



# Great Bradfords

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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## Celebration Awards Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Hawk	Whole class
Eagle	Whole class
Kestrel	Whole class
Swift	Whole class
Owl	Whole class
Wagtail	Whole class
Kingfisher	Whole class
Robin	Whole class
Woodpecker	Whole class
Puffin	Adrian, Samuel, Hugo L, Mable, Charlie, Evelyn, Ellie I

## Summer Holidays

We are still in school next week on Monday and Tuesday and then the holidays start on Wednesday. As this will be the last newsletter for this academic year we would like to wish all of our lovely Year 2 children every success and happiness in their Year 3 classes next year. We know you will be just as fabulous as you are now.

Happy holidays to all of our children and families. It has been a very busy year, as always. Remember to read and write over the summer so that your skills are primed and ready to be used again once you are back in school.



Stay safe over the break and we look forward to welcoming you back in September. (See diary dates at the bottom for full dates and times).

## Good-Bye

I would like to say a massive thank you to Ms Beard, Mrs Limbrick and Mr Brownsell who have been teaching in Reception this year and also to Ms Keeble in Hawk class. Thank you very much for joining our team

albeit for a short time. Also good-bye to Miss Dixon who has been in Owl class and Woodpecker. She will be leaving us to go travelling, starting in Australia. I'm sure she will send us postcards letting us know how she is getting on. We wish them all a very happy and exciting future.

## Eco Club

Mrs Brumby and Mrs Harris wanted to say, "A big thank you to all of our eco club members this year. You have helped to improve our school environment in so many ways. We hope that you continue to be fantastic global citizens at the Junior School and in our local community."



Don't forget, The Big Butterfly Count is taking place from 12<sup>th</sup> July to the 4<sup>th</sup> August. Anyone can join in. Find a sunny spot and sit and watch butterflies and moths for 15 minutes. Sign up at:

[bigbutterflycount@butterflyconservation.org](mailto:bigbutterflycount@butterflyconservation.org)

## School Books

You should have returned all school books today, so that we can audit books over the summer and replenish stocks where necessary. If you have forgotten, please return them on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Please check bags, pockets and any hiding places at home for any toys or other items that belong to school. Thank you



## Staying Safe Online

With the summer holidays fast approaching, it's important to remember that the risk of online harm doesn't disappear over the summer. Any child is at risk - both boys and girls can be groomed online, with contact often starting on social media. By discussing the digital world regularly, in the same way as road



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safety or stranger danger, caregivers can help children feel comfortable in sharing any concerns. The [ESCB website has resources](#) including podcasts, videos and how to report concerns.

## Local Community

Please follow the link to our website where you will find a new 'Our Community' page. Here you will find information on events happening in the local area as well as workshops and support groups. The page will be regularly updated as new information comes to us. <https://www.gbins.co.uk/local-community/>

## Boost Children's Maths Skills

Spark your child's love for learning and maths this summer holiday and win exclusive maths prizes with Essex Summer Bingo challenge. Children that complete any four activities will be entered into a prize draw. Why not aim for a 'full house' and complete all 16 for a chance to win an even bigger prize. [Download the Essex Year of app](#) for more information and to enter the Summer Bingo challenge.

## Summer Reading Challenge

Marvellous Makers is coming to the library 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 20<sup>th</sup> July to 7<sup>th</sup> September in all Essex libraries and mobile libraries.

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/marvellous-makers-the-summer-reading-challenge-2024>

## Good Beginnings Course

Essex's 10-week information course for parent/carers of autistic children of reception age and under will be back in Autumn 2024 in the following areas:

- Braintree
- Basildon
- Epping
- Harwich

If you are a parent or carer of an autistic child (with or without diagnosis) and would like to find out more about autism and meet other parent/carers of autistic children the same age, join us for Good Beginnings. Express an interest [here](#).

## Display of Children's Art

In many of the Primary Schools across Braintree, the children in Year 1 classes have been exploring the question 'How did the universe come to be?' Different ideas and beliefs have been explored and Christina Youth Organisation, who are regular visitors to all the schools, presented a very visual session telling the Christian Story of Creation from The Bible. Each class have used their own creativity and produced beautiful pieces of art to represent this story and when put together, form a wonderful display.

