



Great Bradfords

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Anita Easton

Welcome Back Friday 10th January 2025

Hawk	Edward, Zelda
Eagle	Max, Aaliyah
Kestrel	Katie, Ivy-Rose
Swift	Leo, Roman
Owl	Travis, Charlotte
Wagtail	Rena, Dominion
Kingfisher	Dominic, Hugo
Robin	Leo, Georgia
Woodpecker	Aiden, Ava
Puffin	Elija, Xena-Mai, Jake F, Theo, Tyler

Welcome Back

It doesn't seem possible that we have already been back at school for a week! The children have been keen to share stories about Father Christmas and their lovely presents. We look forward to yet another busy term.

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](#).

After School Clubs

All information regarding booking after school clubs has been sent out. Please note that these clubs are not childcare. If you need childcare, you can access the wraparound provision, provided by CMXSC held at the junior school. To book this childcare please click [here](#). Children attending one of our clubs will need to be picked up from school at the end of the club. We will no longer be taking children to the wraparound care after a school club.

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club is available daily from 7.30am at a cost of £4.00 per day. To book and pay, go onto Arbor and select clubs to book last minute (up to 7am on the day) or a number of sessions in advance.

Head Lice

Please ensure you are checking your children's hair regularly to remove any nits (eggs) before they hatch (head lice). Putting conditioner on your child's hair and combing through with a nit comb should remove any nits or lice. Doing this on a regular basis will hopefully prevent your child getting them.



Water Bottle

Please avoid putting water bottles in book bags. A number of bottles leak and as such we have lot of books that are water damaged. This is costing the school a lot of money to replace these books as they are needed for group reading in school. Thanks.

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Dressing-Up Shoes

Nursery are asking for children's dressing up shoes, sparkly princess ones are very popular! They do not want any shoes with heels. If you have any your child has out grown or no longer wants bring them into school, we would love to have them.

8.50am. Children coming through the office are late!

Tidy Classroom

The winners this week was Swift class. Well done to the children for looking after their class.



Tub2Pub Scheme

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

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. Thank you.



Rocket Points

Red rocket teams were the winners this week with **144** 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

Reception Starters 2025

If your child is due to start school in September 2025, you must complete an online application. The 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

Owl class have started the year well with 100% attendance. The children were very excited that Attendance Ted will be joining them this week. Unfortunately there were late children in every class this week. I know the mornings are chilly but you need to get up and going so you are in school on time every day. Doors open at 8.40am and close at



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

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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
11.2.25	Animal Workshops in Year 1	AM
7.2.25	Wagtail class assembly	9.05am
7.2.25	PTFA Bingo Night	
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
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

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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
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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