Brandesburton News

13.11.26

Home Reading and

TT Rockstars

We are trying our hardest to improve reading fluency and arithmetic skills whole school. If you could support this at home with home reading and TT Rockstars, it would be very much ap-

Brighter Beginnings – An Exciting New Project with Hull Truck Theatre

We are incredibly excited to be part of Brighter Beginnings, a two-year project funded through the prestigious Paul Hamlyn Foundation Teacher Development Fund. This fantastic opportunity has secured over £160,000 of funding to support schools across Hull, bringing together education, creativity and the arts to make a real difference to children's learning and development.

Our Foundation Stage (FS) and Year 1 (Y1) children will be at the heart of the project, working alongside professional artists and practitioners from Hull Truck Theatre, as well as researchers and education specialists. Together, we will explore how creative, arts-rich approaches, including storytelling, drama, movement, music and imaginative play, can support children's development and help them become confident, engaged and enthusiastic learners.



The project has a particular focus on developing important skills known as executive function. These are the skills that help children to manage their emotions, control impulses, remember information, concentrate, solve problems and adapt to new situations. Through creative experiences, we hope to strengthen children's self-regulation, communication, attention, engagement and readiness to learn, providing them with strong foundations for future success.

We feel incredibly fortunate to have secured this opportunity and are genuinely excited as a team to begin this journey. Working in partnership with such inspiring professionals will allow us to develop our practice, learn from others and, most importantly, create meaningful and memorable experiences for our children.

Reading percentages:

Year 1	75%	Penelope
Year 2	76%	Manaia
Year 3	76%	Buster
Year 4	100%	Anabelle
Year 5	81%	Graham
Year 6	69%	Erin

An important part of Brighter Beginnings will be the opportunity for our staff to learn and work alongside external professionals from Hull Truck Theatre, artists, researchers and educational specialists. We will also work collaboratively internally, sharing ideas, developing practice and exploring how creative approaches can be embedded into our everyday teaching and learning. This will provide valuable professional development for our team, allowing us to reflect, experiment and discover new ways to support our children.

Although the project will initially focus on our Reception and Year 1 children, our ambition is to share the learning, ideas and approaches across the whole school. We want to ensure that the benefits of this exciting project reach all of our children and become part of our wider school approach to teaching, learning and creativity.

We feel incredibly fortunate to have secured this opportunity and are genuinely excited as a team to begin this journey. Working in partnership with such inspiring professionals will allow us to develop our practice, learn from others and, most importantly, create meaningful and memorable experiences for our children.



We can't wait to see where Brighter Beginnings takes us and the positive impact it will have on our children, our staff and our whole school community!

Attendance

Class Attendance: 13.11.2026

Mrs Laughton/Miss Day 98%

Mr Trott: 100%

Mrs Joplin: 97%

Mrs Altoft: 96%

Mr Barnes: 98%

FS2—Year 6

98 Children had 100%



Up and Coming Dates:

16th of November Championing Maths

9am - All Welcome tea and coffee available

Scoot 4 Nepal – Making a Difference Through Clean Water

We are excited to share the work of Scoot 4 Nepal, an inspiring fundraising campaign supporting children and communities in rural Nepal. The project is run by Shiva Charity, a UK registered charity which works to improve education and opportunities for children in Nepal.

The campaign aims to raise £80,000 to provide clean, safe drinking water to 50 rural schools in Nepal. To help make this happen, Tony Hobden, CEO of Shiva Charity, is taking on an incredible challenge – travelling 1,000km across Nepal's challenging mountain roads on a little pink scooter!

The money raised will fund water purification systems for schools, each providing clean drinking water and ongoing maintenance for up to 10 years. This will help thousands of children stay healthy, attend school and concentrate on their learning, while also allowing them to take clean water home to their families.

We think this is a fantastic cause and a wonderful reminder of how something as simple as access to clean water can transform children's lives and futures.

To find out more about the campaign and how you can support this amazing project, visit www.scoot4nepal.org.





Welcoming Our New Governors

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Butler and Mr Smith to our Governing Body.

They bring a fantastic wealth of experience, knowledge and skills, including finance, business, local community knowledge, teaching and learning. Their varied backgrounds and perspectives will be a real asset to our school and will help strengthen the support and challenge provided by our Governing Body.

Most importantly, they share a genuine commitment to our school and have its children, families and wider community at the heart of everything they do. We are excited to have them on board and look forward to working together as we continue to develop and strengthen our school.

Please join us in giving them a very warm welcome to the Brandesburton family!



Important - Change of Date

Unfortunately due to Mrs Altoft being on a course on the 11th December, we are having to change the date of the KS2 Christmas Performance.

The KS2 Christmas Performance will now take place at
10.30am on the 15th December.
We hope you can join us to sing some of our favourite Christmas songs and carols.





Please see the next two pages to see the poster in more detail.

Enterprise Club Hot Chocolate and Biscuit

On Thursday 19 November at 2pm we will be selling hot chocolate and biscuits. This will cost £1. If you would like to have hot chocolate and biscuit please would you bring in the £1 on Monday or Tuesday so that we can work out how many we need.

