

5th December 2025

# Bramley C of E Infant & Nursery School

## Weekly Newsletter

**Dear Families,**

The children have really embraced the festive spirit!

Mary, Joseph, and the donkey have begun their journey around our community, keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram pages to see where they travel next.

On Monday, Year 1 visited St Catherine's School to watch the Pre-Prep Nativity dress rehearsal. They had a wonderful time enjoying the performance. A big thank you to St Catherine's for inviting us!



On Wednesday, Year 2 got creative making and decorating gingerbread. This fantastic workshop was led by the team at Celebration Cakes in Cranleigh, thank you for giving the children such a memorable experience!

On Thursday, the whole school took part in the Elf Run. The children loved wearing their elf hats and completing the fun run. All money raised will go to Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice Service, which supports people and families living with

cancer or other terminal illnesses. Thank you for the donations to this important charity.



Next week, all our children will perform in their Nativity plays. They've been working so hard, and we can't wait to share these special performances with you! We will be doing a cash collection for the charity Jigsaw South East, which support children and families going through bereavement. More can be found out about the charity here:

<https://www.jigsawsoutheast.org.uk/>

Sadly, we said goodbye to Mrs Humphrey this week. She has taken on an exciting new opportunity as a Business Manager at a Nursery. We wish her every success in her new role and will miss her greatly at Bramley. We are currently in the process of recruiting a new member for our office team. In the meantime, please bear with us as Mrs Voice will be our only member of office staff. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs. Strickland  
Head of School



### Prayer

Dear God,

As we celebrate the birth of Your Son, Jesus, remind us that true joy comes not from what we receive, but from what we give.

Help us to open our hearts with generosity, sharing kindness, love, and hope with those around us.

Amen.



# Celebration ASSEMBLY

## CLASS GEM JAR AWARD

Goes to:  
Year 1 & Year 2  
Joint winners!



## HEADTEACHER AWARD

(YR) Ollie  
(YR) Evie  
(Y1) Harry  
(Y1) Coco  
(Y2) Charlotte  
(Y2) Teddy

## VALUES AWARD

(YR) Leon  
(Y1) Edie  
(Y2) Isla

*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



# Notices

## Guildford Cathedral Art

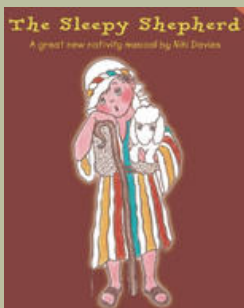
Each year Guildford Diocese ask school to create art work to display at Guildford Cathedral. This year's theme was 'Joy to the World'. The children reflected on the meaning of the Christingle and how it symbolises Jesus as the Light of the World. The children take great joy in creating their own Christingle, a tradition that brings our Christian values to life. Our school is rooted in these values, represented by the image of a tree growing from a tiny seed, just like our children, who learn, grow, and flourish in school and at home. As part of this art work, every child created a bird. We chose birds because, in many Bible stories, they represent joy, peace, and God's protection. Just like these birds, each of our children is special and unique, spreading joy and hope into the world. The art work is on display at Guildford Cathedral so do pop in if you are in the area.



## Christmas Performance's

### Main School:

If you have requested tickets for the main school performances, these are currently being allocated and tickets will be coming home to you next week.



### Nursery & Pre-School:

All Nursery & Pre-School families are warmly invited to attend on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am. After the children have sung their Christmas songs, there will be mince pies and refreshments to enjoy. There is no need to sign up for this performance.



# Classroom Focus

## NURSERY

This half term in nursery we have been discovering the differences between light and dark. We started with the story *Oliver's Wood* by Sue Hendra, which tells of the first time Oliver (an owl) stayed awake and saw the sunrise. We made repeating patterns using the characters in the story, Badger, Bat and Hedgehog.

Next we went on an adventure to the moon as we read *Whatever next!* By Jill Murphy. We then looked at and sized lamps as in the story *Can't You Sleep Little Bear?* By Martin Waddell. Finally we ended our topic of Light and Dark with another story by Martin, *Owl Babies*.

From now onwards we will be in full Christmas mode. Apologies now for all the glitter!

Hope to see you at our Christmas Story on the 10<sup>th</sup>.





# Upcoming Events

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

## December

8<sup>th</sup> Computer science education week

**9<sup>th</sup> Wintershall Travelling Crib Trip (Year 2)**

10<sup>th</sup> Nursery & Pre-School Christmas Performance @ 9.30am

10<sup>th</sup> Main School Nativity @ 1.30pm

11<sup>th</sup> Main School Nativity @9.30am

11<sup>th</sup> Christmas Jumper Day

12<sup>th</sup> PTFA Christmas Fair

15<sup>th</sup> Year 2 watching the Tillingbourne Christmas Performance

17<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch

18<sup>th</sup> Carols Round the Tree @ Holly Trinity Church, Bramley @2pm

19<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Term - 1.15pm pick up

## January

5<sup>th</sup> INSET DAY - School Closed

6<sup>th</sup> Children return to School - Start of Spring Term

19<sup>th</sup> Energy Saving Week

23<sup>rd</sup> National Hand Writing Day

23<sup>rd</sup> RSPB Birdwatch

## February

2<sup>nd</sup> National Story Telling Week

6<sup>th</sup> Time to Talk Day

9<sup>th</sup> Children's Mental Health Week

10<sup>th</sup> Pause Day - Safer Internet Day

11<sup>th</sup> International Day of Women & Girls in Science

13<sup>th</sup> Children Break up for Half Term @ 3pm

## **Cake Sale**

We're delighted to share that the Reception cake sale has kept the sweet success rolling, raising another £190. Fantastic work year R! Cake sales across all years have raised a whopping £500 for our school this term - absolutely amazing! 🌟🍰



