

16th May

Weekly Newsletter



Senior Leadership Message -

This half term has flown by, and it's hard to believe we're already approaching the final week.

In our collective worship, we've continued exploring the theme of Journeys. We learned about Thomas Stevens, who rode a Penny Farthing bicycle across Europe and Asia with only a spare pair of socks, a shirt, and a coat that doubled as a tent!

Soon, all the children will embark on their own journeys, either to their new school for Year 3 or to their new class. Moving Up Day at Bramley is on Wednesday 25th June. On this day, most of our Year 2 children will spend the day at Tillingbourne Junior School, experiencing life as a Year 3 pupil.

Children currently in Reception and Year 1 will spend the day in their new classrooms with their new teachers. Parents should drop off and collect their children from their current classrooms for logistical ease. Our new Reception children will also join us on this day. Moving Up Day is a wonderful opportunity for children to meet their new teachers and familiarise themselves with their new classrooms.

This week, the school council and I carried out some pupil voice activities. We visited the Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 classrooms to ask the children questions about life at Bramley. The school council members helped create many of the questions themselves, and I was incredibly proud of how thoughtfully they asked the other children about their experiences and feelings. Below are some of the questions we asked, along with the children's responses.

We hope to see as many children as possible at the Bramley Fete on Saturday. The children will be performing on the main stage at 12:10pm, and we ask them to start gathering by the stage at 12:00pm. I will be there to greet the children. Make sure to take a look at the bunting on the main tent which the children made in school.

Have a lovely weekend.
Mrs. Strickland
Head of School

Class Reminders

- Reminder for all children to come with a clean water bottle that is filled with fresh water each day please. We do of course fill up empty water bottles during the day, but it would help hugely if everyone started the day with them filled up, rather than taking valuable support time away from our TA's helping with the learning.
- Please can you check that all items of clothing are named. We have a lot of unnamed items, which as you can imagine are hard to return to it's owner.



Headteacher
AWARD

Value
AWARD

(YR) Atticus
(YR) Margott
(Y1) Felicity
(Y1) Milo
(Y2) Freya
(Y2) James

(YR) Wilf
(Y1) Scarlet
(Y2) Rafferty

Class Gem Jar
AWARD



Year 1



Well done everyone!

Prayer

Dear God,

As we embark on new journeys, we seek Your guidance and protection. Bless our steps and lead us with Your wisdom. May we embrace the changes ahead with courage and joy, knowing You are with us every step of the way.

Amen.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MINECRAFT



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Still the best-selling game of all time, Minecraft is a bastion of creativity and community, with hundreds of millions of players building and crafting in its almost endless world. The popularity of Minecraft among gamers of all ages means it's important to remain informed about the game, including how to play it safely and whether it's suitable for the children in your care. That's why we've created this guide explaining the risks associated with Minecraft and how to ensure a purely enjoyable gaming experience.

SCARY ELEMENTS

While Minecraft can be seen as a kind of 'digital LEGO', certain game modes include creatures accompanied by eerie sound effects. These can be a bit too frightening for some younger players, potentially leading to distressing in-game combat and other encounters – although the combat is quite basic and free from any real depiction of violence.

GRIEFING

Some players in Minecraft take pleasure in deliberately damaging or destroying another person's creations. This behaviour, known as 'griefing', is a form of bullying – it intentionally ruins someone else's experience by erasing hours of their work and forcing them to start over. Many public servers regard griefing as a serious offence and often ban those who engage in it.

ADDICTIVENESS

Minecraft's focus on creativity means that, as with any creative endeavour, it can be easy to get carried away. If your child is finding it difficult to manage their time because they're drawn in by Minecraft's gameplay (oof of resource gathering and building elaborate projects), it could have a knock-on effect on their social interactions and schoolwork.

PUBLIC SERVERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

With public servers being so easily accessible in Minecraft, it's highly likely that children will end up chatting with strangers through the in-game text chat. Some servers even place an emphasis on social interaction, actively encouraging communication between players. While there's nothing inherently wrong with this, it does carry certain risks. In addition to the concerns around speaking with strangers online, players who host their own servers may have their IP addresses exposed, posing a further security concern.

ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

Minecraft is available as a free trial on a variety of devices; however, the full game requires a one-off purchase. After that, players have the option to buy additional cosmetic upgrades or subscribe to Minecraft Realms. Realms is an entirely optional subscription service that allows users to run their own private server to play with friends. Without proper supervision, younger players may end up making unintended or excessive purchases.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Selecting Creative or Peaceful mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is far lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of enemies and creatures attacking you or damaging your building.

HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for children to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given its address and password. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – ban anyone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft. Hosting a private server, however, will cost a monthly fee.

TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone will make contact with a stranger online. Talking to children about online safety, therefore, is essential – as is having a plan for dealing with any hostile or difficult people. It's important that a child knows never to tell a stranger about themselves online and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

Much of Minecraft's early stages can be an exercise in frustration for players who don't know where to start. Thankfully, there's a wealth of material online and in video format to help you learn the basics. Just be mindful that some of this content may not be appropriate for children, so you should consider watching it yourself first.

PLAY MINECRAFT WITH YOUR CHILD

As a creative building tool, Minecraft makes it great fun for children to team up and construct vast buildings accompanied by imaginative landscapes, much like working with LEGO or model kits. Playing in a game mode that includes enemies can encourage critical thinking and teamwork; however, you should consider which game mode is appropriate for the child in your care.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Gaming Editor at the Daily Star, and has worked in games media for more than 6 years. A long-time gaming enthusiast, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety for children of all ages.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Notices



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BRAMLEY VILLAGE FETE
Saturday 17th May 2025



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Wraparound Care for Bramley C of E Infant School Breakfast Club Sessions

🕒 7:30am - 8:30am (Monday - Friday)

- ✓ Nutritious breakfast served until 8.20am
- Breakfast club £10 (includes breakfast)

After-School Club Sessions

🕒 3:00pm - 6:00pm (Monday - Friday)

- ✓ A fun, safe environment with engaging activities
 - ✓ Fruit snack at 3.15pm and a larger snack served at 4.45pm
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Instead please provide a cap.

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**WEDNESDAY
11th JUNE 2025**



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Classroom Focus

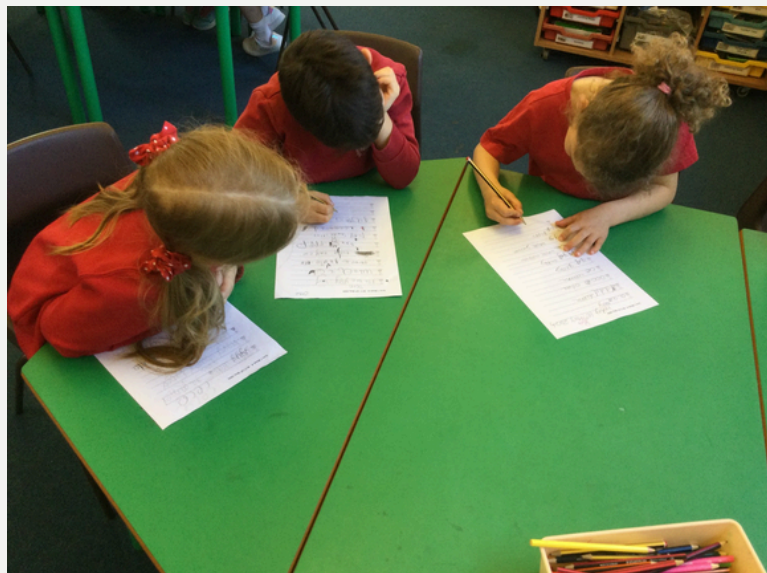
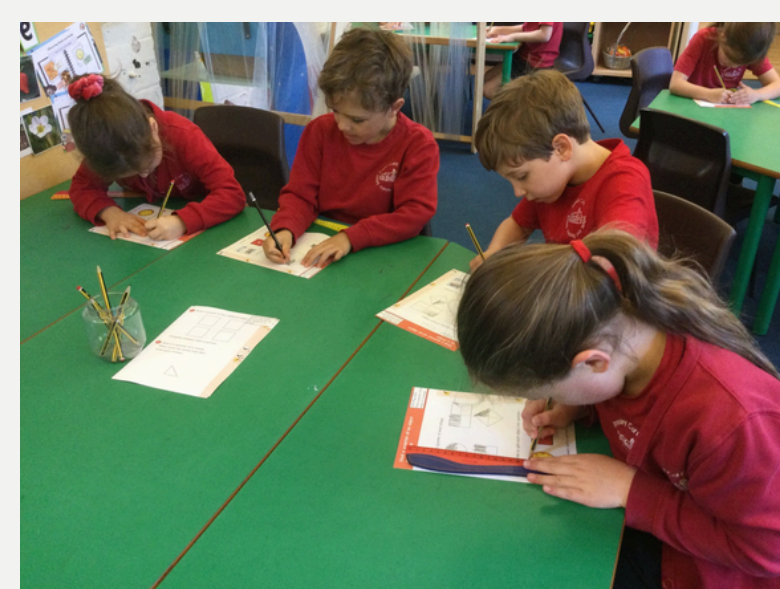
YEAR 1

