



Great Bradfords

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Anita Easton

Welcome Back Friday 4th October 2024

Hawk	Ryan, Rafferty
Eagle	Elsie, Alfie
Kestrel	Ellie, Oche
Swift	Rory, Kayden
Owl	Shanuli, Freddie
Wagtail	Grayson, Summer
Kingfisher	Maciej, Kara
Robin	Tommy, Noah
Woodpecker	Ronnie, Joshua
Puffin	Isla, Brody-Lee, Kaci, Jake K

Competition Winners

Last year we asked the children to come up with some names for a recycling lorry and a road sweeper truck for a competition run by Braintree Council. Mrs Brumby organised Eco Club to select one name for each vehicle from the names the children came up with. We are delighted to announce that our school had each of the names selected which were then written on the new lorries that can be seen around Braintree. Some of our children joined the junior children on the field to have a look at one of the new lorries with its name. The two new signs are hanging at the front of the school.



PTFA BRADFEST 24

Thank you to our fantastic PTFA for organising a slimmed down version of our usual fete due to the weather. Thank you to the staff and parents from both schools who

helped on the day. We are delighted to share that the event raised an amazing £1,500. Check the diary dates for future events.

School Library

Wow, what a great turn out for the opening of our library after school. Lots of children were excited to choose some books to read/share at home and gain a sticker on their library card. Don't forget it is open every Tuesday after school for children in Reception, Years 1 & 2. We will welcome library visitors in through the Eagle classroom door once all the children from Eagle class have been dismissed at the end of the school day.

Headlice

Please ensure you regularly check and comb your child's hair, using a nit comb, to reduce the risk of children spreading head lice from one child to another. Comb through with conditioner on their hair as often as possible. Thank you.

Harvest – Collecting Now

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)

Essex Local Offer Roadshows

If you are a parent of a child with special educational needs, please see the poster at

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the end of the newsletter (before the diary dates) for upcoming roadshows.

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 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.

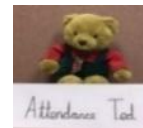
Applying for Year 3 Sept 2025

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>

Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week was Robin class with 100%. Well done children, parents and carers. The classes with 100% punctuality were Robin, Owl and Wagtail. Wakey, wakey everyone else, you can do it!



Tidy Classroom

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



Rocket Points

Purple rocket teams were the winners this week with **179** 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:

- 21st October
- 25th November
- 9th December

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and Disabilities

Essex Local Offer Roadshows

Are you a parent/carer of a young person with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and want to know what support is available in your area? Come along to one of our Essex Local Offer Roadshows.

Meet representatives from across education, health and social care as well as local support groups.

9:30am to 12:30pm
No need to book, just drop in!

Join us...

Tuesday 15 October 2024

Champions Manor Hall, South
Woodham Ferrers

Wednesday 23 October 2024

Brightlingsea Community Centre,
Brightlingsea

Tuesday 5 November 2024

Hannakins Farm, Billericay

Wednesday 6 November 2024

Peter Kirk Centre, Stansted Mountfitchet

Visit our website for
further details



Scan the QR code to
find out more
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or go to

www.send.essex.gov.uk



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Diary Dates		
12.10.24	Nursery & Reception Open morning for New Starters (Sept 2025)	10.00am-12.00pm
17.10.24	Flu Immunisations for reception, Year 1 and Year 2	Day
17.10.24	Governor meeting	6.30pm
18.10.24	Kestrel class assembly	9.05am
18.10.24	Halloween Pop-up shop at the front of school	3.15-3.45pm
21.10.24	Freshwater Theatre Company visiting Year 2	AM
21.10.24 to 25.10.24	Book Fair in school	Open 3.20-4.20pm
23.10.24	Halloween Pop-up shop on infant playground	3.20-3.45pm
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

25.10.24	Non-Uniform Day. Bring £1.00 for the PTFA to purchase Christmas hamper goodies.	Day
28.10.24 to 1.11.24	Half Term	
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	
14.11.24	Choose Respect Theatre Workshop for Years 1 & 2	Day
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

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11.12.24	Christmas Lunch in school	
12.12.24 & 13.12.24	PTFA Santa's Grotto in school	Day
13.12.24	Coffee morning and hamper raffle draw	AM
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
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
29.3.25	Easter Egg Hunt	11.00am-1.00pm
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
13.6.25	Bradfest 25	3.30-6.00pm

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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	
1.9.25	Non-Pupil Day	Day
2.9.25	Non-Pupil Day	Day
3.9.25	Back to school	8.40am
27.10.25 to 31.10.25	Half Term	
17.11.25	Non-Pupil day	Day
19.12.25	Last day of term	3.20pm
22.12.25 to 2.1.26	Christmas Holidays	

16.2.26 To 20.2.26	Half Term	
30.3.26 to 10.4.26	Easter Holidays	
22.5.26	Non-Pupil Day	Day
25.5.26 To 29.5.26	Half Term	
20.7.26	Non-Pupil Day	Day
21.7.26	Summer Holidays	

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