



Community Newsletter - Brampton Village Primary School

Week Ending 10th October 2025

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Headteacher's Log

Today, on World Mental Health Day, we pause to reflect on the importance of mental wellbeing for every member of our school community — children, staff, and families alike.



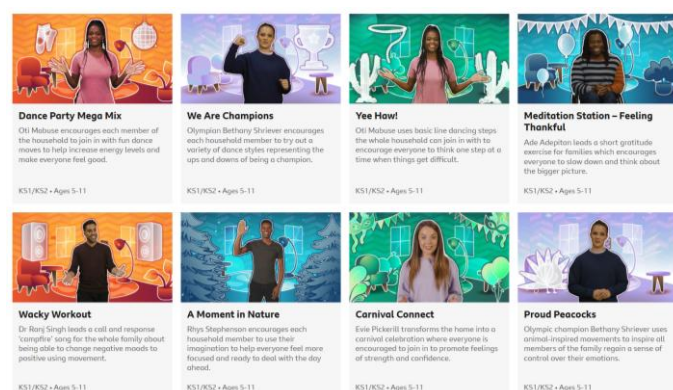
Mental health is just as vital as physical health. It affects how we think, feel, learn, and connect with others. In our busy lives, it's easy to overlook the quiet struggles that many face.

Let's continue to build a culture where kindness and listening are our strengths. Whether it's a simple check-in, a moment of mindful thought, or a word of encouragement — small acts can make a big difference.

I encourage everyone to take time today to reflect, reach out, and support one another. Together, we can create a school community where mental health is nurtured and everyone feels safe to be themselves.

You matter. Your wellbeing matters. And we're here for each other.

Why not try some family moodboosters over the weekend from the BBC website [Family Moodboosters - videos to get the whole household moving and feeling good](#)



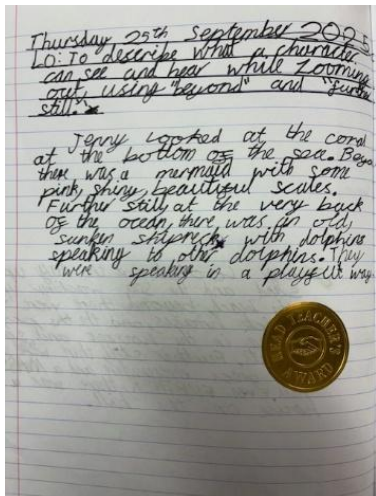
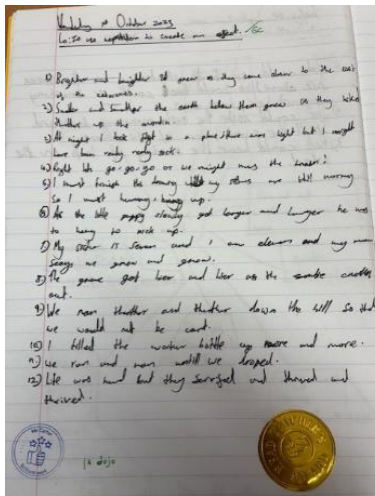
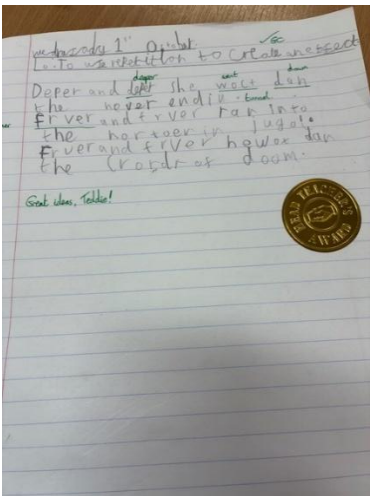
I am pleased to announce that I am in the process of establishing a Mental Health and Wellbeing staff group. The group will be reviewing all aspects of our school approach to wellbeing and mental health – from how we develop this in our curriculum, how we ensure the staff working with your children are mentally healthy as well as what we can do as a school to work with you, our parent community, to enable you to be able to support and guide your children through the challenges that life will bring them.

See you at the school gate,

Chris Hill, Headteacher

Headteacher Awards

The awards keep flowing as I remain impressed by the pride so many children are taking in their work.

Aria B	Evie E	Teddie
		

Considerate driving

I have recently received a few concerns about the speed of which some cars drive around the roads on the way to school. Speed limits are at 20mph for a reason and I can only imagine not one of us would ever want to be involved in a serious accident with a child making their way to school. **20 is plenty!**



Parents' Evening – How to book your appointment

The booking system for the upcoming parents' evenings across 21st, 22nd and 23rd October will go live at 6.00pm on Monday 13th October and will remain open until 6.30pm the following Monday. Appointments will be booked on a first come first served basis. The website you need is <https://bramptonvillage.schoolcloud.co.uk/> and there is a link to this on the front page of the school website.

Safeguarding alert

We have been made aware of a potential issue with a website link found in some copies of the **Spy Dog** children's books by Andrew Cope. The web address has been taken over by a third party and now leads to an adult pornographic site. Consequently, the publisher Puffin and author Andrew Cope have halted sales and distribution of these books and are working to have the site removed through legal channels.

