

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2025



This has been quite the busy term. As some of you will know, we converted Ibstock House (our residential provision) to a day education building last year. This meant that from September we expanded from 112 students to 138 students and 136 members of staff. This significant growth has kept us busy and the new intake of younger students has certainly kept us on our toes!

As ever, brilliant things continue to happen at Bramfield. Our leavers last year gained some excellent results, and they all gained college places. I have been delighted to hear stories of all their achievements. We have also had some very encouraging results from the functional skills exams and many current students have successfully gained accreditations in English and Maths.

You will, of course read all about the wonderful things that have been happening over the term as you read through this newsletter. We have just completed two weeks of activities on the run up to Christmas and my thanks goes to all the staff who have worked so hard in the background to make this happen. The Christmas concert was also a huge success and congratulations to all the boys that performed – it was a memorable occasion. Boys have also been entertained by a music video made by the staff. Any furniture damaged was successfully repaired!

As a school we have also now been awarded a National Well-being award that highlights our continued focus and drive towards supporting all at Bramfield House.

This week boys enjoyed a lovely Christmas dinner provided by our hard-working kitchen staff. One big breakfast to go and boys will be heading home to enjoy Christmas. So I wish you wonderful Christmas and New year and I look forward to welcoming students back on the 6th January.

Happy Christmas
Ben Price

MERRY
Christmas

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

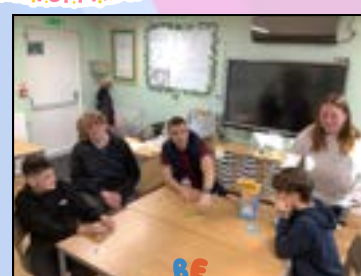
Classes have been taking part in regular Thrive sessions across the school, with the aim of supporting social and emotional regulation. The Thrive Approach is a structured, evidence-based approach to supporting children's emotional and social development, and aims to help pupils understand and manage their feelings, build positive relationships, and develop resilience.



TEAM



CONFIDENT AND UNSTOPPABLE



BE RESILIENT!

Let's help every child



REMEMBRANCE DAY



As part of our Remembrance Day activities this year, students in the Middle and Lower School have been creating beautiful stained-glass jars to donate to local churches. Using layers of coloured tissue paper and PVA glue, the children designed their jars around the theme of remembrance, honouring those who have served, and those who continue to serve, in the armed forces.

The students also took time to discuss the meaning of Remembrance Day and what it represents. Some chose to include purple poppies on their jars to remember the animals who served, while others decorated paper poppies on lollipop sticks with messages such as "Lest We Forget."

It was wonderful to see every student engaged in the project, taking pride in their work, and showing such thoughtful understanding and respect.



We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the students of Bramfield House School for creating the beautiful Remembrance Sunday jars that were placed at the front of St. Mary's during the Town Service. Your thoughtful and creative work added a wonderful and meaningful touch to the occasion, and they were greatly admired by everyone present including our MP, Adrian Ramsay, who was shown the jars after the service. We always look forward to your contributions each year for Remembrance Sunday, and we are truly grateful for the care and respect you show through your art and participation. With very many thanks,
Jason Busby Organist & Churchwarden

We Remember

VISIT TO HILLFIELD NURSERY

Primary had an exciting visit to Hillfield Nursery. Every boy picked a pumpkin to take back to school, ready for some hands-on carving. The classroom may have ended up covered in seeds and pumpkin pulp, but the boys had an amazing time creating their masterpieces!



SPRUCE CLASS



team
work

As the Autumn term ends, we're so proud of all the boys in Spruce Class! This term has been full of growth – academically, emotionally, and socially.

Many boys have gained confidence in reading, writing, and maths, while others have made huge emotional strides, staying longer in class and embracing school life with positivity. They've worked hard on understanding emotions, supporting each other, and building strong friendships.

Highlights include outdoor learning, hands-on activities, and time with our school animals – all helping the boys develop curiosity, responsibility, and teamwork.

Thank you for your support – it makes a real difference. We hope everyone has a joyful Christmas and look forward to another fantastic term in the New Year!

