



Community Newsletter - Brampton Village Primary School

Week Ending 23rd October 2026

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Headteacher's log

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

What a busy and happy start to the year it has been at Brampton Village Primary School! I can hardly believe we have already reached the end of the first eight weeks. Thank you to everyone for making them so full of enjoyment, hard work and togetherness. It has been a real pleasure to see.

A dash of colour, vibrant energy and pulsating sounds filled the school hall during our Year 6 Mexicolore Day. What a memorable day it was to bring their topic to life! It was wonderful to see our pupils so excited and engaged.

Parents' Evening took place over three nights this week, and I want to thank every parent and carer who came along. It has been extremely rewarding to have such supportive and collaborative conversations. When home and school work together like this, our pupils benefit enormously.

Celebrating our community

There is so much to celebrate this week. A big thank you to the PTA and everyone who attended 'Cake Friday'. Your support has helped to raise some valuable funds for the school, and we are very grateful.

We are also delighted to share that £7000 has been raised for the Great Athletes event. You will find more information about this later in the newsletter.

Miss Dearnley will be returning to school as Mrs Arnold after the half-term break. Please join me in wishing Mr and Mrs Arnold a wonderful wedding day! It is always lovely to share in such happy news with our school family.

Important reminders

Please make a note of the following:

- **Children return to school on Tuesday 3rd November.**
- **The clocks go back an hour this coming Sunday morning.** Enjoy the extra hour in bed!
- **Our Reception 2027 new intake Open Day is on 11th November.** Further information can be found later in the newsletter.

Thank you once again for your continued support. I look forward to seeing you all after the half-term break!

See you at the school gate,

Chris Hill, Headteacher

Headteacher Awards

At the end of this half term we have had most year groups completing their 'hot writes' at the end of their Talk for Writing units. Lana, Ruby and Freya have published theirs as can be seen below. We have also had some children making posters about 'respect', one of our 6R values. Posters made by Florence, Arielle and Amayah can be seen below.

Lana

Nibbles the bunny

From sunrise to sunset, the storm had raged. Nibbles peeped out into the vicious storm. Wind brushed the tips of Nibbles' whiskers. A thunder clap echoed around the meadow, causing it to shudder. Nibbles dashed into her burrow. When would the storm come to an end? She wondered sadly, as she watched the rain cascade down her warren.

Finally, the storm came to an end, finishing with a loud roar of thunder. Nibbles crept out of her burrow and out into the meadow; the grass was wet and lush, the flowers were dancing in the breeze and bees and butterflies roamed about. Suddenly as if they knew, the bees and butterflies flew away. Nibbles froze in fear. Something was there. She heard the growling of a vicious animal. That was when she saw it. Its razor sharp like teeth were clenched tightly, its red and orange fur was smothered down. Nibbles knew this creature from anywhere. It was a ... fox.

Without thinking, Nibbles dashed into some tall grass. Nibbles' heart was beating as loud as crashing saucers. The fox drew nearer and nearer, sniffing the air as it went. After a few long tense minutes the fox came to a halt right beside Nibbles' hiding place. She froze. She was too young to die. She had seen goats before swallowing their prey with one gulp. Nibbles shivered. Did she have to die?

Risking everything, Nibbles darted towards the river as fast as her bunny paws would take. As she jumped into the river water droplets danced around her. Finally, she reached dry land.

Peeping behind her, Nibbles observed that the fox had disappeared. She was finally safe - or was she?

Ruby

Buddy the dog

From sunset to dawn, rain drizzled in the forest. Buddy opened one eye into the cold rain. Tiny droplets up and went into Buddy's eyes, it stung like lemon in a paper cut. When would the rain stop?

Buddy heard a hissing sound, he could see leaves and twigs moving on the floor. Buddy shivered with fear. What could it be?

In a panic, Buddy hid behind a large oak. Buddy hears a slithering sound a snake with wings it got closer and closer.

As fast as Buddy could think he jumped over the snake and dashed as fast as his little legs could carry him home. Will it catch him?

Buddy arrived at home safe and sound but when he got home the news said a snake is on the loose.

