



At The School Gate



Community Newsletter - Brampton Village Primary School

Week Ending 11th September 2025

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Headteacher's log

Welcome to the start of what promises to be an exciting year here at Brampton Village Primary School. I'm delighted to be beginning my second year as Headteacher, and I have to say, the energy and enthusiasm across the school is brilliant. There's a real sense of momentum as we build on the successes we achieved last year, and I'm genuinely looking forward to working alongside our talented team, our pupils and our wider community to make BVPS an even more amazing place to be.

As we've settled into the new term, I've been reflecting on what makes a school truly special. It's not just about what happens in the classroom – though that's incredibly important – it's about the culture we create together, day in and day out. That's why, at the start of term, I shared some clear expectations with the children about how we enter school each day, how we settle into our work, and crucially, how we live by our values: **Be ready, be respectful, be safe and be you.** I'm thrilled to report that so far, so good! The children have responded brilliantly, and I want to say a huge well done to every single pupil for making such a positive start.

Of course, we also have some wonderful new faces joining us this term. A warm welcome to all our new children and families – we're so pleased to have you here. I'd like to give a special mention to our new Reception cohort, who have had a brilliant start to their time at Brampton. They've settled in beautifully, and they've already shown us what fantastic learners they are. I was particularly impressed by how sensible and calm they were during our recent fire drill – a real credit to them and their families.

This newsletter is designed to be a real hub of communication between school and home. We want to celebrate the incredible achievements of our children, share important messages and updates that affect your family, and give you plenty of opportunities to get involved throughout the year. You'll notice we'll be using surveys and snap polls to gather your views and feedback – your voice really does matter to us.

Before I finish, I wanted to remind you that we have our Harvest Assembly coming up for Years 1 and 2 on **30th September at 9.15am**. Booking details will follow soon, so do keep an eye out for those. You'll also find a full list of upcoming dates for the term later in this newsletter, so you can plan ahead.

Thank you for your continued support and trust in what we're doing here at Brampton Village Primary School. I can't wait to see what this year brings.

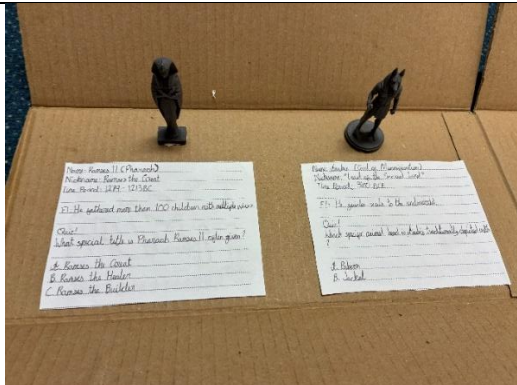
See you at the school gate,

After us -

Chris Hill, Headteacher

Headteacher Awards

My first Headteacher awards of the year have been given out for excellent effort with their work to the following children. Well done to you all!

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	Headteacher awards can be given for work in class, homework projects or any significant efforts or achievements. A Headteacher award gets 10 tree points and also a golden sticker.

Tree Points



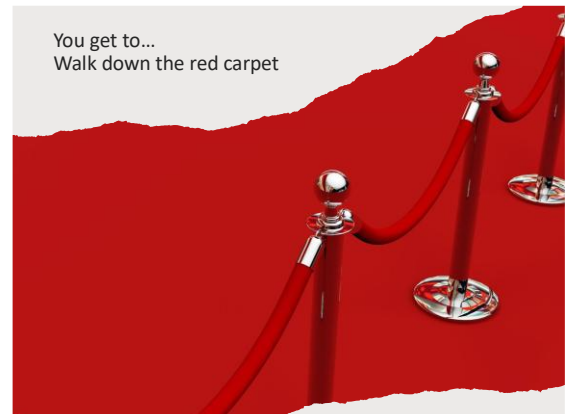
Every day children can earn 'tree points' for their 'tree family' pretty much for simply doing the right things. From showing our 6R's (our core values) through to personal achievements, helping others or taking care of our school. Each week the points get added up so we can see which 'tree family' (Beech, Maple or Willow) has done the best!

