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JANUARY NEWSLETTER

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School Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

January has certainly been a long month where we have experienced the full weather spectrum! In school we have made the most of this, as we have observed, noticed, explored and discussed the seasonal and environmental changes.

Children have been learning about safety in our Leaders' assemblies. We have explored weather and seasonal safety as well as community, site, school and personal safety. Classes have elected Safety Squad Leaders who will appropriately support safeguarding in school reporting to the Senior Safeguarding Team.

We are also pleased to welcome St Francis Church to deliver monthly assemblies at school, which supports us to live out our school values of Love, Respect, Perseverance, Challenge, Teamwork and Independence.

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Searson
Headteacher

Attendance

Whole school attendance for January 95.02%

Diary Dates

School closes on Friday 13th February 2026 for half term.

School opens on Monday, 23rd February 2026, for spring term 2.

FEB 4th – Y2 Great Fire of London Drama
FEB 5th – FS2 Little City Play Experience
FEB 6th – NSPCC Number Day
FEB 9th – Safer Internet Week
FEB 11th – Half Term Disco
FEB 12th – Y1 Family Learning Workshop
FEB 13th – Chinese New Year Celebrations
Feb 13th – SEND Drop In Sessions
FEB 13th – Last Day of Half Term
FEB 23rd – First Day Back Spring Term 2
FEB 26th – EYFS Open Event
MAR 2nd – St Francis Assembly at School
MAR 2-6th – Book Fair
MAR 3rd – Y2 Visit to the Deep
MAR 3rd – FS1 Parent Consultations
MAR 4th – Whole School Parent Consultations
MAR 5th – Whole School Parent Consultations
MAR 5th – World Book Day
MAR 9th – British Science Week
MAR 12th – Y2 IES Sports Festival
MAR 19th – Open the Book Palm Sunday Assembly
MAR 20th – Comic Relief Red Nose Day
MAR 23rd – St Francis Easter Assembly
MAR 24th – Y2 Family Learning Workshop
MAR 24th – EYFS Open Event
MAR 27th – Farm on the Field
MAR 27th – Last Day of Half Term

Wraparound Spring Term 2

Breakfast club, after school club and tea-time club is available to book on Arbor for Spring 2.

FS1/NURSERY

Our Learning

We have started the year with our exciting new topic, Traditional Tales, using The Three Little Pigs as our first key text. The children have thoroughly enjoyed listening to the story, retelling it through small-world play, and expressing their creativity in the workshop and at the painting easel. The children have studied the characters carefully and have added lots of detail to their artwork.



"The first little piggy built his house of straw" Alice

'Let me in!' Ellis Mi

"I'll huff and I'll puff and I'll blow your house in." Presley and Felicity



FS2/RECEPTION

Our Learning

What a wonderful and exciting first month back at school we have had; such a lovely and positive start to the new year. This month we have introduced our new learning topic '999, There's been an Emergency!' The children have thrived in the numerous role play opportunities. We have enjoyed a number of visitors from people who support us in our community including a Paramedic, Doctor, Nurse, Police Officer and Lollipop Lady. Children have listened and have thought hard about appropriate questions to ask to find out even more about their job. One of the highlights was getting to see inside of an ambulance! The children explored the vehicle and looked closely at the different pieces of equipment carried inside. Our visitor-Paramedic Nathan explained what each item is used for and how it helps keep people safe and cared for. The children asked lots of thoughtful questions and showed great curiosity and enthusiasm. The children were especially excited to see a Police Officer and Police Car up close. They learned about some of the tools police officers use in their daily work and how these help them to communicate "Walkie talkies are like radios they ask for help" (Callum U3) "Police Officers keep us safe, we can go to them when we are lost" (Elodie U3). The children listened carefully and confidently shared their ideas, showing a growing understanding of the police officer's role. These experiences helped the children develop their understanding of the important role emergency workers play in our community, while also supporting their learning through real-life experiences. It sparked lots of discussion, new vocabulary, and imaginative play back in the classroom. As part of our learning about Fire Fighters the children explored the role they play, learned about fire engines, protective clothing, and the different jobs firefighters do. To build on this learning, the children created their own fact files, using pictures, labels, and simple sentences to share what they had discovered. These fact files will be sent to our local library, giving the children a real purpose for their writing and a sense of pride in sharing their learning with the wider community. We have been so impressed with the children's engagement and interest, what a fantastic way to bring our topic to life!