Year 1 have had a super week and have really stepped up with their learning! We have been working really hard on good choices and this has won us the gem award of the week.

For our English work this term, we have been exploring funny stories. To finish the topic, we created our own version of There's a lion in my cornflakes. Children then published these into their own books.

In maths, we have been introducing fractions - exploring halves and quarters. To help us make quarters, we have been using rulers to draw 4 equal parts.

To get ready for Fred's challenge after half term, we have also been working hard with our phonics and spelling. There has been a huge improvement and the children are noticing this too.



Upcoming Events

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

May

17th Bramley village fete - Gosden common 12pm - 4pm
26th Half term week

June

11th Class & Whole School Photo

16th Refugee Week
18th Year 2's last swimming
25th Tillingbourne Moving Up Day - Year 2

July

3rd Nursery & Pre-School Sports Day AM
4th Main School Sports Day PM
7th Year 2 visiting Sayers Croft
10th Year 2 Leavers Service at Holy Trinity AM
11th PTFA Summer fair
17th History pause day (School is 175 years old)
18th History Showcase & Tea Party for Families
18th Children break up for Summer holidays, finish at 1.15pm
21st INSET day
22nd INSET day, End of Term

September

3rd INSET day - School closed
4th Children return - Start of autumn term

October

23rd Children break up - Start of half term
24th INSET day - School closed

Exciting Updates and a Call for Volunteers! 🎉

🍰 **Cake Sale Success!** Our amazing Reception team of bakers and sellers raised a whopping £100 at their cake sale last week! Massive thanks to everyone who contributed (and enjoyed the delicious cakes!).

🧸 **Toy Donations Galore!** A huge thank you for the generous toy donations last week. The Fete committee have been overwhelmed by your generosity and are excited to see how much is raised at the preloved stall this Saturday. But don't panic, there's still time for a clear out..we'll be asking for more toy donations for our school summer fair soon, so watch this space!

👏 **We Need Your Help!** We'd love more volunteers to help with PTFA events. Whether it's sharing ideas for stalls at our school summer fair, suggesting new events or simply lending a hand to sell ice lollies, any time you can give would make a huge difference. Get in touch with any of us if you'd like to get involved. Thank you for your continued support!

Marty, Tiff, Holly, Sally and 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

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Wednesday 28th MAY
Thursday 29th MAY /
Friday 30th MAY

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Tuesday 27th - Friday 30th May

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Half Term Events

MAY HALF TERM at Haslemere Museum



**Museum Explorers
Pond Dipping**
Tue 27 May
10.30am-12pm

For ages 5-11 -
Discover the amazing
unseen creatures living in
the Museum's pond and
look at them under a
microscope.



**Family activity
The Herds**
27, 28 & 29 May
See website for times

Help us create a life size
baby hippo puppet to
raise awareness about
climate change. Also have
a go at making your own
finger puppet.



**Family event
Mill Cottage Farm**
Thu 29 May
11am-3pm

A selection of friendly
farm animals to feed,
groom and stroke in the
museum's beautiful
garden, along with art
activities inside.



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they play in our ecosystem, enjoy
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