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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**

14<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

What another amazing week we have had.

**Remembrance Service** – I would just like to thank Rev Bev for coming in and leading our Remembrance Worship on Tuesday morning, where all the classes brought their poppy wreaths. In addition, one of our year 5 pupils read out a poem and then everyone listened to Rev Bev talk through all the colours of a poppy. Finally, we undertook a minute's silence at 11am for all those that have fought in combat, as we felt it was such an important topic, especially as it is the 80year anniversary of the end of the second world war. The whole school then took part in a remembrance afternoon to help them increase their cultural capital and learn more about British history.

**Children in Need (Stars & Stripes)** - Thank you all for your donations towards Children in Need. **We raised £57.65.** Thank you to everyone who donated

**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.

**Attendance** – We have regular meetings with our Education Welfare Officer and he checks everyone's attendance. You may find you receive an invite to discuss attendance. We are all here to help. We will be sending home an update of everyone's attendance in the next couple of weeks.

**Collective worship this week** – we have been continuing to focus on  
Respect and Reverence

**Bible Reflection** – - "so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

**Christmas Activities & Celebrations** - This year these will all be held on the last week of term.

**Monday** – Charity fund raising. The children will be making Christmas decorations for Mountbatten Hospice. (Donation of £1 to join us)

**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 the 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.

**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. Please come and join us as we walk the children up from school.

**Christmas Raffle** – A raffle is being held to raise funds for extracurricular resources and activities by the school. This will be drawn 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, Tapnell Farm and more. Raffle tickets can be purchased from the school office from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November.

**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.

**School Nurse Drop in Session** - The school nurse will be offering drop-in sessions each term bookable via the 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 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025 Time: 9am – 11am

**Enrichment Opportunities** – This week Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 have been out to the Cinema to watch the movie IF. On the 27<sup>th</sup> of November Years 1 & 2 will also be going to the cinema to watch DOGMAN.

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

Mrs Gilbert

## Dates for your diary:



<b>November</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> – School Nurse Drop in Session 9-11am (Please see Mrs Willshire to book) 27 <sup>th</sup> - New Zealand's Trip to the Cinema
<b>December</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Flu Immunisation Session 15 <sup>th</sup> – Charity Fund raising day 16 <sup>th</sup> – Christmas Lunch for students 17 <sup>th</sup> – Whole school concert – “it’s a Baby “ 1PM & 5PM 18 <sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party day 19 <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

## WHAT WE HAVE BEEN LEARNING ABOUT THIS WEEK

CUBA	We have had a lovely week looking at our topic of remembrance. The children have enjoyed making a wreath using red handprints and using peppers to print and chalk to draw poppies. We had a very special bucket session where we explored a poppy scarf and a poppy from the Tower of London.
HAWAII	This week in Hawaii Class, the children celebrated Remembrance Day. They made poppies to wear, learnt why we celebrate Remembrance Day and took part in the 2 minutes silence. We then continued by learning about what life was like for an evacuee in World War 2 including rations. The children had rationed amounts of bread and butter to share between them and thought about how this would've affected children.
ANTIGUA / ST LUCIA	Our Early Years focus this week has been Remembrance. We have shared things we remember, talk about important people to remember and why the poppy is special. We have made our own poppies, poppy wreaths and poppy biscuits.
NEW ZEALAND	This week we started with our hook with a visit from a fireman! The children loved hearing all about his role and this has really helped writing non-chronological reports. In maths, we have been looking at tens and ones. We finished sewing our poppies in art and design. We made a wreath and took part in some lovely Remembrance activities. Well done everybody!
GALAPAGOS	This week Galapagos have enjoyed a wonderful trip to the cinema, the children were so well behaved and represented the school amazingly! This week we have also learnt all about remembrance, we made a poppy wreath and our own poppies, wrote some lovely poems and finished by continuing to explore our WW2 topic looking at the roles of responsibilities of the people in the war. In art we experimented using a range of paintbrushes, we then discussed which ones were our favourite and least favourite. Have a lovely weekend!
JAMAICA	This week in Jamaica class, we have had a very busy week. On Tuesday, we carried out various activities for Remembrance Day, and took part in our whole school worship to commemorate all comrades from across the world. On Wednesday, we took a trip to Cineworld for the annual film festival. We watched the film “if” which explored the world of imaginary friends. In Thursday, we continued our journey into the Ancient Maya by discussing the importance of religion and the gods from the past.