Warm wishes,
Jade, Emma, Jayne and Hayley



ARMY CAREERS VISIT



Earlier this term, the British Army visited Bramfield to showcase a range of careers, from engineering and medical roles to leadership and logistics. Pupils explored apprenticeships, teamwork, and personal development, leaving many with a fresh understanding of modern Army opportunities.



EAST COAST COLLEGE PRESENTATION



We were very pleased to welcome East Coast College, who spent time with pupils to discuss their post-16 options. Their presentation helped students better understand the range of vocational and academic courses available, the facilities and support offered by the college, and what life after Year 11 can look like. The session was especially helpful for those beginning to consider their next steps in education and training.



GAMING INDUSTRY DAY IN LOWESTOFT



A highlight of the term was Gaming Industry Day, attended by selected Key Stage 3 and 4 pupils at a Lowestoft venue hosted by the First Light Festival. Students met industry experts, including a BAFTA-winning developer and the producer of Gang Beasts, and took part in workshops showcasing the creativity, teamwork, and technical skills behind game design. The day offered an inspiring insight into one of the UK's fastest-growing creative industries.





3D DESIGN



This term in 3D Design has been a busy and creative one across all year groups. Our lower KS3 pupils have been researching, designing, and making their own travel games, developing key measuring and marking-out skills along the way. They have learned to use tri-squares and rulers with accuracy and care and have also been introduced to the safe and precise use of the pillar drill. In upper KS3, pupils have been exploring the theme of animal habitats. After researching existing products, they sketched and refined their own unique designs before moving on to cutting, shaping, and assembling their final pieces.

Our GCSE 3D Design groups have been working well on their portfolios in preparation for their upcoming practical exams. They have spent time studying a range of influential designers and artists including Zaha Hadid, Andy Goldsworthy, and Bjarke Ingels, experimenting with techniques in the style of these creatives and developing their own inspired ideas. It has been a fun and productive term for everyone involved. Wishing all pupils and their families a very happy Christmas.



PHOTOGRAPHY



This term in photography, the year 10 group have been practicing their focussing technique by taking pictures with a shallow depth of field, as well as studying the work of photographer Alexandr Rodchenko, then taking their own dramatic photos of the school inspired by his style. The year 11 group have been preparing for their mock exams by taking photos of nature, mechanical objects, products and abandoned buildings and ruins. We also played around the long exposure photography to make light trails.





CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION



'Students were invited to take part in our annual Christmas Card Competition, using their artistic skills to bring festive ideas to life on the page. The response was incredible, with a wonderful array of imaginative and expressive designs. After much deliberation, the headship team selected this year's winning entries, which will proudly represent our school as the official Christmas cards for 2025.

Our talented winners received a selection of art-themed prizes and Amazon vouchers, and each winner had their artwork printed as a personalised set of 10 cards to take home—celebrating their creativity and achievement.

A huge well done to all students who took part.

We are incredibly proud of all our young artists for sharing their talent and enthusiasm.'



JENSON



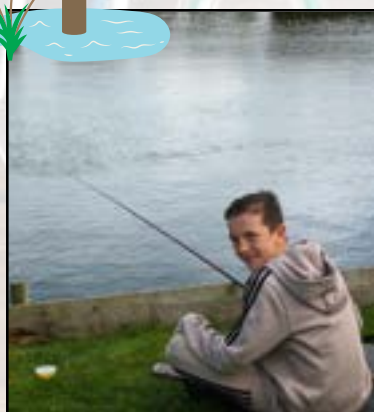
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FISHING



During Bramfield Boy in middle school, pupils have enjoyed spending their time learning and consolidating their fishing skills. Each week they have visited different lakes and have been working towards their AQA fishing certificate.



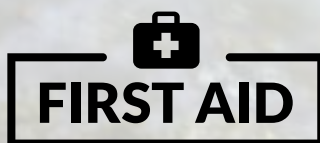
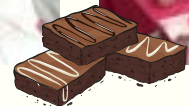
LIFE SKILLS

Sycamore have been working incredibly hard in life skills. They have completed bike maintenance, team building exercises and even learning how to change duvet covers. The boys have all worked incredibly hard, so much that some needed a little nap afterwards.