The publishers are aware and have recommended withdrawing all copies of the book. Our advice would be to simply remove the page from the book and make parents aware as children may also have the books at home.

This is a good opportunity to remind children about safer internet use and telling a trusted adult if they have accidentally visited an inappropriate site and to remind parents about actively engaging with their children's reading.

[Spy Dog: Children's books pulled over explicit weblink - BBC News](#)



Open afternoon – Thursday 16th October 3.30-4.30pm

We look forward to welcoming you to our open afternoon on Thursday. Please collect your children as normal from their exit doors and the wait outside until invited back into school by the staff. During the session you will be able to go with your children to look at the work they have done so far this year. Teachers, as well as some members of our governing body will be around.

Year 6 Transition to Secondary School – Application Process

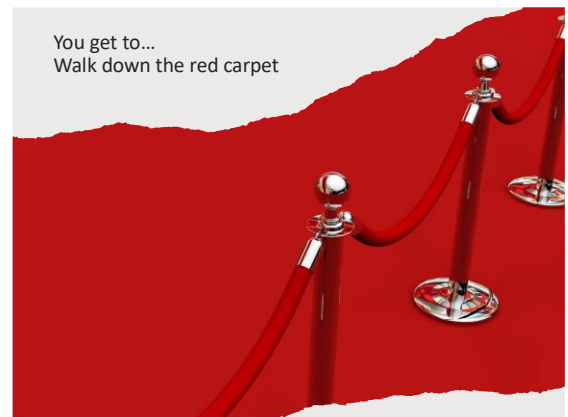
The deadline for secondary school applications this year is 31st October 2025, which is during half term. If you apply online by this date you will get an offer for a place on 2nd March 2026 by email. For further information please contact the school or visit www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions.

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 10th October 2025) –
Congratulations to:

Florence W	Samuel A	Benjamin M			
Kora W-L	Sahar H	Gigi G	Jessica H	Emily H	Maxwell W
Eliza J	Elvis I	Aoife D	Willow B	Rupert S	Aswa A
James O	Isabelle H	Sid S	Harry H	Nila W-L	Aaron A
Eddy N	William M	Annie P	Ava S	Johnny R	



Many apologies to Grace S and Amelia S whose names didn't feature in last week's VIP list!

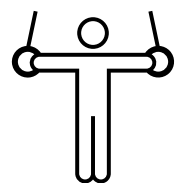
Last week's VIPs have been reflecting on their week:

"I wasn't expecting to become a VIP." (Finley C.)

"Everyone has looked up to me all week, especially the younger children in school." (Ayvalyn J-D.)

Gymnastic success for BVPS Year 4 pupil

Last weekend, Sienna B competed in a gymnastics competition with over 20 other gymnasts. We are so incredibly proud that she came 3rd in beam, 2nd on vault, 1st on bars, 1st overall and 3rd with her team. Her ten hours every week of gymnastics are paying off and she is very pleased with what she has achieved.



Tag Rugby – has now finished.

Year 2's attend cricket festival

On a rather windy and chilly morning this week 10 Year 2 children attended a cricket festival. The 5 boys and 5 girls represented the school so well and were an incredible team. Special mention goes to Myla M who showed incredible teamwork and kindness working with other members of the team to ensure everyone was involved in the games.

Clubs' news

Miss Lague's art club and Mrs Dark's puzzle club have been extremely popular. It is wonderful to see children from different year groups coming together socially.



Parent Governor vacancy

Further information will follow next week about the nominees and the election process for our parent governor vacancy.

PTA News

Two key Dates for your Diaries:



- 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.
- Friday 07-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 (plus through the connecting doors for children in Kids Club and cost £1 for 2x cakes. A signup form for volunteers will be circulated in the next week.

Plus with Half Term coming up, a mention that Barracudas continue to offer us a discount code to use off any bookings with them for their Holiday Camps. Quote **BRPTA25** when you book and you're get £20 off any booking of 2 days or more. Plus for every booking, they donate £5 to the PTA

NHS Flu Immunisation – Monday 13th October

NHS England will be in school on Monday – please use the link to opt in or decline if you already haven't done so.

<https://bed.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/cambsandpeterborough>

<u>NASAL VACCINE</u>		<u>THE INJECTION</u>
 No needles - just quick, painless, effective flu protection (contains gelatine)	OR	 We offer a PORK-FREE, GELATINE-FREE injection considered a faith-friendly alternative.
Complete this form, even if you do not want the vaccine. https://bed.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/cambsandpeterborough Secondary School students only: Young people under the age of 16 can give or refuse consent themselves if considered competent to do so by nursing staff.		

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**



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



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' in white, bold letters. Below this, it says 'MORE fun, MORE friendships, MORE smiles during the OCTOBER HALF-TERM!'. The bottom section contains a QR code, the text 'Book today premier-education.com', the Premier Education logo, and a Trustpilot 'Excellent' rating of five stars.

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