Thank you Brandesburton Enterprise Club

Enrichment

Building Belonging, Skills, Opportunities and a Toolkit for Life

Every child.
Every opportunity.
Every year.

At Brandesburton Primary School, we believe that education extends beyond the classroom. Our enrichment offer gives children opportunities to discover new interests, develop confidence, build relationships, contribute to their community and experience things that help them understand the wider world.

Community

Inclusion

Skills and Knowledge

A Toolkit for Life



1. Supporting wellbeing, confidence and emotional development.

We recognise that children learn best when they feel safe, valued, listened to and able to build positive relationships with others.

Restorative Practice underpins our whole-school approach to relationships, behaviour, wellbeing and learning. It provides children with the language, skills and confidence to understand the impact of their actions, repair relationships, resolve conflict and take responsibility for their choices.

- Understand themselves and others
- Build positive relationships
- Develop the skills they need to thrive in school and in life

Safe
Valued
Listened to
Included



Restorative Practice Ambassadors

Support children in resolving small disagreements, promote kindness, inclusion and respectful communication and act as positive role models for their peers. Through this responsibility, children develop confidence, leadership, empathy, communication and problem-solving skills.

Our therapeutic and wellbeing provision includes:

Draw and Talk

A supported opportunity to express themselves through drawing and conversation.



Lego Therapy

Develops social communication, cooperative play and cognitive skills.



ELSA Interventions

Focused emotional literacy and social support for children who need additional help.

Wellbeing is not separate from learning – it is the foundation for it.
We want every child to feel that they belong, that their voice matters and that they have the skills and support to make a positive difference to the people around them.



2. Developing leadership and pupil voice

We want our children to be active participants in school life, with genuine opportunities to influence, contribute and make a difference.

- School Council
- Restorative Practice Ambassadors
- Attendance Ambassadors
- Kindness Ambassadors
- Play Leaders

Confidence
Leadership
Responsibility
Teamwork



These roles give children real opportunities to practise leadership, communication, teamwork, responsibility, decision-making and problem solving.

3. Broadening horizons through clubs and activities

Our clubs give children the opportunity to discover interests that may not otherwise form part of their everyday experience.

- Knitting
- Sport
- Spanish
- Choir
- Science
- Music lessons
- And many more...



Music, languages, creativity, allow children to find something they enjoy, while also developing perseverance, concentration, teamwork and self-belief.

4. Learning beyond the classroom

Educational visits and residential experiences bring learning to life and help children develop independence, resilience and a wider understanding of the world.



Visits such as Wassand Hall give children opportunities to try new activities, work as a team, challenge themselves and develop confidence.

5. Real-world learning and staying safe

We provide opportunities for children to learn about keeping themselves and others safe, both in school and in the wider world.

- RNLI visits
- Nurse talks
- Road safety
- Online safety
- Health and wellbeing
- Links with local services



These experiences help children apply their learning to real-life situations and understand how to make safe, informed and responsible choices.

6. Preparing for the future

We help children develop the skills, knowledge and aspirations they will need beyond primary school.

- Links with local employers
- Visits from professionals
- Exploring a wide range of careers
- Developing key life skills



Taking part in clubs, performing, leading, organising an event, working as part of a team, solving a problem, speaking to adults, completing a responsibility or helping someone else all contribute to a growing toolkit for life.

7. Cultural understanding and global awareness

We provide opportunities for children to learn about different cultures, traditions and ways of life.

- Work with Collingwood and Pearson
- Exploring global issues
- Celebrating diversity
- Building respect and understanding

Enterprise, community and making a difference

Through our Community Plan, children take part in projects that support our school and local community. Events such as our Christmas and Summer Fairs give children real opportunities to plan, organise, work as a team and see the positive impact they can have.

Every child. Every opportunity. Every year.

Sensory Needs Training

for Parents and the Wider Community

Together we can make a difference

We will be holding training for our staff on sensory needs for children and the ways we can support them.

We would like to open this up to parents and the wider community who may also be interested in attending.

The session will cover:

- What sensory needs can look like in children
- How sensory processing can affect behaviour, learning and wellbeing
- Practical strategies and ideas to support children at home, in school and in the community
- Opportunity for questions and discussion



Different sensory needs. Same amazing potential.

FREE to attend

Open to parents and the wider community

A great opportunity to learn, share and support our children

Date and time to be confirmed

If you think you might be interested in attending, please let the school know.

Remembrance Day





We are very proud of Zachary, who along with his friends from Squirrels, Beavers and Cubs, took part in the Remembrance Day service on Sunday at the war memorial and in the church. He also took part in a parade and had a very special job of holding a flag. All the children did brilliantly and were very sensible and respectful on what was a very long morning!

On Wednesday we and our school community gathered together to remember those who served in two world wars and those who continue to keep us safe in our armed forces. Our youngest and oldest children laid a wreath that had been made in school and we were really proud of the respect the children showed.