YEAR 1

Our Learning

Year 1 have been very eager to get back to their learning this Spring term and have dived straight into the curriculum for this term!

We are so proud of how the children's independence is growing each week, they are now getting changed in record time and are taking ownership of their belongings.

Across the three classes, it is evident that our current Computing topic has been one the children have been looking forward to. Using the BeeBots, the children have been exploring the world of commands and programming, there has been some excellent team-work on show during these sessions. Well done everybody!

In RE, the children have showed great enthusiasm towards learning about Shabbat and Passover. The children planned their own Seder meal and were thoroughly interested in learning how Jewish people celebrate Passover with their families. We all really enjoyed discussing and sharing our current knowledge on celebrations across different cultures and religions!

Class 5, 6 and 10 have really enjoyed delving into our new Science topic 'Amazing Animals' we have been so pleasantly surprised with how many interesting facts the children already know around this subject. I think we have some passionate future zookeepers on our hands.

In History, the children have started to work towards answering our enquiry question 'How has transport changed over time?'. There has been some really interesting discussions taking place and are beginning to use the new vocabulary that they are being exposed to in History sessions!



Children followed instructions to make the Bee Bot move. They rehearsed instructional and directional language.

Children became skilled at programming the Bee Bot. They controlled the robot to arrive at their desired destination.



YEAR 2

Our Learning

Year 2 have had a busy start to the new year and have hit the ground running across the curriculum. It has been wonderful to get outside to explore living and non-living things in Science. Please continue to ask your child how they know whether an object is 'living', 'dead' or 'never lived'. We're sure they will surprise you with their scientific knowledge of living and non-living things! The children have also been fully immersed in our History topic of The Great Fire of London. It will be brilliant to bring this significant event to life in our upcoming drama event. In Geography Year 2 have been excitedly diving into their brand-new atlases, recently purchased by Mrs Searson, to develop their growing geography skills. The children have been learning to identify the seven continents and five oceans, using the maps to spot patterns, compare places, and ask brilliant geographical questions. Be sure to test their knowledge! Children in Year 2 have happily welcomed back the sight of the BeeBots in Computing this Spring term. The children have been very enthusiastic towards giving sequences and commands to one another and have carried over their previous knowledge from last year to support them with creating different algorithms to program a sequence on the BeeBots! It has been very impressive to watch this process and the confidence on display when operating the floor robots.



Wraparound Care

Tel: 01709 543061 Email: enquiries@bsi.school



Breakfast Club - £4.50 per child

7.30am - 8.30am every day

Join us for a delicious, nutritious breakfast featuring a selection of high-fiber cereals and porridge, wholemeal toast, homemade pastries, fresh fruits, honey and natural yoghurts. After breakfast, children can play, get active and get ready for a great start to the school day.



After School Clubs - £4.00 per child

3.00pm - 4.00pm - Monday - Thursday

Monday

Sewing Club



Trampoline Club



Tuesday

Outdoor Club



Science club



Wednesday

L & L Tennis Club



Clay Club



Thursday

Lego Club



Cooking Club



Friday

Before school 7.30 - 8.30 am

L and L gymnastics



Tea Time Club

3.00pm - 5.00pm - every day £8.00

3.00pm - 6.00pm - every day £12.00



This after school club is designed to foster social skills and connections in a relaxed environment, spending time with friends.



Monday to Friday we are here everyday to help our families with childcare, all year round in term time. Children have the opportunity to choose between a lively club or enjoying a calm, relaxed environment each night. Activities include games, nintendo switch, ipads, dance, sensory play, chat and chill, reading, multi table sports, arts and crafts and outdoor time. A healthy tea and drink is provided.

