



# Great Bradfords

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Anita Easton

## Welcome Back Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Hawk	Desire, Archie
Eagle	Luis, Dora
Kestrel	Macauley, Charlie
Swift	Roman, Oliver
Owl	Leon, Averie
Wagtail	Dexter, Jessica
Kingfisher	Faye, Luna-Elle
Robin	Toby, Adam
Woodpecker	Beenuli, Iris
Puffin	Freya, Dhyana, Ellie, Gabriel

### Freshwater Theatre Workshop

"Today was an awesome day! At ten o'clock we went into the hall and met a lady called Annie. Annie was pretending to be Mary from 1666. I was looking forward to it because I have never had a workshop before. First Annie got us to make houses. My partner was Teddy. I felt confident because my house was really sturdy. Next we pretended to be workers. I was an awesome baker. Then we pretended to be a raging fire. As the fire spread the music built into a crescendo. My favourite bit was getting a genius award because I remembered something about Samuel Pepys." By Maxwell (Eagle Class).



### Happy Half Term

We would like to wish everyone a lovely half term break next week. Remember to stay safe if you are going trick or treating. We will see you all again on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 8.40am.

### School Council

This week, our School Councillors spent some time in classes looking closely at how children were learning. They saw a range of lessons including D&T, Science and reading. They were impressed to see the children working well together in pairs or groups and using impressive technical words such as 'stability' in D&T, when designing a chair for Baby Bear.

### Good Luck Miss Hobson

We would like to wish Miss Hobson (Kingfisher class) all the very best as she begins her maternity leave today. We look forward to meeting her new baby in the New Year.

### Congratulations Mrs Raval

We are delighted to share that Mrs Raval has had a gorgeous baby girl. We cannot wait to meet her.

### Parent Consultations

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers at the parent meetings this week. I can confirm that 90% of parents attended a meeting to find out about their child's learning, behaviour and attitude to learning. If you haven't had a chance to meet with your child's class teacher, please contact your child's teacher to make an appointment.

### Book Fair

It was great to see lots of children encouraging their adult to buy them a book from the book fair. I am pleased to share that

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we will be receiving approximately £200 in commission, which we will be spending on new books for the school. Thank you for your support.

### 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. Remember to complete an online application to request a school of your choice. The online 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. 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 Hawk class with 99.2%. Well done children, parents and carers. The class with 100% punctuality was Woodpecker. 1 out of 9 classes on time, wakey, wakey everyone!



### Tidy Classroom

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



### Rocket Points

**Red** rocket teams were the winners this week with **149** 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:

- 25<sup>th</sup> November
- 9<sup>th</sup> December

Diary Dates		
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

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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

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	

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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
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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