

28th November 2025

# Bramley C of E Infant & Nursery School

## Weekly Newsletter

**Dear Families,**

Thank you to all the children who performed at the Christmas Light Switch-On event in the village on Thursday. You were absolutely wonderful and represented our school beautifully! Families who came along enjoyed a little sneak preview of some of the songs from this year's Nativity.

Thursday was also No Pens Day, a fantastic opportunity for children to put down their pens and pencils and focus on developing their oracy skills. Reception explored our woodland area, identifying animal footprints and creating nature-inspired paintings using natural resources. Year 1 shared their maths learning in practical ways, enjoyed a talking lesson in PSHE, and sang their hearts out in music, while Year 2 used technology to record and showcase their learning.

Next week, we'll be getting into the festive spirit as Year 1 visits St Catherine's School to watch the Pre-Prep Nativity. The children will also take part in the Elf Run to raise funds for Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice, and rehearsals for our performance of *Sleepy Shepherd* will continue.

Finally, our Mary and Joseph will begin their Posada journey around the school community on Monday. They'll spend the weekend at Mrs. Strickland's house before starting their travels to visit some of the children's homes.

You may have noticed our new school signs along

the main road and at the car park gate. All schools within The Good Shepherd Trust are getting new signs to help advertise our wonderful schools. Thank you to the GST for funding these new signs, I hope you agree they look great.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Mrs. Strickland  
Head of School



### Prayer

Dear God,

We remember Mary and Joseph as they travelled with faith and courage, trusting in Your plan even when the road was uncertain.

Guide us, as You guided them, to walk in hope and humility.

May we find strength in Your presence during our own journeys, and welcome Your light into our hearts as they welcomed Your Son into the world.

Amen.



# Celebration ASSEMBLY

## CLASS GEM JAR AWARD

Goes to:  
Year



## HEADTEACHER AWARD

(YR) Maeve  
(YR) Alfie  
(Y1) Albert  
(Y1) Ted  
(Y2) Wilf  
(Y2) Scarlett

## VALUES AWARD

(YR) Freddie  
(Y1) Aleks  
(Y2) Otto

*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

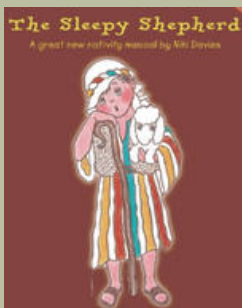
Each year Guildford Diocese ask school to create art work to display at Guildford Cathedral. This year's theme was 'Joy to the World'. The children reflected on the meaning of the Christingle and how it symbolises Jesus as the Light of the World. The children take great joy in creating their own Christingle, 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 will be on display from this weekend 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.



### Christmas Post

If children would like to send their friends Christmas cards, there will be post boxes outside of each classroom door from Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Nov

**LAST POST DATE**  
**12TH DEC**



# Classroom Focus

## FOREST SCHOOL

As the weather gets colder, we have begun our fire lighting sessions! The children helped gather wood for the fire and learnt about the elements needed to light a fire and keep it going: Oxygen, heat and fuel. The best bit of making the fire, as always, was the chance to toast marshmallows!

Another recent highlight has been the wonderful art the children have created using autumn leaves and other natural materials found on the field. The children have been coming up with different ways of keeping active in the colder weather. The stick olympics, with stick javelin and stick limbo have been a lot of fun and kept the cold at bay!



# Upcoming Events

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

## 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 🎄

Let's make this year's fair magical! Here's everything you need to know:

### 👤 Santa's Grotto Booking

**When:** Today – outside school

- Tickets: **£5 per child**, siblings just **£1 extra**
- Payment: **Cash or card accepted**
- Missed today? Contact a PTFA member to reserve your spot!

### 🎟️ Raffle Tickets

**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

**On Sale:** Thursday 4th December

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

### 🧸 Toys & Games Collection

**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!

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.

### 🍰 Bake Sale – Monday Treats

**Date:** Monday 1st December

- Year Reception will be selling cakes **after school in the main playground**
- Bring your **£1 coins** and enjoy a sweet treat to start the week!

❤️ **Thank you for your support – together we'll make this Christmas Fair magical!**

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



## Notices

# 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

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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)

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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



# Adverts & Events

## 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*



# 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.

