

# Brading CE (Controlled) Primary School



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## News from Brading CE Primary School

**Headteacher:** Mrs B Gilbert

**Office Administrators:** Miss Hughes, Ms Barnard

**Friday 1st December 2023**

### Our Christian Values: Trust

**Truth, Respect, Unity, Sincerity, Tolerance**

***This week our focus is SINCERITY — being GENUINE***



Dear Parents/Carers

Well here we are in December already—only 24 more sleeps until the big day! Remember we have just over 2 weeks in school until the Christmas holidays! Our last day of term is Tuesday 19th December, our Christmas dinner day and Christmas Jumper day! Please can I remind you that we will only have the Christmas dinner and the Christmas vegetarian menu options only on that day.

Thank you to those who attended the KS1 maths session with Mrs Rackett on Thursday, if you would like a copy of the PowerPoint please ask the office. Mrs Rackett will be holding one for KS2 parents/carers next Thursday from 2:15pm, if you would like to come along please let the office know.

A huge well done to our year 4 children who will complete their swimming programme on Monday, their progress has been amazing. Our thanks also go to the staff and our governor Mr Piggott who accompany the children each week and of course to The Heights Leisure Centre Team for making this very important activity possible.

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

Mrs Gilbert.

### Collective Worship this week...

This week Mr Barnes has been talking about how Jesus was creative in his miracles to show his love of us and the power that God has through Him. Mr Baker did a fabulous collective Worship about how our creativity is different in each person. Jonathan came from the church to talk to us about how artists and authors can be positive and Mrs Attwell finished the week with Picture News about Antarctica. Sharing Collective Worship gave us the opportunity to give out Truth, Respect and Unity certificates.

### Bible reflection

**“I will give thanks to you, LORD,  
with all my heart; I will tell of all  
your wonderful deeds”**

**Psalm 9:1**

### KEY EVENTS NEXT WEEK!

#### Diary Dates

MONDAY 4th	TUESDAY 5th	WEDNESDAY 6th	THURSDAY 7th	FRIDAY 8th
YR4 Swimming Fun Clubs: Rugby & Handball KS2 NHS Flu Jabs 2nd session	Fun Clubs—KS2 Christmas Club, Puzzles & Games YR3 - Trip KS1 Football & Mindfulness		KS2 Maths information session 2.15pm with Mrs Rackett	KS2 Golf at Westridge

## St Mary's Brading Church Christmas Tree Festival

All of the children's tree decorations are now on display at the church. Every class has taken part. Please support the school's link to the church by going to visit this weekend. Friday-Saturday-Sunday 10am-4pm Refreshments available inside the church. See if you can spot yours!



## Keeping safe before and after school:

We are extremely concerned about the way some parents/carers are parking and driving outside of the school. We all have a duty of care to keep the children safe, please think about this and how you would feel if one of the children got hurt. At the same time can I please ask adults to ensure young children are holding your hands down the path and on the pavements as I really don't want any accidents. We must keep each other safe. Thank you.

## FLU IMMUNISATIONS:

The flu team are coming back in on Monday 4th December to administer flu immunisations to those who didn't sign up the first time around. Please note bookings are made direct through the NHS using the information sent out to you a few weeks ago.

