



Brampton Primary School

BRAMPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL



Prospectus 2025-26

Believe. Persevere. Succeed.

Thank you for exploring Brampton Primary School.
We look forward to welcoming you.

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Welcome to Brampton Primary School

Welcome to Brampton Primary School and our 2025-26 prospectus. I am very proud to be able to share with you the wonderful opportunities at Brampton Primary School & Nursery.

Brampton Primary School & Nursery is a vibrant school where children are enthusiastic and motivated to achieve endless possibilities. The children are at the heart of every decision we make to ensure that they are happy, confident and that the opportunities provided for them are relevant to their needs, both now and in the future.

Through our engaging curriculum, we ensure that children can foster a passion for learning and curiosity, that will help to develop high aspirations and a lifetime of memories. We believe in ensuring that children receive a broad and balanced curriculum; where individual talents can be spotted and nurtured to ensure that all children experience success and reach their full potential.

The school has a dedicated team that work hard to reach high standards in everything we do, and this is further embedded through our successful relationships with parents, the local community and other schools. We firmly believe that education is a partnership between home and school, and regard you as an active partner in your child's education and value your interest and support.

I hope that this prospectus will give you as much information as possible about our school, the staff and the many activities that our children enjoy through our curriculum and our extra-curricular activities, but it can never replace the first-hand experience of coming to visit us. If you have suggestions to make about its content and design or would like to see us at work please contact me.

Chris Armstrong
Headteacher



Music Lessons

Individual and small group music lessons can be provided by Cumbria Music Service and a specialist teacher, Mr Hemingway. Lessons are offered to children in years 3-6 and are delivered weekly. Instruments currently on offer are guitar, drums, piano, clarinet and flute. Children have many opportunities throughout the year to showcase their efforts too!



School Lunches

Our school dinners are provided by a company called Dolce. They prepare a choice of four meals each day on site in our kitchens, which can be ordered in advance at home or during registration time in school. If your child does not wish to have a school meal they can of course bring a nutritious, healthy packed lunch from home (no nuts please). Children are encouraged to bring their own water bottles to school each day, and a healthy snack with them to eat at morning break time, or they can purchase a slice of toast for 10p from the hall. Children in Nursery, Reception and Years 1 and 2 will receive a free, daily piece of fruit.



Wraparound Care

Brampton Primary School offers a Breakfast Club Monday to Friday from 7:45am to 8:45am and an afterschool club Monday to Thursday 3:15pm to 5:30pm. The children enjoy being based in our vibrant wraparound care room, 'The Den'. All bookings for this care are made through School Money on the Teachers2Parents app, with at least 24 hours notice on the app.



PTA

Brampton Primary School's PTA organise events to support the children and help to buy 'extras', which help enrich their learning and time at the school. We really appreciate any time and support we receive and are always looking for new members to join our regular meetings or just to help out. Being part of the PTA doesn't mean that you have to donate money for events in school, it can be offering your time to run a stall at the Christmas fair, cooking those hotdogs for a disco, or even putting up posters in Brampton so that the whole community can come to events held at the school.

Teaching and Learning

Our staff are committed to raising standards and providing the best possible education for our pupils. We ensure relevant and challenging learning experiences for all pupils. The staff are united in this common approach and work hard to establish an ethos of ongoing rigorous development for all learners.

We pride ourselves in our:

Effective planning that takes account of the learning needs of all pupils.

Effective teaching that motivates and inspires all pupils to achieve their best work.

Relevant opportunities for pupils to engage in a wide range of challenging learning experiences.

Continuity and progression in the learning of all pupils from Nursery to Year 6.

Sport and Physical Education

PE has an important place in the school day and the importance of exercise for a healthy lifestyle is one of the main aims of physical education at our school. All children have access to high quality provision in PE and sport. Whether your child likes taking part 'for fun', or thrives through positive competition, we aim to offer high quality experiences for every student, regardless of their ability.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Brampton Primary School actively encourages participation in the numerous extra-curricular activities organised by the school and its staff. They are an important part of our wider curriculum offer. Recent examples of our many extra-curricular clubs include:

Football, Netball, Computing, Construction, Dance, Film, Gymnastics, Recorders, Rounders, Singing, Ukulele, Cookery, Cricket, Table Tennis and Chess.



