

Brambles End of Year Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of a truly remarkable year at Brambles, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and partnership.

This year has been nothing short of exceptional. Not only did we celebrate **90 wonderful years** since Brambles first opened its doors, but we also achieved something that reflects the dedication, talent, and spirit of our whole school community — we were officially rated **Outstanding**.

This recognition is a testament to the hard work of our incredible staff, the enthusiasm and resilience of our children, and the invaluable role you play as families in supporting their learning and wellbeing. Together, we've created an environment where children can truly thrive, grow, and feel proud of who they are.

As we look ahead, we're excited to keep growing, learning, and reaching new heights — always with our Brambles values at the heart of everything we do. Wishing you all a restful, joyful summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September for another brilliant chapter.

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Key Dates for Autumn Term

Whilst it seems early when we are wishing you well for the Summer holidays, we also want to let you know in advance of some of the things we have going on when we return to the academy.

The following are the Key Dates for Autumn term. These dates are not the only events, but just a few dates of note.

<u>Autumn 1</u>	<u>Autumn 2</u>
01.09.25—PD day	04.11.25— Year 4 Maya Workshop
24.09.25—Year 3 trip to Stewart Park	11.11.25—Remembrance Day
25.09.25—Flu immunisation scheme	12.11.25—Year 1 trip to Preston Park
26.09.25—Year 6 Arts sessions with Mima in the academy	14.11.25— Year 6 trip to Dormans Museum
06.10.25—Parents evening	20.11.25—Year 2 trip to Dorman Museum
07.10.25—Parents evening	05.12.25—EYFS Nativity
10.10.25— Reception Autumn Walk at Stewart Park	9.12.25—Year 3 trip to the church
13.10.25-KS1 Harvest Festival	11.12.25—Christmas Fayre
14.10.25-KS2 Harvest Festival	15.12.25—Carols in the Quad
21.10.25—Autumn Disco	16.12.25—KS1 Nativity
23.10.25—Choir festival	18.12.25—Christmas jumper day, Christmas dinner
	19.12.25—Christmas parties.

Safeguarding and online safety

As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding all children in our school community, we would like to remind you of the importance of online safety. We kindly ask that you **do not** share photos or videos online that include other children from the academy without the explicit permission of their parents or carers. Even when shared with the best intentions, posting images of other children can pose privacy and safeguarding concerns.

We also encourage you to take an active role in monitoring your child's online activity. Whether they are using school apps, personal tablets, gaming platforms, or social media, it is vital that you are aware of what they are accessing, who they are communicating with, and how they are behaving online. Setting appropriate boundaries and regularly discussing online safety helps children develop responsible digital habits and stay safe in today's connected world.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping all of our children safe.



Academy timings



We would like to remind you of the changes to our academy day timings. From now on, the school doors will open at **8:30am** and close promptly at **8:45am**. Any children arriving after 8:45am will be marked as late. Please be aware that children who arrive after **9:15am** will receive a 'U' code, which is recorded as an unauthorised absence and can significantly affect their overall attendance record.

The end of the academy day for children in **Reception and above** is now **3:15pm**. Our **Nursery** children will continue to benefit from a flexible collection window between **3:00pm and 3:15pm**.

We cannot stress enough the importance of good attendance and punctuality. Arriving on time helps your child start the day calmly and ready to learn, while consistent attendance supports their learning, social development, and overall progress. We appreciate your support in helping us ensure every child has the best opportunity to succeed.



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 checked or striped summer dresses, or shorts for girls, grey or black shorts for boys 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 .

Ear Piercing: If your child is interested in getting their ears pierced, now is the time to do it, this gives them the 6 weeks to heal. Small studs are allowed to be worn in school, but NO earrings are to be worn for PE.

