



Great Bradfords

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Anita Easton

Welcome Back Friday 8th November 2024

Hawk	Chloe, Harrison
Eagle	Daisy, Charlie
Kestrel	Ethan, Riley
Swift	Mia, Maleah
Owl	Mason, Violet
Wagtail	Amelia, Oliver
Kingfisher	Eleanor, Freddie
Robin	Sonny, Riley
Woodpecker	Charlie, Isabella
Puffin	Brody, Matilda, Bruno, Ronnie

Welcome Back

I hope you all had a wonderful half term break. This week has certainly been very busy in school and has flown by. Don't forget that **Monday 11th November is a Non-Pupil Day**. We will see you back in school on time, 8.40am, on Tuesday 12th November.

Courteous Parking

I have had to speak with a very cross and upset local resident following a parent driving across their lawn on Vanguard Way. Please think about where you park so as not to block driveways or drive on people's property.



Litter

Eco club are very keen to look after the environment and especially our local area. Please encourage your child/children to either throw rubbish in a nearby bin or take rubbish home and throw it in the bin then. Adults you need to do the same too!



Photos and Videos

Please may I remind all parents and carers that photos and videos of children in school must not be taken on personal devices without prior consent from the Headteacher. Any photos and videos are for personal use only and may not be shared with others via any social media accounts or other platforms.

School Library

Please note that from next week, the library will be open on Mondays and Thursdays each week after school. It will no longer be open on Tuesdays due to staff commitments at other after school clubs.



Eco Club

Christmas will soon be upon us and many of our children will be hoping for new toys from Father Christmas. The Eco Club thought it would be a nice gesture to donate some of their old toys to other children so they can enjoy playing with them...we love a bit of recycling in Eco Club! UK Aid is a charity supporting children in the Ukraine and they would really appreciate donations of good quality toys, games, books and puzzles. We therefore ask parents of Year 2 children to please consider bringing in just one item to school by Tuesday 26th November and we will take it to UK Aid in Dunmow. Depending on the response we may extend this to other year groups. Many thanks from the Eco Club



Children in Need

We are inviting children to come to school dressed in stripes on Friday 15th November in support of Children in Need. We will be collecting any cash donation on the gates on the day which will be sent to the fantastic charity. If you would like to find out more

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information on the work they do please click on the link. [Children in Need](#)

Remembrance Day Parade

Each year the Braintree & Bocking Branch of the Royal British Legion hold a Remembrance Service at Braintree & Bocking Public Gardens, kindly led by our Chaplain, Reverend Richard Chand.

In previous years we have laid a wreath at the Cenotaph as part of the service in Homage of the fallen. Brooklyn and Beatrice (Year 2) will be laying the wreath on behalf of our school.



This year's service will commence at 2pm and following the laying of wreaths at the Cenotaph, a parade will leave the Public Gardens. The parade will march through Braintree Town Centre to St Michael's Church where a service will be held.

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 must complete an online application to request a school of your choice. The online application window is open now until 15th January 2025. Please click on the link below to apply:

www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

Applying for Year 3 Sept 2025

If your child is in Year 2, you need to apply for their Year 3 place at the Junior School. The application window is open now until the 15th January 2025. Please click on the link below to apply:

www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week was Woodpecker class with 99%. Well done children,



parents and carers. The class with 100% punctuality was Owl. 1 out of 9 classes on time, wakey, wakey everyone!

Tidy Classroom

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



Rocket Points

Green rocket teams were the winners this week with **164** smiley faces. Well done children.

Letter to Santa

You can write a letter to Santa at Braintree Library and get a reply straight from the North Pole, on Saturday 30th November from 10.30am to 4.00pm. Remember to bring a stamp with you.

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:

25th November

9th December

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Diary Dates		
10.11.24	Remembrance Parade and Service in Public Gardens	2.00pm
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
15.11.24	Children in Need – wear stripes and donate any cash on the gate please	Date
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
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

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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
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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