



At The School Gate



Community Newsletter - Brampton Village Primary School

Week Ending 13th February 2026

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Headteacher's Log

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to announce the **Tree Family Heads and Deputies** for **Beech, Maple and Willow**.

Children from across our three Year 6 classes were nominated for these important leadership roles and have been interviewed by me. Following these interviews, I am delighted to say how lucky we are to have such an aspirant group of leaders within our school who are invested in the future of the school and the experience of all the children.



Beech	Maple	Willow
Annie Phillips Noah Hunt	Hollie Hitchin William Evans	Phoebe Wilson Johnny Roebuck
Greisi Graham Jayden Lawrence	Pippa Warmington William Springthorpe	Ayvalyn Jolly-Diangana Mattia Reeve

Later in this newsletter you will find a summary of the feedback from our recent pupil wellbeing survey along with the actions we have taken and are planning to take in response to this feedback.

During Children's Mental Health week we have discussed the pros and cons of social media and online activity during our assemblies and encourage you to talk to your children over half term about staying safe online.

Wishing you all an enjoyable half-term break and see you all again on Monday 23rd February!

See you at the school gate,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Hill'.

Chris Hill, Headteacher

Headteacher awards – more Roman Villas and Writing

Congratulations to Chloe (Y3), Esme A (Y3),Chloe E (Y3) and Sebastian (Y6)



Thursday 5th February 2026

Zorb
Far into the future, when
aliens terrorised anyone who
dared to leave Earth, there
lived a girl named Kiara.
Kiara lived in Eytalon, a place
which was about where
Cornwall used to be, next
to the Helford river, and
was ready to go on a mission
to attack some of the aliens.
"Wish me luck, I'm going out
now," she told her dad.
"I wish you all the luck
in the world," he replied,
but he was worried: even the
strongest soldiers have
trouble fighting aliens. And
beware of Zorb, the head of
the alien army!"
"Don't worry, I will and before
you ask, yes, I have packed
everything. I love you, goodbye!"
And with that, she headed
out the door and down the
street. Soon she made it to
the Supernight Arms, which

sword. Kiara desperately
charged at Zerk and swung
the sword the sword at
his head - BANG! Zerk collapsed
to the ground. The fight had
ended as quickly as it had
began.

begin.
"I've done it," Kiara gasped.
"I've actually done it!"
Kiara stood in shock, breathing heavily as she stared at Zorb. All of a sudden, the UFO hovered over the alien.
"The UFO!" Kiara thought, "how did I forget about that?"
Before she could stop it, the UFO beamed up Zorb and sped away. Kiara took another deep breath. She had rid the galaxies of Zorb... but for how long?

By Sebastian

Monday 14 Nov 2010

Now that I'm over there

I've never wanted again
but I have dreamt of
I've never been in a marriage
but I've met my old brother
I've never had a laptop but
but I've had a laptop
I've never read books
but I have read some in school
I've never counted to a thousand
but I've counted on my fingers
I've never broken a bone but
but I have had a bloody one
I've never gone to court
but I've been in court
I've never been in a
but I've been in a

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In the camp, Miss A. to a picture of
a girl, some water on the glass, outside
the window. So she walked out, walked

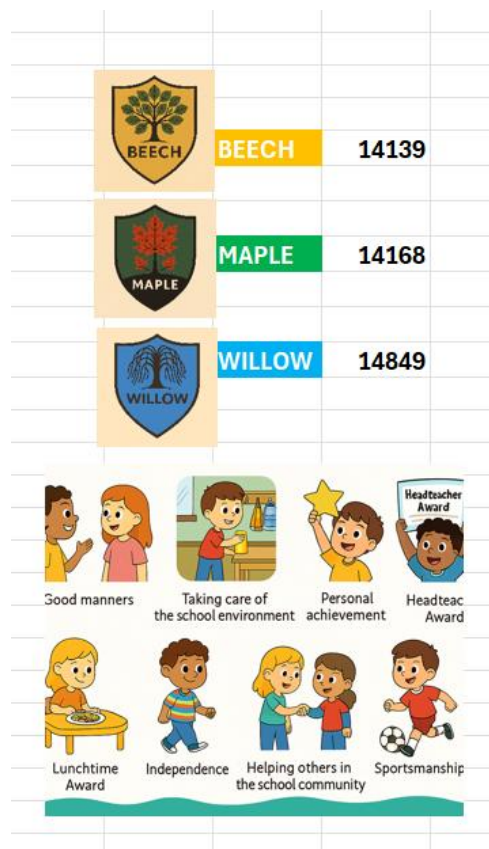
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Mom says that when she got in the boat
 she noticed that she couldn't turn at all because
 she was stuck right in the middle of the boat.
 When Grand was in the boat he didn't
 have any trouble at all.

All was well and the very pretty girl in the
lake and showed the way. After the girl had all
back and called it at the most suitable
name and became known.