The School had a visit from PC Hannah Canning. PC Canning is a specialist children and young people's officer who will be coming into school regularly to chat with everyone and answer any questions. The boys asked lots of questions and were then able to explore some of her equipment.

Elm class have had a great time running their own 'Elm Cafe' as part of their life skills lessons. Boys enjoyed making posters, baking treats, taking orders from staff, waiting on tables and serving. All boys were polite and had great customer service skills and received great final reviews even from Head of school Leigh Bailey.



Pine class have been learning first aid in their life skills lessons. All boys were able to follow visual guidance on how to prepare and bandage up a wound



SAPLING ORIENTEERING

For part of our Life Skills lessons this term, Sapling class have been looking at maps and doing some orienteering both inside and outside of school.

We located places around the area all starting with the same letter of the boys' first names.

We needed a little bit of artistic licence with 'K'Noah in 'K'nodishall' but a great lesson in alliteration! (Not many 'N' towns in this part of Suffolk it seems!) Another pupil in the class found out there are no towns or villages in Suffolk starting with a 'J' so we found a street name with some great similarities.

**ELLIOTT IN
EARSHAM**



**K-NOAH IN
K-NODISHALL**



**BRANDON IN
BUNGAY**



**LINDSEY
IN LEISTON**



**TOM IN
THEBERTON**



During the trip some of the boys were able to see lots of road works and building works for the new Sizewell C Power Station. We hope to be able to do a visit to Sizewell (B) next year as there will be lots and lots of job opportunities for some of our boys who may want a career in Engineering, Construction, Management etc.

The boys became road-side photographers as we located the village/towns signs for a great photo opportunity. Two very successful trips with lots of pre-planning and great discussion afterwards.

WELL DONE Sapling Class, a great day out!



**HENRY IN
HALESWORTH**



**BEE IN
BRAMFIELD**



**MAX IN
MENDHAM**



**KAIDEN
IN KELSALE**



♥ IBSTOCK HOUSE ♥

Ibstock House is now well under way, and is full of happy boys who are thriving in their learning journey. The boys are discovering the joy of play, building friendships, and most importantly, having fun while beginning to engage more deeply in their learning.

This term has already been packed with exciting activities. From swimming lessons and outdoor learning adventures to cooking sessions, scavenger hunts, cycling, arts/crafts, life skills and sensory play, the boys have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm. It's wonderful to see them exploring new skills, working together, and enjoying all that school life has to offer.



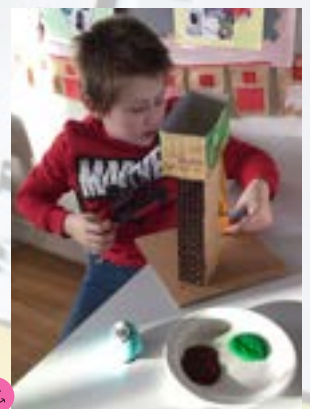
FUN



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Friends



Kind





KS3 OUTDOOR LEARNING



Our middle school boys enjoyed a busy programme of exciting outdoor learning trips this term. One group visited Dunwich Beach, where they explored the effects of coastal erosion, learned about the history of the area including the Last Grave, and worked together during a fun and practical den-building activity. Another group headed to Rendlesham Forest to follow the famous UFO Trail, combining outdoor exploration with curiosity and teamwork as they learned about the area's unique history. Some boys also visited Swallows Aquatics, where they had the opportunity to see a wide range of animals including reptiles, fish, birds and rodents. Some of the boys were particularly brave and even held a snake, making the visit a memorable hands-on learning experience.

All middle school pupils enjoyed an engaging outdoor learning visit to the Food Museum in Stowmarket. They explored sample foods, learned where our food comes from, and had the opportunity to see and pet farm animals. Pupils also investigated how school dinners have changed through time and discovered how farming has evolved over the years. The visit brought learning to life and helped pupils make meaningful connections between history, food, and farming.