About Brampton Primary School

Brampton Primary School has served the town's community since the Infant and Junior schools merged in September 2008. Since then, the school has been through many changes; children have come and gone, as have staff members, but the commitment to serving our community remains.

Over the years, our school has built a reputation for being a warm, friendly place where people feel welcomed and included. This is important to us. We believe that positive relationships are key to our success in school and by treating each other with respect, kindness and good manners we work hard to maintain them.

Brampton Primary School is a one form entry primary school with an up to 30 hour nursery. We are placed on a large site and are very lucky to have lots of space for our children to work and play in. Our school is set in beautiful grounds and standing on our huge school field, we overlook fields to the north and enjoy picturesque views of our market town. We make the most of our outdoor space and have easy access to the wider local area, often walking with our children up to the Mote and in Ridgewood.

We have two large playgrounds for Key Stage 1 and 2, featuring age-appropriate apparatus such as a jungle climber, trim trail, fixed goalposts and ball hoops to help make play times fun. The Early Years unit have their own outdoor area, which has just been updated and remodelled. We also have a quiet courtyard area, an outdoor classroom and classroom allotments which the children all benefit from using.



Our Aims

01 Raise aspirations and broaden horizons

We need the children of Brampton to understand the possibilities that life holds and the opportunities that exist locally, nationally and globally. Through visits out of school, we aim to show children the world beyond their locality and through assemblies, we highlight the amazing achievements of others and fascinating interest stories from around the world. During our work in PSHE, we look at the different jobs people can do and what it takes to pursue a particular career. We want our children to dream big and believe that they can.



02 Be responsive to emerging needs

We like to stay light on our feet because the world changes so quickly! Some children's needs can change day to day while others emerge more gradually. We want to be ready to help so we adapt and add to our curriculum as needed. We complete lots of work with Young Money and arrange visitors to school from different agencies to talk about all kinds of things like online safety, dental hygiene and firework safety. We recognise the increasing number of children with Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs and add new elements to our curriculum to address them.



03 Cement a strong sense of community

Brampton is a special place to live! We want our children to be proud of their community and contribute positively towards keeping it that way. We take part in regular visits to the local sheltered housing to sing, play games and read with the residents and contribute to local events like the Town Carol Service, Christmas lights switch on, gardening initiatives and tree planting, as well as completing litter picks in our nearby woods. We also want our children to understand their locality and we regularly visit the local landmarks, walkways and buildings including Talkin Tarn, the Mote, St. Martins Church and Hadrian's Wall within our studies.



"The school provides pupils with a broad and ambitious curriculum, which is carefully designed to take account of its location and context." Ofsted, 2025

Our Curriculum

At Brampton Primary School, we pride ourselves on providing a rich and relevant curriculum for our pupils in line with National Curriculum and Early Years Framework expectations. Where possible, we try to personalise the curriculum to meet the needs of our children as outlined in our aims.

We strive to enhance our curriculum and broaden the horizons of our children by inviting visitors into school and planning regional trips throughout the year. We offer residential visits in years 4 and 6. Visit overviews are published on our website to allow parents to plan in advance and budget for these and our PTA generously subsidise these to help minimise costs.



Religious Education is a core subject which is taught following the guidelines of the agreed 'Cumbria Syllabus'. Assemblies are held daily which are broadly Christian in character, although we are a non-denominational school.



In-line with the Government's 'Prevent' agenda, our Child Protection Policy reiterates our commitment to ensuring our children grow as responsible, well-rounded citizens. We will do anything we can to protect our pupils from the threat of terrorism or radical ideology, and we have a zero tolerance approach to extremism in our school. Our staff are well-trained as to what to do in such circumstances.