VIP Celebration Assembly this week

The following children have been selected to receive our first VIPs of the year this week. They have walked (and in some cases danced) down the red carpet. They will now wear their VIP lanyard for a week and then enjoy snacks and drinks with me next Thursday.

VIP roll of honour (Friday 11th September 2026) –
Congratulations to:

Isaac, Finley, Eden, Sophia, Matthew, Ivy, Maria, Ikram, Ezra, Alessio, Olivia, Archie, Jasmine, Beth, Yanano, Isla, Eddy, Margot



School Uniform

Just a reminder that we encourage children to follow this “dress code”:

- Sweatshirts: Navy
- Polo Shirts: White or navy
- Trousers/shorts: Grey, Black or Navy (trousers may be worn by boys and girls)
- Skirts/pinafores: Grey, Black or Navy
- Socks, tights: White, Grey or Black
- Summer Dress: Navy and white checked, or striped summer dresses

School Car Parks

Just a polite reminder that the car parks at school are for staff parking only. Please could parents and carers also ensure they walk around the car parks using the pedestrian footpaths.



The only agreed drop off period is for BKC parents up to 8.10am, however, parents still need to escort their children through the car park as it is extremely busy at this time, and we would all like to avoid any accidents. BKC parents can use the car park for evening pick up from 4pm.

Now we have our gates fixed we will be locking our gates each evening so please advise any community members or pub-goers that using the school car park in the evenings is not permitted,

Harvest Assembly donations

From Monday 21st September we will be accepting donations of tins, packets and other non-perishable food items for our harvest collection which will ultimately be donated to Godmanchester Foodbank. Our KS1 children will have a harvest assembly on Wednesday 30th September at 9.15am. Parents will be invited to attend but as numbers are unfortunately limited we will have to run a booking system for the event. Further information about how to reserve a space will follow next week.

Improvements around our school



I'm delighted to share some of the ongoing improvements that have been happening around BVPS during the summer. These include our new sensory room (above) and our inclusion base 'The Orchard' (bottom right) as well as the work that is happening to create a new area (top right) for our new Reception children. More photos to follow next week when the area is finished.



Curriculum Letters

Curriculum letters were emailed to parents earlier today; a copy has also been uploaded to the school website under the Curriculum tab – Year group pages.

Extra curricular clubs

Some of our extra-curricular clubs will be starting soon such as football, tag rugby and choir. Please do look out for the individual sign-up letters as they come out.

I really hope that over the course of the year we are able to offer a wide range of clubs to the children at the school. Watch this space as the offer grows!

Attendance

As we begin a new school year, it's crucial to recognise the importance of good school attendance. Everyday matters! And being present in school helps our children here at BVPS learn new skills and learning, participate in discussions, build relationships with peers and teachers and help foster a positive school environment. As you will be aware we monitor school attendance on a weekly basis and offer support to children and families as and when needed. If you feel your child and/or family would benefit from support around attendance, please do not hesitate to contact the school office and they can direct your enquiry to the right staff member

Nut free zone!



Due to the fact that we have some children in school with severe allergies to nuts we must ask that you avoid food items in lunchboxes and snack time that contain nuts. Thank you so much for your help with this.

Healthy mid-morning snacks

Most children require a snack at morning break to keep them going through the day. Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 are provided with a fresh fruit or vegetable snack, so they do not need to bring anything from home. Children in Key Stage 2 are encouraged to bring in healthy snacks to keep them alert and to help them concentrate. Please do not send in cakes, biscuits, crisps, chocolate and sweets, as these can be high in fat and/or sugar and should make up a relatively small part of a child's diet. Any snack should also be nut free as we have children in school with nut allergies.

