September '26

Brundall Primary School Newsletter



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Head of School News

It has been an absolute pleasure to be working at Brundall. The children have made a fantastic start to the new academic year. They have been a pleasure to work with—hardworking, kind and enthusiastic—and I am incredibly proud of the way they have settled into their learning and routines.

The staff team here are truly fantastic, and it has been wonderful to see everyone working together so positively to ensure the year has got off to such a strong start.

Thank you to all the families who have taken the time to complete our recent survey. We are incredibly grateful for your responses and feedback. It is particularly encouraging to know that 100% of those who completed the survey said that their child is happy at school, feels safe at school, and that the school has a calm and positive atmosphere. This is wonderful feedback and something we are very proud of.

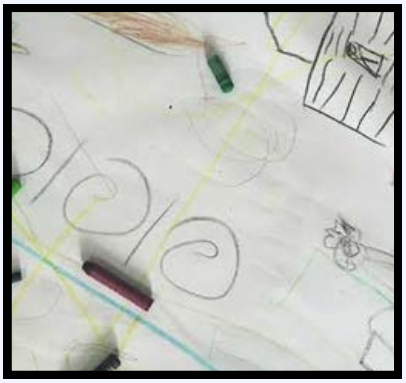
We are listening carefully to your suggestions, and as a result of your feedback, we are currently reviewing our school dinner menus. We have some new ideas in the pipeline, so watch this space—more information will be coming your way soon!

There is still time to complete the survey if you haven't yet had the opportunity. We really value hearing your thoughts and ideas, as your feedback helps us to continue developing and improving our school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school. It is greatly appreciated, and we look forward to another happy and successful year together

Cat Barnard Head of School

Bright Beginnings in Reception









Bright Class have had a lovely start to their time at Brundall. The children have settled in really well and are already getting used to their new routines. It has been lovely to see friendships starting to form and the children becoming more confident each day.

This week, we have started our phonics sessions and the children have been very excited to begin their reading journey. We have also been learning our class song, which the children have really enjoyed singing together.

We have had lots of lovely story times too. One of our favourites has been Mix It Up, which inspired us to get the paints out and have a go at mixing colours ourselves. The children loved seeing what happened when different colours were mixed together and there were some great discoveries along the way!

It has been a busy and happy few weeks in Bright Class, and we are looking forward to all the fun, learning and adventures still to come. 📚🎨

A Fantastic Start for Seuss and Percival









Seuss and Percival Classes have had a fantastic start to the new school year and have settled beautifully into their new Year 1/2 routines. For our Year 1 children, it has been a big step up from Reception, but they have certainly risen to the challenge and are already showing just how much they can do.

We started the term by reading Stuck by Oliver Jeffers, and the children were very surprised to discover that Mr Parnham-Burns had managed to get lots of things stuck in his very own tree too! The story sparked lots of ideas and we have used it to inspire our own versions. This week, the children have worked hard to write their very own Stuck stories, with some wonderfully imaginative ideas.

In Maths, we have been learning about place value and recognising the value of each digit in a two-digit number. The children have particularly enjoyed using cubes and Dienes blocks to build and explore their numbers, helping to bring their learning to life.

In Science, we have been thinking about the human body and just how amazing it is! We have been investigating our five senses and carrying out experiments to find out more about how they work. There has been plenty of exploring, discussing and discovering along the way.

It has been a brilliant few weeks and we are so proud of how confidently the children have settled into their new year group.

Discovering, Learning & Exploring in KS2

It has been a busy and exciting start to the year across Key Stage 2, with lots of learning, exploring and, of course, plenty of reading!

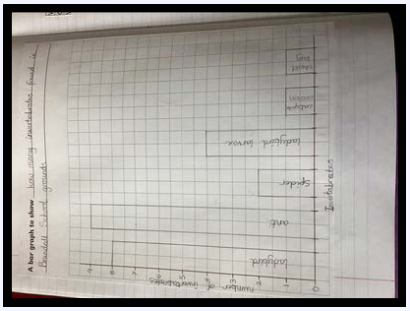
In Shireen, Rai and Haddow Classes, the children have travelled back in time to Ancient Egypt. They have been learning about hieroglyphics and even created their own for their classmates to decipher. They have also discovered more about the pyramids, mummification and what the Ancient Egyptians believed about the afterlife. Alongside all this, they have been getting to grips with place value, using a range of practical resources to help them understand the value of each digit, especially as those numbers just keep getting bigger!

