



Brimpton CE Primary School



Amazing things happen here ...

Term: Autumn Term 1

25th September 2026

Dear Parents

The children and staff have all settled back into school life this week and everything is now in full swing.

I would like to say well done to our Nursery and Reception children for adapting to a new school and a new routine – they are 'superstars'.



Autumn Weather

Now that the autumn weather is fast approaching, can I please ask that all children have a warm coat in school at all times and are wearing the correct and appropriate footwear (no sandals or trainers unless it is PE or Sports Club). Can we also ask that all children have a pair of wellies or old shoes in school at all times for wet or muddy playtimes on the school field. Can you please ensure that all your child's uniform, coat, bag is clearly labelled. We have had a lot of unnamed items already in the lost property box!

Phonics Flying Start with letters and sounds

Thank you to Miss Oakham who delivered two phonics information sessions last week. For reference and for parents that were unable to make it please use the link below to take you to our school website to access the slides.

<https://www.brimpton.w-berks.sch.uk/page/?title=Phonics&pid=77>

Miss Oakham has also been busy training up or new librarians.

Next week the new library will officially be up and running. Children will bring one library book to enjoy at home. They can choose any book that might not match their reading level. It's for you to read together. If the children want to get a new book they must bring their old one back first. The children will have allocated library slots once a week which are listed below:

Purple and Lavender Class - Monday
Lilac and Violet Class - Friday

The library books will have a purple star stamped in the front of the book so that you know they are from our new library. Most books have our school name in already.

Harvest Festival

This will take place at St. Peter's Church on ***Wednesday 7th October at 1.45pm***. All parents and families are welcome to attend. You will be able to take your child home early if you do attend the service. For those who are not able to attend we shall walk the children back to school ready for collection at normal time.

This year we shall be donating all our offerings to the West Berkshire Foodbank. Please see the shopping list below of items they are most in need of. We will have crates in school delivered by The Foodbank so if you could send your child into school on ***Friday 2nd October*** with any of the items listed and we will present them at church. By all means if you want to donate more please bring it along to the service. Every donation helps those in need.



Mental Health Awareness Day

On Friday 9th October we shall be acknowledging the Mental Health Awareness Day by asking all the children and staff to wear their yellow or 'Happy Clothes' to school. Our Mental Health Ambassadors Effie and Julia have been busy organising the day. The Hello Yellow charity says:



Take part with thousands of schools, communities and workplaces wearing yellow this World Mental Health Day and raise money to

show young people that they're not alone with their mental health.

Right now, the world can be a tough place for children and young people to grow up in – and they are feeling the pressure. We want young people to know that



they don't have to go through this alone. Things can get better.

Wear it loud. Wear it proud.

Secondary School Applications

These are all now submitted on-line and need to be entered by the 31st October 2026. Click on the link below to access the form and all the relevant information you will need.

<https://www.westberks.gov.uk/secondary-school-admissions>

A leaflet was emailed to all Year 6 parents earlier this week.

Artificial Intelligence – AI

The world of technology is ever changing and there are more and more opportunities to use AI to complete tasks in our everyday life.

However, please encourage your child to complete their homework themselves – getting AI to complete it for them does not help them with their learning and also does not show us what they have understood about the task.

Please also if you need to email or write to us we would appreciate it if you did not use AI. Receiving AI generated letters/emails definitely makes it very hard to understand your view – Thank you.

FOBS – Friends of Brimpton School

Thank you to those who have expressed an interest in helping to run and organise our PTA. All families who join Brimpton are automatically part of the FOBS.

A meeting has been scheduled for **Wednesday 30th September at 3pm** at school. It would be amazing to see as many of you as possible at the meeting so we can discuss future events and fundraising opportunities (your child can attend after school club free of charge whilst you attend the meeting if it's helpful!) Remember all the extra money goes towards helping your children have an extra special journey here at Brimpton. See you then ...

Last year's fundraising helped with some of the the following activities:

- Coach for the Panto
- Coaches for various school trips

- Roald Dahl
- Madam Tussauds
- School supplies throughout the year
- Art supplies
- Leavers autograph books
- School Prom Village Hall
- Ceramic Tile Display for front of school

We need to fundraise for a new sound system for the hall and new interactive whiteboards for the classrooms.

Curriculum

Please find below the link to our curriculum page on the school website. Here you will find all the topics for this autumn term for each of the classes. Please take a look to see what your child will be covering during the term.

<https://www.brimpton.w-berks.sch.uk/page/?title=Termly+Curriculum+Information+for+Parents&pid=78>



• **Home School Agreement** – please return to the school office in the brown envelope as soon as possible please

• Amazon Wish List

Thank you to those who have kindly bought for us from the wish list. If you would like to buy us something, please check out the link below. We always appreciate your generosity. Thank you.

[Amazon.co.uk](https://www.amazon.co.uk)

Percentage Attendance Last Two Weeks!



Last 2 weeks attendance **94%**
(Target 95% or above)
Lates – **3** pupils late

Dates for the Diary



Wed 30th Sept – FOBS Meeting
3pm

Tues 6th Oct – NWN New Starts Photo

Wed 7th Oct – Harvest Festival at St. Peter's Church – for West Berks Food Bank – all welcome

Fri 9th Oct – Mental Health Awareness Day

Wed 21st Oct – Open Morning 9.30am-10.30am

Thurs 22nd Oct – Last day of term

Mon 2nd Nov – Start of Autumn Term 2

Monday 2nd Nov – Individual Pupil Photos

Tues 3rd November – Violet class (Year 2) Parents afternoon from 3.15pm

Weds 4th November – Parents afternoon/Eve 1.30pm-6.30pm (Lilac, Lavender and Purple class)

Wed 11th Nov – Remembrance Day at Brimpton Memorial

Fri 13th Nov – Comic Relief Day

Fri 11th Dec – Panto at Newbury Corn Exchange – parents to collect after the show

Fri 18th Dec – Last Day of Term 2pm finish

Tues 5th Jan 2027 – Start of Spring Term 3

More dates will be added over the course of the term but we shall let you know as and when. ***The newsletter is always uploaded to the school website if you need to refer back to it.***



Brimpton Gallery

Sports Club and Musical notation



Lilac Class
Exploring the Autumn treasures!



Thinking About Harvest Festival



Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the amazing weather!

Best wishes

Heidi Davies

Mrs Heidi Davies
Head Teacher

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.



Curriculum Corner

We have been singing about 'conkers' at school - why don't you go on a nature walk and see how many you can collect. Conker art is always good fun and can add some Autumn decoration to your homes!



Prayer Corner

"Leaves fall,
Softly they pray,
Whispering to the earth,
Offering thanks for seasons past,
Amen."
— Unknown

