

Thank you for your interest in our village Infant School and Nursery. Choosing an Infant School or a Nursery setting for your child is a very important decision for parents and carers because you will want the very best start in education for your child.

Village children have been attending Bramley Infant School for over 150 years, today we continue to foster a joy and love of learning which will last for life

Our Vision is:

“Your word is a lamp to guide me and a light for my path.” Psalms 119 (105)

Rooted in Christian values

Seek within

Wonder why

Reach out

Aim high

The school was graded **Outstanding by Ofsted** in March 2019. In May 2015 we were graded **Outstanding in all areas** by the SIAMs Inspector.

Since July 2015 we have consistently secured **outstanding results**, achieving much higher than National and Surrey at the end of KS1, Reception and in the Year 1 Phonics Screening check.

Our children enjoy coming to school and in the academic Year 2018-2019 we had 98.6% attendance across the whole school and no child was categorised as a persistent absentee (below 90% attendance).

Our children are well-rounded individuals who are well-prepared for their Junior Schools and we always have compliments from the different Junior schools about the academic and social standard of our children. Our children move on to a range of schools including: Tillingbourne Junior School, Busbridge Junior School, Longacre, St Catherine’s, Pennthorpe, Tormead, Lanesborough, Holy Trinity and St Hilary’s Schools. We work collaboratively with your child’s new school to help them settle quickly.

Curriculum

In the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) the children follow the EYFS curriculum which starts at birth and finishes at the age of five. The children’s learning is based around seven areas of learning, three prime and four specific areas. Our children learn through play and the play is free-flow between inside and outside all year round. All of our practitioners are experienced, qualified practitioners and teachers who have a deep understanding of young children, how they learn, how they grow and how to make sure that each child achieves their full potential at each stage of the EYFS. The children are encouraged to have a go, persevere, think and question their learning which prepares them for the next stage of their learning.

The three Prime areas are, Communication and Language (CL), Physical Development (PD) and Personal, Social and Emotional Development (PSED).

The three Specific areas are, Literacy, maths, Understanding the World and the Expressive Arts.

All of these areas of learning give the children a broad and balanced curriculum before they begin in Key Stage One on the National Curriculum.

Children in Year 1 begin working on the National Curriculum for Key Stage One. The transition into Year 1 is an easy transition at our school because the children and parents know the different members of staff well. In Year 1 the class has a full time Higher Learning teaching Assistant (HLTA) who works alongside the class teacher. Mrs Archer is our fully qualified Forest School Teacher, Science and Music Co-ordinator.

Children in Year 2 follow the National Curriculum for Key Stage One. The children in Year 2 have a full time Higher Learning Teaching Assistant (HLTA) who works alongside the class teacher. The transition from Year 1 into Year 2 is an easy step because Key Stage One staff work closely together during the year, the children have Mrs Mounsey for craft activities and Mrs Lakhani for cookery and/or DT on a Tuesday afternoon when they are in Year 1. Mrs Mounsey and Mrs Archer lead the singing assembly together on a Thursday afternoon.

Mrs Mounsey is the schools Literacy Co-coordinator, Mrs Lakhani is our Head Lunchtime Supervisor and Miss Craig is our computing Co-ordinator. The children have SATs assessments in the Summer term and they always perform highly. In Year 2 the children have 'Spring Sing' when they join with Chilworth, Clandon, Busbridge Infants, Ewhurst, WSG, Shalford and Shere schools to take part in a music extravaganza at St Catherine's school, parents are invited to join and watch the children and it is one of the highlights of the school year.

Extra Curricular

Forest School sessions run every week with Mrs Archer, Year 1 have their sessions onsite and Year 2 use Mr Campbell's field. The children in the Pre-school and Nursery have outdoor learning sessions with Mrs Derrick. On a Tuesday afternoon the children take part in sewing, crafting, cookery, PSHE and Forest School sessions.

We won a TESCO grant and have been able to revamp our garden area with a new story telling area and gardening area. All of the children in Year 1, Year 2 and Reception will be planting vegetables and flowers this year. Last year our gardening club took part in the Hampton Court Flower Show Scarecrow Competition, we were chosen to take part after submitting the design and the children went to Hampton Court Flower Show on Press Day to see the Scarecrow in place which was very exciting.

In Year 2 we are able to offer the children weekly, free of charge swimming lessons courtesy of St Catherine's School in Bramley village, the swimming coaches included Mrs Nina Deal. These sessions run all year round and the children have a fun splash session at the end of each term.

School is part of a local group of schools called COBWEBS, we link up with these schools for staff professional development during the year and Year 2 children all take part in a Spring Sing annual event at St Catherine's School, which is really lovely to watch.

