



# At The School Gate



## Community Newsletter - Brampton Village Primary School

**Week Ending 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

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## Headteacher's log

Although this week has been clouded by a head cold for me and many staff in school, it has been good to get out and about and conduct some lesson drops focusing on maths. We have a really strong team of teachers at Brampton and I would like to express my thanks and gratitude for the excellent start to the year created by all our teachers.

On Tuesday this week the Maple tree family of children joined me for their first tree assembly of the year. We discussed how the maple tree paints the forest with bright colours every autumn like an artist. The maple tree also being cheerful and creative, looking to make things fun! These characteristics being what children in the maple tree family should aspire to demonstrate.

The feedback about our first VIP assembly from last week has been incredible from staff, pupils and parents. It has been wonderful to see the VIPs walking around school with their lanyards on. Their week as a VIP has now ended with a snacks and drinks session with me, a wonderful way to celebrate our wonderful pupils.

Lastly, the sound of Year 1 and 2 children practising their harvest assembly songs this week has certainly put a smile on our faces. A precious moment in the school year that I certainly cherish.


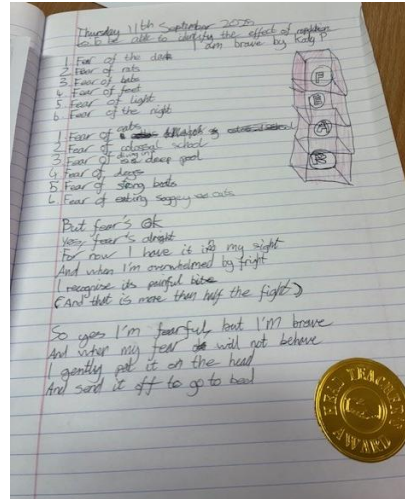

See you at the school gate,

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

Chris Hill, Headteacher

## Headteacher Awards

It would appear that I am soon going to have to order some more Headteacher award gold stickers. It is now a daily occurrence for children to appear at my office door with work they are extremely proud of. I also gave out a Headteacher award this week to George in Year 6 for a phenomenal answer in an assembly. Well done everyone!

Ancient Egypt project homework (Year 5)	Kody Year 5	A 'lighthouse' made by some Reception children
		

## Attendance

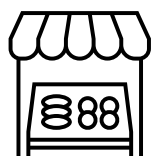


We have had a great start to the year in regards to pupil attendance. Thank you all for valuing school so greatly for your children.

Our year to date attendance is a fantastic 96.8%! This is 2% above the national average for attendance in the previous school year!

## Harvest Assembly donations

Please keep your harvest donations coming into the school so that we have a bumper stock to donate to the Diamond Hampers local charity.



A separate message went out at 6.30pm on 17<sup>th</sup> September regarding how parents can book a place to come and watch the Key Stage 1 harvest assembly on 24<sup>th</sup> September. Only the last few spaces now remain.

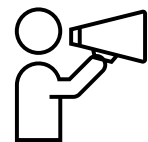
## Did your child complete the Summer Reading Challenge?



We are inviting KS1 pupils to bring into school any medals or certificates they earned over the summer by taking part in the Libraries Summer Reading Challenge. These can be sent in to school to be shared in their phase assembly on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October**.

## Communication Survey

Thank you to everyone that responded to the communications survey. Of the 71 respondents the following results were received:



Emails (100%) and newsletters (98%) were the preferred methods of traditional communications.

58% were in favour of using social media to highlight information, activities and achievements at the school each week.

Facebook was the most favoured social media option at 90%, with Instagram and WhatsApp channel following with 64% and 54% respectively. There was a sound rejection of the platform X from all respondents.

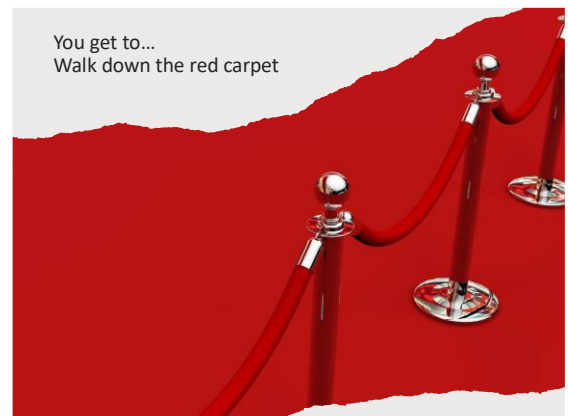
It has also been really useful to receive so many suggestions in the free text box on the survey. Next is to digest what we can achieve and as we progress through the school year and enhance and broaden how we communicate the great things happening at BVPS every day.

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> September 2025) –  
Congratulations to:

Jaylen A	Charles L	Ellie P	Zoe C
Arlo C	Rosie R	Ikram QZ	Teddy L-J
Max A	Emily E	Zachary B	Alex S
Finley W	Reina D	Vanya G	Joseph W
Samuel C	Aladenimi A	Otis E	Sienna B
Cian F	Aimee T	Tommy M	Thomas E
Violet B	Jasmine J-S		



## School Car Parks

Just a polite reminder that the car parks at school are for staff parking only. Please could parents and carers also ensure they walk around the car parks using the pedestrian footpaths.



## 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](#)

## Brampton to Huntingdon Station Active Travel Route

Cambridgeshire County Council are putting together some proposals to improve the safety and attractiveness of the walking, wheeling and cycling route from Brampton to Huntingdon Station.

**They are holding a drop in event at Hinchingsbrooke School (at the Pavilion café bar) on 24<sup>th</sup> September 4pm – 7pm** where draft plans will be available to look at and discuss with County Council officers.

If you would like to find out more about active travel in Cambridgeshire, or would like to look at the draft plans online, please visit our website at [Active Travel in Cambridgeshire | Cambridgeshire County Council](#).

## Christmas is coming...

Christmas Events	
Wb 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Stage up in Key Stage 1 hall
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 1 Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December pm	Year 1 Performance
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	KS1 Christingle Assembly
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December pm	Year 1 Performance
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Dinner
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Year R Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December pm	Year R Performance
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Y2 Christingle making
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December pm	Year R Performance
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Y2 Performances am/pm
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Carol Service 10.00am KS2 Carol Service 2.00pm

## PTA News

Two key things from us this week:

1. Reminder it's our PTA Annual General Meeting (**AGM**) on Monday - **22nd September at 7:30pm in the KS1 Hall**. This is open to all PTA members so all Parents and Guardians of children attending the school and all Staff members - It would be great to see lots of you there. Similarly, if **you're keen to join the PTA Committee**, register your interest here: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/en915Aht4i> or simply come along on next Monday
2. **School Lottery** - With the new School year kicking off, Your School Lottery have got three super draws coming up - This September you could win a **£2,000 Luxury Getaway, a Nintendo Switch 2 Bundle or their huge £25,000 Jackpot** all while raising valuable funds for the school. Want to know more or

enter, buy your tickets

at <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/brampton-village-primary-school>