



At The School Gate



Community Newsletter - Brampton Village Primary School

Week Ending 14th November 2025

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Headteacher's Log

Would you believe there are now only 5 weeks left until the end of term! This school year is certainly flying by and many year groups have an exciting week ahead with Victorian Day, Egyptian Day and a trip to West Stow in order for Year 3, 5 and 4 respectively.

In our assemblies this week we have been discussing climate change and the COP30 summit. While it may be the case that we cannot change the big issues impacting the world's climate the children all agreed that we could do little things ourselves that would help to look after the planet.

Our Maple 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. Willow classes get to choose their song next week. Which one would you choose?

Song title	Artist
A Million Dreams Bing Videos	Greatest Showman
Unwritten Bing Videos	Natasha Bedingfield
Colours of the wind Bing Videos	Vanessa Williams
True Colours Bing Videos	Cyndi Lauper

Beech Classes have chosen Bruno Mars, 'You can count on me,' as their song which contains some very apt lyrics:

"If you ever find yourself stuck in the middle of the sea
I'll sail the world to find you
If you ever find yourself lost in the dark and you can't see
I'll be the light to guide you

We find out what we're made of
When we are called to help our friends in need"

See you at the school gate,

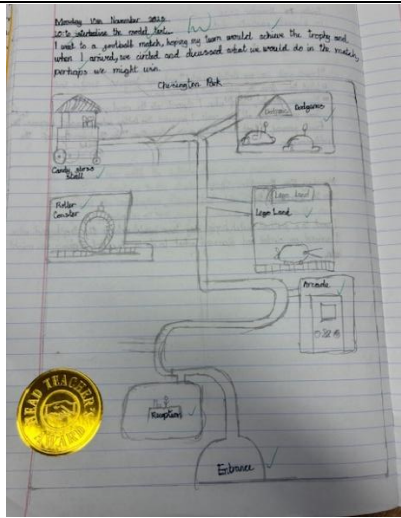
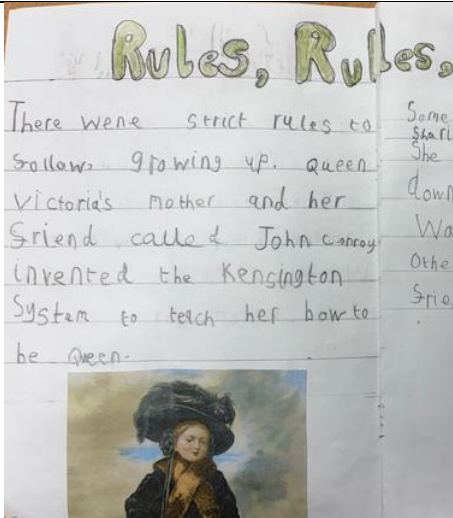


Chris Hill, Headteacher



Beech Family Songs

Headteacher Awards

Aladenimi, Year 4	Homework Project by Caitlin	Homework project by Isabelle
 Hand-drawn diagram of the Kensington Park system. It shows a central 'Kensington Park' area with various buildings and paths. A gold coin is placed next to the diagram. The text above the diagram reads: 'Kensington Park. I was to submit the model. I was to a garden model, hoping my team would win the trophy and when I arrived we started and discussed what we would do in the model. Perhaps we might win.' The diagram includes labels: 'Kensington Park', 'Candy Store', 'Kensington Park', 'Lego Land', 'Pond', 'Entrance', and 'Kensington Park'.	 Handwritten text titled 'Rules, Rules, Rules'. The text reads: 'There were strict rules to follow growing up. Queen Victoria's mother and her friend called John Conroy invented the Kensington System to teach her how to be queen.' A small portrait of Queen Victoria is included at the bottom.	 A model of a thatched hut and a dinosaur. The hut is made of straw and has a thatched roof. The dinosaur is made of clay and is standing next to the hut. The background is a green surface.

