



# Great Bradfords

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Anita Easton

## Welcome Back Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024

Hawk	Logan, Mia
Eagle	Ivy P, Isabelle
Kestrel	Lana, Bella-Ann
Swift	Daisy, Rosie
Owl	Sebastian, Jesse
Wagtail	Bailey, Finley
Kingfisher	Ivy, Bronwyn
Robin	Ellie, Felicity
Woodpecker	Adrian, Mary
Puffin	Jake F, Kaci, Ellie, Jude

## Busy Time of Year

We know that everyone is very busy at this time of year, so I thought I would put a few reminders on the newsletter of the things going on in school. All the dates of events are at the end of the newsletter under Diary Dates.

- PTFA Santa's Grotto – this can be booked and paid for on Arbor under the section clubs, £4.00 per child.
- School Disco – This can be booked and paid for on Arbor under the section clubs, £4.00 per child – more info will be given next week on how the discos will run.
- Christmas lunch in school – sign up on Arbor, by **4<sup>th</sup> December**, under the section clubs. This is so we can give dinner numbers to the Junior School in advance.
- Children should have brought home their Christmas card order forms – please follow the instructions if you wish.
- Raffle tickets for the PTFA hamper raffle will be coming home soon. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December in the Infant school hall during the coffee morning from 8.55am. The choirs from both school will be singing. Everyone is welcome.

## Children in Need

Thanks to your support we were able to send £270 off the charity. Thank you everyone.



## Children's Birthdays

When children have a birthday in school we sing them happy birthday in one of our weekly assemblies and often, on the day, their class will sing to them too. We try and discourage children bringing in sweets as we promote healthy lifestyle choices in school. Staff will not give out sweets to children in class. If you want to share treats with the class you will need to let the teacher know and be ready to stand with your child by the class door at the end of the day for children to take a treat before checking with their parent they are allowed to eat it. We have a number of children and adults in school with allergies, so please ensure products do not contain nuts.

## Lateness

We are having an increasing number of children coming in to school late! Unless there is a specific reason for coming in later via the school office, that has been pre-agreed with school, you need to ensure your child is in school by 8.50am and comes in via their classroom door. Children often become worried when they walk into class late or in through the hall when everyone is in assembly. The office is a busy place in the morning and it impacts enormously on staff having to let children in who are late.

## School Website

Remember to look at our website for up to date information about menus, clubs, the curriculum etc... We also have a community page for you to find out what is going on in the local area.

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## After School Clubs

Please note that from January, we will not be able to take children to the Junior School for wrap around care after one of our school clubs. If you need childcare, you will need to sign them up for wrap around straight from school.

Our after school clubs are not childcare.

Mrs Humm (in the office), has started to send out club info to parents of children on club waiting lists. Once she has heard back from everyone she will start to send out club booking info for the spring term. Mrs Humm will email each club separately and tell you when and how to book.

## 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.



## Reindeer Run

In the week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> December we will be holding a sponsored Reindeer Run in aid of Farleigh Hospice, our local hospice charity. The children can take part by walking, jogging, running or propelling themselves over a distance of 9 laps of the front playground.

Farleigh Hospice provides care to people affected by life-limiting illnesses and

bereavement across mid Essex, free of charge. All of the money we raise will help the Farleigh doctors, nurses, therapists and counsellors to continue to support local people in their time of greatest need. Each child will be given a set of reindeer antlers to wear and keep.

## Braintree Library

Winter can be a tough time of year, with dark nights and increasing costs to heat homes, and we want to help. That's why, from 2<sup>nd</sup> November, the library is hosting 'Warm Welcomes' - to help bring the community together and provide support when most needed. Warm Welcomes are sessions in the library where you can drop by (no booking needed), enjoy a tea or coffee and utilise all the library has to offer. Just fancy a sit-down in the warm with a cuppa and a good book? That's fine! Want to come in, grab a coffee and have a chat? Click [here](#) to see dates.

## Reception Starters 2025

If your child is 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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Please click on the link below to apply: [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Please click on the link to apply: [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).

## Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week was Kingfisher class with 97%. Well done children, parents and carers. No classes achieved



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100% punctuality. Come on everyone, this needs to be better.

### Tidy Classroom

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



### Rocket Points

**Red** rocket teams were the winners this week with **177** 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		
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
Week beginning 9.12.24	Reindeer Run in playground	
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 in hall. School choirs singing and Hamper Raffle draw	8.55am
18.12.24	Carols by Candlelight at St Peters Church for reception, Year 1 and 2	AM
18.12.24	Carols in the playground for parents/carers to enjoy	3.00pm
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	8.40am
16.1.25	Governor meeting	6.30pm

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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
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

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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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