These trips provided valuable opportunities for learning beyond the classroom, building confidence, curiosity and teamwork. ☀️



EXPLORE



LET'S GO

ADVENTURE





CHILDREN IN NEED



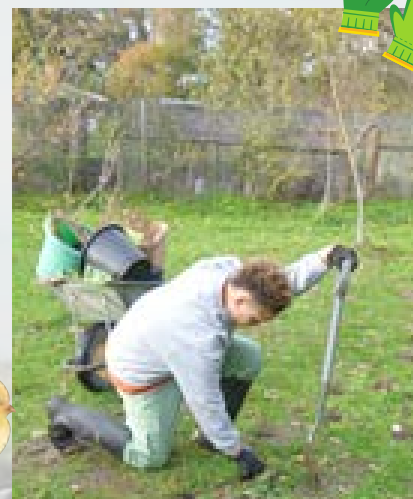
The boys of Bramfield House School undertook a charitable project in support of Children in Need by coordinating a cake sale. This initiative not only promoted social responsibility but also strengthened the sense of community within the school. The sale resulted in a fundraising total of

£68.50

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CHILDREN
IN NEED



DOWN AT THE FARM



Down at the farm, boys have been working hard planting trees, growing winter salads in the polytunnel and looking after the baby chicks. One student has had the experience of spending time with the horse at the farm next door and learning all about horses.



ECO NEWS



This term the school has engaged in recycling week where we aimed to increase further the amount of recycling we do as a school. It was also a chance to look at we can actually recycle so as plastics such as yogurt pots. Food waste continues to be recycled using our food waste composter.

Classes took part in Protect our Planet day with a series of live lessons looking at the impact of climate change on the planet.

We also looked at easy ways to reduce our energy usage such as switching off lights when leaving rooms, turning off computers at the end of the day and to stop leaving things on standby.

Pine class also had two further sessions with charity Natural Habitat as part of their Weaving Farms, Land, People & Planet' project. This is funded by Suffolk & Essex, Coasts & Heath's branch of Farming in Protected Landscapes; connecting farms, schools, and refugee organisations to foster relationships, improve wellbeing and provide environmental learning opportunities.

The first session involved a trip across the road to Broad Oak Farm. Here we looked at the different grains that are used to feed the world. Most of the world relies on wheat, rice, maize and barley but, there are forgotten grains that are more resilient to the changing climate. These includes quinoa, spelt, and black barley. Boys really enjoyed the feel of laying on the pile of wheat and grinding up grain to produce flour from which a loaf of bread was baked showing the difference with supermarket loaves.

We also explored the woodland identifying trees by their leaves and fruits and then planting the seeds we had found, hopefully to plant on the school site.

In the last session back at school, boys were able to make stop go animations using materials from the two farms which will then be used to produce a documentary showing our findings. Pine class really engaged with the activities, and it was clear to see the benefits of working outside and being in nature.

<https://www.naturalhabitat.org.uk/> - Look on the website to see Bramfield's amazing work



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Wonderful Sharing Session
[@_bramfield_house_school_](#) on Tuesday!
We were blown away by the pupils focus,
and felt very proud as they shared their
project journey with their school staff 🥰

#schools #farms #environmentallearning
#diversity
#bringinglandandpeopletogether

Natural
Habitat

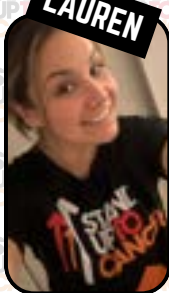


Bringing land &
people together

THE SWEAT EVERYDAY CHALLENGE



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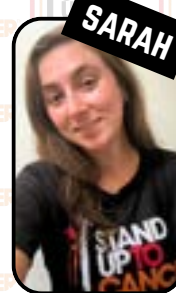
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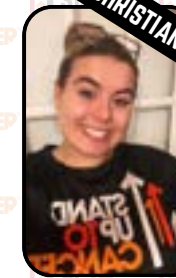
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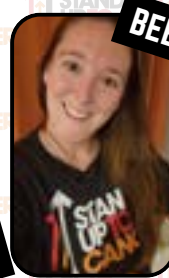
RAINE



CHRISTIANA



HAYLEY



BEE



Staff at Bramfield proudly took part in the "Sweat Every Day" Challenge to support Stand Up To Cancer. Together they raised over **£3000**

Their dedication was driven by a powerful message:

For the fighters. For the survivors.
For the loved ones we've lost. For the hope of tomorrow.
For the cure. #TeamBramFam



MOVEMBER®



Our very own Bramfield Mo Bro's took part in Movember to support men's mental health.

