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Dates to remember

Wednesday 14th October

Rock Steady music—assembly and workshops for classes

8.45-9.30 and 12.15-1.00

Nursery (Willow class) stay and play events—parents/carers of children in Nursery encouraged to attend one of the times

Monday 19th October

Staff taking part in 'Wear Pink' day

2.40-3.10 Y4 (Hazel and Cherry classes) stay and read event—parents/carers of Y4 children encouraged to attend

Wednesday 21st October

Parents' evening—appointments from 3.30-7.00—enter school via the side back door

Friday 23rd October

Break up for half term

Monday 2nd November

TRAINING DAY—no children in school

Tuesday 3rd November

Children return to school

Dear parents/carers,

The start of the year focuses on children settling into their new classes and getting to know staff, routines and expectations. It can take different lengths of time for children to feel settled and we continue to support our pupils in the first half term.

We have updated our behaviour policy to bring in a new consequence pathway for the majority of our pupils (some have a more personalised approach). Teaching pupils that actions have consequences is an important lesson for life. Making good choices has positive consequences and making poor choices can have the opposite effect. Our school rules are:

Be respectful

Be responsible

Be ready to learn

The consequence pathway is based around these rules and gives clarity around steps that are to be taken when the choices made do not fit into these expectations. There is more information later in the newsletter about how we communicate a child being placed on the pathway with parents/carers.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Harvest services last week. Thank you very much for your food donations. There was 210kg of food donated in total which is greatly appreciated. We have passed on the food to the Leeds foodbank (based at St Peter's Church) who have gratefully received it.



Jo Herbert has been a member of our Governing Board for a number of years and is currently one of our Co-Chairs of Governors. Sadly she has recently been diagnosed with breast cancer. On Monday 19th

October our staff team will be standing in solidarity with her and wearing pink. This is a National campaign ([follow link](#)) and supports raising awareness around breast cancer. We will be wearing pink and donating money or items for a raffle. If you would also like to donate, please bring cash or items to the school office prior to on this date.

Mrs Esplin



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Attendance Matters

At Bramley St Peter's, we know that good attendance is key to children's learning, wellbeing and future success. Attending school every day helps children achieve their best academically, build confidence, develop friendships and establish positive habits for life.

We ask all families to support their child in achieving at least 94% attendance and arriving on time each day, as even small amounts of absence or lateness can have a significant impact on learning over time. For example, 95% attendance means around two weeks of learning missed in a school year, while arriving just 10 minutes late each day adds up to almost seven days of learning lost across the year.

The attendance team are here to help families to ensure the best possible attendance for their children. If you feel that there are barriers to your child's attendance and punctuality, please contact Miss Ward on attendance@bsp.leeds.sch.uk to discuss the support available.

Our Attendance Characters:

Miss Admiral Attendance and Mr Early Egg were designed by our school council (in 2025-26) to support and encourage all of our children to attend every day they are fit and well and always aim to be on time!

They now form part of our new attendance rewards 'coin' system too! (More about this in the next newsletter!)



Here's some useful advice, based on NHS guidance, to support you when deciding whether or not your child is too ill for school.

If in doubt, please contact the attendance team.

IS MY CHILD TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL?	
YES: CAN COME TO SCHOOL ✓	
CONDITION	ADVICE
Coughs & colds	OK if they're otherwise well and have no high temperature.
Conjunctivitis	OK unless they're feeling very unwell.
Cold sores	No need to stay off. Just avoid touching or kissing others.
Head lice & nits	No need to stay off. Treat at home.
Anxiety & worries	Talk to the school, GP or family about their worries. Avoiding school can make it worse.
COVID-19	If mild symptoms and feeling well enough, they can attend.
Mild ear infection	OK if no fever and mild pain.
NO: SHOULD STAY AT HOME ✗	
CONDITION	ADVICE
Vomiting and diarrhoea	Stay at home until they've not been sick or had diarrhoea for 48 hours.
High temperature (fever)	Keep them off until it goes away.
Chickenpox	Stay off until all spots have crusted over (usually 5 days).
Measles	Keep off for at least 4 days from the rash. Avoid close contact with vulnerable people.
Scarlet fever	Back after 24 hours on antibiotics.
Sore throat + high temperature (tonsillitis)	Stay off until the temperature goes away.

★ ★ ★ (And not all conditions can be included; always check with your GP if unsure) ★ ★ ★

Class Attendance

(end of week 6 figures):

Class	Attendance
Ash (Rec)	96%
Elm (Y1)	94.3%
Beech (Y1/2)	95.1%
Pine (Y2)	95.4%
Birch (Y3)	96.1%
Lime (Y3)	94%
Hazel (Y4)	94.3%
Cherry (Y4)	95.1%
Sycamore (Y5)	93.8%
Oak (Y6)	97.6%
Maple (Y6)	93.6%



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Behaviour

At our school, we are committed to creating a safe, respectful and positive learning environment where every child can thrive. To help achieve this, we have a clear behaviour policy that supports children in making positive choices and understanding the impact of their actions. This year, we have made some changes to our policy to ensure that it is being implemented fairly and consistently across the school. The updated policy can be found on our website, [Behaviour Policy](#) and a paper copy can be requested from the office.

