



Community Newsletter - Brampton Village Primary School

Week Ending 24th April 2026

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Headteacher's Log

Hello everyone,

It's been brilliant to see so much happening around school over the past couple of weeks. There's a real sense of energy and excitement as we continue to develop and improve the spaces where our pupils learn and play.

We're exploring some really exciting options to enhance our facilities here at Brampton Village Primary School. It's something that's been on our minds for a while now – how do we make the very best use of the spaces we have? Well, we're getting there. We're looking at improving our EYFS outdoor area so that our youngest pupils have even more opportunities for outdoor play and learning. We're also planning to add additional playground equipment on the KS2 playground, which I know will be welcomed by our older pupils. Beyond that, we're committed to enhancing our inclusion facilities for those children with additional needs, ensuring that every pupil at BVPS has access to spaces and resources that support their learning and development.

To help us get some fresh ideas and inspiration, our staff recently visited Bushmead Primary School. It was a really valuable trip, and they came back with some brilliant thoughts about how we can enhance outdoor play and learning here at BVPS. These kinds of visits are so important – seeing what other schools are doing, sharing ideas, and bringing back that learning to our own setting. I'm grateful to the team for taking the time to do this.

On a different note, we've also had some lovely moments to celebrate this week. I was delighted to share some chocolate brownies – and yes, they included baked beans in the ingredients – along with some fruit salad with this week's VIPs. It's always a pleasure to recognise and celebrate the contributions of pupils who have received this award.

I'm also really pleased to share that we've had our new world, UK and local map installation completed. You'll see a photo of it in this newsletter, and it's a wonderful addition to our school. It's the kind of thing that helps bring learning to life and gives our pupils a tangible connection to geography and the wider world around them.

Before I finish, a couple of quick reminders. There's a parent and carer engagement survey live at the moment – you'll find the details later in this newsletter. We'd love to hear your thoughts and feedback. Also, just a heads up that we have a bank holiday on Monday 4th May, so school will be closed on that day.

Thanks for everything you do to support our school community.



Chris Hill

Headteacher

Headteacher Awards

Over the last three years or so the approach to teaching writing at Brampton has been one called 'Talk for Writing'. I think it is now fair to say that after a few years the benefits of this are now being seen. Most of my Headteacher awards are for children showing a real aptitude for writing. We very much hope that this year, for the first time in many years, some of our Year 6 children will be awarded the 'greater depth' grade for their writing. The work from Ava and Jayden below is quite incredible and worth of everyone taking a read.

Wednesday 27th April 2026
 CV: To write a scene description

I came to a halt as I entered the garden, the jungle of weeds felt like they were grabbing my feet trying to tell me to not go any further. I passed Ernie's toilet the bitter-sweet smell of lavender made it even worse - I hated lavender. In the dark, dusty light bats swooped down in front of me like acrobats. I noticed lights start to flicker inside the house. What would happen if mum or dad caught me?

I bravely watched through the window luckily it was just mum trying to get the script, but of a baby to stop crying. Narrowly, I inched closer, my heart thumping, a wave of anxiety flooded my chest; planks of wood had fallen off the side of the garage. There a dead pigeon lay, the bloody slit had been pecked by some sort of bird, at some point flies landed on it, it was gross. I felt sick. I leaped over the dead pigeon and crept into the garage...

Curiously, I crept in, there were old chests of drawers, broken wash basins and desk chairs with ~~broken~~ cloth seats. The darkness ran towards me, bricks were crumbling, struggling to hold the garage up. The sour scent of damp, decaying timber supports filled my nose; the garage ducked down, wood lice were scrambling around trying to find an exit. Suddenly, I heard it - a shudder

Wednesday 27th April 2026
 CV: To write a scene description Fantastic Jayden! SPPs

As the sunset, I crept through the gate and caught sight of the unlit mass the estate agent called a 'horticultural masterpiece'. I tiptoed carefully into the garden, trying to avoid the uncut thornhedges that had fallen onto the deserted, sun-bleached grass crunching beneath my feet. I noticed the birds pecking at the chattering crickets. Beetles and bugs scuttled up my legs, stumbling down everytime I took a step. As I approached the junkyard of a garage, I heard a noise. Was it my parents? After a while of hesitation, I realised it was the spilt baby. I immediately recognised the old appliances scattered across the garage floor; the creak of the worn-out door hinges; the sudden scatter of rodents and the flutter of moths. The dirty dust soared through my nose, choking me mercilessly like rain on a wet winter day. In a heart-stopping moment, I could distinguish the pale glint of its' face. What could it be?

