



# At The School Gate

## Community Newsletter - Brampton Village Primary School

**Week Ending 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

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## Headteacher's Log

Dear Parents and Carers,

What another great week we have had in school. There is such an air of positivity in school at the moment and our new 'tree points' system has been really encouraging to see. For those of you that haven't had time to look on the website please see a poster below that shows what children can earn points for their tree family for.

The teaching staff in school are currently all also focusing on one aspect of their teaching that promotes and develops further the culture and behaviours we want to see across the school. As Headteacher I have been really proud of the energy and efforts shown by all the teachers in continuing to push themselves to continue to develop each day. Teaching is a difficult job and teachers need time to reflect on what they have done and also have time to rehearse and embed any new approaches within their classrooms. Just as a professional sportsperson would do by practicing aspects of their game, I am ensuring our teachers have time to practice and improve aspects of their teaching. We have an amazing team of teachers here at Brampton for which I am very grateful.

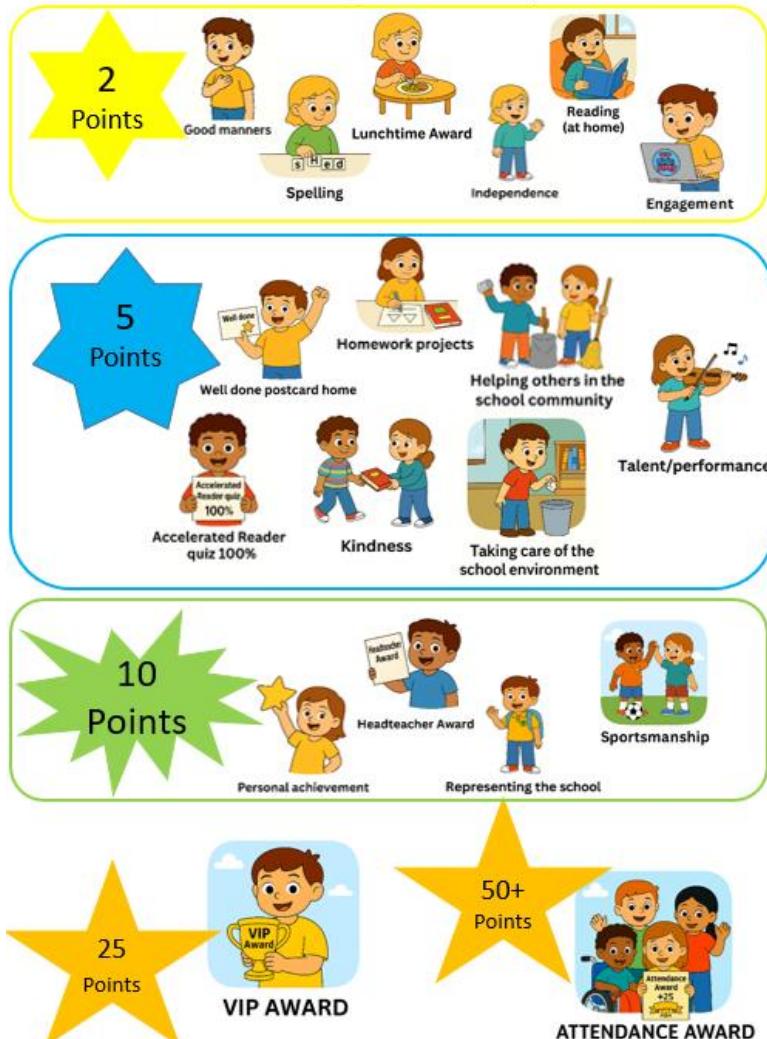
Next week I will share a spotlight on the range of work undertaken by our educational support staff across the school.

See you at the school gate,



Chris Hill, Headteacher

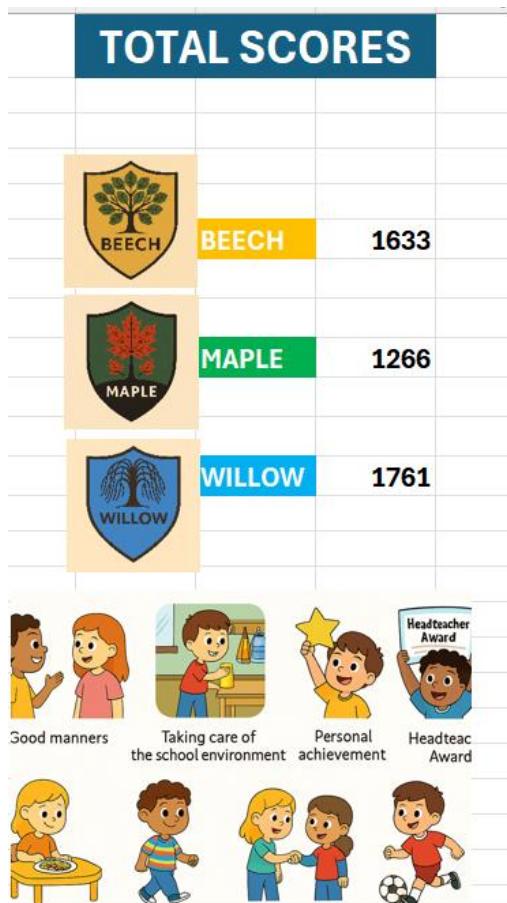
### What can we get tree points for?