Friday - See weekly party poster

Please see our website for policies and note that refunds/exchanges are not available
<https://www.bramleysunnysideinfant.co.uk/wrap-around-care/>



WRAPAROUND CARE CLUBS ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL FS2, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2. TERM TIME ONLY. BOOK ON ARBOR



TRAMPOLINE CLUB

Join our exciting Trampoline Club!
Having fun with your friends whilst getting healthy!

Monday 3pm - 4pm

FS2, Year 1 and Year 2
Book on arbor today!



Sewing workshop

Come and join our sewing workshop!
Learning different stitches and sewing your own pictures!

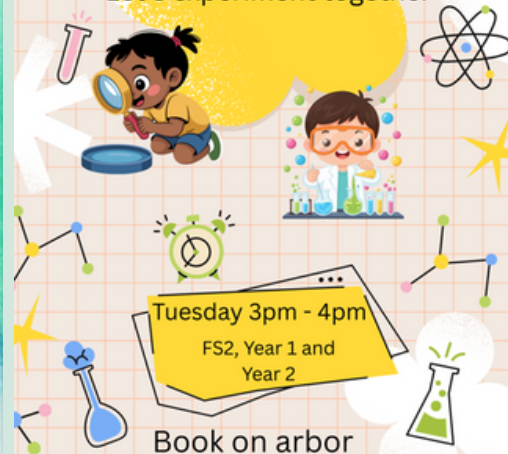
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Science Club

Let's experiment together



Tuesday 3pm - 4pm
FS2, Year 1 and Year 2

Book on arbor

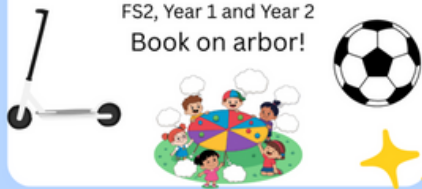


Outdoor Play Club

Come and have fun playing outdoors with friends!

Tuesday 3pm - 4pm

FS2, Year 1 and Year 2
Book on arbor!



Clay Club

Come and get a little bit messy at Clay Club!
Make your own bowls and animals then paint them!

Wednesday 3pm - 4pm

FS2, Year 1 and Year 2

Book on arbor!



Tennis Club

Come and improve your racket skills at our Tennis club!

Wednesday 3 pm - 4 pm

FS2, Year 1 and Year 2
Book on Arbor



Cooking Club

Thursday 3pm - 4pm

FS2, Year 1 and Year 2
Book on arbor



LEGO Club

Come and have fun at our Lego Club!
Discover, Play and build!

Thursday 3pm - 4pm

FS2, Year 1 and Year 2
Book on arbor



GYMNASTICS CLUB

Come and learn some amazing gymnastic moves!

Friday morning 7.30 - 8.30 am

FS2, Year 1 and Year 2
Book on Arbor



FS1/Nursery Update

We have some afternoon Nursery places available which are now being made available to our current morning Nursery attendees, with or without a 30 hour code. You can either extend your booking until 2:30pm or 3:15pm Monday to Friday. Alternatively, you can now book ad-hoc sessions on a first come first served basis. You can book now on Arbor. Please speak to the school office team for further information.

We also will be making these available to any new to school families that hope to be joining us in FS2/Reception in September 2026 as part of their transition package.

Enrollment has also begun for FS1/Nursery September 2026. We have begun by opening up 30 hour places. Please contact the school office if this is something you are interested in.



Bramley Sunnyside Infant School

We are pleased to share the dates of our open events for children and families (FS1 & FS2) wishing to join our wonderful school starting in September 2026. We also have limited places available to start in our FS1 afternoon sessions this academic year.

Wednesday 23rd September 2025
Wednesday 12th November 2025
Monday 1st December 2025
Wednesday 14th January 2026
Thursday 26th February 2026
Tuesday 24th March 2026

Sessions will be held in our Foundation Unit between 3.30pm - 4.00pm, please use the entrance on Linden Avenue. Please contact the school office to book your place or for further information.

We look forward to meeting you and sharing in your child's learning journey.

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