Over in Pullman, Gold and Zephaniah Classes, the children have been exploring classification. Using the system developed by Carl Linnaeus, they have been ordering and classifying living things they have discovered around the school grounds. They have also been investigating food chains and ecosystems from further afield. In English, they have begun reading The Explorer and are already enjoying using this wonderful story as inspiration for their writing.

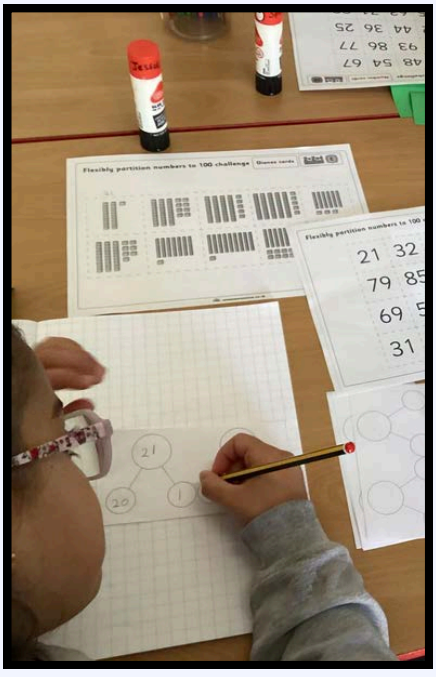
One thing that has brought all of KS2 together this week has been Reading is Magic Week. The children have enjoyed reading books by their class authors, welcoming parents into school to share stories, spending extra time in our beautiful school library and sharing book recommendations and reviews.

It has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm for learning across KS2, and we are looking forward to seeing where their learning takes them next!











Reading Is Magic Week



This week, we have been celebrating our wonderful Reading is Magic Week, and it has been fantastic to see the enthusiasm and excitement for books across the school.

Throughout the week, children have enjoyed sharing their favourite books and stories with friends and classmates, recommending much-loved reads and discovering new ones along the way. We have also been celebrating the wonderful authors who have inspired our new class names, helping children to learn more about their stories and encouraging them to explore their books.

There has been a real buzz around school, with children chatting about their favourite characters, stories and adventures. During our circle group sessions, we talked about how different books make us feel and imagined which superpower we would choose from a favourite story. We had some wonderfully imaginative ideas!

It has been a joy to see so many children enjoying books, sharing their love of reading and discovering the magic that stories can bring. We hope this enthusiasm continues and that our children will keep finding new stories to enjoy, share and treasure.

A big thank you to everyone who helped make Reading is Magic Week such a special celebration of reading!



BRUNDALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

IMPORTANT DATES

25TH SEPTEMBER 2026

KEY DATES

- Parents' Evenings
  20 & 21 October
- School Photographs
  19 November
- Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day
  17 December
- Half Term
  23 to 30 October
- Christmas Performances
  14 & 15 December
- End of Autumn Term
  18 December

SEPTEMBER

28 Sept	Reception & Year 1 Phonics Meeting
30 Sept	Harvest Festival

OCTOBER

10 Oct	Reception Open Event (10am)
13 Oct	Amazona Trip Pullman, Gold & Zephaniah
13 Oct	Reception Open Event (4pm)
15 Oct	Halloween Disco
20 & 21 Oct	Parents' Evenings
23–30 Oct	Half Term Holiday