Freya

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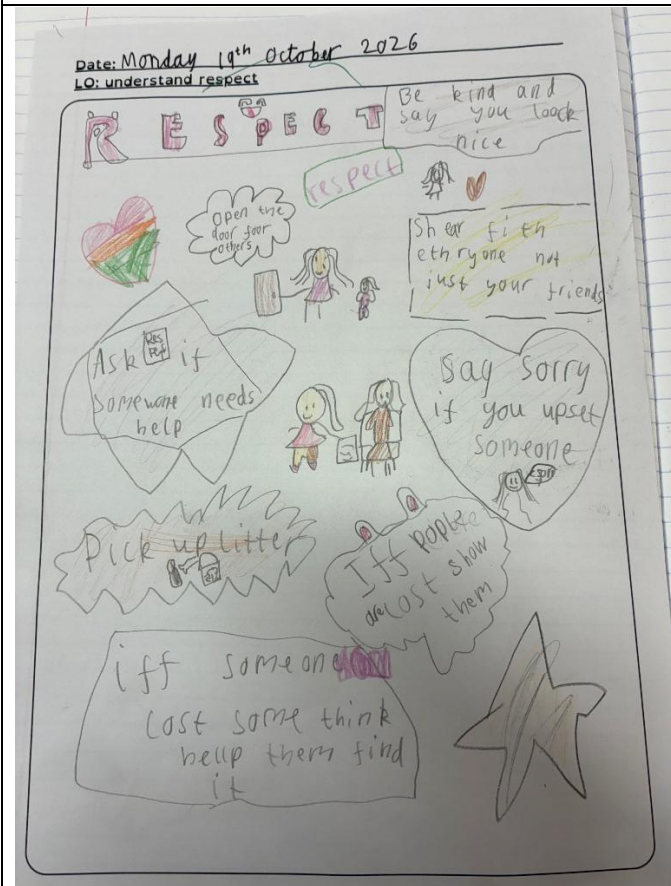
Florence

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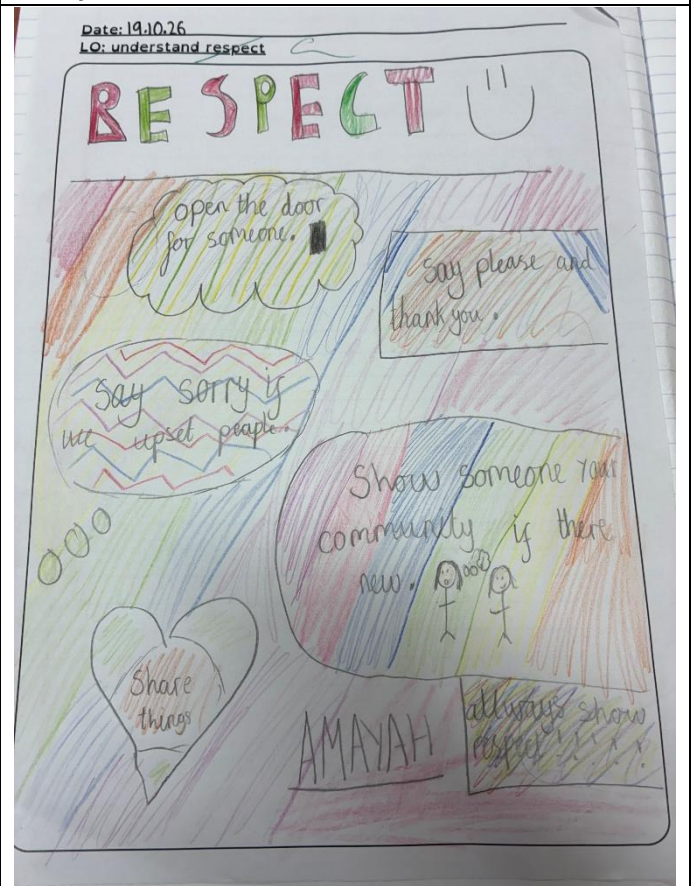
Respect!

