



# Great Bradfords

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Anita Easton

## Welcome Back Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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|------------|-------------------------------------|
| Hawk       | Drew, Sydney                        |
| Eagle      | Jemima, Eddie                       |
| Kestrel    | Michael, Mia                        |
| Swift      | Fleur, Edward                       |
| Owl        | Willow, Lucas                       |
| Wagtail    | Skylar, Isabella                    |
| Kingfisher | Kylo, Rosie                         |
| Robin      | Evie, Leo                           |
| Woodpecker | Owen, Ezra                          |
| Puffin     | Brody-Lee, Izabella,<br>Nella, Lola |

### Eagle Class Assembly

What a fantastic way to start a Friday! Well done to all of Eagle class for sharing their wonderful learning with us this morning. It is incredible just how much they have learnt already this year. You are all superstars and I look forward to seeing what else you will be learning in Year 2.

### School Lunches

Children arriving after 9.30am will not be able to order a jacket potato as a lunch option. We have to order lunches in advance from the Junior School. Due to the volume of food being made, they cannot guarantee being able to cook additional jacket potatoes. If your child is at an appointment before school and wants a jacket potato, please phone the office to book one in advance. Thank you.



### Toy Donation

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 and children in all classes to please consider bringing in just one item to school by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December and we will take it to UK Aid in Dunmow. Many thanks from the Eco Club.



### Picking Up After School

Please ensure you keep your child's green collection form up to date. These forms are kept in class and list the adults you are happy to collect your child after school. If, in the event of an emergency, you want another adult not on your list to pick up, you will need to phone the school office to let them know. Please ensure that the person collecting knows the password. Only adults on your collection form will be allowed to pick up your child after school, even if the adult is known to us, unless we hear from you directly.

### PTFA Raffle

Tickets are coming home tonight, should you wish to buy a raffle ticket for your chance to win one of the amazing hampers. You are all invited to the draw which takes place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 9.00am in the Infant School Hall. Choirs from both schools will be entertaining us and you will receive a complimentary tea, coffee and mince pie. All ticket stubs (with your name and contact details on each one) and money should be returned to school in the envelope provided by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December.



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## Christmas Cards

The Eco Christmas card pledge is a scheme designed to reduce the sending of cards by the children in school and therefore reduce our negative impact on the environment through deforestation. There are various ways to do this.

Eco Club decided each child will make a Christmas card in school which will be for their whole class. These cards could then be displayed in their classroom and taken home at the end of term so you can see it.

The children can design it themselves so each one is different. We will also try and make it eco-friendly ie use recycling and definitely no glitter! Thanking you in advance.

## 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.

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.

## Corks and Pine Cones

Nursery have put out a request for any wine bottle corks and pine



cones. If you can help we would love to have them.



## 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

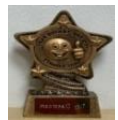
The classes with the best attendance this week were Wagtail and Owl with 98%. Well done children, parents and carers. No classes achieved 100% punctuality.



Come on everyone, this needs to be better.

## Tidy Classroom

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



## Rocket Points

**Purple** 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

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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            |   |             |
|------------------------|---|-------------|
| 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  | 9.00am      |
| 18.12.24               | Carols by Candlelight at St Peters Church for reception, Year 1 and 2 | AM          |

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| 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      |
| 24.1.25            | Hawk class assembly                                  | 9.05am      |
| <b>27.1.25</b>     | <b>Non-Pupil Day</b>                                 | <b>Day</b>  |
| 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      |

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| 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         |

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| 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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