PSHE education within our school aims to provide opportunities for pupils to develop the skills, knowledge and understanding they need to lead confident, healthy independent lives and become active and informed citizens. Teaching in this area enables pupils to contribute in an age appropriate way. This may be delivered in 'Circle Time', assemblies, during curriculum lessons such as science or during our Sports and Health Week.



**'Pupils are very much at the heart of this vibrant school. Just as the school's vision states, they strive to 'believe, persevere and succeed.'
Ofsted, 2025**

Nursery Provision

We admit children to our Nursery the term after their third birthday. Provision changes year-to-year depending on the number of children requesting places. Please contact the school to discuss your requirements.

Pastoral Care

All school staff are responsible for the pastoral care of pupils; the school has a caring and friendly atmosphere - we are a big school, with a small school feel. Children are encouraged to speak to their class teacher, or the Headteacher about any problems or worries they may have. If you have any concerns about your child, speak to us at your earliest convenience and we will help in any way that we can.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

Brampton Primary School offers an inclusive education to all children. We aim to maximise the potential of all our pupils, whatever their ability, by providing a broad and balanced curriculum. Pupils who are experiencing Special Educational Needs are catered for as individuals, in groups and by whole class approaches with adaptations to meet their needs.

We have created safe spaces in school that can be used as areas for self-regulation and reflection, as well as learning spaces for our work in promoting mental wellbeing.

Our Aims

04 Gain knowledge and skills for each next step

We want our children to be prepared for each next step of their educational journey and for life. Whether moving from Nursery to Reception or Year 6 to Year 7, we want our children to have the knowledge and skills to be ready for what comes next.

Each subject taught in school has clear progression and we consider prior learning and next steps to make learning stick for our children through a coherent, well-planned approach.

With the average reading age of a Cumbrian adult being nine-years-old, we place a particularly high value on reading. We recognise its importance in developing confident lifelong learners.



05 Encourage independence and responsibility

We want our children to know how to do things for themselves.

We offer ongoing support and guidance to help children achieve their goals but ultimately we want them to take responsibility for their own learning, behaviour and belongings.

This is reflected in our simple values-based message to the children: work hard and be kind. Working hard is about being ready, resilient and reflective in our learning. These are all good metacognitive traits of independent learners.

Being kind involves caring about ourselves, others and the environment by making responsible choices.



06 Find and develop each individual's talents

We offer a broad and balanced curriculum at BPS to ensure that we give children different opportunities to find their interests. We recognise that not all children are successful at the same things.

On top of clear progression in line with each National Curriculum subject, we look for (or create) extra curricular opportunities for children to develop their skills and interests further.

We believe that the power of confidence and self-belief comes from being successful in something and that the more success children experience, the more resilient they can become in tackling other things they may find hard.





“Staff are very proud to work at this school... Relationships between staff and pupils are very positive.” Ofsted, 2025

Brampton Staff and Governors

Leadership

Chris Armstrong Headteacher
 Lisa Miller Deputy Headteacher
 Angela Graham School Business Manager

Teaching Staff

Caireen Bouch
 Anna Brooks
 Jenna Dalgleish (SENDCo)
 Laura Harrison-Woodward
 Nicola Morton
 Anna Moss
 Claire Paisley
 Maisie Sharpe
 Catherine Shaw
 Vanessa Shovlin
 Sarah Sparke
 Katy Walker

Governors

Bill Johnston (Chair)
 Lauren Hitchin (Safeguarding)
 Andrew Chaganis
 Huw Iley
 Gemma Karim
 Matthew Mitchell
 Kelly Rayner-Smith
 Lisa Turner
 Kate Wareing

Support Staff

Sam Bell
 Delia Blaj
 Sue Brown
 Yvonne Brown
 Faith Ewin (Apprentice)
 Marie Friel
 Pauline Graham
 Rachel Jackson
 Helen Lomas
 Luke Mitchinson
 Lisa Turner
 Heather Watson

Lunch Time Supervisors

Marion Armstrong
 Delia Blaj
 Anni Harrand
 Christine Mossop
 Donna Robbins
 Barbara Smith (Lead Supervisor)

Wraparound Care

Barbara Smith
 Delia Blaj
 Marie Friel
 Luke Mitchinson



School Uniform

Our children are expected to wear full school uniform every day unless there is a special event which parents will be notified about via the website, newsletter or school text.