- say please and thank you
- Help people when they are stuck
- always treat people how you want to be treated
- look after the environment
- always be kind to each other
- pick up litter

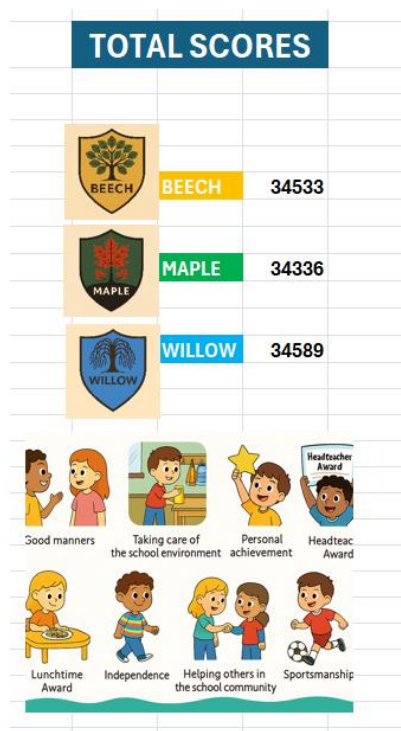
Arielle



Amayah



Tree Points – End of half term leaderboard.



What an extremely close scoreboard we have at the end of the first half term!

It has been wonderful to see so many children earning tree points for respect, responsibility and resilience over the last 39 school days.

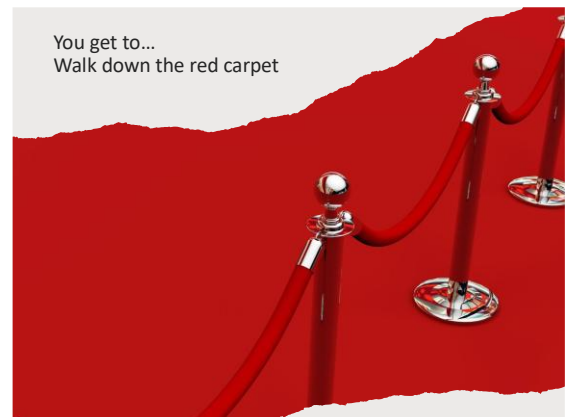
It really is positive to see how many children are ready for learning and the calm start to each day that is within the school.

VIP Celebration Assembly this week

The following children have been selected to receive our third VIPs of the year this week. They have walked (and in some cases cart-wheeled) down the red carpet. They will now wear their VIP lanyard for a week and then enjoy snacks and drinks with me after half term.

VIP roll of honour (Friday 23rd October 2026) –
Congratulations to:

Flo, Harrison, Mabel, Zachary, Luna, Zoe, Olo,
Melissa, Jack, Vanya, Willow, Miles, Tom, Kassien, Mileja, Caitlin-Leigh, Orien, Joseph



Great Athletes Event – the grand total!

Thank you again so much for all of your support with the 'Great Athletes' event which we had in school on **Tuesday**

6th October with Paralympian **Sean Rose**. It was a fantastic event and collectively as a school we raised over **£7,000**



and have been presented with a voucher for £4,000 to spend on sports equipment. This is a fantastic amount and will enable us to purchase valuable sports equipment to support our Physical Education in school.

The wrist band and certificate rewards that children have earned by raising sponsorship money have been posted to us and should be delivered to school after half term. We will send them home with the children as soon as they arrive!

Parents' Evening

Thanks to everyone for attending both the online and in-person appointments to find out about how the start of the school year has been going for your child. We have been really pleased to see that the number of parents attending the consultations has been extremely high. Thank you for being such an important part of your child's educational journey with all of the staff here at the school.



Next Steps

Admission to Secondary School; a guide for parents

2027 2028

Application deadline
31 October 2026

Apply online at <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions>

Applying for Secondary School places – deadline approaching

The deadline for applying for a Secondary School place for September 2027 is rapidly approaching. The deadline is 31st October 2026!. Follow this link for the application form [Admissions](#)

Sleep, Activity, and Daily Spaces – Quick 2 Minute University Research Survey.

