



## **Community Newsletter - Brampton Village Primary School**

**Week Ending 26<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

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## Headteacher's Log

During my 4<sup>th</sup> week (yes it is only 4 weeks so far!) I have begun to feel the vibrancy of our community around the school. Firstly, we held our Key Stage 1 harvest assembly which included some incredible singing of harvest songs as well as poems and readings by the children. The assembly was enjoyed by staff and around 100 extremely well-behaved parents, carers and grandparents. It was wonderful to have so many of you in attendance. I also met with our local vicar Duncan, with whom I discussed how our local church community can get involved with our school as well as how children from the school could support community events.

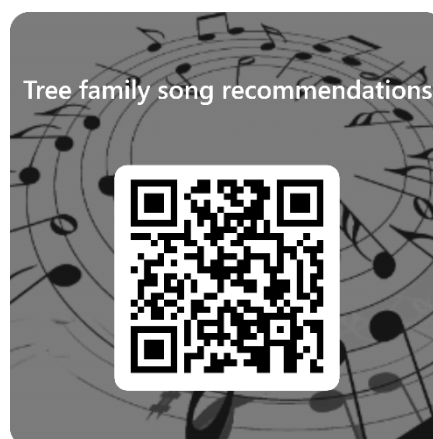
On Tuesday this week the Willow tree family of children joined me for their first tree assembly of the year. We discussed how the willow tree is an excellent listener and can hear many conversations in the breeze. We linked this characteristic to our school value of respect and how truly listening to someone is a mark of respect to them. The willow tree is also described as a graceful dancer moving in the breeze.

Our next challenge is to find a song to represent each of our tree families – please share any suggestions for consideration by the children by following the link <https://forms.office.com/e/WQQnH4AAWh>

Beech Tree (the wise guardian)

Maple Tree (the cheerful artist)

Willow Tree (the graceful dancer)



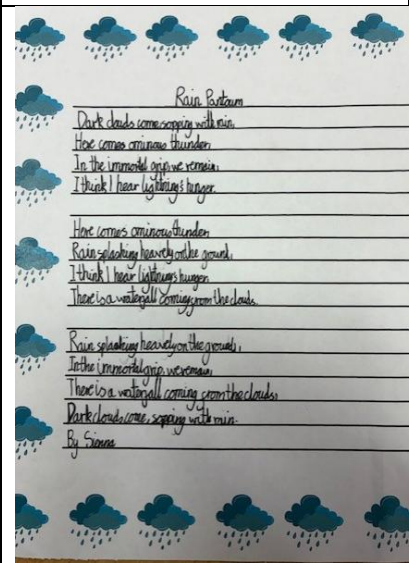
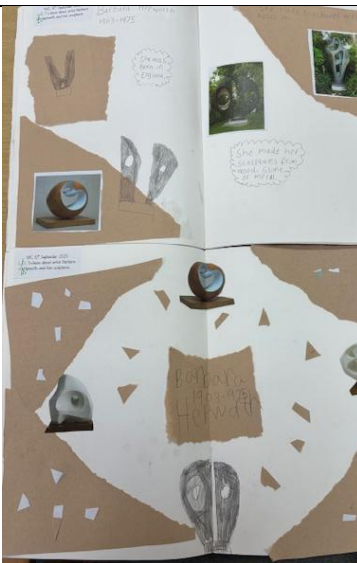
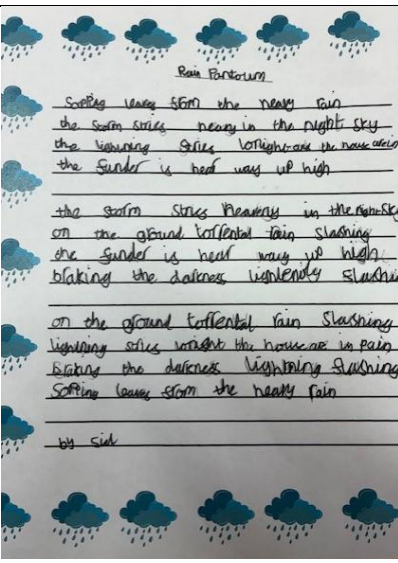
See you at the school gate,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Hill". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chris Hill, Headteacher

## Headteacher Awards

Such a wide range of incredible work makes it way to my office each week. This week I am delighted to highlight some creative poetry work in the form of some stunning rain poems. It is also great to see the breadth of the whole curriculum in action through an art study on sculpture. Keep the great work coming everyone!

Rain poem by Sienna	Sculpture art study by Clara and Neveah	Rain poem by Sid
 <p><u>Rain Poem</u></p> <p>Dark clouds come sopping with rain How comes ominous thunder In the immortal grip we remain I think I hear lightning's hunger</p> <p>How comes ominous thunder Rain splashing heavily on the ground I think I hear lightning's hunger There's a watery fall coming from the clouds</p> <p>Rain splashing heavily on the ground In the immortal grip we remain There's a watery fall coming from the clouds Dark clouds come sopping with rain By Sienna</p>		 <p><u>Rain Poem</u></p> <p>Softly weeping from the heavy rain The storm comes heavy in the night sky The lightning strikes tonight and the noise deafens The sun is not very up high</p> <p>The storm strikes heavily in the heavy sky On the ground torrential rain slashing The sun is not very up high blinking the darkness lightning slashing</p> <p>on the ground torrential rain slashing lightning strikes tonight the noise deafens blinking the darkness lightning slashing Softly weeping from the heavy rain</p> <p>by Sid</p>



## Harvest Assembly

Our harvest collection has been donated to Diamond Hampers in Brampton. Our Year 5/6 children had an extremely informative assembly with Lianne Dodd from Diamond Hampers and were able to reflect and consider the importance of charities and how the kindness of others can help those at times of need. Thank you to everyone that donated to our collection!

