

24th April 2026

# Bramley C of E Infant & Nursery School

## Newsletter

What a wonderful start to the Summer Term it has been. The children have returned settled, happy, and ready to fully engage in their learning.

On Monday, during Collective Worship, I shared the new school vision with the children. They agreed that it represents our school better, and we will continue to revisit and embed this vision as the term progresses.

We have had lots of exciting things happening this week. On Monday, a local farmer brought some three-week-old lambs, called Elsa and Winnie, to visit the school. All of the children had the opportunity to see, stroke, and interact with the lambs, as well as ask thoughtful questions. A huge thank you to Farmer Dan for bringing the lambs to school, the children (and staff!) absolutely loved meeting them.



On Tuesday, the children in Pre-School, Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 took part in a Drama4ALL workshop. They thoroughly enjoyed exploring the story of Peter Pan through drama-based activities.

Reception had a special visit from Police Constable Snedden on Wednesday. She brought along her police car, which the children were very excited to see. The children asked excellent questions and learnt



more about PC Snedden's role and how she helps people in the community.

Year 2 also began their swimming lessons this week at St Catherine's School. We are extremely fortunate that St Catherine's offers these lessons free of charge and that the swimming instructors share their expertise to support the children on their swimming journey. Thank you to the parent helpers who are supporting the walks to and from St Catherine's.

We are also pleased to confirm that our Main School Sports Day will be held at St Catherine's this year. Please add Thursday 2nd July at 2:00pm to your diaries.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the beautiful weather.

Mrs Strickland



**Prayer**  
Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of spring, for sunshine, green grass, and fresh new life.  
Thank you for the animals being born, for lambs in the fields, birds in the sky, and creatures big and small all around us.  
Thank you for the joy animals bring us and for reminding us of new beginnings.

Amen.



# Celebration ASSEMBLY

## CLASS GEM JAR AWARD

Goes to:  
Year 2 - (23)  
Rec - (18)



## HEADTEACHER AWARD

**16<sup>th</sup> Apr**

(YR) Frieda  
(YR) Ollie  
(Y1) Summer  
(Y1) Edie  
(Y2) Brianna  
(Y2) Wilf

**23<sup>rd</sup> Apr**

(YR) Archie  
(YR) Isla  
(Y1) Henry  
(Y1) Margot  
(Y2) Zephie  
(Y2) Otto

## VALUES AWARD

**16<sup>th</sup> Apr**

(YR) Sarah  
(Y1) Archie  
(Y2) Dotty

**23<sup>rd</sup> Apr**

(YR) Rory  
(Y1) Allegra  
(Y2) Bella

*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

THANK YOU

Dear Bramley Infant Parents & Children,  
Thank you for my lovely retirement gifts and cards. I wish all  
Bramley parents and children good wishes for the future.  
Best wishes, Miss Derrick

## Attendance Notice

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.

# Notices

**SIGN UP  
NOW**

## Kids with **BRICKS CLUB**

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# Classroom Focus

## YEAR 1

At the end of last term we enjoyed creating Easter cards using paint and collage. We hope you enjoyed receiving the final results and were as proud as we were of the children's clear handwriting.



Staying on the theme of Spring, we were delighted to welcome the newborn lambs during their visit to school recently. Also, already this half term we have taken part in a drama workshop which was a lot of fun.



As (hopefully) the weather continues to improve, more and more of our learning opportunities can take place in our lovely outside area. The children learn so much as they throw and catch, build structures for their small world play ideas or enjoy a book together.



The children sort, match and count larger numbers through their explorations.



We have now completed our science learning on Materials; we finished by looking at floating and sinking. The children asked, and answered by their own experimentation, some really difficult questions around what makes something float or sink. Size and mass aren't the whole answer!

This half term our Science learning begins with looking at the parts of flowering plants and trees. We have learned to name all the different parts and have noticed that some of these names are different in flowers and in trees - so flowers have a stem and trees a trunk. We have planted up some seed potatoes which we had left over the break so that they grew roots and shoots. The outside planters, which looked so wonderful in the early Spring, now look a little messy. However we are leaving the flower heads so that we can see how the seeds develop. We'll also be growing some cress in class.

