



Community Newsletter - Brampton Village Primary School

Week Ending 21st November 2025

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Headteacher's Log

Would you believe there are now only 20 days left until the end of term! We have had an incredible week this week with some wonderful experiences for the children. It was clear that our Year 2 children really enjoyed being Victorians for a day on Tuesday. I am pleased to report that no children needed to be given the cane! We travelled from Victorian times to Ancient Egypt on Wednesday with Year 5 enjoying walking like Egyptians for the day before our Year 4 class also went back in time to a chilly Anglo-Saxon village at West Stow. Wonderful experiences that all will remember for years to come.

Our Willow classes have this week been voting for the song they want to represent their family. They have been choosing between the following songs that had been nominated a few weeks ago. Which one would you choose?

Song title	Artist
"What a Wonderful World" https://youtu.be/p-T6aaRV9HY	Louis Armstrong
"Upside Down" https://youtu.be/qLF2Jwnwf80	Jack Johnson
"Three Little Birds" https://youtu.be/F4sNi2PUiWM	Bob Marley
"Lean on Me" https://youtu.be/Nx_D0VTHBag	Bill Withers

Maple Classes have chosen Natasha Bedingfield, 'Unwritten,' as their song which they believe encompasses the future they are yet to create:

"Drench yourself in words unspoken,
Live your life with arms wide open,
Today is where your book begins,
The rest is still unwritten."

See you at the school gate,





Chris Hill, Headteacher



Maple Family Songs

Headteacher Awards

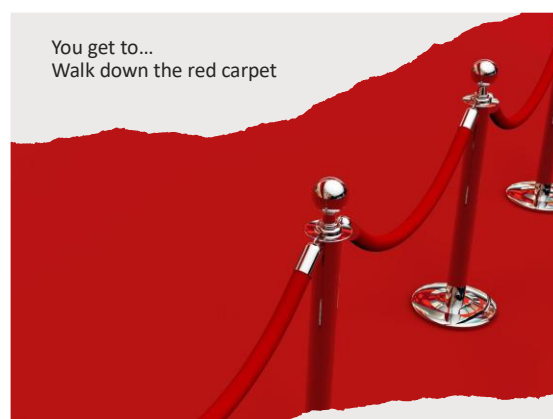
Gymnastics medals from Jessica L	Anubis mask by Jackson (Y5)	Karate medal from Ava (Y6)
		

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 14th November 2025) –
Congratulations to:

N Rodriguez-Wakeford	S Evans				
B Rickett	A Connor	Edward B	A Lamce	N Long	M Cox
M Willis	P Araujo	T Ellis	G Leeds	L Holden	E Robinson
J Joy	E Thorpe	E Chandler	M Keltie	E Elborn	T Bakudie
T Chamunorwa					



Don't be late for school!

Please ensure you leave time in your mornings for your journey to school, and as the weather changes time to defrost your car etc to ensure you child/ren are in school in time. We have noticed an increase in some children's lateness coming into school recently.



Registers open when the doors open and opening times vary across the school due to the number of children on roll.

Please see table below:

	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Doors Open	8.45am	8.40am	8.40am	8.45am	8.45am	8.50am	8.50am
Doors Close	8.55am	8.55am	8.55am	9.00am	9.00am	9.05am	9.05am
Lates After	9.25am	9.25am	9.25am	9.30am	9.30am	9.35am	9.35am

1. Once the external classroom door has been closed, entry to the school is via the main entrance.
2. Pupils who arrive at school after the register has been taken, but before it is closed, will be recorded as 'L' - late on the register.
3. Pupils who arrive at school after registers close, without an unavoidable reason, will have their lateness recorded as 'U' - unauthorised late which then impacts on their overall attendance level.

Lateness:

When children arrive late at school, they miss vital learning, they disrupt routines, affect other children's learning, miss the teacher's instructions to the lesson and may also feel embarrassed at having to enter the classroom late. They may also miss important intervention programmes and the opportunity to practice key learning skills.

Where pupils show a persistent pattern of lateness, Parents/carers will receive contact from the school advising them of the concern and offering support to resolve the issue. Should the lateness continue, parents/carers will be invited to a meeting at school to discuss their child's lateness. If there is no improvement, despite the school's attempts to address unauthorised absences, a referral could be made to the Local Authority Attendance Team for pupils who are of statutory school age.


If you have any concerns about your child coming into school in the morning, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 01480 375063 or office@brampton.cambs.sch.uk and they will pass your concern onto the appropriate member of staff.

Children in Need – Friday 14th November 2025



Thanks to everyone for your donations we raised £475 for Children in Need!

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



First Steps

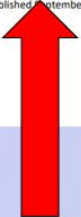
Admission to primary school:
A guide for parents

2026 2027

Application Deadline
15 January 2026

[Apply online at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions)

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Important Dates

11 September 2025 Apply online from this date. Paper application packs are available by calling 0345 045 1370	15 January 2026 NATIONAL CLOSING DATE Applications must be received by this date. Applications received after 15 January 2026 will not be considered until the second round of allocations.
16 April 2026 NATIONAL OFFER DATE Letters posted 2 nd class to parents / carers Email notifications are sent out to those who applied online and requested confirmation by email	14 May 2026 Appeal Request Deadline Parents submit appeal forms to ensure appeal is heard by 15 July 2026
April 2026 Places declined by parents are re-allocated to children waiting on school waiting lists. Re-allocations will be made as and when notifications are received, up until the start of the 2 nd round of allocations on 3 May 2026	June 2026 Onwards Primary school appeals take place
22 May 2026 2nd round school place allocations Local Authority allocates places to late applications received between 16 January and 1 May 2026	

Stay Cycle Safe this Winter



Whether children are riding to school or staff are commuting, preparation is key.

