

13th March 2026

# Bramley C of E Infant & Nursery School

## Newsletter

It has been a busy and exciting few weeks at Bramley!

Last week we celebrated World Book Day, and it was wonderful to see the children arrive in such fantastic costumes as we shared our love of reading together. Our theme this year was stories with non-traditional narratives, books that tell stories in different and imaginative ways. Early Years explored The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Year 1 enjoyed The Day the Crayons Quit, and Year 2 had great fun with The Book With No Pictures. It was a joy to see the children so engaged and enthusiastic.

Value of the  
half term:  
Koinonia



The PTFA disco this week was also a great success. The children had an amazing time, and we extend a huge thank-you to our brilliant PTFA team for organising such a fun event. All funds raised will go directly back into supporting the school.

Thank you as well to all the families who joined us for our 'Come and See My Learning' event on Tuesday. It is always such a pleasure to share the children's achievements and to look back at their learning from earlier in the year, seeing just how much progress they have made. We look forward to welcoming you again next week for parent consultations with class teachers.

We share the news with our families that, after 20 years at the school, Mrs Derrick will be retiring at the end of this term. She has been an invaluable part of Bramley, nurturing our two-year-olds as they begin their journey with us. I'm sure you will join us in expressing our heartfelt thanks for everything she has contributed and in letting her know how greatly she will be missed. We wish her the happiest and most fulfilling retirement with her family.

Finally, we warmly invite all our main school families to our Easter Service on Tuesday 24th March at 2.00pm at Holy Trinity Church. We look forward to sharing the readings, songs, and poems the children have been practising, and to reflecting on the message of Easter together.

Have a lovely weekend and Mothering Sunday,

Mrs Strickland



### Prayer

Dear God,

We give thanks for mothers and for all those who show a mother's love in our lives.

We thank you for their care, their patience, their encouragement, and for the countless ways, big and small, they help us grow.

We ask your blessing on all who care for children, mothers, grandmothers, carers, aunties, and friends and we thank you for the love they give so generously.

Amen.



# Celebration ASSEMBLY

## CLASS GEM JAR AWARD

Goes to:  
Rec (26)  
&  
Y1 (23)



## HEADTEACHER AWARD

**5<sup>th</sup> Mar**

(YR) Sarah  
(YR) Freddie  
(Y1) Henry B  
(Y1) Summer  
(Y2) Dylan  
(Y2) Charlotte

**12<sup>th</sup> Mar**

(YR) Jura-Rose  
(YR) Bertie  
(Y1) Orla  
(Y1) Zach  
(Y2) Elodie  
(Y2) Isabelle

## VALUES AWARD

**5<sup>th</sup> Mar**

(YR) Rory  
(Y1) Georgie  
(Y2) Theo

**12<sup>th</sup> Mar**

(YR) Bea  
(Y1) Haroun  
(Y2) Teddy

*Well done everyone!*

## Term Dates 2025 - 2026

Autumn Term 2025	Spring Term 2026	Summer Term 2026
03/09/25 to 19/12/25	05/01/26 -27/03/26	13/04/26 – 22/07/26
<b>Half Term:</b> 27/10/25 – 31/10/25	<b>Half Term:</b> 16/02/26 – 20/02/26	<b>Half Term:</b> 25/05/26 – 29/05/26
<b>INSET DAY:</b> 03/09/25, 24/10/25, 03/11/25	<b>INSET DAY:</b> 05/01/26, 23/02/26	<b>INSET DAY:</b> 13/04/26, 22/05/26, 01/06/26

## 2026 - 2027

Autumn Term 2026	Spring Term 2027	Summer Term 2027
03/09/26 to 18/12/26	04/01/27 -26/03/27	12/04/27 – 28/07/27
<b>Half Term:</b> 19/10/26 – 02/11/26	<b>Half Term:</b> 15/02/27 – 19/02/27	<b>Half Term:</b> 31/05/27 – 04/06/27
<b>INSET DAY:</b> 01/09/26	<b>INSET DAY:</b> 04/01/27, 22/02/27, 23/02/27	<b>INSET DAY:</b> 28/05/27, 26/07/27, 27/07/27, 28/07/27

# Classroom Focus

## PRE-SCHOOL

Pre School are having a super half term! We started this half term thinking about superheroes - people who help us. We are enjoying being vets in our vet role play and looking after all our toy animals.

