

21st November 2025

# Bramley C of E Infant & Nursery School

## Weekly Newsletter

**Dear Families,**

Well done to all our children and families for managing the cold weather and traffic this week!

On Tuesday, our Year 2 children attended the Big Sing event at St Catherine's School. They spent the morning learning new songs and then performed them in the afternoon for their families. It was a fantastic opportunity to explore new musical vocabulary and discover creative ways to use our voices. A big thank you to St Catherine's for hosting us, we hope families enjoyed the performance.

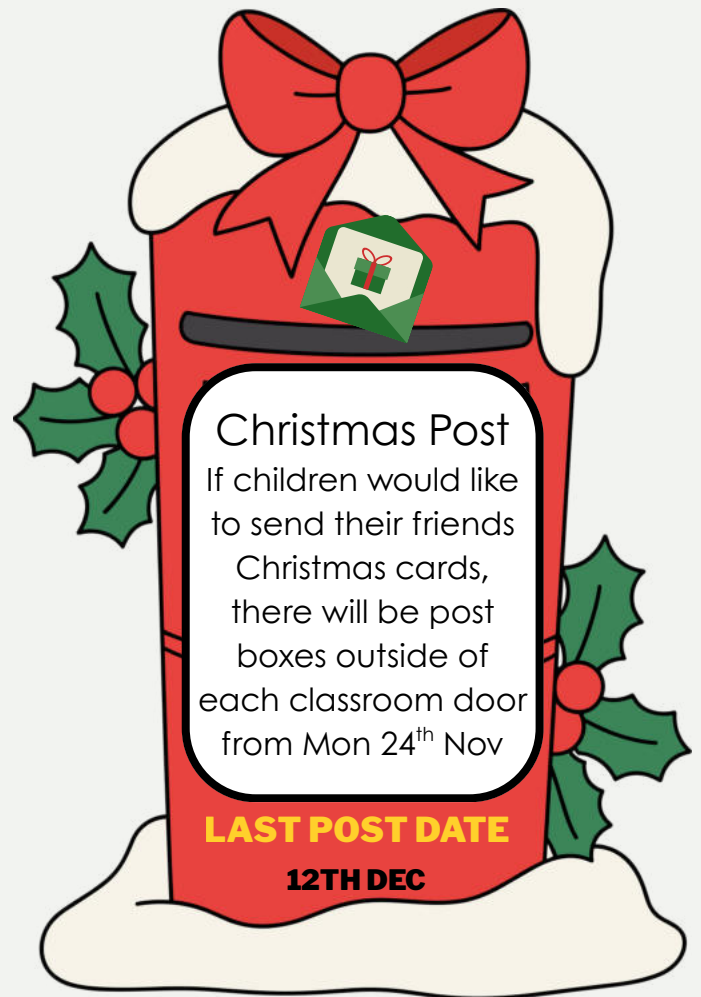
On Wednesday, Reverend William joined us for collective worship with the main school. He shared the Mexican Christian tradition of Posada. As part of this, Bramley Infants will be taking part in a special activity where a knitted Mary and Joseph will travel between families throughout December. A letter has been sent home with details on how to register your interest if you'd like to be involved.

**A quick reminder:** Next Thursday, the children will be performing at the Bramley Christmas Light Switch-On event. Please gather by the main stage at **5:50 pm** ready for the performance to start at **6:00 pm**.

Also next Thursday, we'll be taking part in No Pens Day! This is a wonderful opportunity for children to put their pens down and focus on developing oracy skills, learning how to share ideas through speech and language.

We look forward to sharing all the exciting activities with you soon.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs. Strickland  
Head of School



### Prayer

Dear God,  
Thank You for giving us our voices.  
Help us to use them to be kind and helpful.  
Let us speak words that make people happy,  
and sing songs that bring joy.  
Amen.



# Celebration ASSEMBLY

## CLASS GEM JAR AWARD

Goes to:  
Reception



## HEADTEACHER AWARD

(YR) Haroun  
(YR) Leon  
(Y1) Zach  
(Y1) Archie  
(Y2) Dotty  
(Y2) Brianna

## VALUES AWARD

(YR) Bertie  
(Y1) Orla  
(Y2) William

*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

**WE ARE  
HIRING**

## ~ Current Vacancy ~

We are currently looking for an **Administration Assistant**. To view the job description and apply please visit Eteach [here](#).