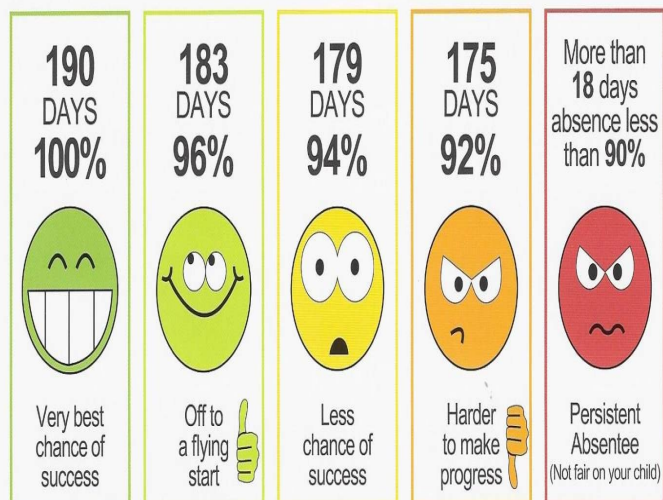
## CHRISTMAS DINNER

This year's Christmas dinner is being held on Tuesday 19th December – the menu is in the newsletter. Please place your order using the SchoolMoney App. You will need to pre-order this whether your child is eligible for Free School Meals, Universal Free School Meals or pays for their lunches so that the kitchen can order the correct amount of food. We will not be taking bookings on the day. Please also note that Christmas dinner or the vegetarian option are the only meal choices on this day. - Thank you.



## ATTENDANCE:

There are 190 days in a school year which leaves 175 days to spend on family time, shopping, appointments and other things.



**GIVE YOUR CHILD A BETTER FUTURE – AIM FOR 100% SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

Class	Attendance
St Lucia	86.9%
Maldives	91.9%
Cuba	82.2%
New Zealand	92.4%
Malta	90.6%
Galapagos	90%
Iceland	90.4%
Jamaica	91.4%
Hawaii	85.6%

**REMINDER:** You must contact the school on the first day of absence. You can call the office but we do require that this is followed up with written confirmation. You can email the school office on: [admin@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bradingcepri.iow.sch.uk)

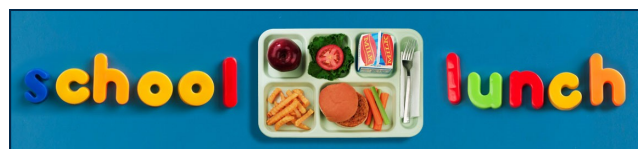
Until we receive confirmation in writing the absence will be unauthorised.

Thank you



## SCHOOL MENU NEXT WEEK:

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

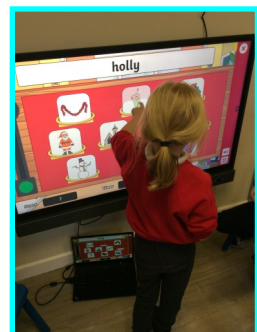
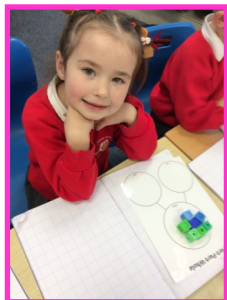


MONDAY 4th	TUESDAY 5th	WEDNESDAY 6th	THURSDAY 7th	FRIDAY 8th
Pizza	Pork Sausages	Roast Pork	Chicken & Vegetable Korma	Fish Fingers
Magic Apple & Cinnamon Bake	Strawberry Jelly	Orange Shortbread with fruit slice	Banana & Carrot Cake	Strawberry Frozen Yogurt

