

Weekly Newsletter



7th March

Senior Leadership Message -

The week has been full of adventures here at Bramley! Reception went on their class trip to Haslemere Museum, where they learned about dinosaurs and made their own fossils. Year 1 visited Milestones Museum to explore toys from the past and learn more about their topic of Toys. Both trips were made possible thanks to the mini buses borrowed from Christ College (also part of the Good Shepherd Trust). A big thank you to them and all the staff and volunteers who made the trips so successful.

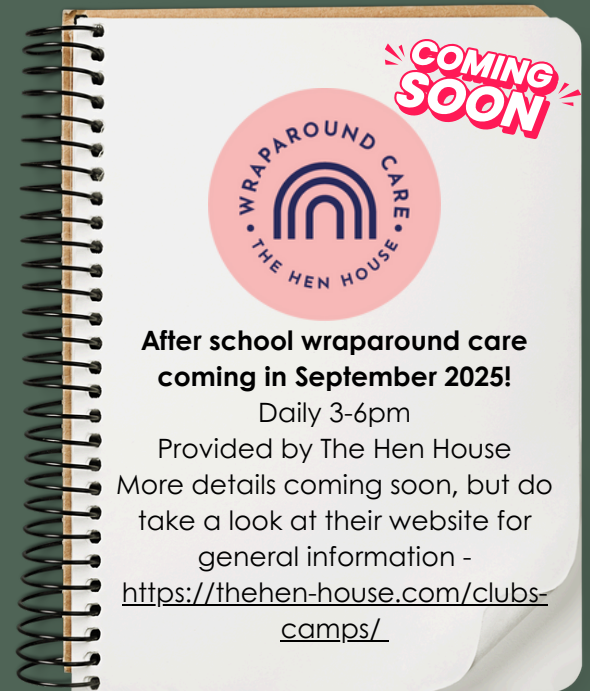
On Tuesday, Year 1 also visited Bramley Library, marking the final visit from the school. On Thursday, staff from Little Kickers came to school to lead taster sessions with Reception, Year 1, and Year 2. The children had a great time learning new skills.

As if that wasn't enough, this week is also Science Week! The children have been engaging in practical science learning in class. We also had a visit from one of our Reception parents, Peter, who talked to the children about his job as an engineer and his work in robotics and automation. We hope this learning has inspired the children's scientific minds.

Next week, on Tuesday 18th March, the children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 will be taking part in a cooking session with our catering provider, Caterlink. A letter has been sent to families regarding this. Please ensure children bring a Tupperware or container to take their cooking home. Next Friday will be Red Nose Day, a letter has gone out this week sharing the plans for the day.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs. Strickland
Head of School



Headteacher **AWARD** Value **AWARD**

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| (YR) Margot | (YR) Atticus |
| (YR) Ethan | (Y1) Amelia |
| (Y1) Wilfred | (Y2) Jack |
| (Y1) Isabelle VR | |
| (Y2) Holly | |
| (Y2) Mika | |

Class Gem Jar **AWARD**



Year 2



Well done everyone!

Prayer

Dear God,

As we embark on new adventures, we seek Your protection and wisdom. Grant us the courage to step into the unknown with open hearts and curious minds. May we embrace each challenge with resilience and each discovery with gratitude.

Amen.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

ROBLOX

AGE RESTRICTION
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Roblox is one of the most popular video games among children. In 2020, the game's developers claimed that more than half of the USA's children had played it. As a 'sandbox' title, the game lets players create their own gaming experiences with Roblox Studio to build custom levels, which can then be shared online.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ONLINE PLAY RISKS

Because Roblox connects random players across the world, it can put younger players into an environment with anonymous users who could use the platform for nefarious reasons. For example, some role-play games are used for online dates and mature role play, which could expose youngsters to inappropriate messages in the public chat box.

MATURE CONTENT

Content is difficult to moderate throughout Roblox, due to the number of games available. This is particularly notable on smaller games and experiences, but in summary, some of the games and experiences offered on the platform contain age-inappropriate content that could easily be seen by young players.

IN-GAME SPENDING

The majority of games within Roblox have extensive monetisation options, usually through season passes or microtransactions. Purchases can range in value from a few pennies up to much larger sums of money. While some games offer a lot of content via purchases, others can offer very little for real world money, causing younger players to end up out of pocket.

ANONYMOUS PLAYERS

The anonymity of users can leave players vulnerable to bullying, harassment, and predatory behaviour. Without the right parental controls or monitoring, users can connect with each other via personal messages or friend requests, and it is very difficult to know who's behind a username in this vast online world.