Clubs run after school to extend the school day for the children, we have football, art club, sports stars, boogie pumps and we offer a free drop off facility for children from 8.30am.

We have close links with St Catherine's Pre-Preparatory school and Gosden House School as the three local schools. The schools join together for an Art week each year, in the past few years we have celebrated and our Favourite Nursery Rhymes, the week of activities culminates with all school joining together for an afternoon tea at St Catherine's school.

We acknowledge the value of learning outside of school. Last year the children went to lots of different places including, Marwell Zoo, Little Street, the Watercress Line, Gatton Park, Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, Wintershall, the British Wildlife Centre, G Live Guildford, the Weald and Downland Museum, Guildford Cathedral and the local village area.

Nursery Department with a Fully Qualified Teacher

We are a 2-7 year old school, children can begin with us as soon as they turn two. Children can attend the Nursery and Pre-School for two morning sessions or up to five full days. The school has had a major refit over

the summer of 2017 and we now have a modern Nursery and Pre-School department, which is housed in the main building but is a separate department with its own age appropriate facilities and playground.

We believe that Nursery children should have the very best start to their education before they begin in the Reception class and therefore have always employed a full time, qualified teacher in the Pre-School class and a highly qualified, experienced room leader in the Nursery class. Both classes are well supported by experienced and knowledgeable staff. This enables the youngest children to have quality first teaching from an early age which then allows the children to learn and progress quickly within Reception and Key Stage One.

Behaviour

When the children go off site for a visit or we have a visitor to the school they always comment on the excellent behaviour of the children. As a staff team we are extremely proud that our children are well-rounded, happy individuals who have the very best start to their academic careers.

Family School

Our school is very much a family school, we are supported and championed by the wider community. The parents are an integral part of the school, they are welcome to come in and volunteer in the school, we have an open door policy at the end of the day when parents can talk to their child's class teacher and every Monday the school is open for parents to come and view their children's work and the school displays. Each Friday afternoon one of our Parents is the Reception Class Mystery reader and it is a delight to see the child's face when it is their Mummy or Daddy who walks through the classroom door to read the class a story.

The parents support us in many different ways including accompanying us on trips locally and further away, running the school PTFA, which enables us to buy extra resources for the school. Last year the PTFA raised funds to go towards the new outdoor adventure playground and new Ipads for all classes. Class Reps organise Mum and Dad's nights out, we have PTFA quiz nights, dress up days, bake sales, lolly sales, sponsored reads, book week, golf days, fayres, a children's disco, Christmas Balls and so on... It is not just the children who make lifelong friends, it is also the wider families who make friendships at Bramley.

Wider Community

The children are welcomed by the community to ride on trailers to the bonfire field in the autumn term for the annual Bramley Bonfire and to ride on trailers to the village fete in the summer term.

As a Church School we have strong links with Holy Trinity Church and hold our Remembrance service, Harvest Festival, Easter Service, Christingle Service and Leavers service at the church. We are currently awaiting the arrival of our new vicar Revd Andy Davies, we are looking forward to welcoming him to our school community. Womersley, Grafham and Bramley parishioners belong to a team called Open the Book who come into school every Friday to lead our Collective Worship. The team retell a bible story through drama and children all have a turn to be part of the cast.

The Bramley Village Fete is always represented by the school, parents and staff. The Village fete has championed us as their local village school for a long time and we receive large donations from them which have helped to create a new library (each child went on a trip to Waterstones to choose a book for the library), paid for a mud kitchen and helped to finance part of the new adventure playground and our new outside classroom for KS1. They are currently supporting us in developing a school pond.

The Cranleigh Lions have also supported the school and given donations for a new sand pit and tricycles and cars for our newly marked playgrounds.

The children in Year 1 learn about the history of Bramley and they are taken on a tour of Bramley by Jill from the Bramley History Society. The children in reception all write a letter to a friend in their class, they then go to the

Post Office to buy a stamp and Post their letter and then they are all delighted to receive a letter from one of their class friends a few days later.

We have links with some of the local care homes and the older generation come in to visit and we have held a day for local people to come in and view School Logs and registers to find themselves or family members in the books.

The children are also encouraged to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge which is a national scheme to encourage children to read through the holidays. Volunteers from Bramley library come into school in the summer term to promote the scheme which runs in the library over the summer holiday.

Tours of the School

We hold open days throughout the year but if you would like to visit the school and have an individual tour at any other time, please do make an appointment with the secretary in the main school office.

Mrs Shona Taylor

Head Teacher

Bramley Church of England Infant and Nursery School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

The Designated Safeguard Lead (DSL) is Mrs Freeman, the Deputy DSL is Mrs Mounsey.