



Community Newsletter - Brampton Village Primary School

Week Ending 9th January 2026

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Headteacher's Log

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all! I hope you all enjoyed your holidays and were able to spend time with your family and friends enjoying each other's company and creating some wonderful memories. The first week back has been excellent and the children have certainly come back to school with a positive mindset and attitude.

Today we have launched our new positive behaviour system which means that children will be able to earn 'tree points' for their class and ultimately their tree family within school. Each week teachers and staff around school will be able to award points for observing specific positive behaviours. These points will be collected within each class and then in our VIP assemblies the total score for all of the Beech, Maple and Willow classes will be announced.

There are a variety of ways that the children and classes can earn tree points and these can be found on the poster later in this newsletter as well as a set of slides that will be uploaded to the school website. Weekly total scores will also be published on the school website and in this weekly newsletter.



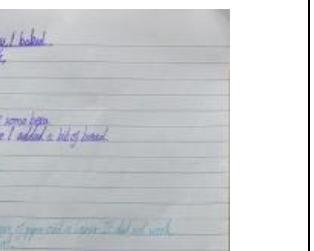
I can't wait to share with you the weekly scores and ultimately see which of our tree families ends up being the winners of our tree family 'giant' trophy!

See you at the school gate,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Hill -".

Chris Hill, Headteacher

Headteacher awards

Inspirational poetry from Sienna B Y4	Northern lights are work by Logan, Y6	Incredible writing from Ivy, Y1
 <p>Today I baked a Wedding cake, A Wedding cake I baked See what I put in? A few To have a bit of fun and of course some fun Well, they were dead, but maybe I added a bit of flour. Today I made a Birthday cake A Birthday cake I made What did I add in? I added A few things, but not anything that was good to eat, that was probably from a store. I added some flour and some sugar. Today I baked a Birthday cake, A Birthday cake and a Birthday cake They were all for my friends, All you need to eat, they could eat! Sienna Bakes</p>		 <p>Wk 8th January 2026 LO: Free-writing based on a picture stimulus.</p> <p>A J M - SP</p> <p>It's snowing and the wind is blowing. :/</p> <p>It's fun for everyone.</p> <p>The birds are tweet and it is snow.</p> <p>There's snow every where and it is very fair.</p> <p>It's great and you get to scare.</p> <p>There's fire and you get to do your own desire.</p>

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 9th January 2026) – Congratulations to:

L-R White O Foster H Hartnett

H Davey P Mongan Roman E

S Clarke E Millard

Journal of Business Ethics



Curriculum Letters

Please look out for the curriculum letter from the teachers in each year group in the school. The letter provides you with an overview of the learning and various topics that will be studied this term.

Spring Term 2026 – Key dates

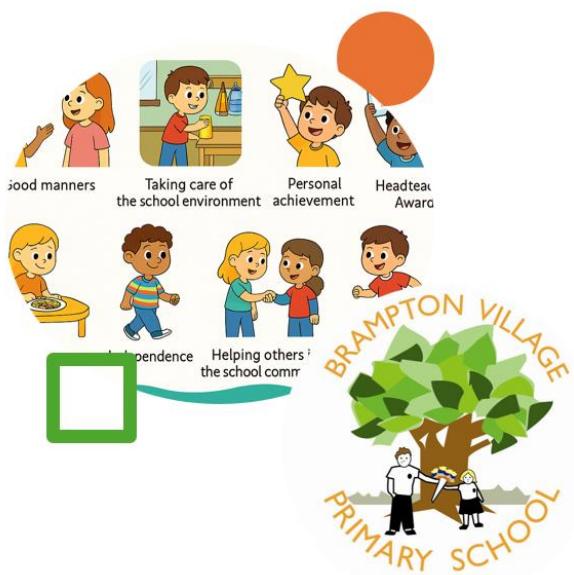
Please see below the dates of a range of key events happening at school

30 th January	Local MP to visit BVPS
3 rd and 5 th February	Winter Discos
11 th February	Open afternoon
13 th February	Last day of half term
23 rd February	School reopens
24 th -26 th February	Parents' Evenings
24-26 th February	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 rd March	Easter Competition
27 th March	Last day of term

Tree points



Positive Behaviour



Follow this link to see the ways children can earn tree points for their class and family in school. [Brampton Village Primary School - Home](#) You will be able to see a set of slides that let you know how many points children will earn for certain positive behaviours.