## Attendance

If your child is absent from school can you please ensure you report this to us as soon as possible each day either by:

Reporting via email [pupilabsence@brampton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:pupilabsence@brampton.cambs.sch.uk)

Or by calling 01480 375063 option 1.

## Den Building Resources

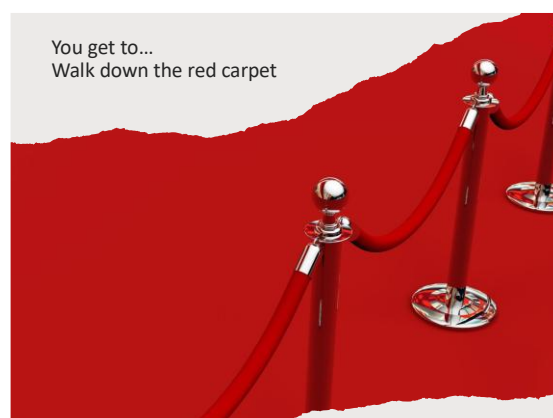
As it becomes more Autumnal, we are starting to get our Forest School ready for a new intake of forest adventurers. However, our den building sticks are looking a bit worse for wear, so we need your help. If you are a tree surgeon or having some maintenance on your trees in the upcoming months, please consider if any of the resources could be donated to our den building collection. These need to be strong, approximately wrist/arm width branches with secondary branches removed leaving a stick shaped branch between 1-3 metres. If you think you could help, please email the office for the attention of Mrs Scott.



## 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:



Ivy U	James T-L	Amelie A	Flossie K-W
Jesse B	Bella C	Justin U	Clara B
Melissa M	Anna W	Sophia M	Sophia L
Dexter W	Kane W	Freyah G	Esme A
Beth D	Peter N	Leroy T	Caitlin-Leigh S
Orien A	Katie M	Jack B	Greisi G
Georgina P			

## School Car Parks

I am leaving this reminder in the newsletter as there are a minority of parents who continue to think that the school staff car parks are their own private parking. **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.



## Chess club



Mrs Talbot's chess club is up and running and was well attended by 32 children.

The question is, who will be our chess master and take on Mr Hill at a game this year?

## Parents' Evening Snap Poll

I am very keen to get the preferences of parents as to how we will run our parents evening meetings during the last week of this half term (week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> October). Please complete this simple poll so I can gauge the level of preference for in-person or online meetings. This poll is only open until 12pm on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

<https://forms.office.com/e/dxmQYU3ixb>



## Chair of Governors update

After more than 5 years in post, Emma Spencer has stepped down as Chair of Governors, but will remain as a governor until her term of office ends in January at the end of her term.



Emma said,

“I have enjoyed my time and feel really proud of the things I have achieved during this time. This included:

- Assisting Mr Allen and all staff to navigate through the strange times of Covid and lockdowns. This was in my first month as Chair!
- Being involved in a Local Authority Implementation Group in 2022 during which time the school improved
- Leading the Governors through the last Ofsted inspection where we gained a “Good”
- Being involved in recruitment of many staff
- Heading the Panel for the recruitment of the new Head (Chris Hill). This included taking potential applicants on tours of the school, writing the advert and application pack, shortlisting and devising and running the interview process.
- Being visible around the school and always willing to be a sounding board, give advice or just have a chat

I would not have continued for so long if I didn't have a fondness for the school, staff and pupils, wanting the best for them all. However, I believe that after over 5 years in this role, and with Chris Hill in place, now is the right time for a new Chair of Governors to take the school forward.

I will be around until January to help the new Chair (Nathan Broadbent) with the handover so I will still be around, just not quite as often!

I would like to thank all the staff for their hard work, dedication and support over the past (almost) 6 years. You are what makes BVPS a great community.”

## Parent Governor vacancy

Please look out for a separate communication regarding the application process to become a parent governor at BVPS!

## PTA News

Thank you to everyone who joined the AGM on Monday - it was great to see so many people and so much enthusiasm there - We look forward to another great year ahead of us.

Two key things to share post AGM:

### **2025/25 Performance**

First off a massive thank you to everyone for their help last year - We raised a whopping **£19,200** which is amazing and was an increase of £1,400 on the previous year. With costs (from school improvements, subsidising trips and more) last year coming to £16,600, that meant we made **£2,600** across the year.

A full infographic detailing out our income and costs will be shared on Social Media in the coming days

### **New Committee**

We are delighted to announce our PTA Committee now consists of 15 members with many of the existing Committee continuing to drive our fundraising events and us welcoming our 2x Uniform Elves in Helen and Lana onto the Committee alongside new members Becky, Ben, Ella, Mojibola, Sarah

**Chair:** Matt Lovell

**Treasurer:** Cameron Paul

### **Committee Members:**

- Becky Sarney
- Ben Burtenshaw
- Ella Maxwell
- Helen Lancaster
- Katie Pierce
- Lana Cox
- Lorraine Sykes
- Mojibola Ademiniyi
- Monica Bucksey
- Nicki Henson
- Sarah Bremer
- Suzy Lovell
- Victoria Martin

Thank you all for joining us! Full minutes from the meeting will be shared and made available on the website early next week.

## **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.

## Community Events – OBS 250

O.B.S.'250' reimagines Brampton's past through technology, art and live cultural events. On 25–26 October 2025, the village becomes a stage for installations, trails, talks and interventions marking 250 years of Lady Olivia Bernard Sparrow.

Join the village for a FREE weekend of events.

Learn about this and more,  
visit <https://www.walkwitholivia.com/>



## Community Events - Oktoberfest