## Christmas Performance

We are excited to announce the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be performing 'The Sleepy Shepherd' by Niki Davies for our annual Christmas performance this year. We have given out lines and started learning the songs. Due to copyright laws we are unable to share the full songs with you however if you visit this

website you can access a short clip of each song should you wish to practise at home with your child -

<https://www.outoftheark.co.uk/the-sleepy-shepherd.html>

We will be learning the songs - **Wolly Sheep, Sleepy Shepherd, One Starry Night, Under a Star, Bumpy Road and Wake up! Wake up!**

## The Sleepy Shepherd

A great new nativity musical by Niki Davies



## Building Church!

at Holy Trinity  
Bramley

4pm - 5pm Saturday  
22nd November



Recreate a bible story with a  
variety of building materials



Refreshments provided - tea, coffee, squash, biscuits

**All ages and stages welcome**

**Children must be accompanied by a  
responsible adult at all times**



# Classroom Focus

## YEAR 2

This week, Year 2 have enjoyed more yoga in PE. This had a safari theme, where we created poses based on plants and animals. In computing, we created a tally chart and translated this onto a pictogram using iPads. For science, we have been exploring materials and performing our own tests. Year 2 also had lots of fun at The Big Sing, held by St Catherine's school, Bramley. The children were fantastic and delivered an excellent performance of their songs, along with a sneak peak of our school Nativity!



# Upcoming Events

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

## November

24<sup>th</sup> Parliament week

27<sup>th</sup> Bramley Christmas lights switch on

27<sup>th</sup> No pens day

## December

**1<sup>st</sup> Year 1 watching the Nativity at St Catherine's School**

**1<sup>st</sup> Cake Sale after school (run by Reception)**

4<sup>th</sup> Phyllis Tuckwell's Christmas Elf Run

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

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



## 🎄 Christmas Fair Updates 🎄

### 🫙 Jolly Jars Galore

A big thank you to everyone who donated Jolly Jars for the Fair – we've collected 70 jars!

They look amazing, and we couldn't resist sharing some photos..

### 👕 Non-Uniform Day – Thursday 27th November

Please bring a **small gift for parents/carers** 📺 for our school fair, in exchange for our **last non-uniform day of the year**.

This is the same day as the **Bramley Christmas Lights Switch-On** 🌟, so the children can come dressed ready for **after-school singing and festivities** 🎵.

🌟 **Coming Soon...**

Keep an eye out for more info on:

- 🛍️ Craft Bags
- 🧑🏻 Pre-booking for Santa's Grotto
- 🧸 Collection dates for good quality toys and games donations

**Thank you for your support – let's make this Christmas Fair magical! Love from Tania, Claire, Holly, Sally & the PTFA team** 🎉



## Notices



# Bramley Infant School Calendar 2025



**Friday  
14<sup>th</sup> November**

A clean jam jar decorated at home and filled with goodies like: sweets, chocolate, mini toys, stickers, crafts, small pencils/pens/crayons – things you might find in a party bag.



**Thursday  
20<sup>th</sup> November**

Fun day where children can come to school dressed in their pyjamas! All we ask is that parents/carers bring in a **chocolate donation** for our Christmas Fair.



**Thursday  
27<sup>th</sup> November**

A non-uniform day where children can come to school in their own clothes. In return, we kindly ask parents/carers to donate a **parents gift** for our Christmas Fair.



**Friday  
12<sup>th</sup> December**

Festive fun for the family! Get into the Christmas spirit while helping raise funds for our wonderful school. Don't forget to buy your **tokens** before the event!

# Adverts & Events

## Christmas on the High Street

Join us for Bramley's Christmas lights countdown plus...

- Food & Drink
- Mulled wine
- Carol singing
- Live band
- Shops open late
- And much more...

THE LIBRARY GREEN, BRAMLEY  
THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER  
5:30PM - 8:30PM

discoverbramley.co.uk

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AN INITIATIVE BY  
**BBN** BRAMLEY  
BUSINESS  
NETWORK

## St Catherine's Christmas Fair

St Catherine's Senior School  
Sports Hall

22 November 2025  
10am - 4pm

- ★ Entry £3, Under 18s FREE
- ★ Christmas gift stalls
- ★ Children's activities
- ★ Food & Refreshments available
- ★ Raffle

#stcatschristmasfair



St Catherine's Senior School  
Station Road  
Bramley GU5 0DF

Everyone  
welcome!

## 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

**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)

**PLANET SOCCER**  
SPORTS COACHING

**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/>

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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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**ALTON - BACSHOT - EWSHOT**  
**FARNHAM - GUILDFORD - ODIHAM**

**QUOTE YOUR SCHOOL AND RECIEVE 20% OFF YOUR FIRST TERM SWIMMING WITH US!**

**Tadpole Swim School** are a family orientated Swim School offering fun, friendly, affordable classes, teaching a valuable lifeskill whilst giving our Tadpoles confidence in the water.

Teaching children from **birth to 12 years old**, we use well looked after warm pools so all our swimmers get the most out of our lessons.

Tel: 01420 481239 email: [admin@tadpoleswimschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@tadpoleswimschool.co.uk)

[www.tadpoleswimschool.co.uk](http://www.tadpoleswimschool.co.uk)

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**HAPPY TADPOLES MAKE CONFIDENT SWIMMERS**

**FREE**

**Discovery**

**Day**

**13<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

**@ St. Catherines School, Bramley**

Get in touch to book



**STAGE COACH**  
GODALMING



# 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.

