



Great Bradfords

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Anita Easton

Welcome Back Friday 13th December 2024

Hawk	Jesse, Kaiden
Eagle	A-Jay, Max
Kestrel	Isabelle, Stanley
Swift	Whole class
Owl	Jessica, Leyla-May
Wagtail	Isaac, Jesse
Kingfisher	Arthur, Antonia
Robin	Riley, Isabelle
Woodpecker	Lucas, Bogdan
Puffin	Ollie, Gabriel, Brody, Arthur

One More Week

This term has absolutely flown by! So many events happening in school alongside lessons packed with new and exciting learning. In the final week children will be enjoying a class party, carols at the local church, PTFA, Mrs Ainger and I will be out with the Braintree Lyons Santa Float on Tuesday evening – so keep an eye out for us! The children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be singing carols to the parents on the front playground at 3.00pm on Wednesday 18th December, so don't forget to come and listen.

PTFA Coffee Morning & Raffle

It was lovely to welcome so many parents, carers and friends to our coffee morning today. The choirs sang beautifully and then there were quite a few happy parents that left with one of the fabulous hampers being raffled. Thank you to the PTFA for organising and running this great event.

Good-Bye Mrs Horrigan

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs Horrigan, Learning Support Assistant in Robin class, every happiness and success in

her new role with Essex County Council. Mrs Horrigan has supported many children since joining the school in February 2020. She will be leaving on the last day of term. We are going to miss her.

Beacon House Resources

Beacon House have published a brilliant collection of resources specially designed by their therapists to support regulation, connection and rest during December. Take a look [here](#)

Essex Library Challenge



This year, your mission is to find the dragons who are lost around the dragon kingdom, and get them home to the castle before they get too cold! Complete six fun challenges from a choice of twelve. They include a range of cool things to read, make, and do! Collect all six dragon stickers to 'find' them and complete the challenge! Plus, get a certificate and prize when you finish, and enter our big prize draw, where you can win amazing prizes like tablets, arts and crafts packs, book tokens, and toy dragons!

The challenge starts on 2 January and runs through to the end of the February half term on 22 February. The challenge is aimed at children aged 0 to 12. To find out more and watch the video click [here](#).

Reindeer Run

The children from Nursery through to Year 2 had great fun running around the playground with their antlers on this week. So far we have raised £1,273 for Farleigh Hospice. If you still have



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money to collect, please bring it in on Monday so we can drop the money to them.

Sort Your Settings

Keeping your child safe online is not always an easy task. New technology, regular updates or upgrades can change how things work, sometimes making it difficult to keep up. Essex police have put together some simple things you can do to make your child's online devices safer. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Bereavement Support

When someone close to you dies, it can be a difficult process. For adults this process, whilst painful, can be digested by using the mechanisms we all develop through our early years. That first experience with bereavement, is a necessary but undeniably painful experience which will produce resilient adults. However, it is a process that must be dealt with delicately. For children the first death will likely be a grandparent, or individual that has played a big role in the formative years. Since the processing of death is an intensely private thing for adults, it may not be obvious how to support someone experiencing it for the first time. Place2B has published a guide to handling this occurrence in children and young people. For more information, please follow the link below:

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/article/supporting-your-child-when-someone-dies>

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.



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.



Reception Starters 2025

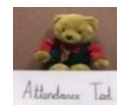
If your child is due to start school in September 2025. You must complete an online application to request a school of your choice. The online application window is open now until 15th January 2025. Please click on the link below to apply: www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

Applying for Year 3 Sept 2025

If your child is in Year 2, you must 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 to apply: www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

Attendance

The classes with the best attendance this week was Kestrel with 96.8%. Well done children, parents and carers. No classes achieved 100% punctuality. Come on everyone, this needs to improve.



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Tidy Classroom

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



Rocket Points

Blue rocket teams were the winners this week with **185** 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 drop off, 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 8.00am - 9.00am on one of the following mornings:

- 14th January
- 11th February
- 1th March
- 1st April
- 6th May
- 3rd June
- 1st July

Diary Dates		
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	Hawk class Rock Steady Performance to Parents	2.30pm
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
27.1.25	Non-Pupil Day	Day
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	

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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
23.5.25	Non-Pupil Day	Day
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

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

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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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