



*We will aspire to great things, shine our light and reach our God given potential.
'let your light shine.' (Matthew 5:16)*

Friday 17th October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

Collective Worship



Our 'One Life' collective worship continues to support the children in developing self-awareness and understanding their emotions and behaviours.

This week, we have focused on friendships, exploring how important they are in our lives and recognising that it's completely normal to experience ups and downs in our relationships with others. The children have reflected on how to be a good friend, how to show empathy, and how to work through disagreements in a positive way.

In other collective worship, we explored the theme of resilience, using the story of Joseph and his coat of many colours to reflect on how God has a plan for each of us, and the importance of keeping faith and not giving up, even when times are tough.

We also had a wonderful Harvest Collective Worship with Key Stage 2. The children reflected on the amazing world around us — including the humble potato! (Please ask your children — they have lots to share!) We discussed the importance of gratitude, generosity, and sharing what we have to help others in need.

The children sang beautifully, and each year group contributed something special:

- Year 3 shared "*H is for Harvest*"
- Year 4 shared the Parable of the Sower
- Year 5 spoke about the Global Harvest and what it means around the world
- Year 6 shared Bible readings and heartfelt prayers

A huge thank you to everyone who donated food for our Harvest collection — your generosity will make a real difference to those in need in our community.

Sickness

It's that time of year when seasonal bugs are doing the rounds! Just a quick reminder that we no longer follow the 48-hour rule for sickness caused by tummy bugs.

Instead, children should remain off school for **24 hours after their last bout of sickness**, to help prevent the spread of illness to others.

Harvest

A big thank you to everyone for your generous Harvest donations. This year, we are proud to be supporting our church in collecting food for the Cortonwood Comeback Centre Food Bank.

We will be delivering the donations at the end of next week, so if you would still like to contribute, there's still time. All donations are very much appreciated and will go towards helping those in need in our community.

Children in Need 2025

A few parents have been asking if we have plans to celebrate Children in Need – and we're pleased to say yes, we do!

On Friday 15th November, we'll be taking part in the fundraising efforts with a non-uniform day. We kindly ask for a £1 donation per child, which will go directly to support Children in Need and the amazing work they do.

We're sure the children will enjoy a fun day out of uniform while helping to support a great cause!

Sponsored Walk Update

A huge thank you to everyone for your amazing fundraising efforts and generous support. We are absolutely thrilled to announce that our sponsored walk total now stands at £4,120!

Your kindness and enthusiasm will make a real difference, and we couldn't be prouder of our school community. Thank you again for helping to make this event such a fantastic success!

Y6 Leavers

Thank you to all the Year 6 parents and carers who responded to the online survey about the Year 6 leavers' celebrations.

We are currently reviewing your responses and will be writing to you separately next week to confirm the outcomes of the survey and to share the school's plans for the summer term celebration events.

Messages from the School office

- Our lunch menu will change slightly after half term, please see attached menu.
- Don't forget that our latest **Scholastic Book Club is now online** at <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/brampton-ellis-ce-a-jnr/digital-book-club>. There are hundreds of fantastic children's books to choose from, and **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club will **earn 20p for our school** in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your **order online by November 7th, 2025**.
- Please book your parents evening via the Arbor app, if you have any problems please contact the office.

- Poppy Appeal – As we approach Remembrance day, our school is proud to support the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. Between both sites, we will be accepting donations for the following items:

Snap bands (purple, light blue/ dark blue), Wrist bands (white, blue, purple, pink) keyrings, standard poppies, and stickers.

- Please come to the KS1 office to see Miss Turner if you would like an item/ donate.
- Our Y6 children will be selling the items after half term at our KS2 site.

