



## Community Newsletter - Brampton Village Primary School

Week Ending 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

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## Headteacher's Log

I have had a focus this week on observing the school's approach to the teaching of early reading, phonics and also guided reading further up the school. It is good to see a real fidelity to the teaching of phonics across all our Year 1 classes and how this evolves slightly in Year 2 to include more focus on retrieving information from a text. These two year groups are giving the children the foundations to become confident readers. A different approach is taken in Key Stage 2, where a book is studied each term in each year group. At the moment our year groups are studying:

- Year 3 'Piggy Hero' by Pip Jones
- Year 4 'Charlotte's Web' by E.B.White
- Year 5 'Secrets Of A Sun King' by Emma Carroll
- Year 6 'There's A Boy In The Girls' Bathroom' by Louis Sachar

Children have the opportunity to read together in class, read in pairs and also to listen to the teacher reading. Follow up activities take place to record thoughts and responses to key questions about the book as well as exploring the meaning of new vocabulary.

We continue to be grateful for the good weather we have had so far this school year as it has meant the children have been able to enjoy the field and all the space around school. I am sure things will change soon and as the days shorten we will all be wrapping up warm and digging out our coats and winter hats. One thing to keep our spirits high is the joyous sounds I hear coming from our choir on a Thursday morning before school. I can't wait for you all to be able to see them perform both in school and in our community over the upcoming months.

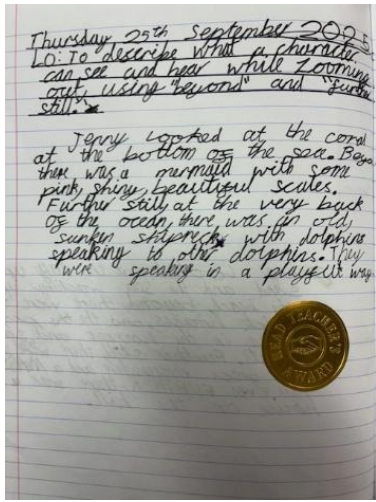
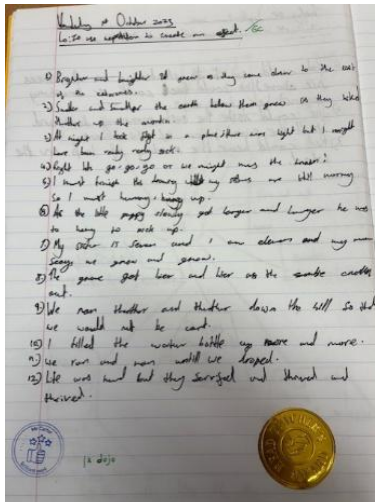
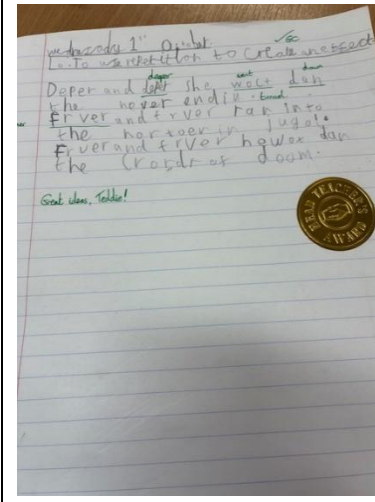
See you at the school gate,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Hill', with a horizontal line extending from the end.

Chris Hill, Headteacher

## Headteacher Awards

The awards keep flowing as I remain impressed by the pride so many children are taking in their work.

Aria B	Evie E	Teddie
 <p>Thursday 25th September 2021          To describe what a character          can see and hear while zooming          out, using beyond and further          still.</p> <p>Jerry looked at the coral          at the bottom of the sea. Below          this was a purple with some          pink shiny beautiful scales.          Further still at the very back          of the ocean, there was an old          sunken ship with dolphins          speaking to other dolphins. They          were speaking in a playful way.</p>	 <p>Wednesday 24th October 2021          To describe what a character          can see and hear while zooming          out, using beyond and further          still.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Brighter and brighter it grew as they came closer to the sea.</li> <li>2) Under and under the water below them grew as they went.</li> <li>3) The water was blue and blue in a place that was light but I might              have been only only only.</li> <li>4) Light like go-go-go or we might near the bottom.</li> <li>5) I must have the heavy lifting others are still moving              so I must heavy heavy up.</li> <li>6) As the little paper slowly got longer and longer he was              so long so much up.</li> <li>7) My other 11 years and I am eleven and my name              George we grow and grow.</li> <li>8) The game got here and here as the sunbeams came              out.</li> <li>9) We ran slower and slower down the hill so that              we could not be lost.</li> <li>10) I liked the water better up more and more.</li> <li>11) We ran and now until we stopped.</li> <li>12) We were and had they started and then and              then.</li> </ol>	 <p>Wednesday 24th October 2021          To describe what a character          can see and hear while zooming          out, using beyond and further          still.</p> <p>Deeper and deeper she went down          the water and the bottom          Ever and ever far into          the bottom of the sea          Ever and ever how far          the (road) of doom.</p> <p>Got ideas, Teddie!</p>