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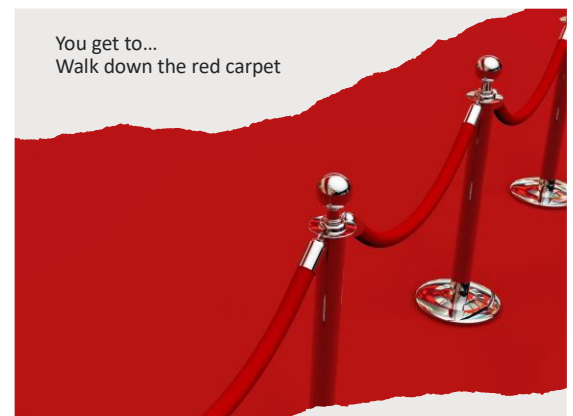
Tree points -scores so far up to 12th February 2026



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 when we return Thursday 5th March.

VIP roll of honour (Friday 13th February 2026) –
Congratulations to:



Teddy B, Mable G, Ava M, L Kinnaird, Liam M-Z, Zachary H, Oscar D, Elyee-Lou G, Olga PD, Sophia L, Aswa A, Madeleine J, Blas WD, Alfie W, Jacob P, Joshua G, Ewan G, Nikita T, Evelyn T, Harriet L

Pupil Wellbeing Survey feedback

Over **320 pupils** from Years 2–6 shared their views, helping us understand how they feel about school, friendships, and their day-to-day wellbeing.

What pupils told us we are doing well

1. Children feel safe in class and when travelling to school

Most pupils said they feel very safe during lessons, and even more feel safe when walking, cycling or driving to and from school. This reflects the secure routines, strong relationships with staff and supportive families.



2. Most children feel calm and not too stressed

The majority said they were *not very stressed* or *not stressed at all* on the day of the survey. This suggests they feel settled and comfortable in their learning environment.

3. Children enjoy being part of Brampton Village Primary School

Two-thirds of pupils told us they are happy to be studying here, and comments showed that they value their teachers and the friendships they have at school.

Areas we are working on

1. Behaviour and peer relationships at playtime

A number of pupils shared that they have been hurt by others at times—physically or emotionally. Although many incidents are accidental or low-level, this still shows we need to strengthen our approach to playtime behaviour and follow-up.



2. Worries and anxieties

Some children said they often feel worried—sometimes about friendships, sometimes about things outside school. We want to support children with these feelings and help them build confidence and resilience.

3. Feeling safe outside of class

Although pupils feel very safe in lessons, fewer feel the same way during breaktimes and in busy areas such as corridors or the playground. This is an important area for us to improve.

What we are doing next

Over the spring term we have already worked on :

- **Strengthening playground routines**, supervision and support. We have made sure that all adults on duty can easily be seen as they are all now wearing bright orange high-visibility jackets. We have also introduced a wider range of games for children to play at lunchtimes.
- **Improving follow-up communication** after incidents so children feel heard, supported and safe through restorative conversations and consequences in line with our behaviour policy where required.

We also plan to:

- **Introducing more friendship and feelings-based activities**, helping children problem-solve and manage small conflicts.
- **Providing additional emotional wellbeing support**, including check-ins, small-group sessions and clear ways for children to share worries.



Children's Mental Health Week

Miss Cole has been running a Children's Mental Health Week activity this week through the school called 'This is My Place'. There is an information sheet attached to this newsletter as well as a video clip here that explains more about the activity:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QHRaeZePGyg&t=149s>

All children across the school are invited to take part- there's no template but please do get creative with paints etc. over the half term. Any art work is due back on Friday 27th February.

Gymnastic competition success

On Tuesday 10th February afternoon 16 children were ferried to Huntingdon Gym to take part in the RISE gymnastics competition. 12 schools entered and there were 3 parts to the competition - core , bench and vault. Pupils from Hinchbrook school judged the performance of every child. Brampton entered 3 teams: A, B and Level 4 team. Everyone who took part performed really well and as a result Brampton A and Brampton B both won their competitions. A big well done to all those who took part. Thank you to all the parents for their support at the venue and a special thank you to Vicky Leighton for all her support and help

Mr W

Open afternoon – thanks for coming!

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers in school for our open afternoon. Thanks for sharing this time with your children, they are always so proud to show off their work and classrooms.

See you all after half term break for parents' evening appointments in person or online!

Spring Term 2026 – Key dates

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

13 th February	Last day of half term
23 rd February	School reopens
24 th -26 th February	Parents' Evenings
27 th February – 2 nd March	Book Fair
2-6 th March	Y6 Residential
5 th March	World Book Day
Wb 9 th March	Parent Survey Launch
20 th March	Red Nose Day
Wb 23 th March	Easter Competition
27 th March	Last day of term

PTA News

Thank you to everyone who volunteered / helped with Thursday's volunteers. Across the two discos, we **raised more than £3,000** which is amazing and it couldn't have been done without all of the parent and staff volunteers. A special call out to the PTA's Nicki who is our Disco Mastermind and ensured everything ran smoothly.

