



Great Bradfords

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Anita Easton

Welcome Back Friday 14th February 2025

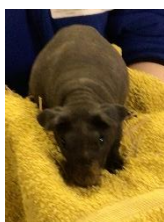
Hawk	Desire, Kamsiyonna
Eagle	Brooklyn, Daisy-May
Kestrel	Michael, Jessica S
Swift	Sahara, Fleur
Owl	Hallie, Harlie
Wagtail	Arianna, Dexter
Kingfisher	Rohan, Lissiah
Robin	Evie, Ellie
Woodpecker	Sijuade, Charlie
Puffin	Taji, Arthur, Oluwatosimile, Freya, Isla

Year 1 Animal Workshop

On Tuesday year 1 had a visit from Animal Workshops. They brought in some fantastic animals.

"I liked the snake because it was a California King Snake . When I stroked it, it felt soft and smooth." Bailey, Wagtail.

"I really liked the Prairie dogs, but I did not like the skunk because it was too smelly!" Thea, Wagtail.



World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day in school on Thursday 6th March 2025. All of the children are invited to come in to school dressed as a character from a book. Please do not spend lots of money buying outfits. Drawing on an old t-shirt or making props from empty boxes and cartons is a fun way to celebrate their chosen character.



Suggestion box

Thank you to the children/parents/carers that posted some ideas in our suggestion box. Here are the suggestions and my response:

A bin is needed by the office to throw paper, tissues etc. in when you are near the office.

Great idea, I have now placed a bin next to the red box for your convenience.

Would it be possible to have more of the non-pupil days in the spring /summer so families could visit theme parks as they are closed in November and January?

Non-pupil days are co-ordinated with the Junior School so parents do not have to find childcare on 10 different days. The days chosen are linked to training staff need to undertake. They are spread out over the year so that both schools can spread training over the year. Only two of the five days are in November or January currently but these could change.

We should let Year 3 children visit the Year 2 children.

I would be delighted to welcome the Year 3 children in to school. I would encourage them to approach Mr Wrench so that something could be arranged.

We should have steak on the menu.

That would be a delicious option but unfortunately far too expensive!

We should have a new sewing club.

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What a lovely idea. Ms Shadbolt and Mrs Wilson are going to start a sewing club at lunch time very soon.

Paper homework instead of Numbots and Reading Eggs.

We are always reviewing what we ask children to do at home. We will look into mixing up paper and online homework so watch this space.

Teachers to regularly suggest/encourage children to drink water at several intervals during the day.

Staff in class and in the lunch hall do regularly encourage children to drink. Some days are harder than others to remember but we do all try our best.

If you have any suggestions for school, please feel free to post them in the wooden box by the office.

Communication

We try very hard to share information with you via Tapestry, Class Dojo, Newsletter, website, emails, posters and messages. Arbor are now charging us for text messages so we are only going to be sending these type of messages via the In-App message system on the Arbor portal. Please ensure you have enabled these notifications on your phone so that you receive them. If you are unsure of how to do this, please look at the guide emailed to you with the newsletter.

Half Term

Don't forget that school is closed for half term next week. Have a lovely week off and we will see you all again on Monday 24th February at 8.40am.

Party Shoes

Nursery are putting out another plea for children's party shoes size 10-13. If you have any that your child



has outgrown, we would love to have them. Thank you in advance.

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who spent some money at our book fair. With your support we have earned £196 commission to spend on books.



Parent Consultation Meetings

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers at the parent consultations meetings on Wednesday and Thursday. If you never had the chance to meet with your child's teacher please ask them for an appointment when you drop off or pick up from school. Alternatively, phone the school office to arrange a time.

Attendance

The class with the highest attendance this week was Wagtail class with 98%. Wagtail was the only class to achieve 100% punctuality. Did you know that 5 minutes late each day equates to 3 whole days of school lost each year!



Tidy Classroom

The winners this week were Wagtail class. Well done to the children for looking after their class.



Rocket Points

Purple rocket teams were the winners this week with 220 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

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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:

1st March

1st April

6th May

3rd June

1st July

Diary Dates		
17.2.25 to 21.2.25	Half Term	
24.2.25	Back to school	8.40am
6.3.25	World Book Day – Dress as your favourite book character	
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 for Reception, Year 1 and 2	8.40am
23.4.25	Back to school for Nursery	8.40am
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
17.6.25	Night Owls assembly	AM

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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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