



Brimpton CE Primary School



Amazing things happen here ...

Term: Autumn 1

9th October 2026

Dear Parents

I hope this newsletter finds everyone well. As autumn is finally showing itself, we are all starting to adapt to changing temperatures and knowing what to wear each day! Warm, cold, wet, damp!

The children are all doing so well, especially the little ones, a bit of tiredness and coughs and colds are creeping in as we head towards half term!

Harvest Festival

The children made me feel extremely proud on Wednesday at the church. They all performed so well and so confidently. They really felt as if it was a celebration – the start of many more to come!

Thank you all so much for all your kind donations for the West Berks Food Bank. As always, you all make us so proud to do our bit for our community.

Mental Health Awareness Day – Hello Yellow

What an amazing day we had today raising awareness of mental health. It was lovely to see and 'hear' some of the toys chosen for to bring in.

We worked with Young Minds, the UK's leading charity for your people's mental health. No young persons should feel alone with their issues and that is why Hello Yellow matters. We took the opportunity as a school community to come together and show each other that we are with them, and they are never alone with their mental health. Wearing yellow certainly made the school feel bright and lifted spirits!

Congratulations and thank you to Effie and Julia our mental health ambassadors who organised the day and prepared resources for all.



FOBS

I hope you all saw the email sent out on Friday last week about all the exciting events and ideas that our FOBS team are looking to run this term and have put the dates in your diary.

Our first event will be the Pumpkin Trail and Autumn Disco. All the information is in the attached Flyer so please take a look and then head over to ParentPay to buy your tickets. On Thursday 22nd October children can come to school dressed in Autumn themed clothes/fancy dress and be ready for the disco. The price of the disco includes a snack for the children.

School Uniform

Just a reminder that our uniform is available from Ink Personalized and also Skoolkit in Parkway, Newbury. Skoolkit now do our PE kit which is joggers, hoodie, shorts and polo. The PE kit is a new addition to Skoolkit and will be available to purchase on-line and in store at the start of half term.

Class 3 Residential

As previously mentioned, the Class 3 residential next year will be at Grittleton from 10th March until 12th March 2027. Preparations are happening in the background. We will be offering a payment option and will let you all know once our final invoice has been confirmed. The payment options will then be

put on ParentPay. Once a date has been put in the diary for a parents meeting to discuss I will let you all know.

Lilac Class Reading

It is so important for all children to be reading every day. We currently have only **20%** of Year 1 pupils on track with phonics. **50%** of pupils are on our daily readers list because they are either not reading daily at home or they are not on track.

We are listening to children read in our daily phonics lessons and in intervention groups in the afternoons. Listening to half of the class read, in addition to this every day is a real struggle for us.

We also listen to the non-daily readers at least once a week. Reading story books at bedtime is lovely, but the children need to be reading their reading book as well as it is at their current level. It is also important that the children are sounding and blending the words. Reading is so important. We are seeing a real difference between the children who are reading at home and those who are not. Thanks for your support.

Village Walk

On Monday morning, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils will be going on a walk around Brimpton with Miss Merryweather and Miss Oakham. This is to gather information for a guidebook they will be writing in Literacy. If your child does not already have wellies in school, we **need** them in for Monday. Reception and Nursery pupils will stay at school with Mrs Chapman and Mrs Davies.



- **Pumpkin Picking** – Wednesday 14th October after school

- **Autumn disco and Pumpkin trail**

-Thursday 22nd October 2026

- **Secondary Applications** – 31st October 2026

- **Open Morning** – 21st October 9.30am-10.30am 2026

- **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 **98%**
(Target 95% or above)
Lates – **3** pupils late

Brimpton Gallery

Our Beautiful New Display – Designed by Blue Beetle Ceramics and Painted by the Children Last Term



Mental Health Awareness Day





Brimpton Worship Leaders



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- Thank you to Knit for Nowt who very kindly created us some worry eaters for the school.



Our Church Harvest Display





Curriculum Corner

Why not research pumpkins and get your designs ready for pick your own pumpkin at Brimpton next Weds! Get creative and maybe spend some time cooking too with the inside of a pumpkin!



Prayer Corner

Have a lovely weekend and we shall see you back here on Monday.

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.