<b>WHAT HAVE WE BEEN LEARNNING THIS WEEK?</b>	
<b>ANTIGUA</b>	Christmas has landed in Antigua class this week! We are going to have so much fun over the next few weeks as the festive period begins. Writing letters and posting them to Santa, decorating Christmas trees, snowy train tracks, making snow flakes are just some of the really exciting things we've been up to. We have also been working super hard to practice our songs for the nativity.
<b>ST LUCIA</b>	This week in St Lucia we have been continuing our theme of space. This weeks book focus was Aliens love underpants! The children loved this story, and made some underpants for the Aliens! We also made some yummy moon rocks from our recipe book which was so much fun and super tasty! We also got a new present in St Lucia this week! Have a look at the pictures to find out what it was! I was very impressed with the children's queuing skills!
<b>MALDIVES</b>	Year 1 has been continuing to work hard on phase 4 phonics and blending and segmenting longer words. In maths, we have looked at fact families and subtracting by crossing out. In English, we are finalising our instructions so that we can catch Nibbles the Book Monster! In history, we created a timeline of The Great Fire of London and linked the career of firefighters to this.
<b>NEW ZEALAND</b>	This week in Year 2, our pupils embarked on a vibrant learning journey. In English, we concluded our exciting letter-writing exploration inspired by 'The Day the Crayons Quit.' Creativity flowed as pupils expressed their thoughts through colourful letters. In Science, we delved into the microscopic world, investigating germs and their impact on hygiene. Geographical wonders unfolded as we explored each continent, unveiling fascinating facts and broadening our global understanding. In Maths, we honed our shape knowledge, exploring polygons, circles, and more.
<b>MALTA</b>	This week in Malta class we have carried out an investigation looking at the lengths of people's femurs and how this affects the distance a person can jump. The children completed a table to show their results and discussed what they had learnt from our investigation. On friday, the children completed a formal letter which was written from the perspective of a London guard. The children wrote a range of sentence types and included modal verbs in their writing.
<b>GALAPAGOS</b>	Year 4 have had a very exciting week this week. We've learned all about earthquakes. The children even learned about what to do in the event of an earthquake! In maths we have been working hard on our times tables and using these in greater depth. In English we have been polishing our diary entries about Mount Vesuvius erupting and in science we have constructed and interpreted food chains.
<b>ICELAND</b>	This week in maths we have been adding and subtracting fractions and in English we have been writing a letter to say sorry that we were cutting down a tree and in science we have been learning about space and debating if the earth is flat or a sphere. Then in Topic we are learning about rivers and the key words like mouth and meander and in P.E we have been doing basketball.
<b>JAMAICA</b>	In year 6 we had a great week! In English we have been doing an apology letter. In maths we have been doing fractions of an amount. In science we have been learning about the circulatory system. In topic we have been learning about 20th Century music and even has a tape recorder to play us music. In guided reading we have been doing mapping our world. In computing we have learnt about internet safety on be internet Legends Day. In art we did a brighten your bag competition set up by the JTA (Junior Travel Ambassadors). PC Rachel came in and talked to us about internet safety.
<b>CUBA</b>	This week we have had lots of fun starting our Christmas topic. We started the week with RE Day and learnt all about Journey's end. We then have had lots of fun exploring the trim trail, making Christmas tree reindeer decorations, Christmas yoga and using an interactive game on the whiteboard to build snowmen and find the Christmas objects.
<b>HAWAII</b>	This week in Hawaii class the children have been learning about journey's around the world. They used a world map to get from one continent to another naming the continents and oceans that they passed. They have also been learning about materials used to make a road.



# This week in pictures...





We are looking forward to seeing you all at  
the Christmas Disco

Friday 15th December 2023

To secure your child's place, please book on  
SchoolMoney

Key Stage 1 : 4pm - 5pm

Key Stage 2 : 5.15pm - 6.30pm



£2.50 cost per pupil includes:  
entry, drink and sweets





# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MINECRAFT

AGE RATING

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Minecraft is a beloved classic of modern gaming. First released in 2011, this open-ended 'sandbox' game of building and exploration still has over 140 million players who happily return to play it at least once every month. Minecraft has also been utilised for much more than just entertainment: it's sometimes used in schools to teach children coding, and it's also employed as a tool for computer-aided design, which is another valuable skill. Encouraging creativity and problem solving, Minecraft has plenty to offer gamers of all ages, and it's available on almost all video game platforms.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### PUBLIC SERVERS

Joining a public network (called a server) lets your child potentially interact with strangers through text chat. Some servers focus on building, while others are dedicated to role-playing – encouraging direct player interaction. Anyone can join public servers and connecting to one is relatively simple. Public server IP addresses (and therefore someone's location) are easy to find with search engines.

### GRIEFING

Some people in Minecraft delight in purposefully damaging or destroying another player's creation. This is called 'griefing' and is a form of bullying: it intentionally spoils someone else's experience in the game by deleting hours of their work and forcing them to start from scratch. Many public servers treat griefing as a severe offence and frequently ban offenders.

