

Brambles Newsletter January 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

The staff and I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas break and welcome back to a new year for 2024. Last term was an incredible time at Brambles. We had a whole host of incredible opportunities including our first full week trip to Carlton Outdoor, trips to Sunderland Museum and Gardens and the Cenotaph for Remembrance Day, a wide range of sporting competitions and activity days as well as all of our events and performances in the run up to Christmas, and there are plenty of amazing experiences and opportunities planned in for Spring Term.

I would also like to provide an update on Mr Higgins. He is recovering well and is asking after all of you and sends his best wishes to you all. However, in spite of Mr Higgins recovery, he will not be returning for Spring Term and we will keep you further updated for the Summer Term once we know more about his recovery and timescales for his return.

Kind regards Mr Mayle and Staff

Key Dates for Autumn Term

29.1.24—2.2.24: Bikeability for Year 5
30.1.24: Parent Open Session Year 3
31.1.24: Prom Praise Rehearsal
2.2.24: Y5/6 Football Herlingshaw
2.2.24: Parent Open Session Year 1
6.2.24: Y5 Great North Museum Visit
6/7.2.24: Chinese New Year Crafts EYFS
7.2.24: 3H Library Visit
8.2.24: Parent Open Session Year 4
9.2.24: 3J Visit to Library
20.2.24: Young Voices Sheffield
21.2.24: Parent Open Session Year 2
26.2.24: Parent Open Afternoon Whole School
28.2.24: Maths City Visit some Y5/6 children
6.3.24: Parent Open Session Year 5
8.3.24: World Book Day
11-13.3.24: Prom Praise 4 Schools
19.3.24: Parent Open Session Year 6

PE Timetable

Monday: Year 6 and Reception

Tuesday: Year 5

Wednesday: Year 3 and Nursery

Thursday: Year 1

Friday: Year 2 and Year 4

ASC Timetable Spring 1

Tuesday: Year 1 Cooking, Year 5 and 6 Football, Year 5 and 6 Just Dance.

Thursday: Year 2 and 3 Just Dance, Young Voices, Mindfulness.

Friday: Year 3 and 4 Multi Sports.

Cover Values and Character Education

As you have heard from Class Dojo and most likely the children, over the past two years we have implemented core values at Brambles. Our core values are Kindness, Resilience, Respect and Teamwork and these are now included in all areas of our academy. Our weekly Honker rewards are linked to these core values, as is our behaviour policy and much of the learning that the children take part in has been linked to incorporate and promote these core values.

For further information on how this looks in the academy you will be able to see on our newly updated website a tab for character education: this tab shows how we are using character across school under the headings Character Caught, Character Taught and Character Sought. Below are the detailed definitions of what we at Brambles mean by our core values:

Core Values	Character Behaviour traits
Kindness	Just (fair); compassionate (forgiveness); kind ; courteous; unselfishness
Resilience	Determined ; self-controlled ; persistent ; courageous ; diligent ; perseveres
Respect	Kind ; courteous ; polite ; empathy ; compassionate ; self-aware
Teamwork	Cooperates ; responsible ; cares; decision makes; helpful; unity