Our school uniform consists of:

Grey or black trousers or skirt
 Red gingham style school dress for summer
 White polo shirt
 Red sweatshirt or cardigan (available from the school office)
 Plain black footwear

For P.E. children need -

Crew neck T-shirt in House Team colour (refer to class teachers for house teams)
 Black shorts
 Clean P.E. shoes/trainers to be used indoors
 Trainers for outdoor games
 A P.E. bag
 P.E. clothing should be plain without logos.

Children are only allowed small stud earrings and preferably be able to remove them for P.E. Sweatshirts, cardigans, P.E. bags and book bags are always available from the school office; there is also a rail of good condition second hand uniform at Age Concern in Brampton.

Attendance

Good school attendance is 96%+ Children who attend school the most have the greatest chance of success in their learning.

All parents should report any absence from school via telephone before 9:30am on the day of absence.

Parents wishing to book holidays in term time should read our attendance policy before making any such requests to Mr Armstrong using the absence request form.

Brampton Primary's whole school attendance for 2024-25 was above the National Average, at 95.9%

Term Dates and Daily Timetable

Daily Highlights

8:30am	The school gates open and parents and children can wait on the playground.
8:45am	The bell rings for the start of the school day. Messages can be passed on via door staff or at the office.
8:50am	School gates close. Children should be brought through the main entrance if late.
10:30am	Break time for all year groups.
12-12:55pm	Lunchtime for all year groups.
1pm	Afternoon session
3:05pm	School gates open for parents to collect children from the top yard.
3:10pm	Early Years children meet parents at the Early Years entrance.
3:15pm	Children in Years 1-6 are brought to the doors to meet parents on the top yard.

Term Dates 2025-26

Autumn Term

Starts: Wednesday 3rd September
Ends: Friday 19th December
Half Term: 27th - 31st October

Spring Term

Starts: Wednesday 27th January
Ends: Friday 27th March
Half Term: 16th - 20th February

Summer Term

Starts: Monday 13th April
Ends: Friday 17th July
Half Term: 25th - 29th May

Summer Bank Holidays: 3rd April (Easter Friday)
6th April (Easter Monday)
Monday 4th May

Children who are collected from school during the course of the day must be signed out in the yellow folder at Reception by the adult who is collecting them.

Any changes to this timetabling as a result of visits or events will be explained in letters home and/or updated via the school text messaging service.



Message from the Chair of Governors

Our school's Governing Body is made up of 11 members representing the community, staff, parents, and the Local Authority. We meet at least six times a year through full meetings and smaller committee sessions; when needed, we also meet with the Headteacher and lead Governors to discuss key areas.

The Governing Body is responsible for overseeing the school's effectiveness. We review and monitor school policies, plans, and procedures, while the Headteacher manages day-to-day operation of the curriculum and implements those policies. Governors bring a range of skills to support areas such as finance, maintenance, staffing, and fundraising, and we work closely with staff to help the school thrive, making being a governor a rewarding experience. We also act as a link between the school, the Local Authority, parents, and the wider community when needed.

Governors' priorities for this school year are to:

- support staff efforts in developing and delivering relevant educational opportunities for all children;
- review pupils' achievements and attainments and ensure the structure of the curriculum is fit for purpose;
- operate the school within budget and avoid deficits, ensure that there is monitoring of the spending of external funds;
- ensure that the school buildings are maintained in good order and that a safe environment exists at all times.

Chair of Governors



Discover more about our vibrant school life!