## Notices

### **Christmas Fair Updates**

### **Santa's Grotto Booking \*Update\* just two spots left!**

**When:** Contact a PTFA member to reserve your spot!

- Tickets: **£5 per child**, siblings just **£1 extra**
- Payment: **Cash or card accepted**

### **Raffle Tickets \*Update\* don't forget to return with payment to the office.**

**Sent Home:** From Monday 1st December

- Tickets: **£1 each**
- Payment: Drop into the school office
- **Prizes include:**
  - Stage Coach free term for ages 4–6 (worth £180!)
  - 2 x Fishers Farm tickets
  - Wild N Out session (child up to 8 years + 1 adult)
  - Voucher for The Merry Harriers
  - ...and many more!



### **Craft Bags & Fair Tokens \*Update\* See your class What's App group for details on how to secure your bag and make payment.**

**On Sale:** Now!

- Craft Bags: **£5 each** – start your festive creativity!
- Fair Tokens also available for purchase.

### **Toys & Games Collection \*Update\* Get those toys ready for drop off on Monday!**

**Drop-off Date:** Monday 8th December

- We'd love your help in giving toys and games a second life! If you have any good-quality items to spare, please bring them along at drop-off.

### **Volunteers Needed! \*Update\* We still need you!**

Our fair **cannot go ahead without your help.**

- Just **30 minutes** of your time to man a stall makes a big difference!
- Contact a PTFA member or your class rep if you can help.

### **Thank you for your support – we're looking forward to a great Christmas Fair.**

**Please note we're still looking for a new secretary and treasurer to join our PTFA team - get in touch if you're interested and would like to know more :)**

Love from: Tania, Claire, Holly, Sally & the PTFA Team

# Adverts & Events

## BRAMLEY LIBRARY



**DROP IN**  
and join us for

## Christmas CRAFTS

on Tuesday afternoons  
9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December  
3:15 - 4:30

Suitable for 4-8 year olds  
(siblings welcome)



## Christmas Fun

at  
BRAMLEY LIBRARY



Bauble Hunt - everyone wins a prize

Decorate our tree



After school crafts with Liz

Write a letter to Santa



Gifts  
AND  
mince pies!

## A Bramley Outdoor Nativity

**Saturday December 20th, 2025**

This event is primarily for children aged 7 and under.

They must be accompanied by an adult, but no  
other adults without a child

**Assemble at Summerpool House At 4.45pm**

(The Georgian House at Bramley cross-roads)

*Bring a torch and wear warm clothes and wellington boots*

*Light refreshments afterwards*

*Retiring collection for Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice*

*Please no dogs as there are sheep and a donkey*





# Adverts & Events



**WISHING YOU A HAPPY  
AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS**



## **HOLY TRINITY BRAMLEY**

**SUNDAY 7th DECEMBER**

**Village Carol Service - 6pm**

*With mulled wine and mince pies*

## **CHRISTMAS EVE**

**Crib Service - 4pm**

*Children are invited to come dressed up as  
as a character from the nativity.*

**Midnight Mass - 11.30pm**

## **CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Family Communion - 9.30am**

## **ST ANDREW'S GRAFHAM**

**MONDAY 22nd DECEMBER**

**Carol Service - 6pm**

*A service of readings and carols followed by  
mulled wine and mince pies*

## **CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Family Communion - 11am**

## Santa's Sitting Room GODALMING

The  
Denningberg  
Centre  
GU7 1HP

December  
19th  
to  
24th



Meet Father Christmas and spend quality time in the  
comfort of his cosy, beautifully adorned sitting room.  
Book in individual family groups. Every child receives a  
soft plush toy and will be noted down in Santa's magic book,  
ready for the big day!  
Book: [santasittingroom.littleboxoffice.com](http://santasittingroom.littleboxoffice.com)

**EARLY BIRD  
DISCOUNT**  
Expires 1st December  
Use code PDM1515

**SIBLING  
DISCOUNT  
TICKETS  
AVAILABLE**

# SPORTS 7

## Christmas Football Camps

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

**Boxgrove Primary School**  
Boxgrove Lane, Guildford, Surrey GU1 2TD

**Monday 22nd December**  
**Tuesday 23rd December**

**£30 per day or £55 for both!**

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

<http://planet-soccer.info/book-a-holiday-course/>

**01483 363190**  
**07912 553896**

Email: [admin@planet-soccer.info](mailto:admin@planet-soccer.info)  
[www.planet-soccer.info](http://www.planet-soccer.info)

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# 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](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:

### 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>