

27th March 2026

Bramley C of E Infant & Nursery School

Newsletter

As we come to the end of the Spring term, there is so much to celebrate. This is often the term in which we see the children truly grow and mature.

It was wonderful to see all the children dressed head to toe in red for Red Nose Day last week. Thank you to all the families who donated to this important cause. This links closely to our value of Koinonia this half-term, reminding us of the importance of supporting the wider community.

Our Easter Service this week was a very special occasion, a time to come together as a community and share the Easter story. The children worked incredibly hard on the songs, readings and poem in preparation for the service, and they made us all so proud.

As communicated to families, we have updated our school vision. Thank you to everyone who shared their feedback, it has been overwhelmingly positive. The new vision will launch after the Easter holidays and will be shared with the children throughout the Summer Term.

A big thank you to the PTFA for organising the Easter Egg raffle. The children and staff have shown great restraint in not sneaking one away before the draw! Funds raised from this event will go directly back into supporting the school.

Today we also say a fond farewell to Mrs Derrick, who is retiring after 20 years of dedicated service. She has supported so many of our children and families over the years, and we wish her a joyful retirement filled with new memories with friends and family. We are deeply grateful for all she has done, and she will be greatly missed. After Easter, we look forward to welcoming Miss Haigh to our Nursery team as she takes on the role supporting our two year old children.

We wish all our children a happy, healthy Easter break and look forward to welcoming them back to school on Tuesday 14th April.

Mrs Strickland



Prayer
Dear God,



At this Easter time we pause in gratitude for the light that breaks through every darkness. Renew our hearts with the joy of Christ's rising. Lift our spirits where they feel heavy, restore our courage where we feel uncertain, and remind us that new beginnings are always possible. Help us carry Easter joy into the world through kindness, compassion, and hope.

Amen.



Celebration ASSEMBLY

CLASS GEM JAR AWARD

Goes to:

Y2 (20)

&

Both Y1 & Y2 (18)



HEADTEACHER AWARD

20th Mar

(YR) Wilf

(YR) Ilana

(Y1) Albert

(Y1) Ben

(Y2) Cece

(Y2) Otto

27th Mar

(YR) Leon

(YR) Freya

(Y1) Ted

(Y1) Harry

(Y2) Wilf

(Y2) William

VALUES AWARD

20th Mar

(YR) Evie

(Y1) Aleks

(Y2) Dotty

27th Mar

(YR) Coco

(Y1) Oliver

(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

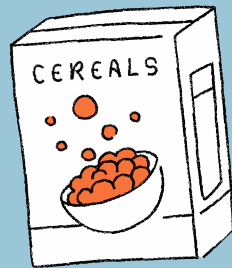
2026 - 2027

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

Junk Modelling Request

We are after some empty cereal boxes, kitchen roll tubes etc. Please ensure no nuts have been stored inside & please no toilet roll tubes. All donations please bring to the office.



REMEMBER!

Don't forget to log onto Scopay during the holidays to order your child's meals for the next half term.



Thank you for your donations. We have raised £124

Classroom Focus

RECEPTION

This half term we have been learning about new life, growth and change. We have explored this theme in the context of plants as well as animals- including ourselves!

The children have been so enthusiastic during our Drawing Club sessions. These begin with us sharing high quality texts such as 'Tad' by Benji Davis and 'Pip and Egg' by Alex Latimer. We learn new vocabulary using pictures and actions, which helps us to think and talk about the story. The children then take creative control by drawing something that they would like to happen in the story. This then 'comes true' once they have written and read a 'code' of their choosing. They've shown great motivation to write and they have loved hearing their amazing ideas- perhaps something to try at home! It has been lovely to see the children's confidence in using writing as part of their play too.



Outdoor learning has provided a fantastic opportunity to observe what we have learned from both fiction and non-fiction texts in the real world and we have been lucky enough to have frogspawn..now tadpoles, in the classroom!



In Maths we have built upon the accurate counting skills developed in the Autumn term to explore larger quantities. We have looked for small groups that we can see 'just by looking' within larger groups and have begun to think about how numbers are composed of other smaller numbers (number bonds). This has helped us to learn about doubles as well as odd and even numbers- we will keep practising number bonds to 5 and 10 and doubles facts until we know them really well. We have also been practising making repeating patterns- in the form of Easter bonnets!



Upcoming Events

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

March

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

16th 'Getting ready for Junior School' talk in the Hall @ 2pm

21st Drama4all workshops

22nd Police & their car visiting Reception class

22nd Year 2 Swimming

29th Year 2 Swimming

May

4th Bank Holiday - School Closed

6th Year 2 Swimming

13th Year 2 Swimming

18th Walk to school week

20th Year 2 Swimming

21st Children break up for Half Term Week

22nd INSET DAY - School Closed

June

1st INSET DAY - School Closed

2nd Children Return to School

3rd Year 2 Swimming

4th Class Photos Day

10th Year 2 Swimming

15th National School Sports Week

17th Year 2 Swimming

19th Pause Day - Diversity

24th Year 2 Swimming - Last one

24th Moving up day

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

SAVE 10%

Use code **EASTER_2026** until 15th 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 Inflatables 5K

Saturday 9th May

Stoke Park, Guildford

9am - 2.30pm

Registration Deadline: 1st 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 2ND APRIL

THURSDAY 9TH 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



cranleigh
arts



Childrens After School Pottery Course

Thursdays, 23 April to 14 May

15:45 to 17:30

Get ready for a colourful creative clay adventure!



Join our four-week after-school course where young makers aged 7-10 can mould, pinch, and bring their brightest ideas to life in clay.

Each week explore a new handbuilding project—maybe a quirky animal pot, a tiny storybook house, or a nature-inspired bowl.

All clay, tools, and decorating materials are included

Just bring an apron, wear clothes that can get messy, and pop on closed-toe shoes.

BRAMLEY LIBRARY

EASTER STORYTIME



and CRAFTS

Tuesday, 31st March

10.30-12.00

Suitable for 4-8 year olds
(siblings welcome)

Please sign up on Facebook or in the library



SING DANCE & ACT

W 1: 30th March - 2nd April

W 2: 07th - 09th April

Tillingbourne Sch

Chilworth -GU4

Years R - 6

9am - 3pm

EXT hours 8.30am - 4.30pm

EASTER THEATRE CAMP

boogie
pumps



Adverts & Events



At Holy Trinity
Church
Bramley

Messy Church!

For kids & parents

Good Friday,
3 April
10am -12.00

Come and join us
for fun Easter-
themed craft
activities and a
short service



PET PORTRAITS - SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Hand-drawn portraits from your favourite photos
By local Surrey artist Robert Bradbury

From your photo or personalised with your child's name

35% of every order is donated to your School

A4 £100 | A3 £170 | A2 £250

School receives:
A4 £35 | A3 £60 | A2 £88



Limited to 35 portraits
Orders close on 30 June

Scan to order your portrait
School code: SCHOOLART26



robert@robertbradbury.art

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



EarlyBird Plus Program

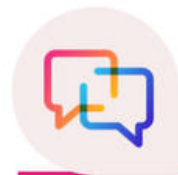
Join the National Autistic Society's EarlyBird Plus program for parents and carers of autistic children aged 6 to 10 years.



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



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

Cygnet 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:

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>