# Attendance Traffic Light System



**90% and below**

**Concern**  
**Drastic affect on academic achievement.**

**90 - 95%**

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

**96 - 100%**

**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: 17<sup>th</sup> November 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 & Broccoli Pasta Bake	Roast Gammon Roast Quorn	BBQ Chicken & Rice	Southern Fried Chicken
Chocolate Marble Cake	Chocolate & Pear Slice	Lemon Cookie	Crunchy Chocolate Mousse	Meat Free Nuggets
				Strawberry Jelly

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

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE FOR ALL PUPILS IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 & YEAR 2**

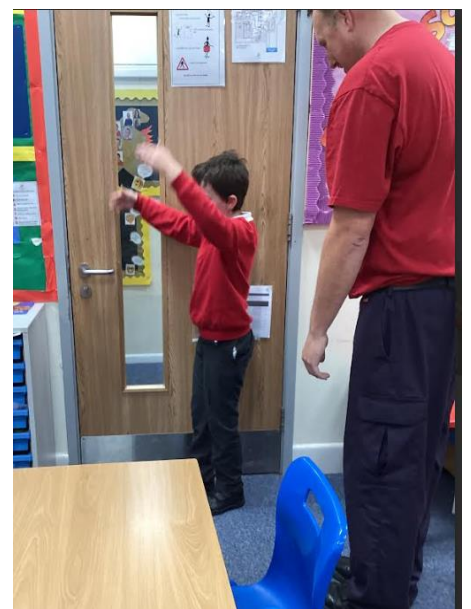
**Save up to £457**  
with FREE school meals

- All of our school meals are nutritionally balanced and meet the School Food Standards.
- We ensure that children's favourite dishes are featured on our menu and also cater for allergens and intolerances.
- Making a home-packed lunch for your child each day can be time-consuming and expensive.
- School meals can relieve some of this pressure by providing a hot, nutritious lunch for your child, every school day.

**Chartwells**  
So much more than Fantastic Food



## This Week in Pictures:







## Our School Remembrance Service







Some of our Year 5 & 6 Children took part in Bikeability this week. Well-done to everyone involved.





## Attendance

Whole School Target: **95%**

Class	% Last Week
Antigua	95.9
St Lucia	80
Cuba	79
Hawaii	73.6
New Zealand	99.2
Galapagos	93
Jamaica	81.9

## 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)



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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



**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'.



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# ADULT COMMUNITY LEARNING

ALL COURSES ARE FOR ADULTS 19+



For further information or to book a place on any /all of these sessions please contact:

info@thecrossley.co.uk or text 07977 041 539

## 90 Minutes to Family Calm Series

Join our **FREE** (fully funded) online classes! - **Join one or join them all....**



**BRAIN TRAINING FOR CALM**

- 4th November

**TAMING THE EMOTIONS MONSTER**

- 11th November



**SENSIBLE ABOUT OUR SENSES**

- 18th November



**BUILDING SELF-ESTEEM & CONFIDENCE**

- 25th November

**RELAXING OUR KIDS**

- 2nd December



Autumn Term 2025

Tuesday evenings

6:00-7:30PM

Booking & enrolment required to secure a place on any or all these sessions.

\*enrolment required **just once** (for any number of sessions) per academic year



# 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

- 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

**13  
NOV**  
**09:30**

Responding to a draft  
EHCP

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

**18  
NOV**  
**10:00**

Appeals to SEND Tribunal

A step-by-step guide  
through the appeals  
process

**21  
NOV**  
**10:00**

Ordinarily Available  
Provision and SEN Support

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

**24  
NOV**  
**13:00**

Considering an EHC Plan?

Independent and  
impartial information to  
guide you through the  
process

**25  
NOV**  
**10:00**

Responding to a draft  
EHCP

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

**26  
NOV**  
**12:30**

Alternative Provision

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