



# Great Bradfords

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Anita Easton

Welcome Back  
Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Hawk	Harley-Grace, Pippa
Eagle	Ella-Rose, Beau
Kestrel	RJ, Amina
Swift	Samar, Aisata
Owl	Hallie, Ivy
Wagtail	Rena, Hunter
Kingfisher	Stanley, Noelis
Robin	Damian, Kobe
Woodpecker	Ava, Axel
Puffin	Hudson, Izabela, Iris, Tyler

## Open Morning Tomorrow

To help you decide what school you would like your child to attend in September 2025, 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. Our fantastic nursery will also be open if you have younger children and you are looking for a nursery place.

## School Library

If you have visited our library on Tuesday afternoons recently, you may have noticed it has been rather busy! As a result, we will now open the library on Thursday after school as well, so that children and families can choose their books in a more relaxed environment. This will also allow children who attend clubs on a Tuesday to have an opportunity to change their books. We kindly ask that library visitors wait under the canopy in the KS1 playground until it is time to come



in, to allow the children in Eagle class to find their grown-ups safely at the end of the day.

## Writing Celebration Wall

There is a display in the library celebrating children's efforts and achievements in writing across the school.

The chosen pieces of writing belong to: Lana (Kestrel), Isabelle (Eagle), Ryan (Hawk), Daisy (Swift), Marci (Owl) and Lukas (Wagtail). Well done everyone.



## After School Clubs

Please make sure you check club information on our website so that you know if a club is on or not. We will always message you if a club is going to be closed unexpectedly due to staff absence. All other planned dates are on the club information.

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

## 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.



HARVEST

### 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)

## PTFA Halloween Pop-Up Shop

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October the PTFA will be hosting a Halloween pop-up shop if you want to buy any goodies for Halloween. This will be open after school on the patch of pavement between the Infant and Junior schools. There will be a second pop-up shop

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after school on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October under the canopy on the Infant playground.

### Reception Starters 2025

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> 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 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>

### 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>

### Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week was Robin class with 99%. Well done children, parents and carers. The class with 100% punctuality was Robin class. Wakey, wakey everyone else, you can do it!



### Tidy Classroom

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



### Rocket Points

**Blue** 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](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:

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

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	3.15-3.45pm

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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
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	8.40am

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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
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

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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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# Health Advice Drop In for 5-19 year olds

You can go along to drop-in sessions at your local Family Hub to get advice and support for your school aged child with a member of our school health team, where you can discuss things which may be concerning you.

## Areas of support

- Managing worries, low mood, stress or anger issues
- Bullying and friendship issues
- Diet / Nutritional support
- Improving sleep
- Day and night wetting
- Behavioural concerns
- Personal hygiene
- Sexual health
- Information and signposting regarding medical conditions

**T: 0300 247 0014**

**[www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk](http://www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk)**

**2nd & 4th Mon 3pm-4.30pm**

**Location:** Harlequin Family Hub, CM8 1NA

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**Every Tues 3pm-4.30pm**

**Location:** Carousel Family Hub, CM3 5ZX

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**Every Weds 3pm-4.30pm**

**Location:** Acorn Family Hub, Halsted, C09 1JH

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**1st, 3rd & 5th Weds**

**3pm-4.30pm**

**Location:** Silver End Family Hub. CM8 3RQ

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