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:

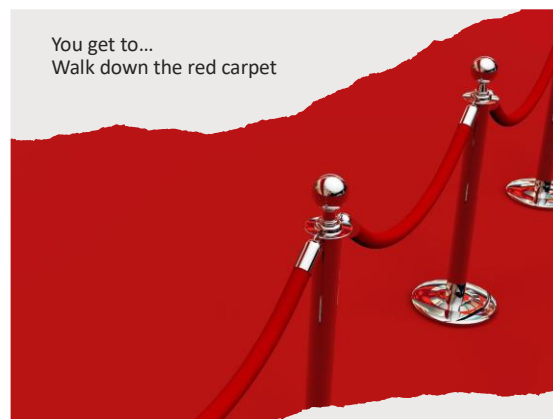
F Austen E Evans P Kent-Ward

O Bakudie M Dabrowska J Mumford L Partin M Nash A Holden

C Hodgson T Bayford-Bream I Alvarez Hutchings E Elborn R Cheal

E Maclarty G Gzyl F Ambler K Picking H Stephens H Rhymes

W Springthorpe



It was wonderful to welcome our Reception classes to their first VIP assemblies today! I hope you enjoyed yourselves.

Uniform

I have noticed recently that a few children are not wearing clothes or footwear suitable for school and in some cases excessive jewellery is being worn.

Although a uniform cannot be made compulsory in primary schools, we encourage children to follow this “dress code”:

- Sweatshirts: Navy
- Polo Shirts: White or navy
- Trousers/shorts: Grey, Black or Navy (trousers may be worn by boys and girls)
- Skirts/pinafores: Grey, Black or Navy
- Socks, tights: White, Grey or Black
- Summer Dress: Navy and white checked, or striped summer dresses.

Of course, teachers will contact parents directly if any children are coming to school in items that are inappropriate or unsafe.

Children in Need – Friday 14th November 2025



Thanks to everyone for your donations today for Children in Need. However, if you haven't yet donated then please don't forget to use our Children in Need Just Giving page. Our suggested donation is £1.

https://www.justgiving.com/page/brampton-village-primary-school-2?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=EM

Michael Rosen Day Poetry Competition Success!

A few weeks ago, some children participated in a Michael Rosen Day poetry competition on the theme of *Funny Food*. I was thrilled by the creativity and humour in all the entries—well done to everyone who took part!

I'm delighted to share that one of our poems was shortlisted in the Top 20 out of nearly 700 entries nationwide! A huge congratulations to **Faye in Year 6** for this incredible achievement. The judges commented that “*every poem on the shortlist showed joy, skill, and creativity.*” What fantastic praise! Well done again to Faye and to all our talented poets who entered—you made us proud!

