

Bramble Bulletin

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The Bramble Academy



Headteacher's Updates

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you! The last term has been a relatively short one but we have managed to make some great progress towards making Bramble Academy great! The children are flourishing, it has been wonderful seeing their learning take place and them getting ready for next year.

Our parent group has been a great support to us, we are very lucky to have such a dedicated group of parents and carers contributing to the life of the school. If you would like to be part of the group, please get in touch with the school office, the next meeting will be held on 6th June at 8.45am.

Please take a moment to complete all our surveys using the QR codes, we will use these to support us in moving the school forward.

I hope you have a great half term, please enjoy the sunshine safely and make wonderful memories with your loved ones.

We'll see you back on Monday 5th June, for the last term of this academic year. It will be the best yet with our Summer Fayre, Sports' Days and our Year 6 residential!

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Sports' Day

This year our sports' day will be split over several days, this is to allow parents with children in different classes to be able to attend all of their children's sports days.

At this time we have allocated either an afternoon or a morning slot, more information will be shared with you closer to the time regarding all event details.

The dates for your diary are:

- F1 & F2 - Monday 19th June, afternoon
- Years 4-6—Tuesday 21st June, morning
- Years 1-3—Wednesday 22nd June, morning

Mansfield Town Football Club Trip

During the recent half term, a group of our pupils had the opportunity to visit the One Call Stadium, the home of Mansfield Town Football Club.

We are proud to share that our students represented our school exceptionally well during the trip.

They had a stadium tour, learned about healthy lifestyles and enjoyed playing on the 3G pitch.



Parent Communication

Following conversations from our coffee mornings, we will be transitioning from Weduc to a new parent communication system called Class Dojo next half term

We believe that Class Dojo will enhance communication between parents and their child's class teacher, making it easier for you to stay informed about your child's progress.

During the holidays, we kindly request that you create a Class Dojo account by downloading the app from App store or by using the web browser.

Weduc will still be available for a few days after the half term to ensure a smooth transition and avoid any missed parent communication.



Attendance and Punctuality

Currently, our school attendance stands at **92.6%**, and we are continually striving to improve it to ensure our students' optimal learning and development.

Unfortunately, persistent lateness remains a challenge. It is important to note that when a child arrives late to school, it not only disrupts their morning but also diverts valuable personnel resources away from other school activities.

Additionally, if your child arrives after the registers close, they will receive a 'U' mark, which affects their attendance percentage.

Falling below **90%** triggers attendance monitoring.

If you are experiencing difficulties getting your child(ren) to school or ensuring they arrive on time, please reach out to Mr. English, who is here to support you in overcoming any obstacles.

Please ensure that if your child is ill you contact either the office or Mr. English on 01623 635928 or email us office@brambleacademy.org

Your co-operation in prioritising punctuality and attendance is greatly appreciated.

The Bramble Academy Summer Fayre

This year we are re-introducing The Bramble Academy Summer Fayre, this will be held on the 15th of June from 2:45pm to 4:15pm.

This will be a fun and joyful event which aims to raise funds for our Year 6 leavers event and their residential trip. Parents and families are invited to enjoy the festivities on site, which include a variety of stalls and activities. Some of the activities you can look forward to include;

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| Face painting | Tombola | Ice cream Stall |
| Hook-a-duck | Children's art work stall | Hotdog dog kiosk |
| Raffle | Sports activities | |

We have also invited local businesses to participate, ensuring a lively and engaging event.

There will be a variety of activities to engage with as to keep children of all ages entertained, including an inflatable bouncy castle, music, access to our play area as well as a seating area for you to enjoy a sit down with some refreshments.

We encourage you to come and support our school and local businesses who have generously joined us for this event.

Additionally if you are able to donate any prizes for the event our you work for a company who would like to get involved please contact the office on 01623 635928 or by email office@brambleacademy.org

Parent Survey

If you haven't already done so, we would greatly appreciate it if you could take the time to complete the Parent Survey, which has also been emailed to you.

Your feedback on uniform and wrap-around care is invaluable to us as we plan for the future.

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PE Kit

A polite reminder to our pupils and their grown ups that correct PE kits are to be worn on PE days. We understand that sometimes there are emergencies and wearing the correct kit may not be possible, please let your child's teacher know if this is the case.

PE Kit expectations;

- Black shorts or black tracksuit bottoms
- White T-shirt
- Plain black or school jumper/ cardigan
- Suitable footwear (trainers)

PE Days

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| Reception | Tuesday |
| Year 1 | Mon & Fri |
| Year 2 | Mon & Tues |
| Year 3 | Thurs & Fri |
| Year 4 | Tues & Wed |
| Year 5 | Mon & Wed |
| Year 6 | Wed & Thurs |

Ofsted

If you have not received the survey email, please scan the provided QR code to access it.

We recently had an Ofsted monitoring visit at our school, and we are eagerly awaiting the publication of the report. We understand that many of you have inquired about the lack of parent voice during this visit.

Due to the nature of the visit, Ofsted did not conduct a parent voice session.

However, your opinions are essential to us and Ofsted. You can still share your views about our school year-round on the Ofsted website.

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Key dates for next half term

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| 05/06/23 | First day back in school |
| 15/06/23 | Coffee Morning with Wayne Norrie The CEO of GAT, 8.45am |
| 15/06/23 | The Bramble Academy Summer Fayre |
| 19/06/23 | F1 & F2 Sports' Day Afternoon |
| 20/06/23 | Years 4-6 Sports' Day Morning |
| 20/06/23 | Years 4-6 Library Visit |
| 21/06/23 | Years 1-3 Sports' Day Morning |
| 22/06/23 | EYFS & Year 1 Library Visit |
| 23/06/23 | Years 2 & 3 Library visit |
| 13/07/23 | Year 6 Performance (daytime and evening more details to follow) |
| 17/07/23 | Year 6 Residential Trip |
| 21/07/23 | Last day of term—Enjoy the Summer Holidays! |

Staying Safe—Online Safety Home devices

Keeping your child safe online

As the use of technology becomes increasingly prevalent in children's lives, it is crucial that we ensure they know how to navigate the online world safely.

Have you had a conversation with your child about their online presence and what to do if they encounter something that makes them uncomfortable?

Are you aware of the internet content accessible to your child on your home devices?

Setting up parental controls can help restrict access to age-appropriate content or require parental approval for app downloads.

These are just a few measures we can take to keep our children safe online. For more information, please visit the websites below or consult your device manufacturer's guidelines on setting up parental controls.

Links for Parents and Carers

Using the internet can make learning fun, fast and easy. The following sites offer help to keeping you and your child safe online:



[Think U Know – Parents and Carers](#) – produced by the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP). Their site offers really good advice on keeping your child safe online.



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[Are you a switched on Parent?](#) – Scan the QR code to find out!

