



Being the best we can  
be

# Bramble's

# News



23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023

The term continues to be such a busy one. We are all enjoying the lovely sunny days, but continuing to be the best we can be too.

Last week, I accompanied all of Reception on a school trip. It was a real treat 😊. All of the children were fantastic and thoroughly enjoyed the many activities they took part in. As we left each stage the staff all commented that 'this was one of the best behaved schools they had had.' Wow! All of the staff and myself were very proud.



## A message from Mrs Gynn



### The Friends of St James needs you!

They are looking ahead to next year and need a Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

If you are interested, please call in to the office to find out more information.

## Sports Day

We are busy practising for sports day in a couple of weeks' time.



Everybody has been moving and developing their skills.



Please remember that water bottles should be in school every day - especially whilst we are having such very warm days.

Sun hats, sun glasses and sun cream are all essentials too.

Thank you.

I hope you have a lovely sunny weekend. I look forward to seeing you on Monday. ☺

# Reminders... Page 2



Please remember the term dates when arranging a holiday. Term time holiday will always be unauthorised absence. There is no exception to this.

Any unauthorised absence will be referred for a fine.



There continues to be children arriving late to school. Every minute counts. Please try to be on time.

**Fact:**

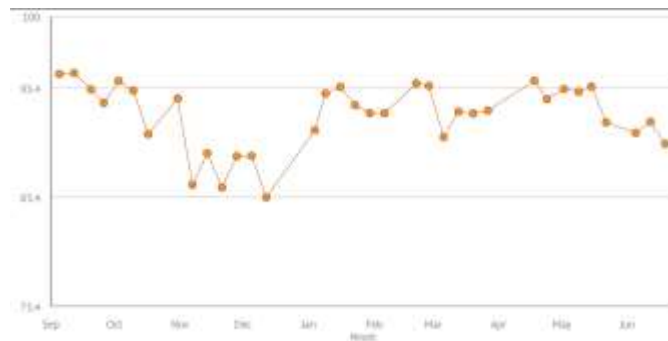
5 minutes late every day means around 3 ½ days of education are missed.



The playground is a child safe area. Please help us to keep it safe by closing the gate behind you.

If you use Bramble's Breakfast club - please ensure that all gates are closed behind you.

## Attendance



It is really disappointing to see that our attendance level is continuing to fall. It currently stands at 88%, which is very low. It is well below our target and below national standard too. This sharp drop is mainly attributable to children not being in school because they have gone on holiday. Every year group has had absence as a result of this, especially our youngest children.

Please do your best to ensure your children are in school everyday.

## This week's book recommendation



If your child is a reluctant reader - this may be the book to excite them.

When the library closes, and the last librarian has gone...the books come alive and tell stories of their adventures!

This book really shows the magic of reading and sharing stories. Enjoy!

### Every minute counts - examples

Attendance during one school year	equals this number of days absent	which is approximately this many weeks absent	which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	30 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons





### Certificates have been awarded

to:

**World of Words**

Great reading, writing, speaking and listening or drama work

**Freddie in Daisy class & Crystal in Sunflowers**

**Let's Investigate**

Fantastic maths or science work

**Hanna in Buttercup class & Faith in Dandelions**

**Express Yourself**

Wonderful art, design technology, music or P.E. work

**David in Bluebell Class & Mujo in Snowdrops**

**Exploring the World**

Super history, geography or religious education work

**Cleo-Rose in Sunflower & Misha in Bluebells**

**Being your best**

**Isabella in Snowdrops & Jude in Daisies**

**Wow!**

**Handwriting Award 😊**

Ilinca and Lorenzo

**Mohamed in Buttercups Class**



**Attendance Award**

**Bluebells Class - well done**

**Our value for June is:**



**Fairness - Inclusion**

Values:  
Inclusion  
Integrity  
Initiative  
Inspiring



We celebrated over the last 2 weeks with:

**Nathaniel & Tommy, who are now 4!**

**Carter, Oscar & Kiki, who is now 5!**

**Cora & Mujo, who are now 6!**

**Freddie-Lee, Riley & Bogdan, who are now 7!**

**Samuel**

**Happy Birthday to you all!**

**Bramble's Rule**

Children who walk around school...

Emmanuel, Poppy, Maria, Paula, Diva, Chloe, Willow, Alicia, Emma, Vlad, Molly O, John



**Reading Challenge**

50 reads -

100 reads -

200 reads -

**Star Readers 😊**

# What will be happening in our school?

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Lots of children received 5 Dojo points this week, having been in school every day. Dojo points will continue to be issued this week. 😊

w.b. 26.6.23 - Transition events for children coming new into Reception

30.6.23 - Rainbow Mufti - donation of £1.00

4.7.23 - Sports Day

This year we will be sharing sports events with The Abbey CE Academy. This is really exciting. The events will all take place on the field of The Abbey School. More details have been posted to dojo and will follow closer to the time.

(Please note - Poppy class will have their own sports event in our playground - date to be confirmed.)

5.7.23 & 7.7.23 - National teaching strike days

11.7.23 - Life Education experience - for children in Key Stage 1

13.7.23 - Year 2 Leavers' picnic and assembly

14.7.23 - Year 2's Everton trip / End of year reports issued to parents + notification of new class teacher and class

w.b. 17.7.23 - 'Stay Up Week'

Year 2 children will be Year 3's for the week (those attending The Abbey will be at The Abbey all week, those attending Falconer's Hill will be there every morning) (more details to follow).

Year 1 children will be Year 2 for 4 days, in their new classrooms with their new teacher. They will celebrate the end of the year with their current teacher on the last day of term.

Year R children will be Year 1 children for 4 days, in their new classrooms with their new teacher. They will celebrate the end of the year with their current teacher on the last day of term.

19.7.23 - an opportunity to discuss reports if you would like to do so / meet your child's new teacher. This is optional - please let us know if you would like to call in.

20.7.23 - MUFTI - single colour day (children to wear, red, white, pink, blue or green, from head to toe!)

21.07.23 - End of term - break up for the Summer holidays.