Keep Pedalling: Staying Safe While Cycling in Autumn and Winter

As days shorten, cycling through autumn and winter can still be rewarding with a few adjustments to keep you safer.

Visibility is crucial for safety, use bright front and rear lights, even in daylight, and wear reflective gear. For children, reflective backpacks and spoke reflectors help them to be seen.

Dress in layers: A moisture-wicking base, insulating middle, and waterproof outer shell work well. Gloves and thermal socks keep extremities warm.

Watch for slippery surfaces like wet leaves and frost; ride slower and check tyre grip. Make sure your brakes work.

Maintain bikes regularly: clean off grit, lubricate chains, and inspect brakes and lights. Choose well-lit, familiar routes and avoid flood-prone areas. Parents should help children plan safer school routes.

Stay alert avoid distractions and make eye contact at junctions. For children, turn rides into adventures with themed outings or reward charts. Adults and older children can enjoy quieter roads and crisp air. Cycle rides in outdoor leisure areas such as Thetford Forest, Rutland, or Grafham Water also make for lovely outings.

With preparation, cycling year-round supports health, sustainability, and fun. Embrace the season and keep those wheels turning.

Be Weather Wise

Check the forecast before heading out. If it's icy or stormy, consider walking or using public transport. On milder days, waterproof layers and a warm hat under your helmet can make all the difference. But make sure you can hear traffic as well as see it.

Pack Smart Keep a small kit in your school bag: spare gloves, a reflective rain cover, and a snack for energy. A plastic bag for muddy shoes or wet gear is handy too.

Buddy Up Cycling with a friend or sibling is safer and more fun. You can help each other stay visible and alert and it's a great way to start the day with a chat and some fresh air.

Make It Fun Decorate your bike with reflective stickers or colourful spoke lights. Schools can run "Cycle to School" challenges or winter ride days with prizes for participation, safety, or creativity.

Stay Seen, Stay Safe Shorter days mean lower visibility. Use lights even in the morning and late afternoon, and wear something bright. Reflective ankle bands are great for moving visibility.

With the right gear and a bit of planning, cycling through autumn and winter can be safe, healthy, and full of adventure.



PTA News

It's just 34 days (or 4 more Thursdays!) until Christmas. Get involved below...

Santa's Sleigh

- Every year the **Round Table help Santa to make his journey around Brampton** and as with recent year, they have asked for some help! This year's round is on **Sunday 07-Dec** and as with last year, this will be a double round starting in Brampton Park at 4pm and running to the Green for 6pm before heading on to Brampton Gate with a finish time of 7:30pm.
- They need helpers to knock at doors, take collections & encourage everyone to see Santa! If you can spare any time (there are 2x separate rounds - you can sign up to one or both) then please sign up - www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4CADA82AA2FB6-59931942-2025 - Children are welcome / encouraged to join in (our youngest last year was 4!)

Christmas Performances - Well Done Cookies

- Following last year's success, it will be possible to buy **Well Done** cookies for your children at each of the KS1 performances. These can be bought in advance of performances for £2.75 from <https://brampton-pta.sumupstore.com/products?category=6939e013-9fe0-44e1-9779-0a7d6a045891> or will be available to buy at the performances (subject to selling out) for £3.00 and as with last year will be wrapped in cellophane with different colour ribbons so they can be worn as a medal.

Plus watch out for details around **Collecting your Christmas Designs** and our soon to launch **Yr 6 Movie Night (11-Dec as a Date for your Diary)** coming soon...

East Leightonstone Parish

Crafty Advent

Free Christmas Fun and Crafts!

St Marys Church Hall

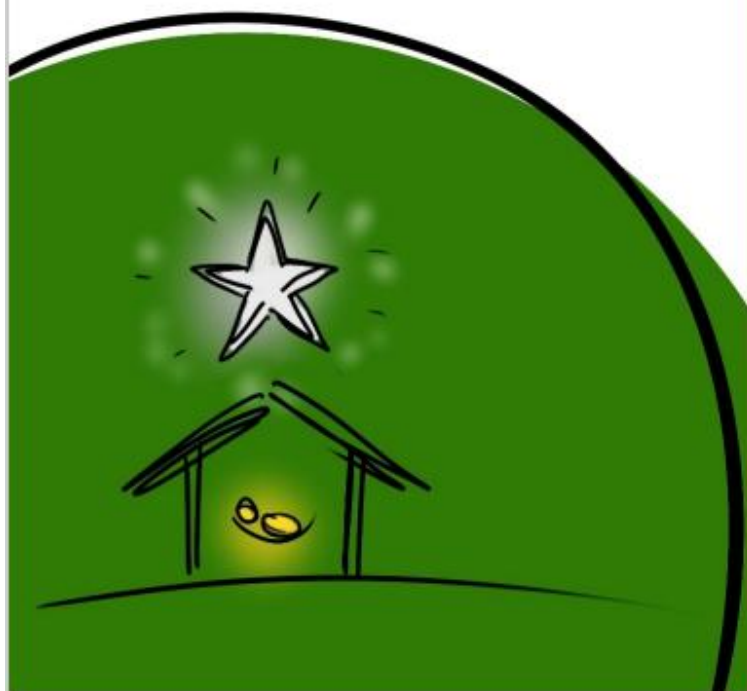
Church Lane

Brampton

PE28 4PF

3pm - 5pm
Saturday 29th
November

Contact: children@eastleightonstone.com



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.