As if on cue, lifeless bluebottles enraptured me like a swarm of bees around a greedy bear; my eyes widened, transfixed on the creature before me.

"Stop looking at me!"

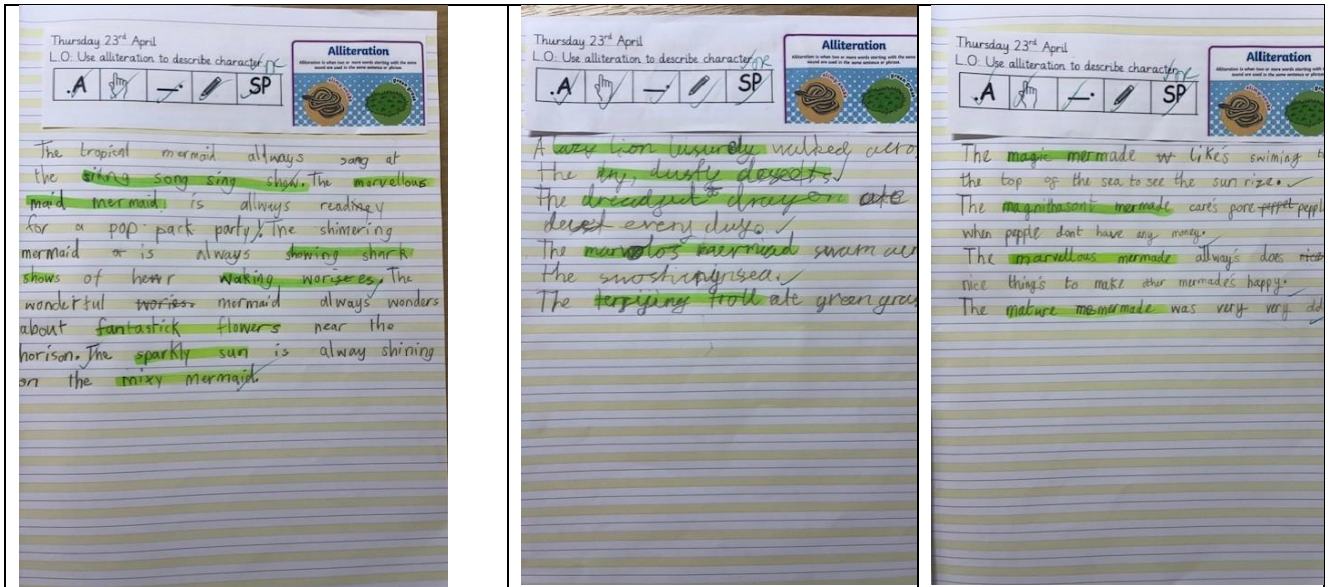
This voice sounded like nails on a chalkboard; my palms began to sweat uncontrollably.

"Did you hear me, I said, stop looking at me!" the creature exclaimed, clearly annoyed.

"What are you doing here?" I asked, finally.

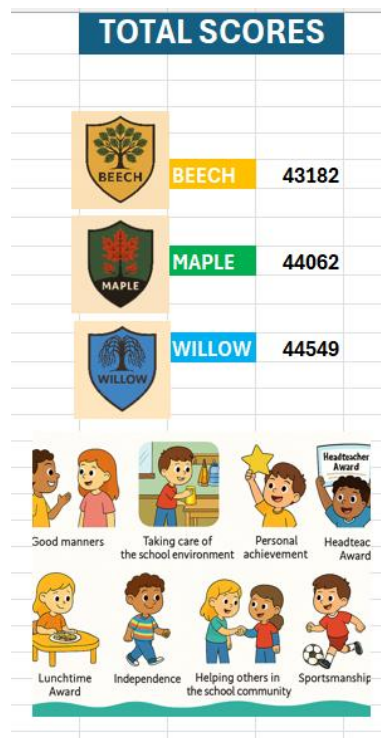
"Nothing that you should know about," the creature replied sharply.

I was paralyzed, thoughts racing through my head. I froze.



More great written work from some of our Year 2 children Emily, Ololanimi and Sienna. Well done!

