



Community Newsletter - Brampton Village Primary School

Week Ending 17th October 2025

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Headteacher's Log

It was wonderful to see so many of you joining your children in their classrooms after school on Thursday for our open afternoon. I could see the sense of pride in the children being able to share their books, artwork and classroom displays with you. We should not underestimate the impact your time will have on your children. You will be able to find out more about how your child has been getting on so far this school year by attending a parents' evening appointment next week, either online or in person. Please don't forget booking appointments closes at 6.30pm on Monday 20th October.

I would like to express my thanks to the whole team at Brampton who continue to create an environment of positivity and ambition for your children. This has come to the fore over recent weeks as we have battled through some staff absence. We are lucky to have such a dedicated staff team that step up and fill in for each other. I am especially grateful to Mrs Cooper and the rest of the leadership team for keeping the school running smoothly this week whilst I was undertaking two days worth of safeguarding training from the Cambridgeshire Safeguarding team. It goes without saying that we will always put the children first, implementing support and taking actions to keep them safe.

As we enter the final week of my first half term at Brampton I would like to reiterate my thanks to the whole community for the warm welcome you have given me. I am excited about our journey ahead and feel so privileged to be Headteacher at the school.

See you at the school gate,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Hill', followed by a horizontal line.

Chris Hill, Headteacher

Headteacher Awards

What a pleasure it is to be able to highlight phenomenal work from some of our youngest children in the school who brought their story maps to me and were able to retell me the story they had planned out. At the other end of the school Year 6 have been making some incredible Aztec masks. It is so good to see the time taken to create some stunning masterpieces but also the time given within the curriculum to allow this to take place. At Brampton we value the whole school curriculum.

Daisy in Reception	Evelyn in Reception	Phoebe in Year 6

DON'T FORGET...Parents' Evening – How to book your appointment

The booking system for the upcoming parents' evenings across 21st, 22nd and 23rd October CLOSSES at 6.30pm on Monday 20th October. Appointments will be booked on a first come first served basis.

<https://bramptonvillage.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

School term ends Friday 24th October and reopens to children on Monday 3rd November

Service family children

Did you know that around 5% of the children that attend Brampton are from families that are service families. As a school we are proud to announce that we are actively engaging in ongoing support as well as an exciting project with our local service networks such as RAF Wyton. Mrs Talbot (Year 6 Teacher) is taking a lead on this work and will be a positive advocate for the service family children within our school.

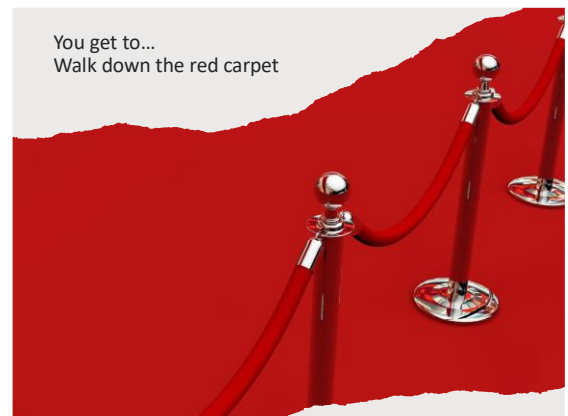
VIP Celebration Assembly this week

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 17th October 2025) –
Congratulations to:

Lizzie A	Owen D	Matthew L	Eliza M		
George F	Florence W	Oscar G	Verity-Rose H		
Rory S	Ezra S	Noah C	Everlin P	Jasmine P	Emily F
Chloe C	Nelly K	Wilbur R	Arthur M	Ruby B	Daisy C
Alex C	Isabella P	Rory B	Isla S	Evie O	Robert H

Josh D



I haven't yet mentioned how grateful I am to our catering team for providing the VIP snacks each week. The lemon cake this week was delicious (take my word for it) and the fresh fruit of watermelon and oranges was equally as devoured by the children.

Term Dates 2026-2027

Term dates for the 2026-2027 academic year will be being considered by the Governing Body at their meeting on 18th November. This will be released shortly after this so that you are all aware of when the training days and school holidays are for the 2026-27 year.

Holidays in term time

I am currently inundated with requests for leave and holidays during term time. I just wanted to take the opportunity to remind you that these will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. I have pulled out below some examples, from the school policy on this, of what circumstances will not be classed as exceptional.

Exceptional circumstances (definition of exceptional: rare, unavoidable, short) will be considered on an individual basis. Examples of requests for leave of absence that do not meet the criteria of an exceptional circumstance will not be authorised and could be subject to a Penalty Notice fine/prosecution for pupils of statutory school age are:

1. Cheaper holidays/flights in the UK or abroad.
2. Holidays that overlap the beginning or the end of term.

3. Trip of a lifetime.
4. Visiting family or friends who have different half term holiday dates.
5. Family weddings for more than 1 day or visits to see family abroad.
6. Relatives coming to visit.
7. Extension of leave if a pupil has not returned to school after an agreed absence if it does not meet grounds for an exceptional circumstance.
8. Leave taken due to potential travel disruption.
9. Leave taken to try and relieve travel distress for family members with additional needs.

It does not bring me much joy to have to implement the national guidance around attendance in schools as it can in some cases appear to cause conflict between home and school. Please therefore consider the consequences of applying for and taking your child out of school in term time. It is worth noting that there is no right of appeal of my decision regarding term time holidays.

Grafham Water Centre – October Half Term Club (free places available)



We're excited to offer your pupils a special opportunity to enjoy a **free day** at our **October Half Term Activity Club!**

Thanks to limited funding, we're able to provide a handful of **free places** to children from your school. Each child can attend **one day only**, and places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Please be mindful of spaces being offered to children who really deserve this and perhaps wouldn't get the opportunity to visit us in usual circumstances.

