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# Newsletter

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Letter 1

Spring Term 2025

## Headteacher's notes...

May I start by wishing you all a Happy New Year and a warm welcome back - not that it has been particularly 'warm' in KS2 this week but thank you for all your support and understanding. We expect repairs to be completed at the start of next week and will make a decision by Sunday evening about opening the KS2 classes on Monday. As our hot water supply is unreliable there will be a reduced lunch menu on offer for Monday. This will be:



- Jacket potato with either beans, tuna or cheese
- Tomato pasta

Salad, bread and dessert will be available as usual.

We welcome any new children and families who have joined us and we are all looking forward to the term ahead. There are many things planned so please make sure that you look at the diary dates at the end of this letter. Curriculum letters, which will have details about the topics being studied this term by each year group, will be sent home next week.

We have welcomed Mrs Olive in 1 Beech and Mrs Thompson in 1 Maple as well as Mrs Evans who has returned as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant.

We had some good news earlier in the week as Miss Ross celebrated the birth of a baby boy – we send our congratulations to her and her family.

## Young Voices

On Monday next week, members of the school choir are off to Birmingham to take part in the Young Voices concert.



Separate details have already been sent home regarding arrangements but please ensure that any remaining medical forms are handed in as soon as possible. The children are required to be in school as normal on the morning of the trip and due to the late return of the coach, those taking part are able to come in by 9.30am on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January. Siblings need to be in at the normal time.

## Applications for Reception 2025

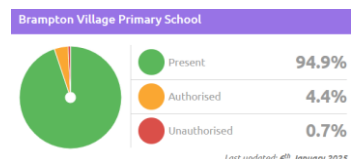
The deadline for applications for a place in Reception in September 2025 is 15<sup>th</sup> January.

## 2025-2026 Term Dates

The dates for the next academic year will be finalised shortly and will be published once they have been agreed by Governors later this month.

## Attendance

As you know, we monitor attendance on a regular basis and last term we had an average rate of 94.9%. Thank you for your continued support.



## Cost of Living Support

Cambridgeshire County Council are offering support and advice with the cost of living. This link will take you to information such as warm spaces, Foodbank and the Household support fund

[Support with the cost of living | Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

## PTA News

Happy New Year everyone!

Hope you all had a lovely break over the festive period and are looking forward to what 2025 brings.

From a PTA perspective, many of you will have noticed the wonderful new KS1 equipment that your contributions partly funded. Hopefully once this cold blast clears, the children will be able to start enjoying this. On the KS2 front, you may have noticed that work is well under way to clear things so that work can start on some new equipment there too - All very exciting!

Obviously, to help fund that work and all the other great things the school are doing, we have a string of events lined up for the coming months so here are some dates for your diary:

- **Bags to School:** We have our first collection on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January** so if you've done any spring cleaning, make sure you bag it up for then
- **School Discos** (signup link will be on socials soon) are back with:
  - Brambles & Reception from 5-6pm and Years 3 & 4 from 6:30-7:30pm on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February** - *Note that for Brambles / Reception, a supervising parent/guardian is required to stay for the duration of the Disco*
  - Years 1 & 2 from 5-6pm and Years 5 & 6 from 6:30-7:30pm on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February**

### What's On Next Week:

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Young Voices Y5/Y6 Netball Club 3.30 - 4.15pm
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	Y5/Y6 NFL Club 3.30 – 4.15pm
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	No Choir JS Sports KS1 Multi-sports 3:20 – 4:20pm Y6 Football Club 3.30 - 4.15pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	JS Sports KS2 Dodgeball 3:20 – 4:20pm

Key Dates Spring Term 2025	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Young Voices
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA Disco
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Open Afternoon
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	PTA Disco
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Consultations
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Parent Consultations
Half Term	
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Y3 and Y6 Booster swimming starts (for 2 weeks)
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Book Fair in school
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Book Fair in school
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Book Fair in school
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Fair in school
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 Bikeability week
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 Medieval Castle Day
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 Roman Day
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Y4 Grafham Residential

