



# Great Bradfords

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Anita Easton

## Welcome Back Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Hawk	Austin, Oliver
Eagle	Sakina, Mimi
Kestrel	Jessica S, Jake
Swift	Rebecca C, Sahara
Owl	Aiya, Rupert
Wagtail	Leo, Emily
Kingfisher	Dominic
Robin	Georgia
Woodpecker	Obiamaka
Puffin	Lola, Ronnie G, Jude, Arthur

## PTFA School Fete - Bradfest

Our Summer Fete was postponed due to bad weather last term. Anyone who purchased wristbands will still be able to use them at the Fete on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September from 3.30-6.00pm. If you are able to help with the PTFA Bradfest this year, please let the Infant or Junior school know or contact the PTFA directly at [gbptfa@gmail.com](mailto:gbptfa@gmail.com). The event will be held on the school field. 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... Put the date in your diary. Everyone is welcome as it is a joint event with the Junior School: friends, neighbours and wider family members are also welcome.



## School Council

Children in Years 1 and 2 will have the opportunity to stand for election next week. This is a great opportunity to explore the British value of Democracy. If your child would like to be considered for the role of class rep, would you chat with them and help them to prepare



a short presentation explaining why they would like this role and why they think they would be good at it. Winning candidates will be announced in the newsletter next week.

## Harvest – Collecting Now

For Harvest, we are collecting donations for Braintree Foodbank again this year. Please see the list below for items they are requesting. Any donation, no matter how big or small supports them in their mission to ensure that no one has to go hungry. Please bring donations to the school office and place on the table with the blue table cloth, or give to class teachers at drop off or pick up. Thank you in advance for your support.



### Food items

- Cereal (small box)
- UHT Milk or milk alternative
- Tin Hot Snack (Ravioli, Mac Cheese etc.)
- Tinned Hot Meat (Stew, curry etc.)
- Tinned vegetables
- Packet of instant mash
- Tinned rice pudding
- Coffee (small jars)

\* Please note: We ask for small packs, as larger packs do not fit in our boxes making it difficult for our clients to carry home. In addition, we are unable (for hygiene reasons) to split large size or catering packs. We are always pleased to accept monetary donations if you prefer or Supermarket Gift Cards.

## PTFA AGM

Please note the PTFA AGM will be held in the Infant School hall on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 6.15pm. You are all automatic members of the Parent, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA), so come along and cast your votes for a Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. It is also a great way to find out how you can get involved

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with fund raising for our schools. The PTFA represents both the Junior School and the Infant School.

## School Uniform

Children are expected to wear school uniform each day. If it is your child's PE day, they come to school dressed in their PE kits. If they do not have a plain black jumper to wear over their rocket t-shirt, then they should wear their school jumper. Bright coloured jumpers or clothing with superheroes etc... are not permitted. We have a selection of spare school uniform, available to you for free, in the office area. Please ensure ALL CLOTHING HAS YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON IT.

## ASDA Cashpot

Register with ASDA and the PTFA will earn £1.00 for every person registered. Then for a period of time, we will earn cash every time you shop at ASDA in store or online. Even if it's not your store, sign up and we receive a £1.00 donation. That's a lot of money if everyone signs up from the Infant and Junior Schools.

<https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>



## Reception Starters 2024

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026, they will be due to start school in September 2025. You will need to complete an online application to request a school of your choice. The application window is from 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024 to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Please click on the link below for further info.

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-school-places>

To help you decide we will be hosting 2 Open Mornings on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October and Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November from 10.00am

-12.00pm. Please feel free to come along, no need to book. You can meet staff and explore our wonderful learning environment.

## Applying for Year 3 Sept 2025

If your child is in Year 2, you will need to apply for their Year 3 place at the Junior School. For more information, please click on the link below. The application window is from 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024 to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/junior-year-3-school-places>

## Rocket T-Shirts

If you want to purchase a rocket t-shirt for your child's PE. Please click on the link below to order and then top up your Arbor account so the payment can be taken for the t-shirt. Thank you.

[https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=Hull3KpRp0Ke9nfnZis7HvHjo4N\\_zjFNIkkeAoTYHMTUMUQ0TVg3MjE1VUM5N0FZQIhSTkIDQIY1Qi4u&route=shorturl](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=Hull3KpRp0Ke9nfnZis7HvHjo4N_zjFNIkkeAoTYHMTUMUQ0TVg3MjE1VUM5N0FZQIhSTkIDQIY1Qi4u&route=shorturl)

## Individual Photographs

Don't forget to come to school super smart next Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September as the photographer will be in school.



## Drop Box

We all forget things from time to time and with busy mornings you may forget a water bottle or a book bag for your child. If you do, don't worry, just pop it into the box outside the office and we will deliver it to your child. There isn't any need to ring the bell to let us know as we check the box regularly. Make sure your child's name is on the item.



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### Golden Table

Today was the first golden table of the year. Every week the lunch staff choose one child from each class who has demonstrated the golden rule for that week. Today children were chosen because they say please and thank you. Each child on the golden table is given a golden badge and they eat their lunch on a golden table with Mrs Easton, Mr Kimber or one of the other members of staff. The children always enjoy this special treat.



### Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week was Wagtail class with 98.4%. Well done children, parents and carers. Kingfisher class achieved 100% punctuality. Come on everyone, everyone should be in on time!

### Tidy Classroom

The winning class this week was Kestrel class. Well done to the children for taking care of their classroom.



### Rocket Points

**Green** rocket teams were the winners this week with **286** smiley faces. Well done children.



### Breakfast Club

We run a breakfast club from Monday to Friday, during term time, from 7.30 am for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Please bring children to the school

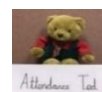


hall via the main entrance where they can enjoy a varied breakfast of cereal, toast, crumpets, pancakes, fruit, yoghurt, juice, milk or water. Games and activities are arranged daily. Children are escorted to their classes at 8.40 am ready for the school day.

To benefit from the Breakfast Club, you need to **book and pay in advance for your child/children via the Arbor App**. The cost of each session is £4.00. If you have more than 2 siblings attending, concessions are available - please ask at the office for further details.

### Family Support

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

Alternatively, come to one of her drop in sessions in school from 8.30am - 9.30am on one of the following Mondays:

- 23<sup>rd</sup> September
- 21<sup>st</sup> October
- 25<sup>th</sup> November
- 9<sup>th</sup> December

### Diary Dates

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18.9.24	Governor Meeting	6.30pm

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19.9.24	PTFA AGM all welcome	6.15pm
20.9.24	Individual Photos	Day
27.9.24	PTFA Bradfest	3.30-6.00pm
17.10.24	Governor meeting	6.30pm
18.10.24	Kestrel class assembly	9.05am
12.10.24	Nursery & Reception Open morning for New Starters (Sept 2025)	10.00am-12.00pm
21.10.24 to 25.10.24	Book Fair in school	Open 3.20-4.20pm
23.10.24	Parent Consultation meetings for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	3.40-6.20pm
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
16.11.24	Nursery & Reception Open morning for New Starters (Sept 2025)	10.00am-12.00pm
29.11.25	Eagle class assembly	9.05am
2.12.24	Governor meeting	6.30pm
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	
16.1.25	Governor meeting	6.30pm
24.1.25	Hawk class assembly	9.05am

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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
17.3.25	Governor meeting	6.30pm
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
7.4.25 to 21.4.25	Easter Holidays	
22.4.25	Back to school	
24.4.25	Governor meeting	6.30pm
16.5.25	Kingfisher class assembly	9.05am

23.5.25	Non-Pupil Day	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
10.7.24	Governor meeting	6.30pm
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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