Thankfully the weather has been a bit kinder to us and this has meant we can start to explore our outside area and field, looking for signs of Spring. We have talked about the different seasons and how Spring is different to Winter.

We have been exploring 2D shapes and naming and describing them.



# Upcoming Events

Please note that dates in bold may have been added or changed since our last weekly newsletter.

## March

- 16<sup>th</sup> Sign Language Week
- 16<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultations - Rec / Year 1 / Year 2 between 1.10pm - 3.30pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Trip to Pizza Express
- 18<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultations - Year 1 between 3.10pm - 6.00pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> Parent Consultations - Rec & Year 2 between 3.10pm - 6.00pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> International Day of Happiness
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Rocksteady concert to parents @ 2pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> Easter Service at Holy Trinity Church @ 2pm**
- 27<sup>th</sup> National Skipping Day
- 27<sup>th</sup> End of Term - 1.15pm pick up for the Easter Holidays

## April

- 13<sup>th</sup> INSET DAY - School Closed
- 14<sup>th</sup> Start of Summer Term - Children Return to School
- 15<sup>th</sup> World Art Day
- 16<sup>th</sup> 'Getting ready for Junior School' talk in the Hall @ 2pm**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Police & their car visiting Reception class
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Year 2 Swimming**
- 29<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Swimming**

## May

- 4<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday - School Closed
- 6<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Swimming**
- 13<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Swimming**
- 18<sup>th</sup> Walk to school week
- 20<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Swimming**
- 21<sup>st</sup> Children break up for Half Term Week
- 22<sup>nd</sup> INSET DAY - School Closed

## June

- 1<sup>st</sup> INSET DAY - School Closed
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Children Return to School
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Year 2 Swimming**
- 4<sup>th</sup> Class Photos Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Swimming**
- 15<sup>th</sup> National School Sports Week
- 17<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Swimming**
- 19<sup>th</sup> Pause Day - Diversity
- 24<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Swimming - Last one**

# Adverts & Events



## Build your own games this Easter!



- Guildford High School (Sports Centre), GU1 1SJ
- 7-12 year olds • 2-day camp
- Devices provided for all students

For detailed program information and dates, please head to:

[www.codecamp.co.uk/GHS](http://www.codecamp.co.uk/GHS)

**SAVE 10%**

Use code **EASTER\_2026** until 15<sup>th</sup> March



## Little Chicks Creche

Afternoon drop-off session for ages 2-4

Small, calm groups  
Soft play, engaging activities & stories  
Qualified staff

Follow the QR code to learn more...

Time: 12:00-2:00pm  
Days: Tues & Wed (more days soon!)  
Where: The Hen House  
Ages: 2-4 years  
Length: Up to 2 hours  
Format: Drop-off only  
Potty training: Not required

£18 per session  
Or, block book:  
4 sessions for £68  
6 sessions for £96  
Limited availability

<https://thehenhouse.magicbooking.co.uk/Identity/Account/Login>

## Fun for all the family!

# Guildford Inflatable 5K

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May

Stoke Park, Guildford

9am - 2.30pm

Registration Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> April



Support Challengers by signing up

HERE

All donations including your registration fee supports **Challengers**



Led by Guildford Nursery School



# Adverts & Events

## SURREY HILLS GYMNASTICS

### HOLIDAY CAMPS EASTER

SHALFORD VILLAGE HALL

8.30- 16.30 (E55)

THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL

THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

Ages 4-12

Explore the world of gymnastics using a wide range of equipment

Alongside Gymnastics the camp also includes

- Multi-sports games
- Team challenges
- Ninja Obstacle Courses
- Inflatables

Qualified PE teachers

Experienced Gymnastics coaches

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!