## Whole School Rewards - NEW

Over the next few weeks you will begin to hear some information about our new whole school approach to rewarding children who demonstrate the behaviours and attitudes that make them not only a great pupil at BVPS but also someone that contributes positively to the whole school community. Our tree families will be the vehicle for how we celebrate the achievements of the children as we encourage everyone in our school community to work together to make Brampton a positive place to be.

## Bike Sheds and Abandoned Bikes – KS2 Playground

With winter not far away, we need to maximise the space for the children to play on the KS2 playground. Currently there are a large number of bikes abandoned on the concrete areas and side path that should not there. These bikes are taking up space that the children need to play on. Please can all parents ensure that their children are using the metal covered bike sheds properly and not leaving their bikes lying on the playground? There is plenty of space in the metal bike sheds, so there is no need to leave them lying around on the concrete. It would help us hugely if KS1 children could use the KS1 bike sheds and leave the KS2 bike storage for KS2 children. Your cooperation and help in this matter would be hugely appreciated.

## Contacting School

As Brampton is a large Primary School I wanted to share with you the different ways you can contact school and who to contact first regarding any questions, queries or simply informing us of important information.

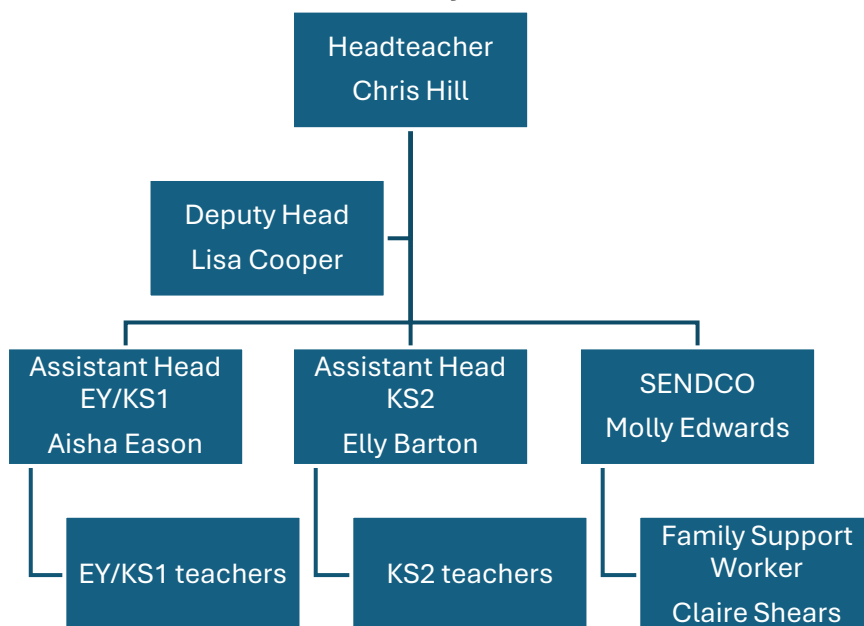
### At the door

- Pass on quick messages via the staff on duty to the class teacher

**Via email to [office@brampton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@brampton.cambs.sch.uk) or via telephone 01480 375063**