Tree points - scores so far up to 23rd April 2026

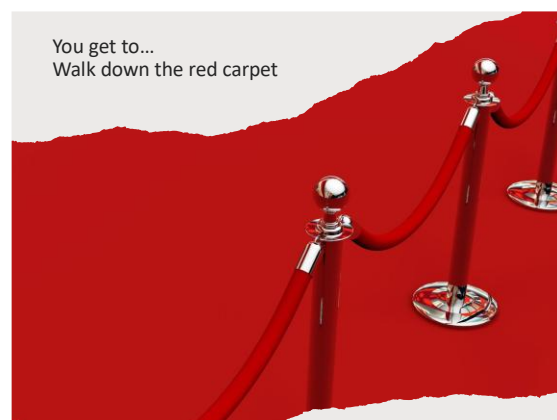


VIP Celebration Assembly this week

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 24th April 2026) –
Congratulations to:

R Hudson,	D Mac,	L Driver,	E Piekuta,			
I Upton,	S Brooks,	E Hawkins,	M Mongan,			
A Delahaye,	A Cocelli,	N Aubin,	J Yusufi,	A Peat,	H Hicks,	D Abishovi,
S Pentney,	C O'Neill,	H Amini,	H Ahmadzaei,		D Galen-Bisping,	
H De Havilland,						



Cyber Security



You may be interested to know that in school we have web-filtering system called Netsweeper. With the increase in the use of AI and websites using AI tools we have set our Netsweeper so that Generative AI tools are blocked by default for pupils.

Improving our school environment – World, UK and Local maps

This week we have had a huge world, UK and local map installed in our courtyard areas just outside the Key Stage 2 hall. The map has been designed to include key places and landmarks that link to many of the curriculum topics studied in school. We also have all the flags from around the world. Already we have children looking on the map to find where they live as well as the country and flag for the country of their heritage. Why not come and take a look for yourself one day!



Parent survey

As per the email sent out to all parents earlier in the week I'd like to encourage you all to complete our parent and carer engagement survey.

This gives you the opportunity to express your opinion on parent and carer engagement at BVPS and your overall confidence in the school's strategy.

Our goal is to open up a communication channel where your voice is heard and organised in such a way that we can create the best learning environment for your child. To help us with this, we're working together with the Edurio survey platform.



To complete the survey, please click here: <https://edurio.com/poll/0UkamW>

Surveys are completely anonymous and confidential, though the responses will be aggregated for the purpose of analysis. Please note that the survey needs to be completed **in one sitting**. The survey will be available until 8th May 2026 and the survey should take no more than 15 minutes to complete.

Your opinion and honesty are much appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns please be in touch.

We look forward to your feedback!

Dates for your diary

Please see below the dates of a range of key events happening at school

Wednesday 29 th April	3M Library visit
Thursday 30 th April – 3:30pm	Y 6 SAT's parent meeting
Monday 4 th May	May Bank Holiday – Children not in
Tuesday 5 th May	Children return
Tuesday 5 th May	Class Photo's
Wednesday 6 th May	3W Library visit
11 th -13 th May	Y4 Residential
Wb 11 th May	Y6 SAT's
Wednesday 13 th May	1B Library visit
Wednesday 20 th May	1M Library visit & Y5 Duxford trip
Friday 22 nd May	Last day of term
Tuesday 2 nd June	Children return to school
30 th June	Move up to new classes
30 th June- 2 nd July	HBK Transfer days (Y6 into Y7)
Wednesday 1 st July	Reception sports day
Thursday 2 nd July	Key stage 1 sports day
8 th July	Open afternoon 3.15 - 4.15pm

PTA News

- We are really short of volunteers for our final **Cake Friday** of the year **next Friday (01-May)** - Please sign up if you can:
[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4CADA82AA2FB6-63615557-copy#/
o Also a reminder to all parents of children in **Willow** classes that they are providing cakes this time](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4CADA82AA2FB6-63615557-copy#/)

- You should all have received a letter about our first ever **Colour Run** while details have also been shared on Facebook. Once again for this to be a success we need 20+ volunteers to help on each night so if you're able to sign up, please do:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4CADA82AA2FB6-63626164-colour#/> - Why not sign up on the night your children are running. There will be snacks and refreshments available to buy and we're sure they'd enjoy watching their friends and classmates run

- Finally a reminder that we are looking for donations for the Game & Toy Tombola and our Book Bung at this year's Summer Fayre. If you have anything in good condition that you'd like to donate, please drop them off at the school office for the PTA to collect. We're looking for:
 - **Any loved Toys, Teddies & Games** in good condition that are grown out of and someone else might enjoy
 - **Any Books** (Children's and Adult)

Summer HAF Programme



The summer HAF Programme is operating between 21 July and 28 August. Eligible pupils in receipt of benefits-related FSM can attend a registered holiday scheme for up to 64 hours, fully funded. A daily meal and enriching experiences are available. Eligibility vouchers will be issued to parents/carers on 8.6.26 by email or text. [Parents HAF webpage.](#)

Questions? Please email: HAF@cambridgeshire.gov.uk