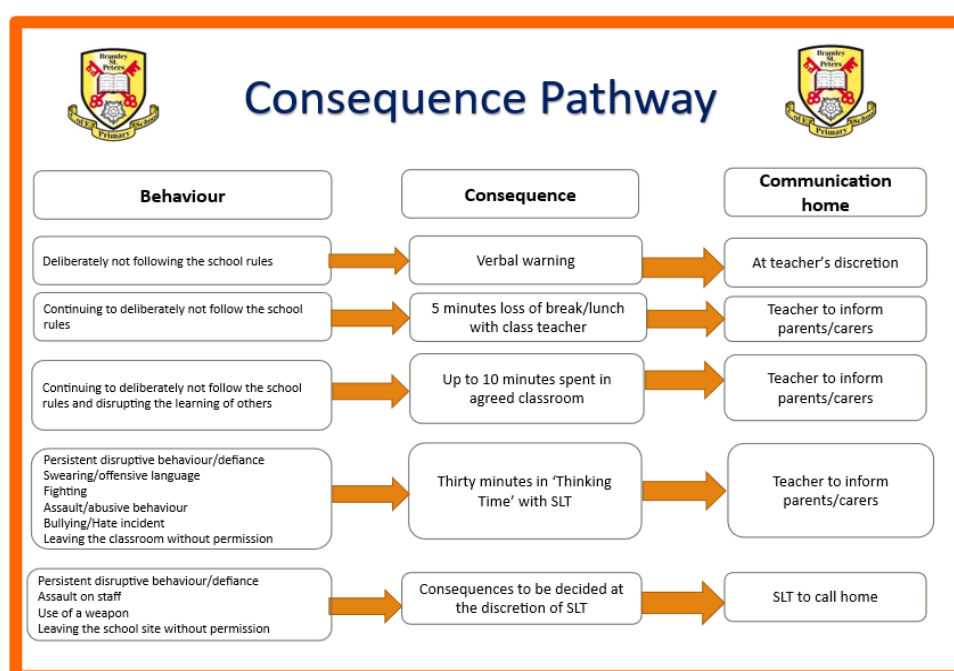
Notification of behaviour incidents

We are alerting parents/carers via e-mail if your child has had a 5, 10 or 30 minute consequence as per the Consequence Pathway. These are standard e-mails and will not give the detail of the incident.

- If there has been a 5 or 10 minute consequence, the teacher will decide if further information needs to be shared with parents/carers. They will then contact you by phone or e-mail or by speaking to you face to face at the end of the day. These consequences are for a build up of behaviours e.g. disruption in class and children will have been offered support and had a number of opportunities to turn a situation around, being encouraged to do so.
- If there has been a 30 minute consequence, an adult from school will contact you at the earliest possible time they can within the same school day. They will share the reasons for the consequence and this will be done face to face, over the phone or via e-mail. These consequences can be for a continued build up of behaviours or for more serious incidents e.g. fighting.

If you receive an e-mail notification please do not contact the school office, as they will not have the details of the incident. Please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. This can be via our new e-mail addresses (see below).

Please also understand that staff are in class during the school day and will only have the opportunity to ring parents/carers at lunchtimes or at the end of the day.



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Communication

We are starting to fully move away from Seesaw and after the October half term we will no longer send messages out via Seesaw. Arbor will be our main form of communication, along with the website.

Shorter messages such as club cancellations and reminders for events will be sent in the in Arbor app message format. You will need to make sure you have downloaded the Parent Portal App and are logged into this app and so that you don't miss any messages from school. There is a dedicated page on the website with help guides but please contact the school office if you are still struggling to access Arbor.

Clubs and trips

Clubs and events will be sent out as e-mails for you to consent and sign up to from Arbor. You will be able to make payments in this section of Arbor for clubs and class trips.

Direct communications with teachers and class staff

As we will no longer be using Seesaw for direct communication with class teachers, we have set up year group e-mails which will be picked up directly by classroom staff. In your communication please put the message 'For the Attention of (and add the teacher's name)' e.g. 'FAO Miss Garner' and the message will be picked up by the appropriate member of staff.

Please also be aware that the priority of teachers during the school day is on teaching the children and they are in class the majority of the day. Responses to e-mails may not be the same day but communication will be as soon as practically possible.