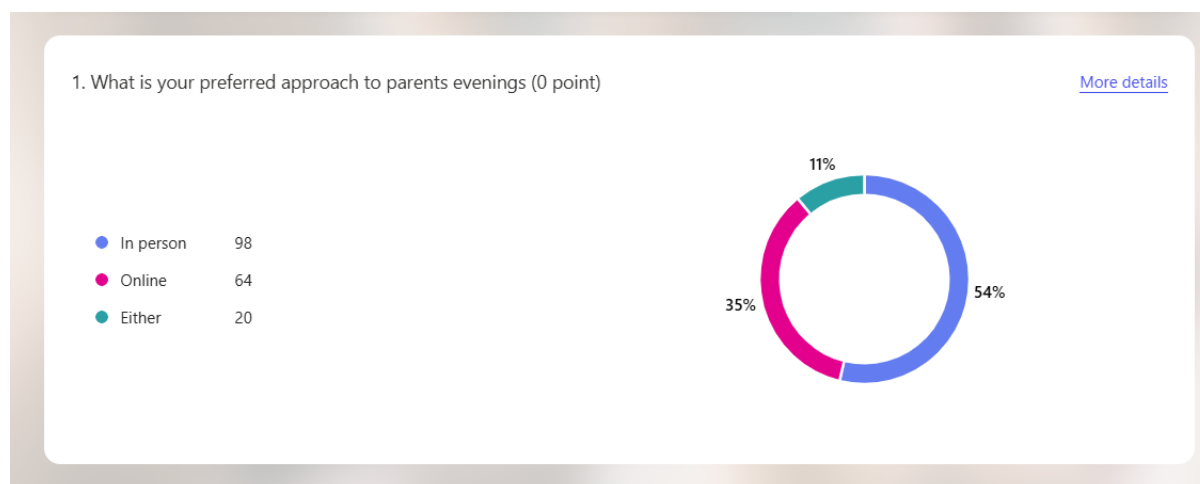
- To get a message to a teacher
- To arrange a meeting with a teacher
- To ask a query about anything to do with school

**Within our school it is always advisable to contact your child's class teacher first. Our leadership structure in school that follows shows the next person in the school team that could also be available to assist you**



## Parents' Evening Snap Poll - RESULTS

Thank you to everyone that voted in the parents' evening poll. We received a fantastic 182 responses. As shown below 54% of parents responding were in favour of in person parents' evening meetings.



Having discussed this feedback, alongside the views of teachers, I have decided that for the upcoming parents' evening in the last week before half-term we will offer the following meetings to parents.

In person Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Online – either Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> or Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October
Teachers will have a range of time slots available on each of their selected sessions. Parents will be able to book a meeting on a first come first served basis when the booking system information is release at the end of next week.	

### Open afternoon – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 3.30-4.30pm

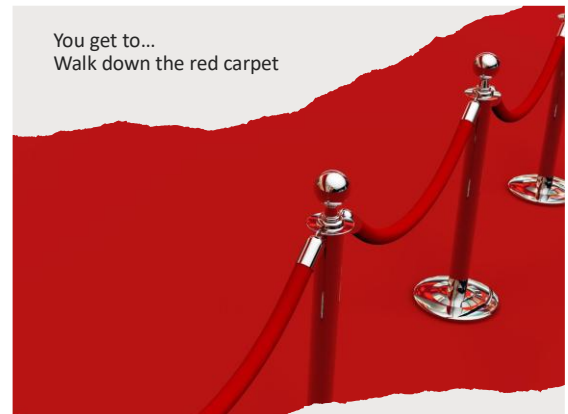
Alongside our improved offer for parents' evenings all the teachers were extremely keen to give parents the opportunity to come and spend some time looking at the work children have done so far this year. To that end we will be opening the school from **3.30-4.30pm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October** so that parents can join their children looking at their books. We all think this gives another opportunity for parents to see what has been happening so far this year.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025) –  
Congratulations to:

Charlie J	Luna S	Jack B	
Lucy L	Archie K	Layla C	Isaac P
Jakub B	Houlden O	Roman M	Toby L
Jessica L	Nancy A	Aria B	Finley C
Arthur S	Myles G	Lana T	Bradley VB
Neve J	Freya R-B	Ayvalyn J-D	Teddy S
Eddie S	Imogen B		



Last week's VIPs have been reflecting on their week:

"It was fantastic to be a VIP because you get the royal treatment," (Gracie G.)

"I was really looking forward to food and drinks with Mr Hill." (Orien A.)

## Lego Club

Mrs Clipsham's lego club have been getting creative!



## Parent Governor vacancy

The deadline for anyone wishing to nominate themselves for the role of Parent Governor is 3pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October.

## 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.

[Secondary school admissions - September 2026 | Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

## 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/>





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