NOVEMBER

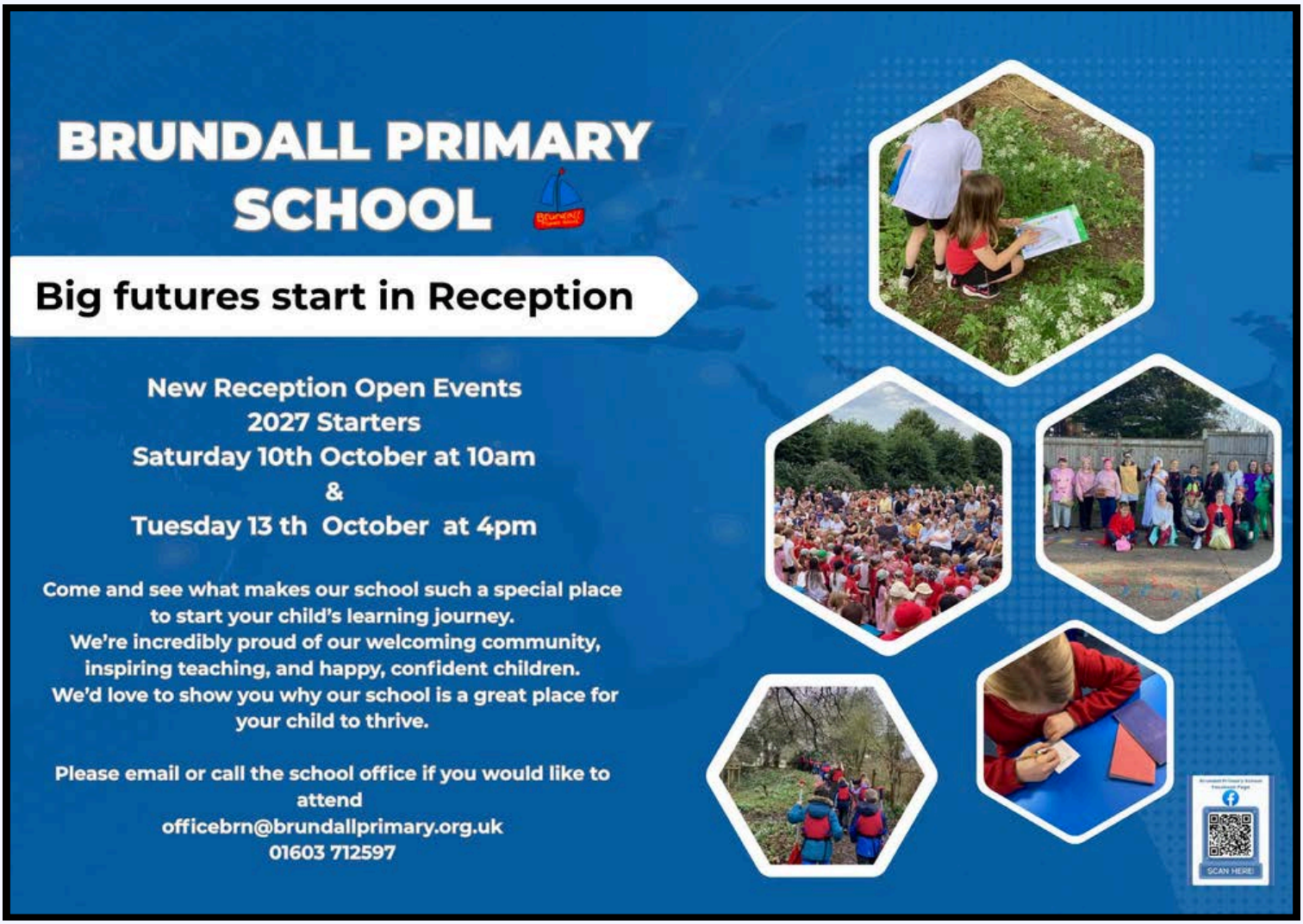
13 Nov	Children in Need
19 Nov	School Photographs
25 Nov	Seuss Class to Bridewell Museum
26 Nov	Flu Vaccinations

DECEMBER

01 Dec	Percival Class to Bridewell Museum
14 Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance (Y1 Families)
15 Dec	KS1 Christmas Performance (Y2 Families)
15 Dec	Reception Christmas Performance
17 Dec	Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day
18 Dec	End of Term

TERM DATES AT A GLANCE

October Half Term	23–30 October
Spring Half Term	15–19 February
End of Spring Term	25 March
Children Return	13 April
May Day	3 May
Summer Half Term	31 May–4 June
End of Academic Year	21 July



💙 A place to learn, grow and belong.

At Brundall Primary School, we want every child to feel safe, confident, curious and excited about coming to school.
Every day brings opportunities to learn, discover, create, explore and try something new.

We believe in knowing every child as an individual, celebrating their achievements and encouraging them to be the very best they can be.
And we believe school is about more than just what happens in the classroom. It is about friendships, confidence, laughter, belonging and being part of a community.

👀 Thinking about Reception for September 2027?

Come and see what makes Brundall special at one of our Reception Open Events:

📅 Saturday 10th October | 10am
📅 Tuesday 13th October | 4pm

We'd love to welcome you through our doors and show you around.