To claim a free space, parents can use the **exclusive discount code below** when booking:

 **Discount Code: TESHT100**

 **Valid for one day only per child**

 **Limited spaces**

 **Location: Grafham Water Centre**

 **Dates: 27 to 31st October 2025**

We'd be grateful if you could share this offer with your families as soon as possible so they don't miss out.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Ali Butler-Baines (Sales & Marketing Officer)

[Grafham Water Centre](#)

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Parent Governor vacancy

Please ensure you submit your vote for your preferred candidate for our Parent Governor elections. You should have received a paper voting form and envelopes for returning your ballot.

Guidance for returning your vote.

- When you have chosen your preferred candidate, please fold the ballot paper.
- Do not write your name on the ballot paper.
- Return ballot papers using a double envelope system.
- The ballot paper should be sealed in an inner unmarked envelope, which is then sealed within an outer envelope with the name of the voter printed on the back.
- Ballot papers may be returned via a pupil, by post or by the voter in person.
- A ballot box will be available between 8.30 am and 3.30pm each day in the school office.
- **All ballot papers must be received by 3.30pm on Wednesday 3rd November 2025.**
- Ballot papers received after this date, for whatever reason, will not be counted.

Below/attached is a brief note of not more than 200 words prepared by each candidate about themselves.

Leah Morgan-Russell
I'm excited to apply for the role of Parent Governor as I see the school as the heart of our community, and I'm eager to contribute to its continued success. I've lived in Brampton for seven years, and my eldest son is in Year 3, with my youngest due to

start in 2026, so I see daily the care, enthusiasm, and high standards the school upholds

Education has always been important to me—I come from a family of teachers, and my father was a school governor. His example showed me that governance is not just oversight, but a chance to shape opportunities for every child.

Professionally, I work in a marketing and commercial role at Weetabix, where I've developed strong collaboration and problem-solving skills. I understand how to balance priorities, engage diverse stakeholders, and make sustainable decisions. I bring initiative, curiosity, and a willingness to listen to different perspectives. I'm committed to supporting the leadership team, working constructively with staff, governors, and parents, and providing challenge where needed.

Above all, I want to give back to the school that's supporting my family and help ensure every child at Brampton Village Primary thrives

David Sykes

I am passionate about education and enjoy working collaboratively. I have been a Primary School teacher for 11 years and I have been at my current school, Cromwell Academy, for 10 years. I am currently a full-time Class Teacher, KS2 Phase lead, Maths lead and Physical Education lead and I have recently served on the governing body as a staff governor for 5 years. As part of these roles, I have experience in supporting with School Improvement Plans, monitoring and supporting whole school improvement. Externally, I have also been involved in supporting other schools in both Maths and as a writing moderator. Additionally, I have been involved in my local rugby club for over 25 years and I currently play for them and support my son's U10's team.

After moving into Brampton in July 2024, my two children, Jack and Millie, joined the school at the beginning of last academic year, and they are currently in Year 2 and Year 5. I am passionate about education and supporting improvement. I would be excited for both the opportunity and challenge to be a parent governor to enable me to both support and have a greater understanding of Brampton Village Primary School.

PTA News

Christmas Card designs

Over the past few weeks, children in every class have been designing Christmas related designs and you will be receiving your child's designs in the next week. Should you want to buy any gifts in the way of Christmas cards, gift tags, mugs, coasters, tea towels etc. with your child's design on them, the deadline for any orders is **Monday 10-Nov**

Non Uniform Day

Next Friday (24-Oct) is our first **Non-Uniform Day**. Reminder that children can bring in a £1 donation or you can make your donation online using <https://brampton-pta.sumupstore.com/product/non-uniform-day-1x-child>. No crop tops or sports/football shirts please

Cake Friday

Friday 7th Nov is our first **Cake Friday**. Cakes will be being brought in by Beech classes and Brambles with the stalls opening at 3pm in the KS1 hall and 3:20pm on the KS2 hall. For this to run successfully, we need your help - if you can help set up or sell cakes on the day, please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4CADA82AA2FB6-59489832-copy>

Applying for Secondary School places – September 2026

The application process to apply for a Secondary School place for September 2026 is now open. The link below takes you to the relevant page on the Cambridgeshire County Council website.

[Secondary school admissions - September 2026 | Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

Apply now



for a Secondary school place for September 2026

Contact the Admissions Team by telephone 0345 045 1370

If your child will be aged 11 by **31st
August 2026**



**Apply by
31st October
2025**

For further information please visit
www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions
or contact your local School

ALC2605, New Shire Hall, Emery Crescent, Enterprise Campus, Alconbury
Weald, PE28 4YE
or email admissions@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Community Events – OBS 250

O.B.S.'250' reimagines Brampton's past through technology, art and live cultural events. On 25–26 October 2025, the village becomes a stage for installations, trails, talks and interventions marking 250 years of Lady Olivia Bernard Sparrow.

Join the village for a FREE weekend of events.

Learn about this and more,
visit <https://www.walkwitholivia.com/>



Half term holiday clubs



A promotional poster for Premier Holiday Clubs. The background is a photograph of a young boy in a blue sports jacket waving, with other children and a building in the background. A white spiderweb is in the top right corner. The poster features a red banner with the text 'PREMIER HOLIDAY CLUBS' and 'MORE fun, MORE friendships, MORE smiles during the OCTOBER HALF-TERM!'. It also includes a QR code, a 'Book today' link, the Premier Education logo, and a Trustpilot 'Excellent' rating.

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