



# Great Bradfords

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Anita Easton

## Welcome Back Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Hawk	Freddie, Hadassah
Eagle	Sapphire, Beatrice
Kestrel	Archie, Daisy
Swift	Rebecca Z, Rory
Owl	Vinny, Marci
Wagtail	Frankie, JJ
Kingfisher	Rylee, James
Robin	Evelyn, Devontae
Woodpecker	Airlie, Abigail
Puffin	Dhyan, Jameson, Freya, Hudson

### Swift Class Assembly

Oh my goodness, what a spectacular assembly. We are all incredibly proud of the children in Swift class, seeing how much progress they have made this year so far. It isn't easy standing up in front of an audience to speak or sing and all of the children managed to do it with great confidence. We look forward to seeing what else they will be learning throughout the year.

### School Discos

The discos are on after school tonight. **Nursery and Reception** children will be in the hall from **3.30-4.30pm** for their disco and games. Their change of clothes should be already in school, if not, drop them in a named bag and staff will ensure they get changed in school. Children should be collected at the end of the disco from their classrooms in the usual way.



**Year 1 and 2** will come dressed in their disco clothes at **4.45pm**. Staff will let them in through their classroom door, so the register can be taken before going into the hall. Children should be collected at **6.00pm** from

their classrooms. Please ensure you are on time for pick up.

### School Library Challenge

Some children are very close to completing their ten visits in our library challenge. With Christmas being a busy time for gifts, we will be giving out our prizes when we return to school in January. Research shows that reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success. We do hope to still see you all in the library each week even after you have completed the challenge.

### 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.



### Non-Uniform Day

We are inviting children to come to school dressed in seasonal jumpers ready for our Christmas lunch on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. This is a full non-uniform day. We are not asking for any donations on the gate. Thank you.



### Christmas Cards

Years 1 and 2 have been busy this week making Christmas cards for their classes using old magazines as part of the School Christmas Card pledge to reduce deforestation. It



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really got us in the mood for the festive season.

## Toy Donation

A big thank you from Eco Club to all the children and parents who donated toys to UK AID. We will be taking them to their collection depot in Dunmow very shortly where they will be transported to Ukraine.



## Reindeer Run

Next week, 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.

Each child will be given a set of reindeer antlers to wear and keep. Please bring all sponsorship money into school as soon as possible but no later than Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you for your support.



## Tub2Pub Scheme

Greene King are recycling the plastic tubs from sweets, chocolates and crackers and raising money for MacMillan Cancer Support.

They are sending them to a reprocessing centre where they are broken down and then sold on to plastic manufacturers to use in place of 'virgin' plastics. The money raised is being donated to Macmillan.

If you could please bring your clean tubs to school by the end of January, Eco Club will get them to a Greene King pub, probably The White Hart.



So, no need to feel guilty about indulging yourselves this year! Thank you.

## Absence

As parents and carers you have a responsibility to ensure your child is in school every day that they are well enough to attend. If your child is going to be absent because they are suddenly unwell, you must contact the office and let them know. If we do not hear from you regarding the absence, then it will be recorded as unauthorised on the register. You may phone and leave a message on our dedicated line, (01376326891 option 1) or email the school office (admin@gbins.co.uk). Currently, Mrs Humm is spending a lot of time contacting parents when their child is absent and we have no notification of this.

## Do You Have?

We are asking for donations of storage baskets made from whicker, wood or other natural materials, with or without lids to use in school. As well as any bowls or pots made from natural materials. If you can help, please drop them into the school office. Thanking you in advance.



## 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: Jessica S (Kestrel), Dora (Eagle), Chloe (Hawk), Mia (Swift), Rosalie (Owl) and Finley (Wagtail). Well done everyone.



## Reception Starters 2025

If your child is due to start school in September 2025. You must complete an

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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 must 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 was Hawk with 93.7%. Well done children, parents and carers. No classes achieved 100% punctuality. Come on everyone, this needs to improve.



### Tidy Classroom

The winning class this week was Robin 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 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 8.00am - 9.00am on one of the following mornings:

- 9<sup>th</sup> December
- 14<sup>th</sup> January
- 11<sup>th</sup> February
- 1<sup>st</sup> March
- 1<sup>st</sup> April
- 6<sup>th</sup> May
- 3<sup>rd</sup> June
- 1<sup>st</sup> July

### Drop Box

We all forget things from time to time and with busy mornings you may forget a water bottle or a book bag for your child. If you do, don't worry, just pop it into the box outside the office and we will deliver it to your child.



There isn't any need to ring the bell to let us know as we check the box regularly. Make sure your child's name is on the item.

Diary Dates		
9.12.24	Sharon's Drop in	8.00-9.00am
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

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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
14.1.25	Sharon's Drop in	8.00-9.00am
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>
11.2.25	Sharon's Drop in	8.00-9.00am
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
11.3.25	Sharon's Drop in	8.00-9.00am
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
1.4.25	Sharon's Drop in	8.00-9.00am
7.4.25 to 21.4.25	Easter Holidays	
22.4.25	Back to school	
24.4.25	Governor meeting	6.30pm
6.5.25	Sharon's Drop in	8.00-9.00am
16.5.25	Kingfisher class assembly	9.05am
<b>23.5.25</b>	<b>Non-Pupil Day</b>	<b>Day</b>
26.5.25 to 30.5.25	Half Term	
2.6.25	Back to school	8.40am
3.6.25	Sharon's Drop in	8.00-9.00am

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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
1.7.25	Sharon's Drop in	8.00-9.00am
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
9.9.25	Sharon's Drop in	8.00-9.00am
7.10.25	Sharon's Drop in	8.00-9.00am
27.10.25 to 31.10.25	Half Term	

4.11.25	Sharon's Drop in	8.00-9.00am
17.11.25	Non-Pupil day	Day
2.12.25	Sharon's Drop in	8.00-9.00am
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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