



# Briercliffe Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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## Headteacher's Message

Welcome back to another new and exciting school year! The children have made a fantastic start, and made brilliant first impressions with their new teachers. A special welcome to our new Reception children and parents!

Thank you to all our parents who have supported us in ensuring that the children have the correct uniform and PE kit. All the children look very smart. If you haven't done so already, please make sure everything has your child's name in it. I have no doubt there is nothing more frustrating than your child losing their uniform, but for us to return it, it must have their name in it – and not in biro, as that washes out very quickly.

Your child should have brought home their class newsletter today and there is always a copy on the class pages of the school website. The newsletter gives you important class information and a summary of what they will be learning this half term. Please find time to read it and share this with your child. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Don't forget that reading is part of the children's homework and we ask that you start the routine of ensuring your child reads at least 3 times a week, even if they are fluent readers. This is so very important! Asking questions about what they have read is also key to good progress!

Please read the section about communication below in today's newsletter.

I am looking forward to working with you during the next academic year.

Thank you for your continued support!

**Miss Ramsbottom** 😊

## Merit Awards

**Congratulations to all our children who were awarded a merit award this week!**

**Class 1SP**

**Cameron Ahmed & Theo Starkie**

**Class 1S**

**Jaxon Bleasdale & Maya-Grace Parkinson**

**Class 2C**

**Ella Payne & Ruby Jones**

**Class 2S**

**Betsy Dickens & Dylan Hartley**

**Class 3B**

**Millie Whitehead & Finley Parker**

**Class 3Y**

**Grace Young & Pheonix Burton**

**Class 4G**

**Elijah Hardy & Rose Harris**

**Class 4H**

**Pheobe Cottrell & Arlen Lawton**

**Class 5L**

**Elsie Cawtherley & Reeve Astin**

**Class 5W**

**Hallie Barrett & Joe Cranston**

**Class 6B**

**Arlo Mitchell & Pippa Rowland**

**Class 6H**

**Thea Luke & Yassine Rayhani**

## **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

### **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

School Photographer – individual and family photos

### **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September @ 5.15pm**

Year 6 Meeting re: Whitehough and SATS

### **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September 9.30am – 10.30am**

Reception Open Day for September 2027

### **01.10.26 for a week**

Scholastic Book Fair in school – more information to follow

### **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October**

Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 6.30pm

### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2.00pm – 3.00pm**

Reception Open Day for September 2026

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### **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - TBC**

Halloween Disco – more info to follow

### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

School closes at 3.30pm

### **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

School reopens at 8.45am

**More dates can be found on the website calendar**

## **School Value Award - Caring**

**Congratulations to all our children who were awarded a school value certificate and badge.**

**Class 1SP – Fiona Faith Brooks**

**Class 1S – Jude Windle**

**Class 2C – Teddy Ashworth**

**Class 2S – Poppy Gaskell**

**Class 3B – Ted Noonan**

**Class 3Y – Olivia Harrison**

**Class 4G – Phillipa Cottrell**

**Class 4H – Thea Calderbank**

**Class 5L – Chael Dickinson**

**Class 5W – Toby Geall**

**Class 6B – Bailey Alderman**

**Class 6H – Sophie Hartley**



## **Pupil News**

Please could all KS1 parents deliver their child to the school door each morning, even if the children think they are 'grown up' enough to walk up the path themselves! This is so that we can be sure they have arrived safely and make their way to their classrooms.

Just a reminder that children cannot wear earrings for PE. Either take them out for PE days before they come to school or train your child to be able to remove them themselves, as staff are unable to do this for them. If your child is going to remove their earrings themselves, please provide a small container or box for them to put them in whilst they do PE so they don't get lost! If your child is unable to remove their earrings, they will not be allowed to join the lesson.

During the summer holiday period, the Local Authority completed an eligibility recheck of all pupils who were recorded as eligible for Free School Meals during the previous academic year. The Local Authority have informed us that all parents have been contacted directly and advised to submit a new application if they believe they remain entitled to Free School Meals. If you have received a letter from the Local Authority to say your child is entitled to Free School Meals but you are unable to still order a Free School Meal in Scopay, please bring the letter to the school office as proof of entitlement. If you have not received a letter from the Local Authority and believe your child is entitled to Free School Meals, please contact the Local Authority on 01254 220747 as school are not able to rectify this. From September 2026, all households receiving Universal Credit, regardless of household income, will qualify for free school meals. Please apply online at <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/free-school-meals/>.

Just a reminder that trainers are not part of school uniform and I politely ask that ALL parents support us in implementing this.



## Communication between home and school

Parents will often highlight communication between and home and school as an area they would like to improve. As a school we have a document that confirms how we will communicate with you and how you can communicate with us.

A link to this can be found on our school website.

<https://www.briercliffeprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Effective+communication+between+home+and+school%2E&pid=53>

As a school, we work hard to provide all the information parents need within a timely manner. Despite this, we receive many telephone calls from parents asking for information we have already provided to them.

We have over 370 children in school, so even if only 25% of parents ring each week to ask us about information we have already shared, that could be up to 92 unnecessary phone calls. We appreciate that everyone leads busy lives but ask that parents first look at the information that they have been provided with already **before** they ring school.

Staff in the office have been directed to prompt parents to go to emails, Class Dojo, the weekly newsletter and the school website for the information they need. I would also like to remind parents of the expectation to treat all staff with the respect they deserve. Manners cost nothing but make a huge difference to our staff.

Please note that multiple family members can be connected to your child's Class Dojo so please see the options in the app to add them.

If parents do have any concerns they would like to discuss, I ask that they speak to their child's class teacher, myself, Mrs Addy or Mr Hartley and not the office staff.

Thank you to all the parents who already do everything highlighted above. We really do appreciate it!

Miss Ramsbottom