



Brimpton CE Primary School



Amazing things happen here ...

Term: Autumn 1

11th September 2026

Dear Parents



Welcome back to our 'Brimpton Family' and welcome to our new families who have joined us this term.

It was wonderful to see everyone back at school on Monday. I hope you all had a fantastic summer and managed to get some rest, relaxation and plenty of family time. Thank you from me and all the staff for the lovely gifts and cards received at the end of last term, your kindness and thoughtfulness are always appreciated.

Everyone is looking extra smart in their uniform 'perfectly purple' in every way! The children have all grown a few inches; it is always so noticeable. It is lovely to see the children and the staff happy to be back and to see all their school friends and work colleagues.

The children may have informed you and you may have seen on our Facebook page, we have named the classrooms a shade of purple.

Cabin – Lilac class

Year 2 – Violet class

Year 3/4 – Lavender class

Year 5/6 – Purple class

Our first newsletter of the year is always a big one so hold on tight! Grab a cuppa and sit back and enjoy the read.

Uniform and PE Kit

All uniform and PE kit including shoes and trainers should be clearly named. If items are not named, especially in the younger year groups, it can cause confusion and a lot of

wasted time trying to figure out whose is whose. We also have school ties for sale in the office at £3.50 each; elasticated and standard ties.

Children will be required to wear their school PE kit to school on their PE days as below. A purple logo tracksuit can be purchased from Inks Personalized in Thatcham. This is a purple hoodie and black tracksuit trousers. If you prefer to use local supermarkets for your child's PE kit a dark coloured black or blue tracksuit and jumper is appropriate. A white t-shirt under the tracksuit is required. Inks Personalized do sell a lovely purple polo shirt which looks incredibly smart, but I am mindful of the price of uniform for your ever growing children!

Can I also remind all parents that there is:

- **No** nail varnish to be worn in school
- **All** long hair needs to be tied back
- **All** earrings need to be studs only

The children are allowed to wear their PE kit and trainers to school on their PE days.

Lilac Class – Tuesday and Thursday

Violet Class – Tuesday and Friday

Class 2 and Class 3 – Wednesday and Friday

Please can we ask that all children have a waterproof jacket and wellies (or outside shoes) in school every day.

Phonics information sessions – NEXT WEEK

Next week Miss Oakham will be holding 2 sessions at 3pm to inform parents of our phonics scheme and the way that phonics is taught. This is to help you as parents support your children.

Tuesday 15th September – from 3pm

Friday 18th September - from 3pm

Both sessions will be the same so you do not need to attend both but we are providing 2 opportunities. Your children are welcome to attend a club (free) whilst you attend.

Clubs

Breakfast Club and BBC (Brimpton Buddies Club) are back up and running this week.

- Breakfast Club runs 8am-8.45am 5 days a week (£4.00 per session)
- BBC runs Tues/Wed/Thursday 3pm-5pm (£10 per session)

Our Finance Officer Mrs Bridger will invoice families once a month via email which will include Bacs details for payment. We do not accept cash or cheque.

After School Clubs will start week beginning **14th September** and attached to this email is the Club List. It will also be uploaded to the school website.

Emails/Newsletter

Our newsletter will be emailed to all families every other Friday with the email address that you have supplied. If anyone has updated or changed their email during the holidays please let Mrs Vockins know in the office so she can update your details.

Please make sure you read your newsletter as all the information you need to know and require will be on that correspondence. The letter will also be uploaded to the website if you need to refer back to it for details.

ParentPay



This is our cashless facility and permissions request for parents. It is used for payment of events, school dinner orders and payment, donations during fundraising events and permissions for trips and sporting events if we

need them. *We do not accept cash.* All new parents should have received their username and password on Tuesday this week and are now able to register and log on. All parents will need to use ParentPay at Brimpton School.

Water Bottles

All children need to have a water bottle in school at all times. These bottles are for water only (not squash or juice). We have fresh, cold water available from our water dispenser in the school lobby.

Universal Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Information

All Reception, Yr1 and Yr2 children are entitled to a free school meal paid for by the Government. If you are on any form of benefit your child may be able to get extra support or funding to help with lots of different things.

Pupil Premium can help low income families with money towards school supplies, trips, uniform or curriculum materials that will help your child during their time at school. If you feel you are entitled to claim please contact West Berks Council on: <https://www.westberks.gov.uk/free-school-meals-apply>

General Information

Sickness – if your child is sick or has diarrhoea we ask that they do not return to school for **48 hours** (even if your child wants to come back). As you can appreciate illness spreads rapidly in schools and we would like to keep that to a minimum!