**BOOK NOW**

[HTTPS://SURREY-HILLS-GYMNASTICS.CLASSFORKIDS.IO](https://surrey-hills-gymnastics.classforkids.io)

ENQUIRES- 07826948543



# Family Support Links

**Every Mind Matters (NHS)** – Provides tips and advice tailored to support the mental health of children and young people, helping them build resilience and manage stress effectively.



**Young Minds** – A leading organization offering information, advice, and support to young people facing mental health challenges, empowering them to take control of their wellbeing.



**Family Lives** – Delivers warm, understanding parenting and family support, accessible through their helpline at 0808 800 2222, offering guidance tailored to individual family needs.



**Childhood Bereavement Network** – Offers resources and guidance to help families find local support when coping with the death or loss of a loved one, ensuring that children receive compassionate care during difficult times.



**Citizens Advice** – A trusted source for free and confidential assistance with financial, legal, housing, and family issues, helping families navigate challenging circumstances with expert advice.



**Frontline** – Provides free guidance on debt management and welfare benefits, aiming to help families regain financial stability and peace of mind.



**Learning Space** - A children and young people's mental health charity based in Surrey supporting with anxiety, anger, low levels of confidence and self-esteem, bereavement, bullying, friendships and family issues.



**National Autistic Society** - Support and advice for parents and carers of autistic children, including support to develop a greater understanding of their child's needs.



# Family Support Links



## Stepping Up for Autism

A FREE course for parents and carers

An 8 session course over 2hrs a week for 8 weeks, for parents and carers of children who live in Surrey, with or without an Autism diagnosis. Our course provides practical advice, information and strategies to help you understand your child and support their needs.

To register for a place please email:  
[Surrey.FamilySupport@nas.org.uk](mailto:Surrey.FamilySupport@nas.org.uk)



### EarlyBird Plus Program

Join the National Autistic Society's EarlyBird Plus program for parents and carers of autistic children aged 6 to 10 years.



The six-session program covers:

- understanding autism
- communication
- understanding autistic experiences
- supporting daily living
- health and wellbeing
- connections.

*"This has made a real difference to me. In general, life-changing."*  
Parent



The EarlyBird Plus programme aims to empower parents and supporting professionals to understand more about autism and discuss useful strategies on how to support autistic children.

For more information contact:

Name: Surrey Family Support Services  
Contact: [Surrey.FamilySupport@nas.org.uk](mailto:Surrey.FamilySupport@nas.org.uk)



# Family Support Links

## Support programmes for parents & carers of children with autism

A variety of 6-part support programmes for parents and carers of children with autism (or suspected autism) are available online and in-person around Surrey. Your child must live in Surrey or attend a Surrey education setting.



### Early bird programme for parents of children aged 5 years and under

- Understanding autism
- Communication
- Understanding autistic experiences
- Supporting daily living
- Health and wellbeing
- Connections

### Cygnets programme for parents of children aged 5-18 years old

- Introductory session
- Overview of autism with parent and carer experience
- Thinking & sensory
- Social interaction & communication
- Understanding & supporting behaviour
- Analysing behaviour

### Teen life for parents of children aged 10-16 years old

- Understanding autism
- Understanding autistic identity
- Stress, anxiety and understanding behaviour
- Health and wellbeing
- Puberty
- Education and transitioning into adulthood

### Can I ask some questions?

Email us on [parenttraining@freemantles.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:parenttraining@freemantles.surrey.sch.uk)

### How do I join a course?

Please scan the QR code to register your interest & be part of our mailing list. We will email you each time a new set of courses are available for booking.

Surrey Parent Training Programmes



## Links:

### Intervention workshop booking page

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/92273/sessions>

### Alternative provision list

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/children/support-and-advice/local-offer/parents-and-carers/education-and-training/alternative-provision-explained-a-guide-for-families/alternative-provision-providers>