Important dates

Week beginning 20 th October	Week beginning 27 th October	Week Beginning 3rd November
20th House of Birch Event 22nd- 24th Y6 Residential 24th LAST DAY 27th – 31st Half Term	Half Term	3rd – Children return to school 4th & 5th - Parents Evenings 4th – Y3 Roman Visitor



Attendance

Class	Weekly Attendance Figure		
F2 - Kingfisher	92.59%		
F2/Y1 – Skylark	94.69%		
Y1/Y2 - Nightingale	99.56%		
Y2 – Puffin	89.29%		
Y3	Swallow	Swift	Y3/Y4 Woodpeckers
	96.93%	98.47%	
Y4	Avocet	Oystercatchers	
	95.19%	90%	
Y5	Merlin	Kestrel	Peregrine
	97.78%	97.53%	96.93%
Y6	Sparrowhawk	Eagles	Kite
	97.62%	95.02%	94.64%

Special Mentions



Year	Learning Award	Value Award	Reading Award
F2	Kingfishers: Finley – Working well in a team together to make a fantastic harvest picture.	Kingfishers: Rudy – Following the 3Rs. A pleasure to have in class.	Kingfishers: Precious – Fantastic phonics and blending.
Y1	Skylarks: Romeo- for trying hard to be ready for learning on the carpet. Also applying previous learning.	Skylarks: Karlie- for demonstrating the 3 values in class.	Skylarks: Zac - for working hard to read CVC words.
Y1/2	Nightingale: Evalyn for amazing vocabulary in English.	Nightingale: Harlow for being respectful and using kind hands	Nightingale: Lily-Jean an absolutely fantastic score on her phonics assessment
Y2	Puffins: Miles for always giving 100% effort in all of his work, Miles is always so proud of his achievements and a resilient learner.	Puffins: Paisley for valuing her role as house ambassador, she is an excellent role model, always following the 3 R's and just a lovely, polite young lady.	Puffins: Philip for his love of reading, Philip loves reading at any opportunity he gets and really takes care of the books in class.
Y3	Swift: Louie for his amazing focus and learning attitude in all lessons this week	Swift: Harley for her resilience and amazing attitude in maths	Swift: Gracie for fluent and expressive reading
	Swallow: Emily - star learner for your fantastic story in English	Swallow: Evie - value award for always being responsible and acting as an excellent role model.	Swallow: Daman - reading champion for excellent reading aloud and resilience in reading practice
Y3 & Y4	Woodpeckers: George H for super spelling.	Woodpeckers: Saoirse F for always demonstrating the 3Rs and giving 100% effort in all areas of learning.	Woodpeckers: Cayman B for lovely reading during Reading Practice.

Y4	Avocets: Bradley F-W- star learner for his amazing recall of our Spanish Armada learning in History.	Avocets: Lucas S - star value of respect - for his unfailing good manners and kindness always.	Avocets: Ella Rose S - star reader for her love of books and sharing her joy with the teacher.
	Oystercatchers: Oscar - for excellent learning, especially in history and computing.	Oystercatchers: Elsie - for showing good resilience in art.	Oystercatchers: Harley - for reading really fluently and expressively..
Y5	Kestrel: Callen M - for his enthusiasm and excellent work in all of his learning.	Kestrel: Joshua W - for his amazing attitude towards his work and taking great responsibility towards his learning and behaviour.	Kestrel: Jacob S - for working hard in his phonics sessions and reading practice lessons.
	Merlin: Jack B, for his effort and resilience in PE (both badminton and hockey) and working really hard on aiming accurately.	Merlin: Theo, for always following our 3Rs, always being ready to learn and always setting a great example to all!	Merlin: Franklin, for starting to pick apart texts more confidently and independently.
	Peregrines: Natsai Z for always having excellently presented work in every subject	Peregrines: Darcie S for resilience, not giving up with her maths work	Peregrines: Robin L for improving the evidence used in his answers
Y6	Kites: Eryn - learning award - some excellent volleyball skills over the half term	Kites: Minnie - values award - showing a mature attitude to Y6 and brilliant responsibility over her own learning.	Kites: Georgina - reading champion - for applying her wider reading into her diary entry
	Eagles: Emelia- For giving 100% and pushing herself to try more challenging tasks.	Eagles: Billy P -For taking more responsibility for his learning.	Eagles: Daisy G- For working hard and applying her reading skills.