Could you help support university research into children's daily routines?

Sharon Johns, a final-year BSc (Hons) Sports Coaching and Performance student at East Lancashire University Centre / Liverpool John Moores University, is researching links between children's sleep patterns, daily physical activity, sitting and screen time, and the local environments where they live and play.



Takes about 5 minutes



Completely anonymous and voluntary

GB For UK parents and carers of primary school-aged children



Link: [Physical Activity, Sedentary Behaviour and Sleep in UK Primary School-Aged Children – Fill in form](#)

Thank you for supporting student research. Sharing this invitation with other eligible parents and carers would also be greatly appreciated!

Learning, Enjoying, Achieving

Reception 2027 starter Parent Tour

Do you have a child starting school in September 2027?

We would like to welcome you to our Parent Tour on **Wednesday 11th November at 9.30am and 2.00pm**, to see and hear what Brampton Village Primary has to offer you and your child.

See our school facilities, meet key staff and have an opportunity for questions.



Our new outdoor
play area



Please scan the QR code or **[book here](#)** and submit your details.

*Please note this is for parents/carers only



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Brampton Village Primary School,

Community Events - Glow Party – St Mary’s Church Hall

East Leightonstone Church

GLOW PARTY!

**Sweets, Games,
Crafts and Food!!!**

Join us on:
31st October
4 - 6pm
St Mary's Church Hall

children@eastleightonstone.com



**The Coneygear Repair Cafe at The Coneygear Centre, Butts Grove Way,
Huntingdon, PE29 1PE on Friday 13th November 2026 1pm-4pm**



We offer:
Electrical repairs
Mechanical repairs
Bicycle repairs
Clock repairs
Jewellery repairs
Clothing repairs
Curtain alterations
Other general repairs



email: coneygearrepaircafe@gmail.com to book or
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf-vLmG9hJ4yTqu32nWFvo_UUA_nhP7F6iQHG9RuBnM2MGVFA/viewform?usp=dialog



**REPAIRS ARE
FREE OF
CHARGE**
DONATIONS ENCOURAGED



Holiday and Activities Food Programme (Christmas)



The [Christmas HAF Programme](#) will run from 21 to 31 December 2026.

Children can access either a registered holiday scheme or a family experience (including swimming, skating, theatre, or a wildlife park visit) for up to 16 funded hours. Pupils in receipt of [Targeted Free School Meals](#) are automatically eligible and will receive a voucher, including a booking code, by email and text on 9 November 2026.

Families experiencing financial hardship may also be eligible for funding by referral from their school or another professional. The professional referral form is open for requests [here](#). Booking codes will be emailed from 9 November 2026 by the HAF Team. Please contact the HAF Team with any questions:

HAF@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Our local MP's - Christmas Card Competition



Dates next term

Tuesday 3 rd November	Children Return
Tuesday 3 rd November	Tag Rugby Competition
Friday 13 th November	Children in Need
Monday 16 th November	NHS Flu Visit
Tuesday 1 st December	Year 4 Viking Workshop KS1
Wednesday 2 nd December	KS1 Christingle Assembly KS2
Wednesday 2 nd December	Year 4 Viking Workshop KS1
Thursday 3 rd December	Year 1 Performance 09:45 KS1
Thursday 3 rd December	Year 2 Christingle Making KS2
Friday 4 th December	Year 1 Performance 09:45 KS2
Friday 4 th December	Christmas Jumper & Christmas Lunch
Monday 7 th December	NHS Flu Catch Up
Tuesday 8 th December AM	Year R Performance KS1
Thursday 10 th December AM	Year R Performance KS1
Tuesday 15 th December	Y2 Performances 09:30 & 2:15pm KS1
Wednesday 16 th December	KS1 Carol Service 10.00am KS2 Carol Service 2.00pm
Friday 18 th December	Last Day of Term

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

September 2026						
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April 2027						
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July 2027						
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August 2027						
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PTA News

Cake Friday

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped with our first cake Friday. We couldn't do it without you.

