

Report for Bredhurst Parish Council

Thank you for the opportunity to write a report for the AGM of Bredhurst Parish Council.

Bredhurst C of E Primary School is a growing school, which now has a capacity of 140 children due to change in pupils entry numbers, which have increased from 15 children to 20 per year. This means we have to run as mixed age classes. Our current set up is 4 mixed age classes and 1 single aged class.

Fir Tree: Years R and 1, Forge: Years 1 and 2, Hurstwood: Years 3 and 4, Kemsley: Years 4 and 5 and Oakwood: year 6.

We have a highly committed, experienced staff team. Staff are dedicated to this school and we have very little staff leave. The last staff member to leave left to relocate. Our teaching staff have all been in post at this school for a minimum of 5 years.

The children from Bredhurst come from the local vicinity with the last place offered in the previous academic year being 1.1 miles from the school and this year being ... from the school. We have 23 children who currently reside in Bredhurst attending the school and a further 4 who live in Lidsing.

All our children are from the parish of South Gillingham.

Bredhurst School was inspected by Ofsted in January 2024, the overall grading was judged as good, with "Outstanding" in two categories, Behaviour and attitudes and Personal Development.

"Bredhurst Church of England Primary is a good school. Pupils attitudes to school are exceptionally positive. They thrive in the care and belief the school shows them.

Pupils' attitudes to learning are exemplary, and they love coming to school. Pupils' impressive attendance and punctuality reflect the school's highly consistent systems and expectations. Behaviour around the school is calm and orderly, and pupils are extremely supportive of each other. Relationships between staff and pupils are very respectful and warm."

We had a successful SIAMS report in February 2025 with the following within the report. 'Bredhurst is a caring, inclusive school, serving its community well. Rooted in a sense of love for the adults and pupils at Bredhurst, personal growth for all is a priority for leaders. Pupils are thriving at this school. They are celebrated for their uniqueness and are highly valued members of this supportive community. There is a determination that all should learn and grow within this loving school community. Parents correctly recognise that staff go 'above and beyond' to provide support. Pupils play harmoniously together at playtimes, with older ones relishing playing with and supporting the younger. Staff value the wellbeing support from each other and leaders. They recognise and appreciate that the vision of love and growth applies to them as well as pupils. As a result, flourishing of pupils and adults is at the heart of daily life at Bredhurst.'

At Bredhurst School, we attend several events across the academic year, including school trips around the local area and further afield. We participate in a field work week to enable the children to understand their local environment. We hold events with both St Paters and St Matthews church, such as Experience Easter and Christmas.

We continue to hold community events such as May Day, which local residents and the local community attend. We offer the local village shop a free stall at this event. We also hold an annual Pumpkin Moring fete for the children and local community to attend.

At the end of each month our children attend the Village Hub, where they get to spend time with residents from the local community, reading books and sharing stories with them.

We now also encompass both a Breakfast Club and an After School Club. The Breakfast Club operates as part of the school, giving children a positive start to the school day and enabling parents to access work. However, the After School Club is run as a separate business which now operates from our school. This club is run for children who attend Bredhurst Primary School only and is a much needed facility for parents for the after school and wrap around care that is necessary in today's society.

The parish have been kind enough to allow us to use Blacksmith Barn for our governors meetings when they have been held in the school day and we are struggling for space, we have been appreciative of this.

We look forward to working together going forward and we would be interested in any ways the Parish council feel the school could contribute to the community.