### ADDICTIVENESS

Minecraft's gameplay is relatively simple, and the outcome (when a child has built something new, for instance) can be extremely gratifying. This can make the game highly addictive. It's easy to lose track of time while playing Minecraft, causing committed young players to forget about other activities like homework or enjoying family time.

### SCARY ELEMENTS

The visual design and gameplay of Minecraft is purposefully child friendly, so there's nothing too untoward in the game. However, some of the 'baddies' that can be encountered might prove a little too scary for very young players. In the game, certain enemies come out at night and are accompanied by audio – such as zombie moans and skeleton bone rattles – that may unnervingly young ones.

### ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

After initially buying the game, players can make optional extra purchases for cosmetic items and other bonuses. Minecraft Realms is an optional online subscription (requiring regular payments) that lets users run a multiplayer server to play with their friends. Most games consoles also need an active subscription to enable online play – so online gaming can quickly become an expensive hobby.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

There are a lots of Minecraft content creators who release helpful videos about the game on YouTube and Twitch. Not all of these, however, are suitable for children. Watching these content creators' channels yourself first is a safe way to find appropriate Minecraft videos to share with your children. This also helps you learn more about the game itself, and how your child plays it.

### CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Selecting 'Creative' or 'Peaceful' mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of moaning zombies or creepers damaging your build.

### HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for your child to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given the necessary joining details. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – to ban someone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft.

### ENCOURAGE BREAKS

It's easy for the hours to fly by while your child is playing Minecraft, so reminding them to take regular breaks is essential. This is a useful way for them to learn good time management, which they'll benefit from as they get older. It will also teach them to play their favourite games in moderation – limiting addictive behaviour and allowing them to manage their day better.

### TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone needs to have contact with a stranger online. Talking to your child about online safety, therefore, is essential – as is having a plan in place for dealing with any hostile or difficult strangers. Ensure that your child knows never to tell a stranger about themselves online, and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

## Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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### Information from the Isle of Wight Council:

The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme as it returns for Christmas. An ideal opportunity for the older siblings of the children at your setting to potentially access fun activities over the Christmas holiday.

The programme is back with more activities, new spaces and exciting opportunities, with free places available for children who receive benefits-related free school meals. A small number of places are also available on HAF schemes for other vulnerable families.

[Visit the council's website to check eligibility criteria](#) .

They have 10 providers running a variety of activities across 13 sites including: horse-riding, tennis, football, drama, and so much more. Every programme offers a free nutritious meal each day.

To find out more about local HAF schemes, see the press release here [Council supports food and activity schemes this Christmas \(iow.gov.uk\)](#) . Then visit the [Isle of Wight Family Information Hub website](#), here you can search for activities and the contact details for all local providers on the scheme.

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## New 2 U

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### Children's Clothes Exchange



**Monday  
4 December  
10am-12noon**

**Winter coats  
Christmas clothes**

Bring clothes to  
exchange  
if possible  
but not essential  
Refreshments &  
toys for tots



**ALL WELCOME**



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

invite everyone to join the  
**Community**

## Nativity Celebration

**4pm, Sunday 10 December**



Starting outside Brading Station,  
journey around Brading as we follow  
the real story of Christmas

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

Concludes with refreshments  
at St Mary's Church Hall

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Thank you



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December

2<sup>nd</sup> date for flu vaccinations in school Reception – Year 6

### Friday 15th December

#### Christmas Disco:

4- 5 pm - YR R & YRs 1 & 2

5.15 - 6.30 pm - YRs 3,4 ,5,6

£2.50 to include a drink and sweets, please pay on the school app to book your child's place

### Tuesday 19th December

Christmas dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024

Christmas holidays

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

February half term

### Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Easter holidays

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Bank holiday Monday

### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024

May half term

### Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Development days

### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Summer holidays



Reflection of the week...