SUGAR CUBES - By Faye

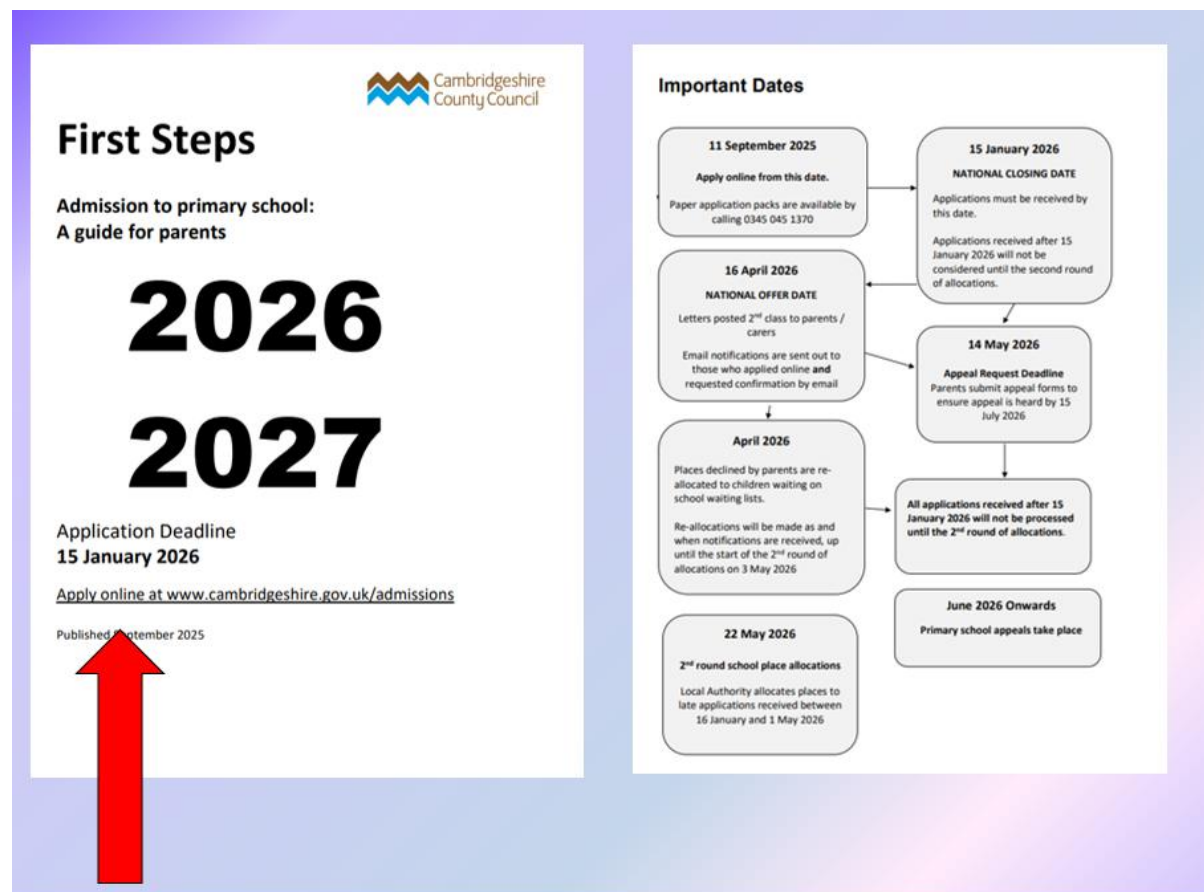
I love sugar cubes
My Dad is opposed
But I still eat them from the jar
Right from under his nose
He hides them in all sorts of places
But to no avail
For when he turns his back on me
I break them from their jail
My sneaky sweet tooth snacking
Has landed me in trouble
If I don't say sorry soon
I'll be grounded on the double
My apology was accepted
So Dad has settled the score
I'll go back later on tonight
To raid the jar once more

September 2026 Reception Intake

We held a couple of open day tours this week for parents whose children will be starting school in September 2026. We had a brilliant turn out of over 70 parents looking around our school. The vast majority of these parents were those that don't already have older children at BVPS. Please don't forget to submit your application by the date shown below if you are looking to apply for a place at our school for next September.

My special thanks go to some amazing Year 6 pupils who stood up in front of all our visitors and shared with them their thoughts, feelings and experiences about being a pupil at Brampton.

Thank you to Logan, Esme, Imogen and Ayvalyn, you were all superstars!



PTA News

Thank you to everyone for all of the Christmas design orders and for your donations for Bag2School. We saw a record number of orders for the 1st here so hope you get some great presents for friends and family this Christmas while it should also mean a record amount raised for the school by this initiative.

Beyond that, in the infamous words of Slade, "It's Christmas...!!" - As a result, check out what's coming up and how you can get involved:

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.

Christmas Performances - Volunteers

- Alongside the Cookies, we will also have Tea, Coffee and Hot Chocolate available to buy at the performances alongside cold drinks and Mince Pies. We are looking for a few volunteers to help set up, sell these and clear up after the performance (with the added benefit that these volunteers get first choice of a seat at the performance). If you would like to sign up, please visit www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4CADA82AA2FB6-60456221-copy

Community News



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.