	Sparrowhawks: Jacob for 100% effort and resilience during our practise assessment week and producing some lovely learning in our wider curriculum subjects too!	Sparrowhawks: Melisa for amazing resilience during assessment week. She tried and tried and tried and didn't give up once! We are so proud!	Sparrowhawks: Seth for his brilliant start to being a librarian and his OUT OF THIS WORLD score on his reading assessment!
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Have a great weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Adam Minor

Pumpkin Picking

£1 ENTRY
PICK & PAY ON THE DAY

SATURDAY

**Oct
18**

10AM – 2PM

- Visit our furry & scaly friends
- Stalls, games & prizes to be won
- Themed family activities
- Pumpkin Picking

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RIVERSIDE CATERING SCHOOL MEALS

FOUR CHOICE MENU

From November 2025

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	Chicken Tikka Masala & Naan Bread (H/M)	Burger in a Bun	Cottage Pie (H/M)	Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding	Fish Fingers
	Quorn Calzone (H/M) (V)	Quorn Pasta Bake & Garlic Bread (H/M) (V)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V)	Quorn Meatballs, Pasta & Garlic Bread (VG)	Cheese Plait (H/M) (V)
	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings
03/11/25	Chilled Choice	Chilled Choice	Chilled Choice	Chilled Choice	Chilled Choice
24/11/25	Boiled Rice Diced Potatoes	Potato Wedges	Sliced Potatoes	Roast & Creamed Potatoes	Chips
15/12/25	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables
19/01/26	Chocolate & Orange Sponge & Chocolate Sauce	Cupcake Ice Cream & Fruit	Chocolate Fudge Slice Cookie & Milk	Fruit Crumble & Custard Cornflake Bun	Banoffee Pudding Cookie & Milk
09/03/26	Strawberry Mousse				

WEEK 2	Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding	Pasta Bolognese & Garlic Bread (H/M)	Chicken Fajitas (H/M)	Roast Pork & Yorkshire Pudding	Battered Fish
	Quorn Tortilla Stack (H/M) (V)	Salmon Fishcake	French Bread Pizza (V)	Quorn Burger (V)	Cheese & Tomato Panini (V)
	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings
10/11/25	Chilled Choice	Chilled Choice	Chilled Choice	Chilled Choice	Chilled Choice
01/12/25	Creamed Potatoes	Sliced Potatoes	Savoury Rice Potato Wedges	Roast & Creamed Potatoes	Chips
05/01/26	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables
26/01/26	Jam Whirl & Custard Cookie & Milk	Lemon Shortcake & Custard Muffin	Chocolate Brownie Ice Cream & Fruit	Iced Sponge & Custard Cookie & Milk	Chocolate Crunch Jelly & Fruit
23/02/26					
16/03/26					

WEEK 3	Chicken Enchilada (H/M)	Lasagne (H/M)	Cornish Style Pasty (H/M)	Roast Chicken & Yorkshire Pudding	Fish Fingers
	Quorn Dippers (VG)	Quorn Sausage & Bean Plait (H/M) (V)	Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V)	Cheese Flan (H/M) (V)	Quorn Hot Dog (VG)
	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings	Jacket Potato with a Selection of Fillings
17/11/25	Chilled Choice	Chilled Choice	Chilled Choice	Chilled Choice	Chilled Choice
08/12/25	Savoury Rice Diced Potatoes	Sliced Potatoes	Potato Wedges	Roast & Creamed Potatoes	Chips
12/01/26	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables
02/02/26	Flapjack Cookie & Milk	Lemon Drizzle Cake Jelly & Fruit	Chocolate Sponge & Custard Ice Cream & Fruit	Victoria Sponge Slice Cupcake	Marble Sponge & Custard Cookie & Milk
02/03/26					
23/03/26					



Salad, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt and Milk are all available every day.

V – Vegetarian

VG – Vegan

- All food oven baked (including potato products) wherever possible.
- Bread available daily without spread.
- All desserts are made on the premises.