

# Brambles Bulletin February 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a wonderful first half of Spring term, with children taking part in a whole range of activities and experiences. There have been repeated visits from Drake's Bookshop to speak to and read books with each year group; we have had a visit from the Fire Brigade as well as the RAF; we have had a number of sporting experience days; our half-termly coffee morning; we have celebrated Chinese New Year and some of the pupils even got the chance to meet the King!

It has also been a busy term for staff who have been through our first OFSTED inspection for 5 years, the results of which we will share with you as soon as we receive them. As well as two major appointments of new staff members. I am please to announce that we have appointed two new permanent Deputy Head Teachers. Miss Beever has moved from her acting Deputy Head Teacher position to being the Deputy Head Teacher for Pastoral, Welfare and Standards for Inclusion.; and Mr Baker has been appointed as Deputy Head Teacher for Curriculum and Standards. These two roles will be started from the 3rd March upon our return to the academy from half term break.

We thank you for your support and communication this year so far and for engaging with our opportunities and experiences and we hope you have a wonderful half term break and will see you all upon our return on Monday 3rd March.

Thank you,  
Mr Mayle

## Key Dates for Spring Term

The following are the Key Dates for Spring 2 term. These dates are not the only events for Spring 2 but just a few dates of not.

- 6.03.25—World Book Day
- 14.03.25—Holi Festival day
- 19.03.25—Spring Disco
- 27.03.25—Academy Coffee Morning
- 04.04.25—Go Well Explore Day
- 09.04.25—Easter service Key Stage 2
- 10.04.25—Easter Fayre
- 11.04.25—PD day. Children are off this day.

## PE Timetable

To help get ready for next half term the following days are the PE timetable.

Please can we remind parents and carers of the expected PE kits?

Children are asked to wear **plain shorts or track suit bottoms in black or navy blue with no make labels or slogans and a plain white top. Track suit tops or school jumpers** can be worn as well.

Monday: Year 3

Tuesday: Year 4

Wednesday: Nursery and Year 5

Thursday: Year 1 and Year 2

Friday: Reception and Year 6

## Bikes and scooters

Bikes, scooters, roller skates, heelys or anything similar should not be ridden on the academy site. We ask that, should you ride a bike to collect your child that you walk alongside it whilst on the academy premises. We encourage children to adopt a healthy lifestyle and are happy for them to ride to the academy.

Please ensure you child wears a helmet and their bike is in a road-worthy condition. Bikes ridden to the academy should be walked onto the premises and locked securely at the bike stands. Thank you for your cooperation in this respect.

## Naming Clothes and Lost Property

Many children misplace their personal possessions, and we are constantly finding lost property. Please help by ensuring that **ALL** property and items of clothing and footwear are clearly marked with your child's name.

Academy staff can not search for missing items of clothing if they have not been clearly labelled.

At the end of each half term, all unlabelled uniform will be placed out on the Key Stage 1 playground for collection. Following this time, all left over uniform will be added to the wardrobes for children to borrow.

### Extra-Curricular Activities

Children are offered a range of after academy activities. These vary term to term and letters are sent out at the beginning of each term detailing available options. Numbers at these sessions are limited and therefore prompt returns are encouraged.

Clubs next half term are,

Tuesday - Cricket Y5/Y6 Play Dough Y3/Y4

Wednesday - Maths games Y1/Y2 Curiosity club Y5/Y6 Art club Y1

Thursday - Enterprise Y5/Y6

Mindfulness Y1/Y2

Friday - cricket Y3/Y4

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast club will run from 8.00am until 8.30am Monday to Friday. If you are interested in a place please contact the academy and ask to speak to Ms Walker.



### Wrap around care

We will be continuing an after school wrap around care club that will run from 3.00pm or 3.05pm (depending on year group) until 4.00pm Monday to Thursday.

**Wrap around care offer is to support those parents who are either in employment or full time education and places can be applied for through Miss Beever.**

### Attendance

Regular attendance at school is essential for your child's learning and development. Each day in the classroom offers valuable opportunities for students to engage with new material, build relationships with peers, and develop important skills. By attending every day, your child is setting themselves up for success. To encourage consistent attendance, we are rewarding children with daily DOJO points for being present and on time, and there will also be a special attendance reward at the end of the term.

If you need any support with attendance please speak to a member of the pastoral team (Miss Beever, Mrs Gill and Ms Walker)

Let's work together to ensure your child makes the most of every school day!



### Uniform

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- Navy blue cardigan or jumper
- Pale blue shirt, blouse or polo shirt
- Black or grey trousers/skirt/pinafore or
- Blue and grey tartan skirt/pinafore (contact Lollipops)
- Plain ankle or knee length socks or plain tights
- Blue or white checked or striped summer dresses may be worn in the summer months

#### Shoes

- Flat, black school shoes. No trainers or heellies.
- In the summer, children may wear flat supportive sandals with socks. They should be black, white or navy

#### Hair

- Hair should not be dyed or cut into extreme styles.
- Only small, school coloured bows are allowed.
- Hair past the shoulder should be tied up.

#### Nail Varnish

- Nail varnish is not permitted in school for health and safety reasons, if a child has nail varnish on from the weekend or holidays we can provide facilities to remove it.

Should any parents be struggling to buy uniform please contact the Pastoral Team via the school office for support .

### School Dinners

Where school dinners are paid for, this year the cost is £12 per week. The cost should be paid on a Monday for the week ahead and can be paid either by cash directly to the office staff or via School Comms.

We have recently changed our provider for our school dinners and are really excited about moving forward with Aspens. Our new menus will be available online like the previous and our kitchen staff continue to work hard every day to provide nutritious and tasty meals for the children.

Likewise any Educational Trips which require a contribution can also be paid via School Comms or through cash to the office.

We ask that if children want to change from PL to School Meal or vice versa, they do this at the start of each half term.

Any questions please ask the office staff.