Key things for over Half Term:

- **Non-Uniform Day:** It was great to see everyone in every possible shade and colour of the rainbow today and thank you to everyone who has paid their £1 either in person or via the QR codes on the posters. If you didn't get a chance to pay, you can still do so at <https://brampton-pta.sumupstore.com/product/non-uniform-day-1x-child>
- **Drawing Competition:** Everyone should now have their templates so a reminder that the deadline for these being returned (to their teacher or to the office) is the Monday after Half Term (23rd February) offering a great rainy day Half Term activity and the chance to win some great prizes!
- **Cake Friday:** Finally, with our next Cake Friday on Friday 13th March we're very light on volunteers atm. If you can help, please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0B4CADA82AA2FB6-62126784-2026#/>

See you have the Half Term break!

Brampton PTA

Community News- Half term holiday camps



FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS



BOOK NOW!
Limited spaces available

For ages 4 to 11 years

FUN WITH OAK ACTIVITIES!

Sibling discount available: **SIBLING10**

COME AND JOIN US THIS HALF TERM FOR SPORTS, ARTS & CRAFTS, GAMES, TEAM BUILDING AND SO MUCH MORE!

Upwood Primary Academy 16th - 20th February 9am—4pm	Wyton On The Hill Primary School 16th - 20th February 9am—4pm
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£20 per day - Discounts for siblings and whole camp bookings

Book Now At: <https://bookwhen.com/oakactivities-multisportcamps>

For further information please email: info@oakactivities.com or telephone: 01487 465002

Dr Bike is coming

Dr Bike Sessions Huntingdonshire



What is Dr Bike?

Our qualified mechanic will attend to perform a **free** bike health check. This includes gear and brake adjustments, a safety check, lubrication of parts with recommendations for repairs where necessary.

Make sure to **secure your slot** by scanning the QR code below or visiting our booking page. There will be limited walk-in availability.



When is Dr Bike?

- Friday 13 March – St Ives
- Saturday 14 March – St Neots
- Monday 16 March – Yaxley
- Tuesday 17 March – Godmanchester
- Wednesday 18 March – Huntingdon
- Monday 20 April – Godmanchester
- Tuesday 21 April – St Neots
- Thursday 23 April – Ramsey
- Friday 24 April – St Ives
- Saturday 25 April – Huntingdon
- Monday 25 May – St Ives
- Tuesday 26 May – Godmanchester
- Wednesday 27 May – Huntingdon
- Thursday 28 May – Yaxley
- Saturday 30 May – St Neots

Scan the QR code to book your free slot now

Alternatively, visit tinyurl.com/drbike2026.

If you're interested in other active travel events, initiatives, projects and more, visit cambridgeshire.gov.uk/active-travel.



Easter HAF Programme

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We are delighted that the HAF programme, funded by the DfE, is running for a further three years.

The Easter HAF Programme is operating from 30 March to 10 April. Eligible pupils can attend a participating holiday scheme for 16 hours, fully funded. A daily meal and participation in enriching experiences are offered. Eligibility vouchers are issued to parents/carers on 2.3.26 by email and/or text and professionals can request additional codes under the wider eligibility criteria from this date.

Further details: [HAF Parents webpage](#)

Email: HAF@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Things to do at the Norris Museum

ART ADVENTURE CLUB

A family art club aimed at 6-11 year olds and their adults

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Spring Term 2026
Saturdays, 2:00 to 3:30pm

10th January: Egyptian Tombs - junk modelling and collage
24th January: Terracotta Army Figures - clay
7th February: Aurora Borealis - silk Painting and kaleidoscopes
28th February: Hanging Gardens of Babylon - fabric and card collage, with weaving
14th March: Great Walls in Colour- acrylic painting on wood

Tickets per session:
£12.00 for two at a table
£16.50 for three at a table
£20.00 for four at a table
Tickets numbers include adults
(there must be at least one adult per table)

Booking essential <https://tickettailor.com/events/norrismuseum>




norrismuseum.org.uk
01480 497314
41 The Broadway, St Ives PE27 5BX



Clay Owls

★ Family Workshop ★

Friday 20th February, 10:30am to 12:00pm

Enjoy a relaxed family clay workshop making your own clay owls. Learn a simple shaping technique, then decorate your owls with eyes, jewels, feathers and textures to give them plenty of personality. Create a whole family of tweet little owls to hang around your home!

★ Aimed at children 4+ and their adults (also taking part!)
£12.00 for two at a table, £16.50 for three, £20.00 for four
(Tickets numbers include adults – there must be at least one adult per table)

★ Limited places - online booking essential
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Owl Babies

Family Story Time & Crafts

★ Tuesday 17th February, 10:30 to 11:30am ★

Join us for an owl-themed adventure at the museum!
Enjoy hearing the lovely Owl Babies story alongside other owl tales, followed by hands-on creative fun.
Make your own paper bag owl puppets and an owl family fingerprint hanging decoration to take home and then see if you can spot all the owls hidden in the museum!

★ Aimed at children aged 3+ but everyone is welcome
£7.50 for 1 child, £14.00 for 2 children, £19.50 for 3
(One accompanying adult to every three children required)

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