



Great Bradfords

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Anita Easton

Celebration Awards Thursday 28th June 2024

Hawk	Albie, Bella
Eagle	Amelia C, Kikelomo
Kestrel	Sara, Hendrix
Swift	Whole class
Owl	Daisy, Amelia
Wagtail	Eddie, Ivy Morton
Kingfisher	Whole class
Robin	Charlotte, Rupert
Woodpecker	Samar, Oliver
Puffin	Rylee, Jameson, Ronnie G, Iggly, George, Rohan

Move Round Morning

The children were very excited to spend time in their new classrooms with the teachers and support staff that will be with them next year. Please see below for the new classes.

Current class	New class	Teacher
Kingfisher	Wagtail	Mrs Potter & Mrs Raval
Robin	Owl	Mr Crow
Woodpecker	Swift	Mrs Chittenden
Swift	Hawk	Mrs Shadbolt
Owl	Kestrel	Mrs Thomas
Wagtail	Eagle	Mrs Seymour
Hawk	3S	Mrs Stewart
Eagle	3I	Mrs Iqbal
Kestrel	3M	Miss Martin although she will be Mrs Smith

Mobile Zoo Comes to School



On Thursday, Year 1 enjoyed a visit from the mobile zoo.

"I was excited! First we saw a Meerkat. It was barking at us. Then we saw a tortoise. It was ticklish and the tortoise can feel through its shell. Then we saw a snake who was squishy. There was a Duprasi gerbil who had a fat tail. Then we saw a bearded dragon, but he couldn't breathe fire!"
(by Macauley, Owl Class)



PTFA Summer Fete

If you are able to help with the PTFA Summer fete this year, please let the Infant or Junior school know or contact the PTFA directly at gbptfa@gmail.com. The event will be held on the school field on Friday 5th July from 3.30-6.00pm. There are a fantastic array of activities: hook-a-duck, hair stall, face painting, human fruit machine, stocks, lolly game, henna tattoos, ice cream van, BBQ and bar and lots more...

We will be having a **non-uniform day** on Friday 5th July, so that children are ready to go to the Fete after school. In exchange, we would be grateful if the children could bring in a bottle for the tombola. This could be a bottle of wine or juice, tomato sauce or something else that comes in a bottle.

Wristbands

Don't forget, if you want to purchase a wristband to use on any of the inflatables at the Summer Fete next Friday. Once again the PTFA are offering the chance to purchase wristbands, for the inflatables before the event at a discounted price. Wristbands will be £6.50 with the letter and order form your child brought home and £7.50 on the gate, this wristband allows you unlimited timed turns on the 5 inflatables. Wristbands will be handed out to the children on the day ready for the event. If

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you would like to purchase a wristband(s) please complete the slip your child brought home and hand it into the school with CASH payment by Wednesday 3rd July **no late payments will be accepted.**

Attendance Changes

There are a number of changes coming into effect from 19th August 2024 regarding pupil attendance at school. Please click on the link below to find out more information.

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/category/attendance/>

We have updated our Child Attendance Policy which can be found on our website:

<https://www.gbins.co.uk/media/2597/child-attendance-policy-july-2024.pdf>

If you need a paper copy of the policy as you cannot access it electronically, please call in at the school office to collect one.

Summer Reading Challenge

Marvellous Makers is coming to a library near you this summer!

Essex Library Service and The Reading Agency are teaming up with Create for



a very special 2024 Summer Reading Challenge which will be a celebration of the creative arts. We'll be inspiring children to express themselves in creative ways, tap into a world of imagination and storytelling, and – of course – to read!

The challenge runs from Saturday 20 July to Saturday 7 September in all Essex libraries and mobile libraries. There will also be a special early joiners' day on Saturday 13 July!

Children are being asked to read 6 books, they will collect stickers for their folder for each book they read. After reading 6 books they earn their certificate and medal.

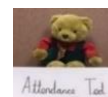
To find out more, follow the link below:

<https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/marvellou>

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Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week was Kingfisher with 99.6% attendance. No class achieved 100% punctuality. Come on everyone, this needs to be better!



Rocket Points

Green rocket teams were the joint winners this week with 146 points each. Well done children.

Tidy Classroom

The winning class this week was kingfisher class. Well done children for taking care of our school.



Family Support

Sharon McCormick is our Home/School Liaison Worker. If you are struggling with your child's behaviour; bedtimes, mornings are a nightmare; your child is a fussy eater or struggles to leave you at school time, bereavement or family separation, then Sharon may be able to help.

If she cannot help you personally, then she can refer to more specialised services who will be experts in their field. Sharon is available Monday - Wednesday between 7.45am-4pm. You are welcome to email her on Smccormick@lyonshall.org.uk. She can also be contacted on 01376552393 or 07714621666.

Alternatively, come to one of her drop in sessions in school from 8.00am - 9.00am on Tuesday 16th July

Diary Dates		
4.7.24	School closed for Polling Station	
5.7.24	Non Uniform Day	

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5.7.24	PTFA Summer Fete	3.30 – 6.00pm
8.7.24	Year 2 Dress Rehearsal to school	AM
9.7.24	Year 2 performance- parents & carers invited – All of Kestrel class & ½ Eagle class, children's surnames A to H	9.15 – 9.45am (approx.)
10.7.24	Year 2 performance- parents & carers invited – All of Hawk class & ½ Eagle class, children's surnames I to Z	9.15 – 9.45am (approx.)
11.7.24	Gemma's Farm visiting Reception	AM
11.7.24	Governor Curriculum and Finance meeting	6.30pm
12.7.24	Year 2 Leaver's Disco	3.30- 5.00pm
15.7.24	Wagtail library visit	AM
16.7.24	Sharon's Drop-in (Family Support)	8.00 - 9.00am

18.7.24	Reports go out via Arbor	
23.7.24	Break up for Summer	3.20pm
2.9.24	Non Pupil Day	
3.9.24	Non Pupil Day	
4.9.24	Back to School Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	8.40am
5.9.24	Back to School Nursery	

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