, looking at a short story. We published our short stories and included rhetorical questions, - similes and semi- colons. On Thursday, a group of children from Jamaica travelled up to St Mary's church to decorate our school's Christmas tree. It looked great! To finish off our week, we continued with basketball in PE and learnt how to pass successfully.



### 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 – spaces available

Tues - KS1/2 Christmas Club – FULL

Tues - KS1 Puzzle Club - spaces available

Wednesday – Y4,5&6 Sports Club – spaces available

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: 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Chicken and Broccoli Pasta	Roast Gammon Roast Quorn	BBQ Chicken	Southern Fried Chicken Meat Free Nuggets
Chocolate Marble Cake	Chocolate & Pear Slice	Lemon Cookie	Crunch Chocolate Mousse	Strawberry Jelly

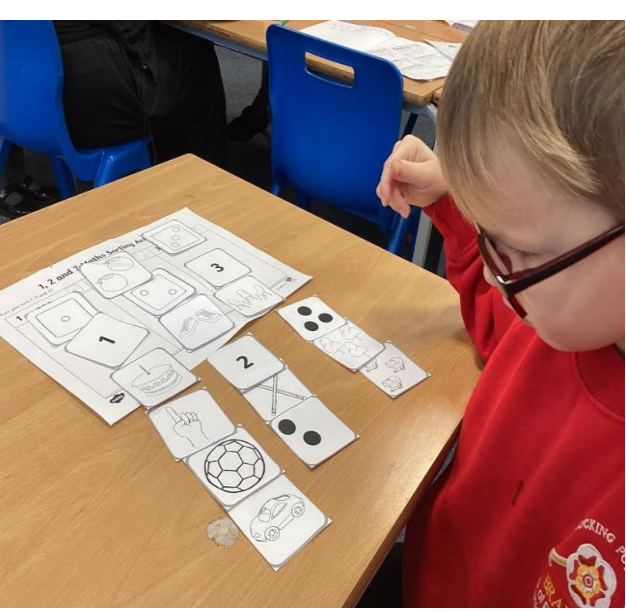
**We now have some vegetarian options available each week. These are all available on School Money**

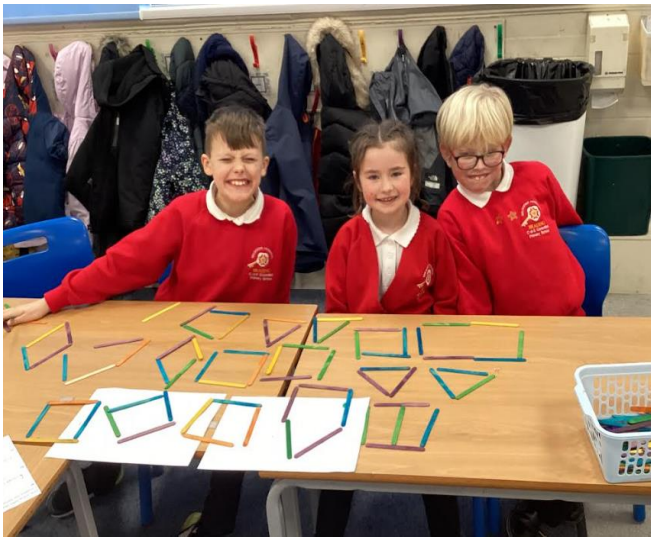


Please see the above festive menus we have coming up on the last week of term. These are available to book on School Money. Please order these by Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> of December.

## This Week in Pictures:







**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**

Truth – Being honest

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Sincerity – Being Genuine

Tolerance – Being Accepting



**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'.

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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



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If you have a child aged 3 to 13 years,  
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The Nurturing Programme Workshop offers strategies to add to your parenting toolkit, giving you positive ways of helping children handle their feelings and behaviour. It also highlights what's available in our 10-week programme.

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

**12pm till 2pm**

**Online via Teams**



**Please visit our Eventbrite page to book your free place:**

<https://shorturl.at/Tps5z>

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.**

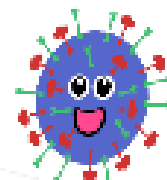
If you do not wish your child to be vaccinated and do not want to receive any further reminders this season, please use the link or QR code and select 'NO' on the consent form so that your child's record can be updated.

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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