



Community Newsletter - Brampton Village Primary School

Week Ending 19th December 2025

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Headteacher's Log

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a long and very special first term for me at BVPS, I want to thank you for the warmth, encouragement and support you have shown. It has been a wonderful few months filled with learning, celebration and festive excitement.

Across the school, the children have worked incredibly hard. Their attitude towards assessments this half term was outstanding, and teachers are already using this information to plan for a strong start to the Spring term. Alongside this, children from Year 1 to Year 6 have completed our wellbeing surveys, helping us better understand their emotional health, happiness and sense of safety in school.

There have been many memorable moments this term. Our Christmas performances—from Reception's first magical Nativities to the brilliant Year 1 and Year 2 shows—were joyful celebrations that captured the spirit of the season. Christingle making in Year 2, choir performances at Notcutts and the many VIP celebrations have brought our community together in the very best way. We have also enjoyed sporting success, including football wins and strong representation at the sports festivals.

It has been a challenging term at times, with winter bugs sweeping through classrooms, but the resilience shown by children and staff has been remarkable. Your kind messages, supportive conversations and positive engagement have meant so much to the whole team.

As we prepare for the holidays, we also say a fond farewell to Mrs Olive, who leaves us for a new role in January. We thank her for all she has done and wish her the very best for the future. In January we will welcome Mrs Lilly to the school who will be teaching Year 2 with Miss Ross.

I hope the Christmas break brings rest, joy and special time together for all our families. Thank you once again for everything you bring to our school.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

See you at the school gate in 2026!

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

Chris Hill, Headteacher

Message from Nathan Broadbent, Chair of Governors

Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the School's Governing Body, I'd like to wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year. There has been much change and excitement this term as we welcomed our new headteacher, Mr Hill. It has been exciting to see some of his ideas starting to take shape, particularly the popular VIP assemblies where our children have been able to celebrate each other's successes and for us all to see some of their excellent work in the weekly newsletters!

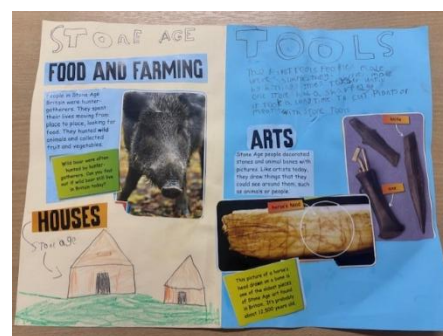
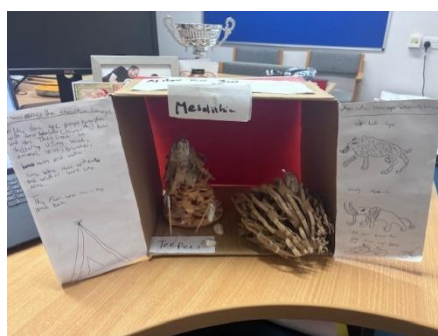
Thank you to all of you for the support you have shown the whole school community. The staff and children really appreciate it. The performances, and other events, that have been open to parents this term have all seen fantastic attendance and the children have been amazing in all of them; I attended the Harvest Festival performance, Reception Nativity and Year 2 Christmas performance and look forward to supporting further events in the new year.

I hope you all have a restful break and a very merry Christmas.

Nathan Broadbent, Chair of Governors

Headteacher awards

Homework projects by Eland, Milou and Pietro



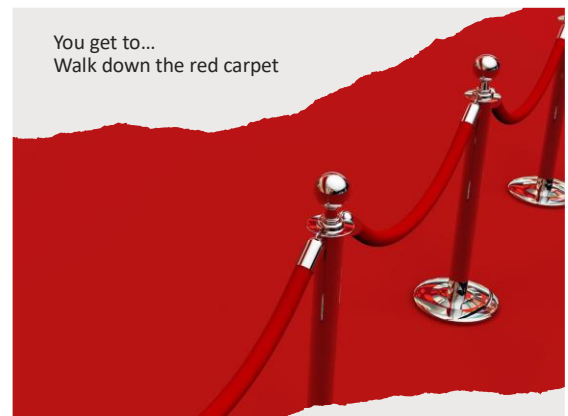
Many thanks to all the children who have brought in some incredible projects this term!

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 19th December 2025) –
Congratulations to:

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| Arthur N | Elsie Z | Imogen L | | | |
| April L | Bella C-D | Sidney L | Kobi T | Dylan B | Thomas G |
| Ayla C | Milou K-M | Grayson S | Archie D | Amberley M | Joshua H |
| Tom M | Taylor A | Esmae C-S | Sofia R | Harry H | Carter H |
| Tilda B | | | | | |



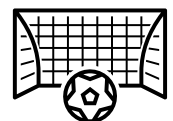
Church Assemblies




A wonderful time was had by virtually the whole school at our special assemblies at St Mary Magdalene Church, Brampton, on Wednesday. Many thanks to all the volunteers and staff for moving so many children to the church so safely and calmly. The children were excellent and the singing and readers performed really well. A wonderful time had by all at this special time of year.

Football match result – impressive win for BVPS Girls team

Brampton took on Wheatfields in the Henson cup. After a tough first half where only one goal was scored Brampton pushed hard and came out winners 7-0. Well done to all the girls who took part. A big thank you to all the parents for their support.



September 2026 Reception Intake – application deadline 15th Jan ‘26



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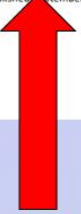
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A guide for parents

2026 2027

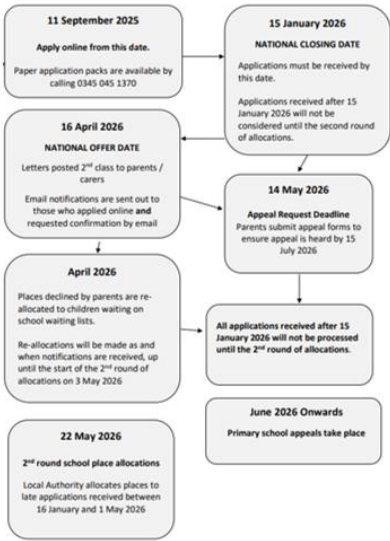
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Term Dates 2026-2027 Academic Year



Brampton Village Primary School Term Dates 2026 - 2027



| School Closed | | | School Open |
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| School Holiday | Bank Holiday | Staff Training Day | Pupil Day |

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Community News – Holiday Activities and Food



We're pleased to confirm that the [Christmas HAF Programme](#) will run during the above dates. Eligible children can access up to 16 hours of funded holiday clubs and family experiences.

Bookings open on 10 November 2025, and eligibility vouchers will be shared with families in receipt of benefits-related free school meals.

We're also delighted to share that, as part of the government's Best Start in Life initiative, funding for the HAF Programme has been confirmed for the next three financial years, starting from 2026/27.



I'm writing to let you know about our **Christmas Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) camps**, taking place this December at **King's Ely School** and **St Neots Football Club**, running on **Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd December**.

Fully funded HAF places are available for eligible children, with each day offering structured, engaging activities alongside a nutritious meal. Our camps provide a positive and supportive environment, helping children stay active and connected during the school holidays.

We would be very grateful if you could share the attached poster and booking link with families via your newsletter or parent communications, so eligible families are aware of this opportunity over the Christmas break.

Please find the booking link [here!](#)