Throughout the month, the team spent time with pupils, emphasising the importance of talking openly about mental wellbeing and knowing where to find support. A huge well done to everyone involved for their fantastic efforts – together they raised an amazing **£1,117**



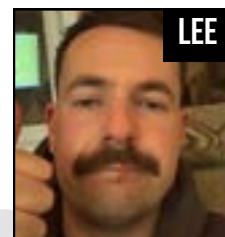
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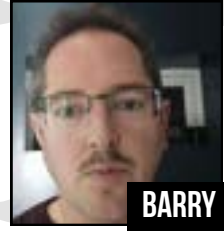
CHARLIE



LEE



PAUL



BARRY



CHRIS



GARY



MUSIC STUDIO VISIT



Year 11 pupils visited a local recording studio to record their very own song that they had written. This was an incredible and inspiring experience with copies of their song being sold in school next term! Watch this space!

ASH CLASS IN THE COMMUNITY



RESILIENT



SUCCESS



HARD WORK



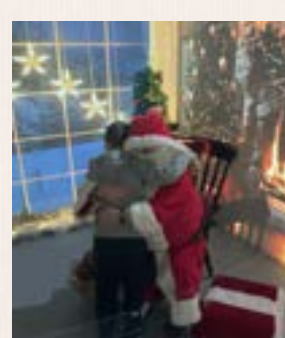
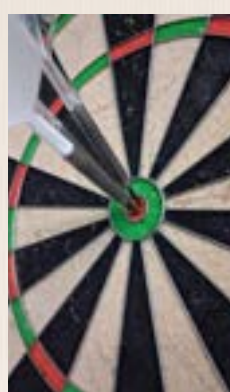
This half term Year 11 pupils took part in a hands-on trade skills workshop where they constructed an accessible spectators shelter and learnt how to felt a roof. Guided by an experienced instructor, they explored the tools and materials used in roofing and practised laying and securing felt themselves. The session helped them understand practical construction skills and gave them confidence in working safely and cooperatively as a team.



CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES WEEK



We held a week long timetable full of Christmas activities to help students develop their social skills, friendships and self-confidence. These included: Ninja tag, Escape rooms, Road Trips, treasure hunt, student quiz, Christmas parties, delivering Christmas cards in the local community, music concert, cinema, Play2Day, hot chocolate making at forest school, bike trail, pool party, Christmas lunch, end of term awards assemblies and so much more!! We all had an AMAZING week!



Childhood Neurodivergence Parent/Carer Workshops

NHS
Norfolk and Suffolk
NHS Foundation Trust

Free Upcoming Virtual workshops on Childhood Neurodivergence:

- Understanding and supporting your child when they are hurting themselves
- Managing Parental/Carer Stress
- Supporting your Child/Young Person with Low Mood

Pre-recorded Workshops and Resources

- Supporting your Child's Education
- Understanding and Supporting Behaviour
- What you Need to Know as a Parent/Carer
- Supporting your Neurodivergent Teenager
- Understanding and Supporting Sensory Needs
- Understanding and Supporting Eating Difficulties
- Supporting Planning, Organising and Remembering



Access here: <https://www.suffolklocaloffer.org.uk/health-and-wellbeing/autism-adhd-and-neurodevelopment/neurodiversity-online-parentcarer-workshops>



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) CHRISTMAS 2025

moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free



ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN

Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat free Sunday - Thursday

BILLS

2 Kids Eat Free on Boxing day 2025

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with one paying adult

CAFE ROUGE

Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week

COCONUT TREE

Kids eat FREE from Fri 19th Dec - Sun 6th Jan 2026

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

MARSTONS PUBS

from 29th Dec - Jan 9th 2026 in selected locations

MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day

PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1. Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

Merry
Christmas
and Happy
New Year

From all at
Bramfield House School



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School