Overleaf you can see some photographs. Class 3 had also been asked by the Church to decorate an area in remembrance. The display will be in Church for a number of weeks. It was very effective. Seb is seen in his uniform on remembrance Sunday.









Remembrance Day





Achievement Wall







Everyone has been really busy. Robyn has been dancing her way to a trophy. Noah looks really proud with his football award. Lennie, Ella and Molly have all achieved their next swimming award. Well done everyone





Achievement Wall



Isabelle achieved a certificate and rosette for her amazing gymnastic skills and Heidi has been sweeping the board with her achievements.

Well done to both of you!



A FESTIVE CRAFT EXPERIENCE

Fresh & Hand Made

Luxury Christmas Wreath Workshops

Craft your own luxury wreath from fresh, fragrant foliage — a cosy afternoon of creativity, warmth and festive cheer in the heart of East Yorkshire.



2 Hour Workshop
Guided from start to finish

All Materials Included
Fresh foliage, moss & fixings

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies
Warm festive refreshments

VENUE

Brandesburton School · East Yorkshire

DATES & TIMES

NOVEMBER	
Sunday 22 November	12:00 – 2:00 pm
Tuesday 24 November	4:00 – 6:00 pm
Saturday 28 November	12:00 – 2:00 pm
Sunday 29 November	12:00 – 2:00 pm
DECEMBER	
Thursday 3 December	4:00 – 6:00 pm

Limited places per session

BOOK YOUR PLACE

Jo – Jcart1955@aol.com

Brandesburton School – brands@eastriding.gov.uk

Call – 01964 542472

£30
PER PERSON

Book early — places go quickly

Kitchen News

Top Table 20.11.26

Bethiah FS2 Georgia Year 1

Ezra Year 2 Gabriel Year 3



It was lovely to see so many Grand and Great Grandparents for lunch on Thursday. Thank you to everyone who supported the event. One of the Grandparents wrote down her experience of past remembrance days which was really interesting. We are hoping to get other experiences to share with the children.

Kids Disabled children say we can

Festive Wellbeing Event





Welcoming families to join the Inclusion Service on **Monday 21st December 10am – 12pm** for our Christmas get together.

Location – Kids office, 182 Chanterlands Avenue, HU5 4DJ.



Please email the elves @ inclusion.hull@kids.org.uk to book your place



Dates for you Diary 2026—2027

Event	Date	Other details
Championing Maths	16.11.26	9.00 am Parents and carers shown around to look at maths across the school and champion learning.
Christmas Fair	4.12.26	2.30 pm All families and friends of Brandesburton welcome.
Christmas Performances	9.12.26	10.00 am Foundation Stage 10.45 am KS1 Performance
Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the children	10.12.26	Children are invited to come in their Christmas jumpers and donate to Save the Children
Christmas Performances	11.12.26	1.30 KS1 performance
Christmas Disco	14.12.26	3.15 – 4.15 (snack and drink) Party outfits brought to school
Christmas Performance	15.12.26	10.30 KS2 Performance
Christmas Lunch	16.12.26	All welcome please pay on Parent Pay if you pay for school meals
CHRISTMAS BREAK 19.12.26—5.1.27		

Event	Date	Other details
CHRISTMAS BREAK 19.12.26—5.1.27		
WORLD RELIGION DAY	18.1.27 CELEBRATE	Assembly / Class Activities
National Hand Writing Day	WB: 18.1.27	Assembly / Class Activities
SPRING HALF TERM 6.2.27—14.2.27		
Random act of kindness	WB: 15.2.27	WHOLE SCHOOL LINKED TO TOOL KIT FOR LIFE
International Day of women and girls in science 11.2.27	15.2.26 CELEBRATE	Assembly / Class Activities
Championing Writing	22.2.27	9.00 am Parents and carers welcome to look at writ-
World Book Day	5.3.27	Assembly / Class Activities
Science Week	8.3.27	Assembly / Class Activities
Parent's Evening	8.3.27	3pm – 6 pm
Championing Science	8.3.27	9am Parents and carers welcome to see science in
Whole School SEND reviews	15.3.27	Class teachers/ SENCO
Red Nose Day	19.3.27	
EASTER BREAK 20.3.27—4.4.27		
MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY 3.5.27		
KS2 SATS	10.5.27 – 15.5.27	Year 6
Art Prize Week	17.5.27	Assembly
Championing Curriculum	24.5.27	2.30 – 3.15 Parents and carers welcome to see histo- ry or geography in action across the school.
SUMMER HALF TERM 29.5.27—6.6.27		
Multiplication Check	To be confirmed	Year 4
Art Prize Award announced	June	Assembly
Phonics Screening	To be confirmed	Year 1
Whole School SEND reviews	14.6.27	Class teachers/ SENCO
Reports Out to parents	2.7.27	Reports Out to parents
Summer Fair	July	2pm - 4.30pm
Year 6 Performance	To be confirmed	5pm After School to families and friends
Year 6 Performance	To be confirmed	10.30am to families and friends
SUMMER BREAK 24.7.27—8.9.27		