Class/ Year Group	Teachers	Email
Nursery (Willow)	Mrs Mullarkey	Nursery@bsp.leeds.sch.uk
Reception (Ash)	Mrs Wilson	Reception@bsp.leeds.sch.uk
Year 1 (Elm and Beech)	Mrs Newlands, Mrs Connolly and Mrs Gee	Year1@bsp.leeds.sch.uk
Year 2 (Beech and Pine)	Mrs Gee and Mrs Davidson	Year2@bsp.leeds.sch.uk
Year 3 (Birch and Lime)	Miss Bainbridge and Miss Garner	Year3@bsp.leeds.sch.uk
Year 4 (Hazel and Cherry)	Mr Mulvihill and Mrs Hurst	Year4@bsp.leeds.sch.uk
Year 5 (Sycamore)	Miss Carter and Miss Hastings	Year5@bsp.leeds.sch.uk
Year 6 (Oak and Maple)	Miss Gatehouse and Mrs MacHugh	Year6@bsp.leeds.sch.uk



Parental Engagement events

Early Years and Key stage 1 events

	Autumn term	Spring term	Summer term
Nursery (Willow class)	Wednesday 14th October 8.45-9.30 and 12.15-1.00 Stay and Play Wednesday 2nd December 8.45-9.30 and 12.15-1.00 Stay and Play	TBC	TBC
Reception (Ash class)	Thursday 5th November 9.00-10.00 Stay and play (Bonfire theme)	Tuesday 19th January 9.00-10.00 Stay and investigate Thursday 25th March 9.00-10.00 Stay and Easter Craft	Thursday 6th May 9.00-10.00 Stay and scrap Friday 11th June 2.00-3.00 Grandparent Afternoon Tea
Y1 and Y2 (Elm, Beech and Pine classes)	Friday 4th December 9.00-9.45 Stay and Christmas Craft	Tuesday 9th March 2.30-3.10 Stay and Skip/Build	Thursday 10th June 9.00-9.30 Stay and Read

Key Stage 2 Events

Y3 (Lime and Birch)	Tuesday 15th December 9.00-9.30 Stay and Christmas Craft	Thursday 4th March 2.30-3.10 Stay and Read	Wednesday 23rd June 2.15-3.00 Stay and Scrap
Y4 (Hazel and Cherry)	Monday 19th October 2.40-3.10 Stay and Read	Wednesday 13th January 2.40-3.10 Stay and Investigate	Friday 21st May 9.00-10.00 Stay and Multiply
Y5 (Sycamore)	Wednesday 11th November 9.00-9.30 Stay and Read	Tuesday 23rd March 9.00-9.30 Stay and Problem Solve	Thursday 1st July 2.30-3.10 Stay and Create
Y6 (Oak and Maple)	Wednesday 16th December 2.30-3.10 Stay and Christmas Craft	Monday 22nd March 2.30-3.10 Stay and Read	Tuesday 15th June 9.00-9.30 Stay and Quiz



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At the start of the school year we ask parents/ carers to support school by adhering to the following rules:

DO

- Use and read your Arbor account. As well as information from your child's class, the school posts all reminders and urgent messages on there.
- Read the website. A lot of important information including the school calendar are shared here. Dates for training days and school events can be found here and are updated throughout the year.
- Make sure you ring school or email attendance@bsp.leeds.sch.uk to inform us of your child's absence, before 9.30 this will stop us from calling you or carrying out a home visit.
- Complete an absence form requesting permission to take your child out of school for aspects such as family events or holidays.
- Remember to book or pay for activities via Arbor including Nursery fees, Breakfast and After School Club fees and school meals, trips and other activities.
- Remember we are cashless apart from charity days and School Fairs—payments should be made via Arbor.
- Send healthy packed lunches for your children and remember we are a **NUT FREE** school.
- Ensure your child has a water bottle provided—containing water not juice or flavoured water.

DON'T

- Bring dogs or any other animals onto the school premises.
- Smoke, including vapes, on the school premises.
- Park in the school entrance, on the pavement outside the school gates, or on any yellow lines. Also do not block driveways of local residents or use the car park for the Baptist Church.
- Arrive at the school gates before 3pm as they will be locked for security reasons.
- Forget to bring a coat for your child, the weather is turning colder and wetter.
- Allow your child to walk on any walls in the school grounds—it is dangerous.
- Ride bikes (including balance bikes) anywhere on the school premises—dismount and walk to the bike shed area.
- Ride scooters whilst in the school grounds
- Allow your child to go on the trim trail unsupervised before or after school.
- Leave your child at the gate to walk in by themselves when they are late. They should be escorted into the entrance hall.
- Approach other parents/ carers in the school grounds with concerns, if you have any issues with staff or children please speak to the class teacher or a member of SLT.



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