<b>Reminders</b>	
<b>Attendance</b>	<p>We will continue to work with families regarding any attendance concerns and please talk to us if you have questions. Usual rules on school attendance apply, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Parents' duty to ensure that their child attends regularly at school.</li> <li>- Schools' responsibility to record attendance and follow up absence.</li> <li>- The availability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct. This will be reviewed regularly by Governors.</li> </ul> <p>All requests for term time leave will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and must be submitted in advance using the appropriate form. This is available from the school office or the website.</p> <p>Children should not miss school on a precautionary basis and can normally attend school with a cough or cold, unless they have a fever or diarrhoea and vomiting, when they must be kept off school for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. We do enforce this policy in order to keep everyone as healthy as possible.</p> <p><a href="#">Is my child too ill for school? - NHS</a></p> <p>Please contact the school office by either telephone (01480 375063) or email (<a href="mailto:pupilabsence@brampton.cambs.sch.uk">pupilabsence@brampton.cambs.sch.uk</a>) before 9.15am on each day of your child's absence.</p> <p>Alternatively please use the Weduc Reach More Parents app to report your child's absence.</p>
<b>Parking and Transport</b>	<p>The car parks are for members of staff and not to be used for dropping off or collecting children unless permission has been given beforehand. Please do not walk or cycle through the car parks when dropping off/collecting children.</p> <p>Please park with consideration for the children, other road users and local residents. Parking remains an issue but we need everyone to be patient and to be prepared to walk a little further. We encourage biking, scootering and walking to school and helmets should be worn. Bikes and scooters, including electric ones, must not be ridden on the premises.</p>
<b>Dogs</b>	<p>Dogs must not be brought onto the premises unless prior permission has been sought.</p>
<b>Snacks</b>	<p>We have a number of children in school with nut allergies. Please avoid sending nuts into school as a snack or in their packed lunches.</p> <p>Children in Reception and Key Stage 1 are provided with a snack at morning break so they do not need to bring anything in.</p> <p>Children in Key Stage 2 can bring in a healthy snack to have for a morning break. Any snack must be nut free as we have a number of children in school with nut allergies.</p> <p>Please limit children to the list below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vegetable sticks – such as celery, cucumber, peppers or carrot, a range of colour ensures different vitamins and minerals.</li> <li>• A piece of cheddar cheese</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• Bread sticks, plain pretzels, oat/rice cakes are good snacks, providing children with carbohydrate to sustain them in-between meals.</li> <li>• Homemade snack - oat/whole grain based snack.</li> </ul> <p>We need the children to stay hydrated so please ensure they bring a named water bottle into school daily. Squash and fruit juice are not permitted.</p>
<b>Contact Details</b>	<p>Please remember to let the school know of any changes in contact details as soon as possible. They are updated on our system as soon as we receive them and it is important in</p>

	case we have to contact you in an emergency.
<b>Medicines</b>	<p>School staff cannot normally administer medicines. In the case of conditions such as asthma, diabetes, heart condition, eczema etc, please contact the school and special arrangements will be made. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure that any medication is within its expiry date.</p> <p>Doctors are advised by School Health to prescribe antibiotics which require only three doses a day and so do not require children to take them in school. If, however, a dose is needed during the day, parents will need to make arrangements to come into school to administer the medicine. If this is not possible, parents should complete and sign a medical consent form (available to download from the school website or in hard copy from the school office).</p> <p>Medicine should be handed to a member of school staff in the container in which it was dispensed so that storage and dosage instructions can be checked. A medicine spoon should also be provided. Only prescribed medication can be administered by school staff, and other than asthma inhalers, medicine will not be handed over to the pupils during or at the end of the school day. Staff cannot take responsibility for any missed doses.</p> <p>Children should not bring in any medication in their bags, eg, cough sweets, etc.</p>