## Headteacher awards

Molly, Year 5, amazing solar system cake homework.	Amélie, Year 4, super fast work on factors of numbers.	Ellie, Year 4, huge improvement in handwriting																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																
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I saw two fluffy EYES! I saw two shiny and something EYES!</p> <p>2 I saw a figure. I saw a tall figure that was getting closer.</p> <p>3 I had a noise. I had a strong noise. I had a strong noise that was whispering.</p> <p>4 Above the night sky was a glowy moon. Above the night sky was a blood moon!</p> <p>It was a dark, gloomy, horrible night as I was on my way home. I was kind of scared but I was almost home. As soon as I got to my driveway I saw a black figure in the light. I was stills what could it be? I ask myself I was scared so I run what could it be?</p> <p>dark scared</p>
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## VIP Celebration Assembly this week

The following children have been selected to receive our VIP awards 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 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026) –  
Congratulations to:

F Langley      E Geoghan      I Underwood-Cole

I Deverell      E Willis      P Vasiliou      A Gregg      A Feroz      M Bennett

N Peddi      N Berman      E Holden      A Morton      N Marques Martins

R Bartram      L Robbins      J Lawrence      L Pitchford      P Wilson      N Berman

B Shaw-Mason

## Parents' Evenings

For advanced information about the upcoming parents' evenings. These will follow the same format as the Autumn term. Each teacher will offer one evening as online appointments (this will either be the 24<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> February) as well as all teachers holding in person appointments on 25<sup>th</sup> February. Look out for the booking link coming out towards the end of the month.

## Drama on the football pitch

On Tuesday afternoon our year 6 football team took on Upwood Primary Academy in the Dickenson Cup. Upwood were 1-0 up at half time but in the second half Brampton scored the equaliser. In extra time Brampton went ahead but Upwood came back and the final score 2-2 meant that it was down to penalties. Luckily our keeper (Jack) saved the first three which led us on to win overall.

Onto the next round! Mr W



## Please park considerately

If you normally park on Bernard Road or Olivia Road please could you ensure that you are not parking on grass verges or worse on our neighbours' gardens. At least once every



few weeks I get contacted by members of our community about inconsiderate parking on our local streets. I know that parking is a real issue, especially with the weather being worse at this time of year, but please do remain thoughtful towards our neighbours and friends.

## A polite request



We kindly ask all parents and carers to communicate with our staff in a courteous and respectful manner when emailing the school. Our team is committed to supporting every child and family, and we work hard to respond to queries as promptly and helpfully as possible. A considerate tone helps us maintain a positive, collaborative relationship and ensures that we can focus our time and energy on providing the best support for our pupils. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## Spring Term 2026 – Key dates

Please see below the dates of a range of key events happening at school+30

30 <sup>th</sup> January	Local MP to visit BVPS
3 <sup>rd</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Winter Discos
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Open afternoon
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of half term
23 <sup>rd</sup> February	School reopens
24 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evenings
26 <sup>th</sup> February- 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Book Fair
2-6 <sup>th</sup> March	Y6 Residential
5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Wb 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Survey Launch
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Cake Friday
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Wb 23 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Competition
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of term

## PTA News



**Winter Discos** : As we build up to our Winter Discos, we need volunteers to make them a success. Can you spare an hour for one of the Discos to help with Refreshments, Glow in the dark Tattoos or the Dice / Guessing Game stalls? If so, please sign up here:

For **Years 1&2** from 5-6pm and **Years 3 & 4** from 6:30-7:30pm on **Tuesday 3rd**

**February** - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4CADA82AA2FB6-61586433-2025#/>

For **Brambles & Reception** from 5-6pm and **Years 5 & 6** from 6:30-7:30pm on **Thursday**

**5th February** - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4CADA82AA2FB6-61586259-2026#/>

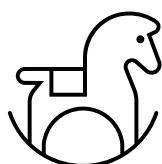
Are you a budding DJ? - As with last year, we're looking for a parent, older sibling or even staff member to 'man the decks' - If so, please get in touch (we'll provide a laptop and lights so it's really just manning the playlist and the occasional voiceover from the microphone)!

**Cake Friday** : As a slight change from the note last week, with Year 6 on their residential w/c 2nd March, our next Cake Friday is now planned for Friday 13th March with Maple classes providing Cakes. See you all there!



**Lost Property**: There is a lot of Lost Property that has built up in the past term. This will be removed at the end of the day on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January so if your children have misplaced anything (branded uniform, unbranded uniform, hats, scarves, gloves), make sure you check it out in the reception area before it's gone.

## Community News – Brampton Toy Library



Brampton Toy Library - Do come and make use of this FREE facility.

The Toy Library works like a book library, you borrow 2 items per child for 2 weeks (no charge for overdue loans). Anyone living in Brampton who has responsibility for 0-5 year olds including parents, carers or grandparents can register to join. We have a wide range of quality toys including construction sets, box games, action figures, imaginary play and much more. - Borrowing toys keeps play fresh and exciting - Saves money - Less toy storage - Sustainability, borrowing rather than buying.

Do come and see us at the Community Centre open on Tuesdays (term time) 10am – 12pm.