



# BRAMFIELD COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Autumn Term 1



## A message from Mr Jeal...

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been an excellent start to our school year — I am incredibly pleased with the progress and achievements across our school. Behaviour has been excellent, attendance is strong, and attitudes toward learning have been consistently positive. It is clear that our children are working hard to 'Grow with us and be the best they can be'.

I have been thoroughly impressed with our new Reception class children. They have come in through the gates full of confidence and ready to begin their journey with us.

This term has been filled with enriching activities and opportunities, and our Year 6 Bikeability. Please see our key dates for this term, including parents' evening dates. We ask that everybody please try to attend parents' evenings, we strongly believe in the importance of teachers and parents/carers working together.

Also, don't forget that we have a PD day on the Friday before half term!

Kind regards  
Mr Jeal



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## Dates for the diary -

### September

22<sup>nd</sup> Year 1 - 6 sustainability workshop

30<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 girls football tournament

### October

2<sup>nd</sup> Friends meeting 2:45pm

6<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 boys football tournament

8<sup>th</sup> Individual / Sibling School Photos

8<sup>th</sup> Yr 6 Tag Rugby

10<sup>th</sup> Yr 5/6 Nature Reserve Trip

14<sup>th</sup> Yr 3 Matball tournament

18<sup>th</sup> Reception 26/27 morning 9:30 - 11am

20<sup>th</sup> Parents' Evening

22<sup>nd</sup> Parents' Evening

23<sup>rd</sup> - Crucial Crew Yr 6

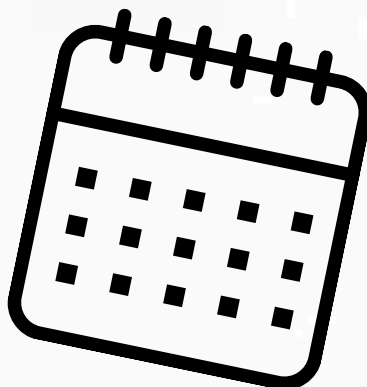
27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> Half Term (24<sup>th</sup> PD Day)

### November

21<sup>st</sup> - Flu Immunisations

### December

9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Performances TBC



### Sharing Assembly

Parents are invited to join us on Fridays at 3pm for our sharing assembly. The children show work that they are proud of and celebrate with the rest of the school community.

### Keystage 1 and Reception

26<sup>th</sup> September

10<sup>th</sup> October

### Keystage 2

3<sup>rd</sup> October

17<sup>th</sup> October

## Attendance

Oak - 97.2%

Willow - 96%

Cherry - 99.3%

Ash - 94.3%

**Whole  
School -  
96.6%**

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**Our  
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## Ash Class Attends the 49th Henham Steam & Country Show

Ash Class had the pleasure of being invited to the 49th Henham Steam & Country Show, alongside several other local schools. This event offered a fantastic opportunity for the children to deepen their understanding of various topics, from steam engines to the concept of farm to fork.

All the children had an amazing experience, with some of the highlights including:

- Experiencing a police riot van where they locked the doors and the children made as much noise as possible!
- Speaking with the Essex and Suffolk water team about daily water usage. Effi was pleasantly surprised to learn that the amount of water on Earth has remained constant!
  - "How do we only have 1% of the Earth's water?" – Libby
  - "Only 1% of water on Earth is drinkable." – Kaden
- Observing a working steam engine. "It was very fascinating to watch the mechanism move." – Nieve
- Enjoying the rides at the end, with Elsie stating, "The carousel was my favourite ride."

We encourage our families to visit this weekend and support this two-day event, organised by a wonderful group of volunteers.







## Bikeability

Our Year 6 children have been fortunate to participate in Bikeability this term. Bikeability is the government's national cycle training program designed to equip individuals with practical skills and knowledge for cycling safely on today's roads.

We are thrilled to announce that all our children successfully passed Level One, and several advanced to Level Two. We are proud of each child's achievement.

Here's what some of the children had to say:

- Scarlett: "I had an awesome time. I learned a lot, like the A, B, C, Ds (Air, Brakes, Chains, Direction). I also learned to check my bike before using it. I will continue riding my bike with everything you taught us."
- Elsie: "I am now much more confident with all my signals and riding on the road."
- Kaden: "I have learned so much; I couldn't have done it without you. Thank you, Dan and Adrian."





# World Championship Success!

We are thrilled to share some exciting news with you about Mr Wilson, who teaches P.E. at Bramfield Primary School (pictured holding the trophy below). Mr Wilson has recently achieved remarkable success as a world champion, and we couldn't be prouder of him!

Mr Wilson (pictured holding the trophy) was delighted to have been selected to represent GB in the Racketlon World Championships in Rotterdam.