Ideas for healthy snacks:



- Vegetable sticks – such as celery, cucumber, peppers or carrot, a range of colour ensures different vitamins and minerals.
- A piece of cheddar cheese
- A piece of fresh or dried fruit, high in soluble fibre and vitamins would also be a great snack– pineapple, mango, kiwi, plain raisins, apricots, blueberries, banana slices.
- Bread sticks, plain pretzels, oat/rice cakes are good snacks, providing children with carbohydrate to sustain them in-between meals.
- Homemade snack - oat/whole grain-based snack.

Celebrating Birthdays Healthily and Safely



To support our school's healthy eating policy and to protect children with food allergies and dietary intolerances, or specific religious practices, we kindly ask parents **not to send cakes or sweets into school for birthdays**. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school community safe and inclusive.

Parent Survey feedback from June 2026

I just wanted to share for new and existing parents and carers at our school some feedback from last June's survey. It was good to receive the feedback and allow us to reflect upon how we can work together to make the day to day life at school as successful as possible.

Parent Survey June 2026

146 respondents

Top 3

- 97% of parents trust the school's direction of travel
- 84% of parents trust and have positive relationships with teachers and support staff
- 90% of parents think the school's communications are clear with 84% positive about the style of language used.

A huge amount of positive free text comments were made by parents that recognise and thank a huge number of staff in our team.

Weakest areas

Parent survey

Feedback and response

Only 23% of parents think their feedback is responded to appropriately and timely

53% of parents think it is easy to discuss things with the right person

Actions we will take:

Review communication flows for non-urgent messages

Publish 'you said, we did' style updates to parents

Consider what we do to engage all parents, including those who are unable to attend events in the school day.

Dates this term

Dates to note	
Tuesday 15 th September	Tag Rugby Club Year 5 & 6 (Sign up required)
Thursday 17 th September	Choir Year 3 – 6 (Full) 8:20am
Thursday 17 th September	Mixed Football Club Year 5 (Sign up required)
Monday 28 th September	PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) 5:30pm – 6:30pm
Wednesday 30 th September	Key Stage 1 Harvest Festival Assembly
Tuesday 20 th – Thursday 22 nd October	Parents evening (Information to follow)

Tuesday 1 st December pm	Year 1 Performance
Wednesday 2 nd December	Key Stage 1 Christingle Assembly
Thursday 3 rd December pm	Year 1 Performance
Tuesday 8 th December pm	Year Reception Performance
Wednesday 9 th December	Year 2 Christingle making
Thursday 10 th December pm	Year Reception Performance
Tuesday 15 th December	Year 2 Performances am/pm
Wednesday 16 th December	Key Stage 1 Carol Service 10.00am Key Stage 2 Carol Service 2.00pm

Term Dates 2026-2027 Academic Year



Brampton Village Primary School Term Dates 2026 - 2027



School Closed			School Open
School Holiday	Bank Holiday	Staff Training Day	Pupil Day

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PTA News

- Date for your Diary: this year's **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** will be held at the school on **Monday 28th September from 5:30pm – 6:30pm**. Everyone is welcome and we'll be using the meeting to review the success of last year, walk through plans for the this year and appointing our Committee, Chair and Treasurer. If you want to learn more about the PTA and how to get involved, hopefully see you there!
- Our first **Clothes Collection** will be happening next week on **Wednesday 16th September**. For the Eagle eyed of you, you'll notice we've moved away from Bag2School to try a new company that recycles clothes, books and small toys to offer a wider range of things that can be collected. For anyone new to this, **Collection4Clothes** take donations of Clothing (**but not School Uniform**), Shoes, Bags, Jewellery and even books and small toys (providing everything is donated in bags) - These need to be dropped off by 9am in the morning for collection by the multicoloured railings in front of KS1 / Kids Club (we'll leave out some tarpaulin to cover the bags on Tuesday night if there is any risk of rain...) so get sorting through things and prepare those bags