Contact Details - If any parents have any changes to their contact details please inform Mrs Vockins as soon as possible in order for her to up-date your records.



Permissions - *If permission is required for trips etc. please make sure you log into ParentPay and respond as soon as possible. It takes valuable time and resources to chase parents for information.*



Absences/Attendance

– please ensure that you telephone the school office before 10.00am if your child is going to be absent that day. If we do not hear from you a phone call will be made to find out why your child is not in school. If we do not have a reason your child will be marked down as 'unauthorised'. We do have an absence telephone line now where you can leave a message. As you are aware the government has changed the fining system for attendance. The best thing to do if you need to take your child out of school for an urgent appointment or any other family circumstance, coming to me to talk directly about attendance is advisable. If children are off school unofficially they always end up telling us where they were!



Enborne Way Parking

Can I please ask that all parents are considerate of the residents when parking in Enborne Way and Hatch Lane. Please ensure that you **do not** park across resident's drives, or on the corner of the road turning into Brimpton Lane; a cars length at least must be left by law. We have a staggered start and end to the day so that parents can park, collect and leave their space vacant for another parent as soon as possible. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated as we all know that our parking situation can cause everyone extra stress!

FOBS - Friends of Brimpton School

FOBS are Brimpton's PTA. All parents, friends and relatives are automatically members of FOBS if your child attends Brimpton School. All parents are welcome to offer their help, advice and support. We would love to see some new parents offer their support and ideas.

Sadly, at present we have no members or a chair, so unless we have a volunteer(s) to come forward no fundraising or events will be able to take place. Remember your help and support helps your child and all the other children that attend Brimpton School. Fundraising is a big part of the PTA and we would love to have lots of your support, even more so now that the cost of doing anything keeps rising!

Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to all of those who took part in West Berkshire Library Summer Reading Challenge 2026. It is always such a well-supported event and encourages all children to read during the holidays, support the local libraries and receive a certificate at the end of the challenge. If your child took part, please send in their certificate so we can celebrate with them.

Dates for the Diary

We shall have lots of dates for your diary in our next newsletter which will be on Friday 25th September 2026 but just to give you advance warning our ***Harvest Festival will be at St Peter's church on Wednesday 7th October at 1.45pm – all welcome.***

AND next week's parents phonics sessions!



- **Flu Vaccination – Friday 25th September Year R-6 only (not nursery)** An email has been sent to all parents in those years with a link to register your child and the Nursing Team need to know either YES or No. Please ensure you act on this asap
- **Toys** – NO toys from home to be brought into school unless your child's teacher is aware of it.
- **Email** – if you need to email a member of staff please send via the school office. We do not allow parents to email any individual staff members. Thank you. office@brimpton.w-berks.sch.uk. This will then be forwarded to the appropriate member of staff. Emails are only check during the working week from 8.30am until 4pm Monday to Friday.
- **Open Morning** – Wednesday 21st October 9.30am – 10.30am – for potential parents for September 2027 – let any friends or family know if they are looking for a school for their child next year.

Phew! I think that is everything so far

Please take a look at our Brimpton Gallery showing a few of the amazing activities our children have been up to on our first week back.

It just leaves me to wish you all a restful and enjoyable weekend. The eyelids of the pupils and staff have gotten heavier and heavier as the week has progressed; it is always hard the first week back for you as parents too!

Best wishes

Heidi Davies

Mrs Heidi Davies
Head Teacher

Brimpton Gallery





Curriculum Corner

Today your child has bought home 10+ books that were duplicates after Miss Oakham has sorted our new library.

Why don't you have a family reading session this weekend. Everyone could choose one of the books bought home to read and share or to 'predict' from looking at it what might happen!



Thank you to Miss Oakham for all of your hard work!

Our Vision

At Brimpton we are an inclusive church school who takes its inspiration from St Peter. John 21 3-19. The picnic on the beach celebrates that God holds each of us in his net of love. Our vision is always to provide a safe, happy and nurturing environment for our Brimpton family.



Prayer Corner (our school prayer)

*God be in our thinking, in our work and in our play
God shape our thoughts and actions this and every day
Guide this school we ask you, hold us in your care
Bless our life together and everything we share.
Amen*