For those unaware, Racketlon is where you play an opponent at TABLE TENNIS, BADMINTON, SQUASH, and then TENNIS, with each sport played to 21 points in the singles categories but playing up to 11 points in the teams' events. At this event there were over 430 competitors from over 30 countries. Mr Wilson's big intention this year was success in the Teams event, where he was selected for the GB team to play in the Nations Cup.

Facing Austria in the first match, Mr Wilson played alongside his captain for the doubles section, and despite losing the table tennis against opposition to specialises in that sport, they won the remaining sports. The 5 members of the team did enough collectively that they only needed 2 points in tennis to take the win.

Next up, an experienced Hungarian team and Mr Wilson were selected to play the lead singles. As Mr Wilson had expected he unfortunately lost the table tennis leg but stormed back to win the badminton & squash legs. His teammates did likewise, and the points that they had gained meant that tennis was not even needed.

With 2 great wins, tremendous team spirit, and lots of support meant, GB would face a very strong French team in the final. Mr Wilson played singles against a player who was much higher ranked than him, but with determination, Mr Wilsin and his team managed to secure the World Championship Gold and the Nations Cup Trophy!

This success is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and exceptional talent of Mr. Wilson and his team. We invite you to join us in congratulating him on this incredible achievement.

We are extremely proud to have such an inspiring individual motivating our children in P.E. lessons.





## Friends of Bramfield Primary.

The PFA is a registered charity that collaborates with the school to raise essential funds and organise events that benefit every child. Some of our key annual activities include:

- Easter Egg Hunt
- Summer Fair
- Mother's and Father's Day shops
- Regular bake sales
- The much loved Christmas Fair

The funds raised from these events are reinvested into the school, helping to support initiatives such as:

- New iPads for classrooms
- Outdoor gym equipment
- Various school supplies
- Books
- School bus hire for trips
- And much more

We hold regular meetings and are always eager for more support and fresh ideas, and we invite you to join us at one of our meetings; we would love to see you there!

Thank you to everyone who has donated used uniforms. From now on, please take all donations to St. Mary's Church in Halesworth, as we believe this will be more accessible for parents.

Unfortunately, as you may have noticed, our outdoor gym equipment has not been installed yet due to delivery delays. We will keep you updated on any developments.

Our first Friends meeting will take place on Thursday, October 2nd, at 2:45 PM, followed by our AGM on Thursday, October 9th, at 2:45 PM.

We look forward to seeing you there!

## High School Applications

We would like to remind you of the key dates for secondary school applications for Year 6 children starting High School in September 2026.

**\*\*Opening Date for Secondary Applications:\*\*** Friday 12th September 2025

**\*\*Closing Date for Applications:\*\*** Friday 31st October 2025

Please take some time to talk to your children and to look at your High School options; many of the schools will hold open events for you and your child to have a look around.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.



# Noticeboard



**Westhall Apple & Pumpkin FESTIVAL**  
**SAT. OCTOBER 4TH**  
**VILLAGE HALL & FIELD, IP19 8RQ**  
**FROM 1PM - FREE ADMISSION**  
**A COMMUNITY EVENT FOR EVERYONE TO ENJOY**

Come along for an afternoon of pumpkin & apple fun for all ages! Enjoy locally made crafts and gifts, try pulling a tractor, face-painting, guess the weight of the pumpkin, listen to some great music, buy locally grown apples, pumpkins and wonderful produce selection, admire the tractor display, try your luck at the have-a-go stalls and welly wanging competition plus much more all afternoon. A great variety of hot and cold refreshments will be available from 1pm in the Village Hall and The Racehorse Community Pub.

Follow us on Facebook – Westhall Apple and Pumpkin Festival.



**GRAND HENHAM STEAM RALLY**  
**40th ANNIVERSARY 1975-2015**  
**20th & 21st Sept**  
**Henham Park**  
**Near Southwold, Suffolk**

Come, join us for our spectacular 40th rally

All profits in aid of local charities including



**BUNGAY HIGH SCHOOL**  
**An Invitation to our OPEN EVENING**  
**Thursday 25th September 2025**  
 Due to its popularity, the sessions are running between 5.30pm-7.00pm and 6.45pm-8.15pm, with Headteacher presentations at 5.30pm and 6.45pm.

We believe a visit to our exciting school is a brilliant way to be able to make an informed and important decision about your child's future. Therefore, we are offering you the fantastic opportunity to join us on Thursday 25th September for tours across the site. This will include interactive activities and experiences and the opportunity to speak to staff and students about life at Bungay High School as well as meeting the Headteacher, Chanel Oswald.