Information from the Children's Commissioner

Dear Parents

I am writing to inform you that I have recently published a new guide, [What I wish my parents or carers knew: A guide for parents on managing children's digital lives](#).

Supporting children's safety is a shared responsibility between families, schools and wider society. For parents and carers, this responsibility has become increasingly complex as children's lives are now deeply intertwined with the digital world. Many parents face difficult decisions about how to balance protecting children from online harm with enabling access to spaces that are now central to learning, socialising and play.

This guide was written with the direct involvement of children in England. It is a reflection of their views. My office visited schools to speak to teenagers, and spoke to my Youth Ambassadors and Youth Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Panel to get their expertise on what works and what doesn't work between parents or carers and children in the 21st Century.

When I speak to children about what they would do differently when it comes to being online, with the benefit of hindsight, I ask them: would they give a smartphone to their own teenager? Almost unanimously, they tell me no. They want to be protected from it as long as possible.

As parents, carers, and educators, our job must begin and end with our children's care and safety. It's what they expect and what they want from you.

As one young person told me: "Don't be afraid to be firm... If you are worried [that] your child is seeing harmful content and you don't know what they're watching and it's affecting the behaviour, just take it that you know best – they don't."

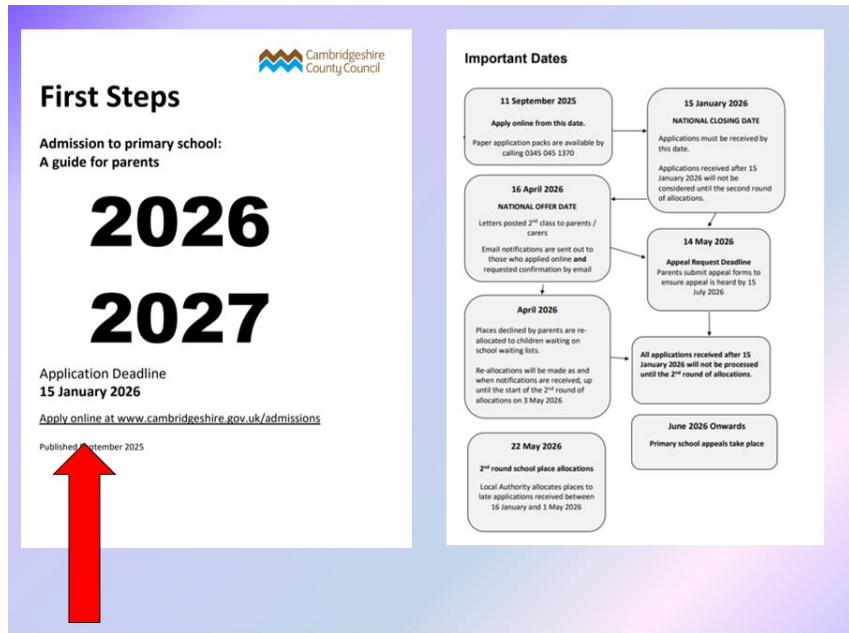
I hope this guide will be a useful resource for your school community, and I encourage you to share it with staff and parents where appropriate.

Yours sincerely,

Dame Rachel de Souza
Children's Commissioner

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

We already have received 88 first choice applications for September 2026 so please do ensure that you submit your application before the 15th January deadline if you want to stand the best chances of securing your school place for Reception in September.



PTA News

Happy New Year all. Hope everyone had a lovely break.

Please see some details of what is coming up over the course of this term:

- **Bag2School Collection :** Our next collection is planned in for Thursday 29th January so get sorting through all those old clothes and don't forget to bring your bags down on either the Wednesday evening or the Thursday morning before 9am
- **Winter Discos :** This year's Winter Discos are planned for just 4 weeks' time. Details of how to volunteer will follow next week but for now, key dates for your diaries:
 - Tuesday 3rd February - 5-6pm: Years 1&2
 - Tuesday 3rd February - 6:30-7:30pm: Years 3&4
 - Thursday 5th February - 5-6pm: Brambles & Reception
 - Thursday 5th February - 6:30-7:30pm: Years 5&6
- **Cake Friday** - Our next Cake Friday is planned for Friday 6th March with Maple classes providing Cakes. See you all there.