RISK OF ADDICTION

Roblox games can feature rewarding or satisfying mechanics that keep players coming back – or persuade them to stay logged-in for much longer. Like most games, they focus on interactivity, with constant rewards via in-game unlocks and currencies, which can sometimes lead to an addictive need to remain online for long periods of time.

SCAMS

Many of the games on Roblox feature collectible items, pets, or characters. These objects, while digital, are worth a lot of real money on certain online markets. Scammers will attempt to trade with younger users in the hopes of getting rare items that can be sold for real money, manipulating the child into handing them over, usually via misleading information.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MONITOR THE CONTENT

While Roblox does implement plenty of moderation tools and parental controls, it's up to parents and guardians to monitor the types of games a child or impressionable player is experiencing. If a youngster wants to play Roblox, be sure to check out which specific games they want to play within it, and get a good idea of their content.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TOOLS

Use the parental controls within the game itself and teach youngsters how to report and block other players. Knowing the powers within their reach will make Roblox a safer, happier experience. You can set age ranges for who's allowed to contact you, close public chat boxes, block spending, and even make your Roblox profile completely private. All these options are helpful in cutting off bad actors from engaging with children.

PLAY TOGETHER

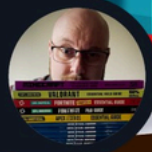
Consider playing Roblox with the children in your care. There are few more effective ways to see how monetisation works, gauge whether the game could lead to addictive behaviours, or even witness how interaction between players works, than sitting down and trying the game for yourself. This should help you figure out whether it's suitable for particular children.

TEACH ONLINE BEHAVIOURS

Have an open conversation about the risks of online play and how to spend money wisely. By being honest and giving tips on how a younger user can protect themselves, you can empower them to not only take care of themselves, but others too. Any user can be reported to Roblox moderators by other players for behaving inappropriately. With this knowledge, younger players can be aware of what to look for and help prevent it.

Meet Our Expert

Dan Lipscombe is a videogame journalist and author of over 20 books on gaming, including books on Minecraft, Fortnite, Roblox, and more. For 15 years he has been writing about his passion for gaming. When he's not playing games, he's talking about them at GAMINGbible.



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Notices

Mothering Sunday Posy Making

The people of Holy Trinity Bramley and St Andrews Grafham will be gathering on Saturday the 29th at the Parish Rooms in Bramley (by the side of the Church) to make posies for the Mothering Sunday Services.

We would love to have as many people from the village as possible come and help us out. In addition to the posy making there will be tea and coffee, toys and activities for children and a chance to meet some people from the church.

Time: 2pm – 4pm

Hope to see you there.

William Davie (Vicar: Bramley and Grafham)



Classroom Focus

RECEPTION

What a very busy half term we have had already. We began with a trip to Bramley library. The children listened so well to the stories and asked some fantastic questions.



The second week of the half term was Book Week and this gave us a great opportunity to dress up as a character from one of our favourite books. We are beginning to think about how a story can be pictured a bit like a mountain, so it starts at the bottom and climbs up to a problem. The fun of a story is in how the characters work out what to do about the problem and we can picture this as coming back down the mountain. Hopefully the ending is a happy one! We enjoyed reading our traditional tale from another country, *The Crow's Tale*, and we thought about how this story fitted into this mountain pattern.



We have just been on our trip to Haslemere museum. The children were thrilled to travel on the minibuses and we all learned such a lot in the workshop about fossils. The galleries were amazing with so much to see and the children really enjoyed sketching the animals and insects. They are very keen to go back out of school time and visit again so they can share their learning with you all.

Back in school the dinosaur den is being used lots and the tadpoles are hatched and have already become much bigger so we are keenly watching for the next steps in their development.



Upcoming Events

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

March

19th – 21st Traveling book fair
21st Red Nose Day for Comic Relief
25th Year 2 trip to Pizza Express, Godalming
28th National Skipping Day
31st Parent Consultations - 9am -11am for Reception & Year 2

April

1st Parent Consultations - 9am -11am for Year 1
1st Parent Consultations - 3.30pm -6.30pm for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
2nd Parent Consultations - 3.10pm - 4.20pm for Year 1
3rd Easter service at Holy Trinity Church, Bramley (Main school attending, parents welcome)
4th End of term – children finish at 1.15pm
22nd Inset Day
23rd Children return to school
23rd Traveling Farm visiting Nursery & Pre-School 9-11am
25th Reception health review with the Surrey nursing team

May

5th BANK HOLIDAY - School is Closed
12th Mental Health Awareness Week
26th Half term week

June

16th Refugee Week
25th Tillingbourne Moving Up Day - Year 2

July

18th - Children break up for Summer holidays, finish at 1.15pm
21st INSET day
22nd INSET day, End of Term



We had a great catch up last night, it was fab to see a couple of new faces too, thank you so much for joining us! We will be updating you on upcoming events over the next week or so.