Should you wish to visit during the day on one of our School Day Tours below, please contact Rachel Blake at [rbake@bungayhigh.co.uk](mailto:rbake@bungayhigh.co.uk) or call 01986 891642 / 01986 892140 to arrange. Although these will be limited, we will endeavour to do our best to make alternative arrangements for you.

**School Day Tours**  
 Please note two different times on offer:  
 10.15 - 11.00am on 16, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24 September  
 10.15 - 11.00am on 1 October  
 9.15 - 10.00am on 16, 17, 22, 23, 24, 30 September  
 Parents are asked to arrive promptly ready to start the Tours at the appropriate start times.



**NORTHAMPTON SAINTS CAMP**  
**SOUTHWOLD RFC**  
**FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 6-16**  
**Monday 27th October**

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# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about CONSPIRACY THEORIES

Conspiracy theories are false or misleading beliefs that explain events as secret plots, often involving powerful groups. While once fringe, they are now more accessible through digital media, online influencers and because of algorithmic recommendations. The DfE guidance document, 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' (KCSIE) explicitly recognises conspiracy theories as potential content risks. This guide will help parents and educators understand the risks, spot the signs, and build children's resilience to conspiracy theories.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### UNDERMINING TRUST

Conspiracy theories can lead children and young people to distrust democratic institutions and British Values, teachers, and even their own families and loved ones. This erosion of trust makes young people more vulnerable to extremist narratives by isolating them from reliable sources of information.

### ONLINE ALGORITHM TRAPS

Digital media platforms can often recommend personalised content. Once a child engages with one conspiracy-themed video or post, algorithms push more of the same, thereby creating an echo chamber that can intensify their beliefs.

### MENTAL HEALTH IMPACT

Exposure to frightening conspiracy content, such as global plots, viruses, or government control, can fuel feelings of anxiety, paranoia, or hopelessness. For some young people, it can trigger prolonged distress or obsessive thinking.

### GATEWAY TO EXTREMISM

Conspiracy theories can often overlap with extremist ideologies. Narratives that blame specific groups, such as politicians, scientists, or particular ethnic groups, can groom children in ways that foster hate, bigotry, and radicalisation.

### CONFLICT WITH PEERS

Belief in conspiracy theories can lead to isolation or conflict at school. Children may struggle with peer relationships if they express these beliefs or become distrustful of others who disagree; sometimes, confrontation can even result in a strengthening of the belief in the conspiracy theory.

### ERODED CRITICAL THINKING

Young people influenced by conspiracies may reject evidence-based learning. This risks undermining their academic progress and weakening their ability to think critically, assess risks, or engage in healthy debate.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### CREATE SAFE CONVERSATIONS

Don't mock or dismiss any questions that children and young people ask about conspiracy theories. Instead, create open, judgement-free spaces to talk. This strengthens trust and makes it more likely they will confide in you.

### PROMOTE CRITICAL THINKING

Teach young people how to assess information critically. Encourage them to ask appropriate questions, such as: Who is telling me this? What evidence is there? What do other trusted sources say? Use real examples from current media to explain your answers and reasoning.

### MONITOR DIGITAL BEHAVIOUR

Be aware of the content children are accessing, especially on platforms such as TikTok, YouTube, or Reddit. Use parental controls, but more importantly, maintain ongoing dialogue about online experiences and influencers.

### REINFORCE RELIABLE SOURCES

Point children toward trustworthy and reliable sources of news and information in a variety of formats tailored to the young person's age. Build habits of verifying facts using reliable sources, and teach them how to spot misleading content.

## Meet Our Expert

Braden O'Keeffe is a headteacher and digital education consultant with over a decade of experience in education. As Director of Digital Strategy across multiple schools and an advisor to The National College, he specialises in digital safety, PREVENT, and pastoral care.



Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/conspiracy-theories>





### Introducing the New Junior Road Safety Officers



We are excited to announce the new JRSO team for this school year: Dulcie, Effi, Elsie, and Scarlett!

We look forward to assisting in keeping everyone safe whilst on the roads.

Please be careful in the village hall car park during drop-off and pick-up times, as these are the busiest periods.

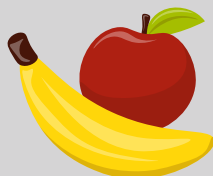
## Out of School Club

### Breakfast Club

7:45 - 8.45am

Cost - £4.50

Includes breakfast



### After School Club

3:30 - 5:30pm (Mon-Thurs)

Cost - £4.00 per hour

Includes a snack

## Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility

Designated Senior Leaders - Mrs A Thomas, Mrs M Wood & Miss L Ashford

Alternative Safeguarding Lead - Mr S Jeal, Mrs J Burns, Miss N Kemp, Mrs J Teager

Named Safeguarding Governors - Rev Mark Bee

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