WE'RE HIRING
WE'RE LOOKING FOR A MIDDAY SUPERVISOR ASSISTANT!
Do you enjoy working with children and helping to make lunchtime a happy and positive part of their school day?
Brundall Primary School is looking for a kind, caring and enthusiastic Midday Supervisor Assistant to join our friendly team.
Hours: Monday to Friday, 11.45am - 1.30pm
Term time only
£12.85 per hour
We're looking for someone who is:
✨ Kind, caring and approachable
✨ Patient and friendly
✨ Confident working with children
✨ Able to encourage positive behaviour and play
✨ A reliable team player
Help us make lunchtime happy, safe and fun for our children! 😊
An enhanced DBS check will be required for this role.
📞 Interested? Give Brundall Primary School a call!
01603 712597 or email officebrn@brundallprimary.org.uk


We're Hiring!
SCHOOL CLEANER WANTED
We're looking for a reliable, hardworking and friendly person to join our school team and help keep our school clean, welcoming and looking its best.
📅 Thursdays & Fridays
⏰ 3.00pm – 7.30pm
🏫 Brundall Primary School
💷 £12.85 per hour
✨ We're looking for someone who:
• Takes pride in their work
• Is reliable and hardworking
• Has a friendly, positive approach
🔐 A DBS check will be required for this role.
If you're interested in joining our friendly school team, please get in touch for more information.
01603 712597 officebrn@brundallprimary.org.uk

Harvest FESTIVAL

We are going to be holding a Harvest Assembly. The children will be learning some songs and we will be thinking about where our food comes from. We are asking that children bring in a very small donation of tinned or dried food for this assembly and we will be donating this to our the Community Pantry at St Laurence Church.

This assembly will be held on Wednesday 30th September and it is just for children.

Here is a suggestion of items;

Tins of:

Meat and meat products, such as beef stew, mince, ham, chicken casserole.

Tuna, sardines in tomato sauce, corned beef, pies (e.g. Fray Bentos).

Vegetables, such as garden peas, carrots, mixed vegetables, sweetcorn, mushrooms, tomatoes

Tinned fruit in juice or syrup, such as pineapple, mandarin oranges, peaches, pears and fruit salad.

Dairy products, such as evaporated milk, custard, rice pudding to create puddings

Starchy foods, such as tinned potatoes, spaghetti in tomato sauce, baked beans, ravioli macaroni cheese

Tinned soup

Packets of:

Long grain rice, Instant soups, noodles, tea, sugar, breakfast cereals (not oats), instant porridge

Biscuits and fun-size items for lunch boxes,

Microwaveable rice

Jars of:

Coffee, whitener, jam, marmalade, spreads, pasta sauces (ones with no lumps are most popular)

Bottles of:

Squash, drinks (not fizzy) fruit juices,

Cartons of:

UHT whole (full fat or semi-skimmed) milk, children's fruit drinks with attached straw

Household goods:

Detergent, toilet rolls, tissues, wipes, washing up liquid, cleaning products.

Shampoo for adults and children, shower gel, single bars of soap, flannels, deodorant, toothpaste, Sanitary products, nappies. No incontinence pads - we have some already.

Fun-shaped sponges and children's shower gel, bubble bath, toothbrushes, combs

Pet food: tinned or packets

Thank you.

Brundall Primary School

Phonics Meeting for Reception and Year 1 Parents

Monday 28th September

at 2:30 PM

In the school hall.

With Mrs. Wicks



Join us to discover how we teach phonics at Brundall Primary School.

A quick introduction to how you can support your child with their early reading.

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FOBS PRESENTS



BRUNDALL SCHOOL

HALLOWEEN DISCO

THURSDAY 15 TH OCTOBER
RECEPTION & KS1 (YR 1/2)
3.45 - 5.15PM
KS2 (YEARS 3/4/5/6)
5.30 - 7PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE VIA PARENT PAY
SIBLING DISCOUNT AVAILABLE

DRINK AND SNACK PROVIDED

FOBS

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Everyone welcome to attend

FRIENDS OF BRUNDALL SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Wednesday 7th Oct

Time: 2.45pm

Please check in at Reception

No longer than 30 mins





Free after school refreshments at Brundall Meadows, Brundall.

as part of Cycle to School Week 2026.

Drop by our Marketing Suite after school (until 4.30pm) for complimentary refreshments plus a free snap band on **Monday 5th, Thursday 8th and Friday 9th October.**

HOPKINS HOMES

Brundall Meadows, Brundall Road, Brundall, Norfolk, NR13 4LD