

16th January 2025

Bramley C of E Infant & Nursery School

Weekly Newsletter

Dear Families,

It's been another fun-filled week here at Bramley! We are delighted to welcome two new members to our team: Mrs Bell, who will be joining our school office, and Mrs Villena, who will be working as a teaching assistant in Reception. We're thrilled to have them on board!

On Monday, during collective worship, we shared the story of The Gigantic Turnip, a traditional Russian tale. It tells of a man and a woman who plant seeds in Spring, and by Autumn, they have grown an enormous turnip that they cannot pull out alone. They seek help from others until, together, they succeed. I chose this story to encourage the children to reflect on perseverance, never giving up when things are hard and to remind them that sometimes we need support from friends, teachers, family, or others along the way. If you'd like to enjoy another version of the story, here's one told by Mr Tumble:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/something-special-tumble-tales-the-enormous-turnip>

A quick reminder: The consultation for changes to our 2027–2028 school admissions closes next **Friday 23rd January**. Please ensure any submissions are received by this date.

Finally, the school provides an annual subscription to Oxford Owl, a fantastic resource for supporting children's reading at home. However, we noticed that only three families accessed it last term. As this is a costly resource, we may need to cancel the subscription if it continues to be underused. If you're unsure how to access Oxford Owl, please speak to your child's class teacher, we'd love for more families to benefit from it!

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs. Strickland
Head of School



Prayer

Dear God,

Grant me the courage to keep moving forward, even when progress feels slow and the way ahead is uncertain. Fill my heart with patience, my mind with clarity, and my steps with purpose. Help me persevere with grace, anchored in hope, trusting that I am never walking this journey alone.

Amen.



Celebration ASSEMBLY

CLASS GEM JAR AWARD

Goes to:
Year 1



HEADTEACHER AWARD

(YR) Edward
(YR) Arlo
(Y1) Ben
(Y1) Bea
(Y2) Cece
(Y2) William

VALUES AWARD

(YR) Ilana
(Y1) Summer
(Y2) Isabelle

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
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

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
Half Term: 19/10/26 – 02/11/26	Half Term: 15/02/27 – 19/02/27	Half Term: 31/05/27 – 04/06/27
INSET DAY: 01/09/26	INSET DAY: 04/01/27, 22/02/27, 23/02/27	INSET DAY: 28/05/27, 26/07/27, 27/07/27, 28/07/27

Notices

Attendance Notice

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

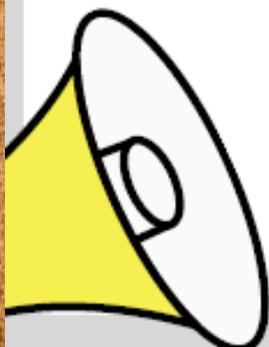
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Consultation on School admissions - 27/28

All families will have received a consultation for the school's admissions for the academic year 2027-2028.

The consultation period will run from **Friday 12th December 2025 to Friday 23rd January 2026.**

If you would like to submit a response to the consultation, please email Mr Paul Kennedy on: admissions@goodshepherdtrust.org.uk or write to:
*Mr Paul Kennedy, The Good Shepherd Trust,
Larch Building, Larch Avenue, Guildford, Surrey, GU1 1Y.*



Classroom Focus

YEAR 1

After a very chilly start to the new term the children have settled back so well and are enjoying lots of new learning opportunities both inside and outside. We began by sharing news about what we had been doing during the break. This gave us the chance to write a recount, using 'I' and making sure to use the past tense.



Our Science topic this term is Materials. We have begun to explore what different things are made of and we have been thinking about why that material is a good choice for that object. The children have been very enthusiastic to read the first Curious Quests book linked to this topic: The Tin Forest by Helen Ward. The book has some wonderful illustrations which have inspired our own art using pastels and charcoal. The children are already making some wonderful models like this foam cuboid which had a working lid!



In ICT the children have been introduced to programmable devices called beebots. Predicting where the robot will go once the input commands are entered has been fascinating.



Outside, we watched and caught some snowflakes and explored the frozen water patches. In Forest School there was hot chocolate to help to keep the children warm whilst our outside reading corner proved to be a very snug place to enjoy a book in the fresh air under a blanket.

Upcoming Events

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

January

5th INSET DAY - School Closed

6th Children return to School - Start of Spring Term

19th Energy Saving Week

21st Reception having a visit from Surrey police with their police car

23rd National Hand Writing Day

23rd RSPB Birdwatch

23rd Year 1 trip to St Catherine's School to watch a theatre show

February

2nd National Story Telling Week

6th Time to Talk Day

9th Children's Mental Health Week

10th Pause Day - Safer Internet Day

11th International Day of Women & Girls in Science

13th Children Break up for Half Term @ 3pm

23rd INSET DAY - School closed

24th Children Return to School

March

3rd World Wildlife Day

5th World Book Day - Children to come to school dressed as their favorite character

16th Sign Language Week

17th Year 2 Trip to Pizza Express

20th International Day of Happiness

27th National Skipping Day

27th End of Term - 1.15pm pick up for the Easter Holidays

April

13th INSET DAY - School Closed

14th Start of Summer Term - Children Return to School

15th World Art Day

Adverts & Events

10% SIBLING DISCOUNT
TERMS APPLY



Planet Soccer Sports Coaching

February Half Term Football Camps

Tillingbourne Junior School
New Road, Chilworth, Guildford, Surrey GU4 8NB

Boxgrove Primary School
Boxgrove lane, Guildford, Surrey GU1 2TD

Monday 16th to Friday 20th February
£30 per day or £125 for all 5 days

Park Mead Primary School
Park Drive, Cranleigh, Surrey GU6 7HB

Thursday 19th to Friday 20th February
£30 per day or £55 for both days

Drop off 8:30am - 9:30am, Pick up 3:30pm - 4:30pm
To book and for more information, please visit the web address below or scan the QR code

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FEB 1/2 TERM HOLIDAYS!

BOOKING IS NOW OPEN!

- ✓ Up to 15% off multi-activity days
- ✓ Last Early Bird spaces going fast!
- ✓ Offer ends 18th Jan 2026



Offer available on Feb 1/2 term multi-activity places only, until midnight 18th Jan 2026

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

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

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:

Christmas resource page

<https://www.autismoutreachforschools.uk/Resources/Christmas-Resources/>

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>