Christmas orders

This week your child's Christmas design forms have been handed out. There is a great range of products to choose Christmas cards, gift tags, mugs, coasters, tea towels and

more so make sure you get your order in by **Saturday 14th November**. You can scan the QR code on the form or use the link **<https://sforders.co.uk>** and enter your child's PIN code. These should then be received by the end of November.

 **63 days** 'til Christmas and today is the last day for signing up for our Christmas shopping evening **Thursday 26th November**, please complete the form at <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/SSegav2Gke>

Disco

After half term our discos will be upon us so please sign up if you can help.

Tuesday 10th November Brambles/ Reception and years 3 and 4

 <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4CADA82AA2FB6-66706521-2026>

Thursday 12th Years 1, 2, 5 & 6

 <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4CADA82AA2FB6-66708154-2026>

Collection 4 Clothes

Our next donation bag collection will be **Monday 9th November**. If you are sorting out over the half term remember they can take books, games, bric a brac as well as clothes.

Community News – things to do at half-term



oneleisure
ACTIVE LIFESTYLES

Huntingdonshire Community Group
Vikram Dhanday

HCG Sports Sessions

October 2026
FREE for 5-11 year olds!

Location:
One Leisure Huntingdon

Date & Time:
Monday 26th October (2pm - 4pm)
Thursday 29th October (11am - 1pm)

Register Your Interest
The quickest and easiest way is online:
www.oneleisure.net
Book Now → Community Activities → Parish Sessions

Please complete the Pre-Activity Questionnaire when prompted. A member of the Active Lifestyles Team will then be in touch to confirm your place.

If you require assistance, please call 01480 388111.



Wildlife Trust for
Beds, Cambs
& Northants

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The Wildlife Trust for Beds, Cambs and Northants

Family Owl Pellet Dissection

Friday 30th October 2026
10am - 1pm

Join us to dissect an owl pellet with the family at the Wildlife Trust Countryside Centre in Ramsey Heights.

Pellets have been retrieved from the Great Fen and you will discover which species our local owls have been hunting!

Prices:
Child Wildlife Trust BCN Member £5,
Non-member £7.50
Plus Eventbrite fees

Location:
Wildlife Trust Countryside Centre,
Chapel Road, Ramsey Heights,
PE26 2RS

Book online: wildlifebcn.org/events

The Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire and Northamptonshire, The Manor House, Broad Street, Cambridge, CB2 6DH Tel: 01954 713500 Email: cambridgeshire@wildlifebcn.org Registered charity No. 1000412



KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) OCTOBER HALF TERM 2026
moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

ANGUS STEAKHOUSE
Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA
Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN
Kids Eat Free October 9th - 31st via Perks App

BELLA ITALIA
Children eat for £1 with any adult main

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE
2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with 1 paying adult

BILLS
Kids Eat Free Monday 26th - Friday 30th October

BREWD OG
Kids eat free this Oct with KIDS EAT FREE bookings

CAFE ROUGE
Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week

CHIQUITO
Kids eat FREE during all school holidays

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES
Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

FARMHOUSE INNS
2 Kids eat free during the October Half Term

FLAMING GRILL
1 Kid eats free weekdays this October half term

FRANKIE & BENNY'S
Kids eat FREE during school holidays

FUTURE INNS
Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS
Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

HARVESTER
Kids eat for £1 until November 1st 2026 via App

HUNGRY HORSE
2 Kids eat for £1 this October Half Term

IKEA
Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS
Kids eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

MARCO PIERRE WHITE
Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

MARSTON PUBS
Kids eat for £1 during the October half term

MORRISONS
Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM
Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day

PREMIER INN
2 Kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO
Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PUREZZA
Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

SA BRAINS PUBS
Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SIZZLING PUBS
Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TABLE TABLE
2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

TESCO
Kids Eat free weekdays with an adult purchase

TGI FRIDAYS
Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK
Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TRAVELODGE
2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

TURTLE BAY
Kids eat free with a £15 adult spend via app

VILLAGE HOTELS
Kids eat free via the village app

WHITBREAD INNS
2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

YO! SUSHI
Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

ZIZZI
Kids eat free weekdays in school holidays