



Great Bradfords

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Anita Easton

Welcome Back Friday 20th September 2024

Hawk	Joshua, Tudor
Eagle	Lacey, Laylar
Kestrel	Ivy-Rose, Diana
Swift	Logan, Max
Owl	Harley, Arif
Wagtail	Skylar, Bailey
Kingfisher	Lissiah, Holly
Robin	George, Olivia
Woodpecker	Glory, Aiden
Puffin	Florence, Elija, Nella, Theo

PTFA BRADFEST 24

Please join in the fun at our Summer Fete on Friday 27th September from 3.30-6.00pm.

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, 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.



Non-Uniform Day

We are inviting children to come to school in their own clothes on Friday 27th September, so they are dressed ready for Bradfest after school. We are asking for a donation of a bottle for the tombola stall – ketchup, shampoo, wine, juice etc...

School Council

The results are in!
Well done to the following children who have been elected to represent



their class as a school councillor this year. They will meet for the first time next week to discuss their priorities and plans for the year ahead.

Kestrel - Maddie, Daisy
Eagle - Teddy, Ivy M, Joshua
Hawk - Drew, Austin
Owl - Rupert, Rosie
Wagtail - Lilly, Elliott
Swift - Rosie, Max

After School Clubs

Please click on the link below to see information about after school clubs run at the Infant School. Here you can find information about club times, dates the clubs are not on and the date when the clubs start and finish.

<https://www.gbins.co.uk/parents/clubs/>

On occasions, a club may have to be cancelled because of staff illness, school will endeavour to communicate this as soon as possible so that you can make alternative arrangements.

Please note that our clubs are not wrap around childcare. This is available through an independent company and is held at the Junior School next door.

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.)

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- 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.

Governors

We held the first governing board meeting of this year. We would like to say thank you to Annmarie Wagstaff, co-opted governor and Holly Sandford, staff governor who have both stepped down from the board. They have both been very proactive members of the board for a number of years and we would like to wish them well and thank them for their support. As we begin the year we would like to welcome Michael Watson to the governing board as a co-opted governor and Lisa Wiese as staff governor. We still have one co-opted governor vacancy, so if you know anyone in the Braintree community who would like to be considered for this role, please ask them to contact the school office. For more information on our governors,

[please have a look on the website.](https://www.gbins.co.uk/our-school/governors/)

Photographs

The children had their photos taken in school today. The proof will be given to the children to bring home today. Then you will be able to order photos online, through the company directly. You will need to register first and then order. If they are not available straight away, keep trying as they



Are aiming to upload images asap. Early orders qualify for the special offers.

PTFA AGM

Thank you to those parents who came along to the PTFA AGM. I am pleased to announce that our 2024-25 committee comprises of:

- Chairs: Charlotte and Katy
- Vice Chair: Steph
- Treasurer: Steph
- Secretary: Katy

The first fundraising event this year is Bradfest, next Friday. There are lots of other events planned for the year ahead which you are always invited to get involved with.

If you have any free time and would like to offer some much needed time/support to the PTFA, please let the school office know or contact Charlotte, Katy or Steph directly on gbptfa@gmail.com. You can also follow and like them on Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/greatbradfordspfa/?locale=en_GB

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. Sign up needs to be completed by 30th November.

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



Reception Starters 2025

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021, 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 4th

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November 2024 to 15th 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 12th October and Saturday 16th 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 4th November 2024 to 15th 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_zjFNikkeAoTYHmtUMUQ0TVg3MjE1VUM5N0FZQlhSTkIDQIY1Qi4u&route=shorturl

Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week was Wagtail class with 100%. Well done children, parents and carers. Kingfisher, Robin, Woodpecker, Kestrel and Wagtail classes achieved 100% punctuality. Well done everyone, keep it up!



Tidy Classroom

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



Rocket Points

Orange rocket teams were the winners this week with **150** smiley faces. Well done children.

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. 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:

23rd September

21st October

25th November

9th December

Diary Dates

27.9.24	PTFA Bradfest	3.30-6.00pm
27.9.24	Non-Uniform Day	Day
17.10.24	Governor meeting	6.30pm

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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
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
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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	AM
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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