

BRAMBLES PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER – 23RD OCTOBER 2026

LATEST UPDATES AND NEWS FROM OUR PRIMARY SCHOOL

CELEBRATING OUR BRAMBLES STARS

Handwriting Stars are...

Hazel: Naira

Maple: Hoodh

1 Ivy: Ali

1 Cherry: Vinny

2 Beech: Isabella

2 Willow: Benjamin

3 Holly: Meeka

3 Aspen: Yusuf

4 Pine: Yusuf. W

4 Ash: Aayat

5 Chestnut: Charis

5 Sycamore: Lookman

6 Elm: Luca

6 Oak: Aeron

Value Stars are...

Hazel: Miran

Maple: Abel

1 Ivy: Yusuf

1 Cherry: Haider

2 Beech: Musa

2 Willow: Alaya

3 Holly: Elias

3 Aspen: Safa

4 Pine: Safeeya

4 Ash: Ezra

5 Chestnut: Haddija

5 Sycamore: Oskar

6 Elm: Arya

6 Oak: Billy

This week's Attendance...

Hazel: 97.66%

Maple: 94.09%

1 Ivy: 96.71%

1 Cherry: 97.79%

2 Beech: 90.24%

2 Willow: 92.45%

3 Holly: 95.3%

3 Aspen: 91.02%

4 Ash: 97.22%

4 Pine: 96.61%

5 Chestnut: 94.48%

5 Sycamore: 92.96%

6 Elm: 92.71%

6: Oak: 96.84%

KEY DATES

MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER
INSET DAY

TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER
FIRST DAY BACK TO SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER
4 PINE SWIMMING

THURSDAY 5TH NOVEMBER
YEAR 3 FOREST SCHOOL

FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER
DIWALI CELEBRATION

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING THIS WEEK?













Year 1

Year 1 learned about classrooms from the past before creating their own classroom models. We loved spotting the differences and sharing ideas about how schools have changed.



Year 6

Year 6 had a valuable visit from the West Yorkshire Fire Service this week, learning all about bonfire and firework safety. Thank you for helping our pupils understand how to stay safe and make responsible choices during the bonfire season.



Whole school

A big thank you to the Friends of Brambles and the volunteers for helping organise the Spooky Disco. We loved seeing the children in their Halloween costumes. They had lots of fun and really enjoyed themselves.

PICTURE NEWS

This week's Picture News is...

Question: Should age decide what we're allowed to do?



Story: Eleven-year-old Bodhana Sivanandan from London has become the youngest person ever to earn the woman and grandmaster title in chess. She achieved this while playing for England at an international competition in Uzbekistan. Bodhana said she was happy with her achievement and wanted to keep making history.

This links to the British Value...



OTHER NEWS

We would like to remind all families of the importance of arriving at school on time each day.

Regular and punctual attendance is essential for children's learning, wellbeing and progress. Arriving late can cause children to miss important teaching, routines and instructions at the start of the day, making it more difficult for them to settle and engage in their learning.

As well as the educational impact, parents and carers have a legal responsibility to ensure their child attends school regularly and punctually. Persistent lateness is recorded as an absence in the school register when a child arrives after the register has closed. Attendance records are monitored by both the school and the Local Authority, and ongoing concerns regarding lateness may result in further action being taken.

To support your child, please ensure they:

- Arrive at school before the start of the school day.
- Are prepared and ready to learn.
- Attend school every day unless they are too unwell to do so.

We understand that occasional unforeseen circumstances can arise. However, if your family is experiencing difficulties that are affecting punctuality, please contact the school so that we can offer support where possible.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring all pupils have the best possible start to their day.

Safeguarding Toolbox

Week 7 – Getting Help

Brambles Primary Academy

Learning

This week we concluded our bullying unit by focusing on trusted adults and getting help.
Children reflected on everything they have learned and identified who they can speak to if they ever feel worried, unsafe or upset.
Pupils were reminded that they should continue to seek help until they receive the support they need.

Try This at Home

Ask your child:

- Who are your trusted adults?
- What would you do if you were worried about yourself?
- What would you do if a friend asked for help?

Key Messages

✅ Keep telling trusted adults until you get the help you need.

Reflection

Over the past seven weeks, children have developed their understanding of:

✓ What bullying is
✓ Different types of bullying
✓ Online safety and bullying
✓ Exclusion and inclusion
✓ Rumours and Gossip
✓ Being an active bystander
✓ How to seek help and support

Thank you for supporting these important conversations at home. By working together, we can help all children develop the confidence, resilience and understanding they need to stay safe and support others.



FOOTBALL FUNDAY

Free football sessions with Manchester City FC coaches
Reception and Year 1

Sunday 1st November 2026
9:30am to 10:30am Reception
10:45am to 11:45am Year 1
Shoot 5
Westfield Park
Knabbs Lane, Silkstone Common
Barnsley, S75 4RD



FREE

FOR FULL DETAILS AND TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST
EMAIL **paul.carline@mancity.com** OR CALL **07905064636**

When calling or emailing, please give your child's full name, date of birth, parent contact number and location of the Fun Day you are booking. Parents must stay for the duration of the session.
Children must wear suitable footwear and clothing as all sessions will be played on astro-turf.
Ensure your child has a non-fizzy drink.
Manchester City are fully compliant with the new GDPR regulations.
All coaches are DBS accredited Inc. Safeguarding Children & Emergency First Aid.