We are delighted that this will be on display in the entrance of Braintree Town Hall, throughout the summer holiday period, for you to go and see.

24<sup>th</sup> July – 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024



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Located just along from Braintree Library and opposite Tesco, do pop in and see your child's class art on display, along with art from many other schools.

However we believe the world came to be, we can all agree that it is a wonderful world indeed and we must all do our best to look after it!

### Attendance

Whole school attendance up to today stands at 94%.

There were 1,228 recorded late marks this year on registers.



Children with attendance at 98% or above will be given their attendance badges in assembly on Monday.

We will be having a big drive on improving attendance and punctuality next year. We will be working closely with families to help them see the importance of being in school every day and on time. Please follow the link to our update Child Attendance Policy on our website.

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

### Rocket Points

**Purple** and **Orange** rocket teams were the joint winners this week with 198 points each. Well done children. **Green** rocket team were the overall winners this term and will have a special treat next week to celebrate.

### 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](mailto:Smccormick@lyonshall.org.uk). She can also be contacted on 01376552393 or 07714621666.

### Diary Dates

23.7.24	Break up for Summer	3.20pm
2.9.24	Non Pupil Day	
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4.9.24	Back to School Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	8.40am
4.9.24	Reception parents meeting teachers by appointment	PM
5.9.24	Back to School Nursery	
5.9.24	Meeting for parents of new reception children in the hall	9.00am
20.9.24	Individual Photos	Day
27.9.24	PTFA School Fete	3.30-6.00pm
18.10.24	Kestrel class assembly	9.05am
21.10.24 to 25.10.24	Book Fair in school	Open 3.20-4.20pm
23.10.24	Parent Consultation meetings for Nursery,	3.40-6.20pm

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	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	
24.10.24	Parent Consultation meetings for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	3.40-6.20pm
28.10.24 to 1.11.24	Half Term Week	
4.11.24	Back to school	8.40am
11.11.24	Non-Pupil Day	Day
11.11.25 to 15.11.25	Anti-Bullying Week	
15.11.24	Owl class assembly	9.05am
29.11.25	Eagle class assembly	9.05am
6.12.24	Swift class assembly	9.05am
6.12.24	Nursery & Reception Disco in hall	3.30-4.30pm
6.12.24	Years 1 & 2 Disco in hall	4.45-6.00pm
20.12.24	Last day of term	3.20pm
23.12.24 to 3.1.25	Christmas Holidays	

6.1.24	Back to school for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	8.40am
7.1.24	Back to school Nursery	
24.1.25	Hawk class assembly	9.05am
27.1.25	Non-Pupil Day	Day
7.2.25	Wagtail class assembly	9.05am
12.2.25	Parent Consultation Meetings	3.40-6.20pm
13.2.25	Parent Consultation Meetings	3.40-6.20pm
17.2.25 to 21.2.25	Half Term	
24.2.25	Back to school	8.40am
24.3.25	Reception Dress Rehearsal	9.15am
25.3.25	Reception performance to parents in Kingfisher and ½ Robin class	9.15am
26.3.25	Reception performance to parents in Woodpecker and ½ Robin class	9.15am

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7.4.25 to 21.4.25	Easter Holidays	
22.4.25	Back to school	
16.5.25	Kingfisher class assembly	9.05am
23.5.25	Non-Pupil Day	
26.5.25 to 30.5.25	Half Term	
2.6.25	Back to school	8.40am
9.6.25	Year 1 Phonic Screening Week	
13.6.25	Robin class assembly	9.05am
20.6.25	Woodpecker class assembly	9.05am
7.7.25	Yr 2 Dress rehearsal	
8.7.25	Yr 2 Performance to Parents in Kestrel class and ½ Hawk class children's surname A-J	9.15am
9.7.25	Yr 2 Performance to Parents in Eagle class and ½ Hawk class children's surname K-Z	9.15am
11.7.25	Year 2 Leaver's Disco	3.30-5.00pm

22.7.25	Last day of term	
23.7.25 to 29.8.25	Summer holidays	

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