We shall then move on to think about animal and bug habitats. The books we read in Curious Quests link to these topics: we'll be enjoying *The Pea* and *the Princess* by Mini Grey and *Rain* by Manya Stovik if you wanted to look out for these on a library visit. In Geography we shall be thinking about human made and non human made features in the world around us so a good opportunity to do some thinking about topics such as volcanoes and mountains, towns and ports.

# Upcoming Events

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

## April

29<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Swimming

## May

4<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday - School Closed

6<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Swimming

13<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Swimming

**14<sup>th</sup> Reception Trip to Watts Gallery**

**16<sup>th</sup> Bramley Village Fete - Gosden Common 12.00 - 4.00pm**

18<sup>th</sup> Walk to school week

20<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Swimming

21<sup>st</sup> Children break up for Half Term Week

22<sup>nd</sup> INSET DAY - School Closed

## June

1<sup>st</sup> INSET DAY - School Closed

2<sup>nd</sup> Children Return to School

3<sup>rd</sup> Year 2 Swimming

4<sup>th</sup> Class Photos Day

10<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Swimming

15<sup>th</sup> National School Sports Week

17<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Swimming - Last one

19<sup>th</sup> Pause Day - Diversity

**24<sup>th</sup> Transition day (moving up day) - Year 2's to Junior Schools**

## July

**2<sup>nd</sup> Main School Sports Day - PM @ St Catherine's**

**9<sup>th</sup> Nursery & Pre-School Sports Day**

**16<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Leavers Service - @ Holy Trinity Church**

**17<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Trip to Sayers Croft**

# Adverts & Events



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## Let's **Move Together**



**SEND Movement & Wellbeing event**  
Sunday 26 April 2026  
12pm - 3pm  
Guildford Spectrum Leisure Centre

### Creating Connection

We're excited to welcome **Paralympian Lizzi Jordan MBE**, who will be joining us to inspire children and young people with stories of resilience, possibility and the joy of movement.

This **free**, family-focused event is exclusively for Surrey children and young people with **Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)** and their families.

Explore a range of inclusive activities, including:

- Sports & movement sessions
- Games and Scalextric
- Crafts & creative zones
- Quiet breakout spaces
- Small animals for calm engagement

A space to feel included | A space to play, explore and connect |  
A space to discover what movement can mean for your family



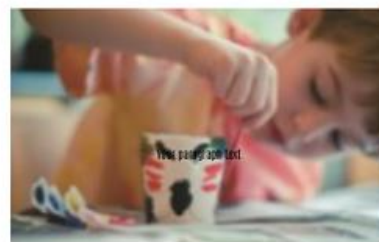
While **booking isn't required**, register for your free tickets in advance to receive an event pack by email before the day, including everything you need to know and details on how to claim your free goody bag. Simply **scan the QR code**.



## 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.

# 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



allthingsautismtd@gmail.com

01895 649211

<https://allthingsinclusionandautism.com>

## Workshops for parents / carers (and practitioners) -Summer term 2026

<p><b>All things visual strategies</b> Supporting autistic children / those with communication difficulties with visual strategies - why use visuals, which visuals to use and how to use them? <b>Monday 18th May 2026</b> <b>10 - 11.30am</b> Online - via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person</p>	<p><b>Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA)</b> Understanding PDA and practical strategies to support <b>Tuesday 12th May 2026</b> <b>7-9pm</b> Or <b>Wednesday 8th July 2026</b> <b>9.30 - 11.30am</b> Online - via Zoom £44 plus VAT per person</p>
<p><b>All things communication and play:</b> Supporting autistic children with communication and play skills - laughing and learning together <b>Thursday 11th June 2026</b> <b>9.30am - 12</b> Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person</p>	<p><b>Autism and Girls</b> Exploring differences and diagnosis . Understanding how autism impacts on girls and strategies and ideas to support them <b>Tuesday 9th June 2026</b> <b>10 - 11.30am</b> Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person</p>
<p><b>All things behaviour - supporting positive behaviours for autistic children</b> <b>Monday 6th July 2026</b> <b>9.30am - 12</b> Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person</p> 	<p><b>All things sensory processing - a workshop exploring the sensory needs of autistic children and practical strategies to support their needs</b> <b>Friday 5th June 2026</b> <b>9.30am - 12</b> Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person</p> 

# 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

### Cygnnet 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:

### 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>