Under no circumstances should anyone attend without receiving a booking confirmation.
The session time will be confirmed at the point of booking

Bonfire & Fireworks Extravaganza



Friday 6th November 2026 from 5:30 pm

WYFRS HQ, Birkenshaw, BD11 2DY

Blue Badge parking available • Advance tickets via QR code
No personal fireworks or sparklers • Guide dogs only
Under-16s must be accompanied by an adult

For more information contact: firefighters.charity@westyorksfire.gov.uk

Tickets	Pre-booked	On the gate
Adults	£8	£10
Children (aged 4 to16)	£4	£5
Infant (3 or under)	FREE	FREE
1 Adult & 1 Child Ticket Offer	£10	£13

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In aid of Fire Fighters Charity

West Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service


"Our Stories Our People Our Legacy"
PEOPLE
CULTURE
COMMUNITY
RESILIENCE
OPPORTUNITY
HONOURING OUR HISTORY
CELEBRATING OUR PEOPLE
INSPIRING FUTURES
EMPIRE WINDRUSH
LONDON
WINDRUSH FETE
Celebrating Black History Month
HONOURING THE WINDRUSH GENERATION
CELEBRATING CARIBBEAN CULTURE • SHARING OUR STORIES
Different Journeys Stronger Together
FRIDAY
23 OCTOBER 2026
4PM – 8PM
Bradley Park Community Centre
Wilton Avenue, Bradley,
Huddersfield HD2 1RS
Contact: Donna - 07725 164604
GUEST SPEAKERS & WINDRUSH STORIES
STEEL PAN BAND LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT
CARIBBEAN FOOD & REFRESHMENTS
TRADITIONAL DOMINOES & GAMES
COMMUNITY INFORMATION & SUPPORT
WINDRUSH HISTORY, MEMORIES & DISPLAYS
Information, guidance and support available for people who may be eligible for the Windrush Compensation Scheme.
Good Food Good Music Good People Brighter Futures Together
Come Together Learn Share Celebrate
Funded by UK Government
Friends of Bradley Park Huddersfield
CULTURE • COMMUNITY • OPPORTUNITY

People Nature Community Kindness Hope

Ayda's NEPAL FUNDRAISING DISCO

A community event in support of people affected by the floods in Nepal, and a celebration of its amazing people, culture and nature.

FREE
No tickets needed
Just come along and donate what you can

Sunday 22nd November
1 – 3pm

St David's Church Hall
Woodhead Road,
Holmbridge, Holmfirth,
West Yorkshire, HD9 2NQ

Stalls, Activities and More!

Fun for all ages • Learn • Explore • Create • Support

#Dance4NEPAL Disco & Performances
Music, dancing and Ayda's Dance Crew

Discover Nepal
Maps, facts, places, wildlife and culture

Red Panda Rescue
Learn and create to help protect Nepal's wildlife (fluffy tails and ears included!)

Traditions of Nepal
Explore culture, prayer flags and prayer wheels

Languages of Nepal
Games, matching and take a word home

Ayda's Honey
Local honey from our bees in the Holme Valley

Ayda's Apple Juice
From her tree in her garden

Clothes Stall
Pre-loved, great quality clothes for all ages

Second Hand Book Stall
Great books for children and adults

Special Book
The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse by Charlie Mackesy

Meet Ayda ♡

Ayda is 8 and loves nature, animals and outdoor adventures. She is organising this event to help people affected by the floods in Nepal.

She is especially excited about running her #Dance4NEPAL Dance Crew, performing, creating information posters about Nepal and raising awareness about red pandas (fluffy tails and ears included!).

All donations will support people affected by the floods in Nepal through the British Red Cross. ♡

Scan to donate

justgiving.com/page/ayda-fundraiser-nepal

Thank you for being part of this ♡

Ayda's Nepal Fundraiser

Scan to donate



Having a clear out over half term?

The Eco Team at Brambles are organising a **Christmas Jumper swap shop** to help increase recycling and reduce costs for families.

Just bring in your outgrown/unwanted jumpers and leave them in the tub by the entrance after the holidays. We will have a stall before Christmas Jumper Day on a "pay as you feel" basis to raise money for a local food bank.




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free Kellogg's
breakfast
every school
holiday*
Morrisons
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TTROCKSTARS

TTROCKSTARS: WEEKLY BATTLES

WEEK 8 WINNERS

- YEAR 3: ASPEN
- YEAR 4: ASH
- YEAR 5: CHESTNUT
- YEAR 6: OAK

SCORES SO FAR

- 3 ASPEN: 1
- 4 PINE: 0
- 5 CHESTNUT: 1
- 6 ELM: 0

3 HOLLY: 0

4 ASH: 1

5 SYCAMORE: 0

6 OAK: 1