It's that time of year again! A text will be going round today asking for donations for this year's Easter Egg Wall. For new parents, we ask you to donate an Easter Egg, then on Wednesday 2nd April you can 'win' an Egg to take home.

In order to avoid disappointment, we ask that only families who have donated an egg, partake in the wall. This is so we can ensure no one misses out.

We hope you have a lovely weekend!

Marty, Tiff, Lucinda, Holly & the rest of the team x

Term Dates

2024 - 2025

Autumn Term 2024	Spring Term 2025	Summer Term 2025
02/09/24 to 20/12/24	06/01/25 -04/04/25	22/04/25 – 18/ 07/25
Half Term: 28/10/24 – 01/11/24	Half Term: 17/02/25 – 21/02/25	Half Term: 26/05/25 – 30/05/25
INSET DAY: 02/09/24, 03/09/24, 04/11/24	INSET DAY: 06/01/25, 24/02/25	INSET DAY: 22/04/25, 21/07/25, 22/07/25

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
Half Term: 27/10/25 – 31/10/25	Half Term: 16/02/26 – 20/02/26	Half Term: 25/05/26 – 29/05/26
INSET DAY: 03/09/25, 24/10/25, 03/11/25	INSET DAY: 05/01/26, 23/02/26	INSET DAY: 13/04/26, 22/05/26, 01/06/26

Easter Events

10% SIBLING DISCOUNT
USE CODE: SIBLING25
TERMS APPLY

15% OFF
EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT
EXPIRES: 07/11 MARCH
USE CODE: EASTER15



Easter Football Camp

Week 1 - Monday 7th - Friday 11th April

BOXGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL Boxgrove Lane, Guildford, Surrey GU1 2TD
TILLINGBOURNE JUNIOR SCHOOL New Rd, Chilworth, Guildford, Surrey GU4 8NB
PARK MEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL Park Drive, Cranleigh, Surrey GU6 7HB

£30 per day or £125 for all 5 days

Week 2 - Monday 14th - Thursday 17th April

BOXGROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL Boxgrove Lane, Guildford, Surrey GU1 2TD
TILLINGBOURNE JUNIOR SCHOOL New Rd, Chilworth, Guildford, Surrey GU4 8NB
PARK MEAD PRIMARY SCHOOL Park Drive, Cranleigh, Surrey GU6 7HB

£30 per day or £110 for all 4 days

All schools - Age 5-11 (School Years 1-6)

Drop off times both weeks: 8:30am-9:30am, Pick up 3:30pm-4:30pm

****code can be redeemed for any sibling bookings only**



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Adverts & Events

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As Mother's Day is just around the corner, we are delighted to be able to offer a 25% discount to all Bramley Infant School parents and carers.

Please use the code BRAMLEY at the checkout.

This code is for Bramley Infant School parents only.
www.thecolouremporium.com

SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday 20th March 2025

6.30pm – 8pm

Tillingbourne Junior School, GU4 8NB

ANXIETY SUPPORT WORKSHOP FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

- What is normal anxiety?
- How can anxiety present?
- How can you support your child?
- Opportunity to seek support for your individual child

All parents & carers welcome!

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Led by Nikki Brunton-Smith

(Waverley Primary Mental Health Worker)



Please email Mrs Korda if you wish to attend this event. Please state how many adults from your family will be attending.

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NEURODIVERSITY ADVISOR PADLET FOR PARENTS/CARERS

We understand that navigating life with a Neurodivergent child can be overwhelming. We have brought together key resources and information in a easy to use format.

Please scan the QR code to access our Padlet for Families.



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Surrey Paediatrics Parenting Service

Have you thought your little one might have ADHD or Autism?

Many challenging behaviours are common in children under 5, but some may be linked to neurodiversity.

The Paediatrics Parenting Support Service is here to help parents and carers of children 5 and under who are facing difficulties such as avoidance, impulsive or aggressive behaviour, routine, always on the go, difficulty to form or maintain friendships.



Our 6-week program help you gain practical strategies and support to navigate these challenges and ensure your child thrives!



Read more in the caption on how to refer to the service ↓