



# Great Bradfords

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Anita Easton

## Welcome Back Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Hawk	Albie, Amelia
Eagle	Jude, Luna
Kestrel	Amelia, Hugo
Swift	Mia, Arya
Owl	Maddie, Jake
Wagtail	Luis, Elsie
Kingfisher	Whole class
Robin	Whole class
Woodpecker	Whole class
Puffin	All of nursery



## School Open Days for New Starters 2024

Saturday 14th October and Saturday 4th November at 10.00 am to 12.00 pm

Come and join us for a tour of our nursery and reception classes and chat with our teachers. No booking required.

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## Open Morning

Nursery and Reception will be open from 10.00am-12.00pm on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October and Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November for any parents or carers that have children starting school next year. Please come along and meet staff and have a look around. No need to book.

## Governors

Governors met this week for the first time this academic year. We were delighted to welcome Gav Morris to the board as a parent governor. Gav has a daughter in Woodpecker class. We will also be welcoming Mary Gurr to the board as a co-opted governor in October. This means we now have a full complement of governors.

## PTFA

I am delighted to announce that after a very successful year last year, the committee has been unanimously re-elected this year. Sarah Howarth, Chair, Charlotte Haycock-Connolly, Vice Chair, Stephanie Inkpin, Treasurer and Katy Compton, Secretary. As well as organising a wealth of wonderful events to bring our community together, they also raised a staggering £9,000 for the two schools. There are lots of plans for this year too so keep checking the newsletter and the PTFA Facebook page for more information. Don't forget that you all belong to the PTFA and we would love to see more of you at meetings and helping to organise and run events. The next PTFA meeting is on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 6.00pm in the Junior School bungalow. <https://www.facebook.com/greatbradfordspfta>



You can contact the PTFA directly via email: [gbptfa@gmail.com](mailto:gbptfa@gmail.com).

## Breakfast Club

It has been lovely to welcome lots of new children across the school to our Breakfast club. Don't forget we open at 7.30am every morning, Monday to Friday for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. If you wish your child to attend please go on to Arbor to book and pay for your child's place in advance.



The cost is £4 per child. If you have more than one child in breakfast club either here or at the junior school, we will only charge £2 for the second child. All children must be attending the breakfast club to qualify. Parents dropping at breakfast club are not to use the school car park to drop off.

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## Harvest

For Harvest, we will be collecting donations for Braintree Foodbank again this year. The current cost of living crisis is forcing many people who would have never previously thought of using a Foodbank turn to them in their time of

need. Last year they fed 9,473 people which is by far their busiest year on record. Harvest is a wonderful time of year to celebrate what we have and what we can be thankful for, whilst thinking of others and giving in whichever way we can. Any donation, no matter how big or small supports them in their mission to ensure that no one has to go hungry. Please bring donations to the school office or give to class teachers at drop off or pick up. Thank you in advance for your support.



## Golden Table

Each week the Midday Assistants select one child from each class across the school, who has demonstrated the golden rule, to sit at the golden table. This table is in the hall covered in a golden cloth. We have golden plates and cups and golden flowers. Mrs Easton, Mr Kimber or another member of staff sits and has their lunch with the children. The children are always very excited to sit here and it is a great opportunity to get to know all of the staff in school. You'll know if your child has been on the table because they will come home with a special golden badge which is theirs to keep. This week the children selected were very good at saying please and thank you. Next week's rule is: Children who are good at tidying up!

## School Library

The school library will be open every Tuesday after school starting from 19<sup>th</sup> September. If you would like to borrow some books for home from our library, please wait under the canopy in the Key Stage 1 playground straight after school on Tuesday and Mr Kimber will take you through to the library area via Eagle class once all the children have been dismissed.

## Numbots

Lots of children have already been accessing Numbots at home and in school. Please follow the link below to watch a video of Mr Crow explaining what Numbots is and how to use it.

<https://youtu.be/PZQvWCk8Ors>

## School Council

Children in Years 1 and 2 will have the opportunity to stand for election next week. This is a great opportunity to explore the British value of Democracy. If your child would like to be considered for the role of class rep, would you chat with them and help them to prepare a five minute presentation explaining why they would like this role and why they think they would be good at it. Successful candidates will be announced in the newsletter next week.

## Braintree Library

Did you know you can download the **Moshi App** from the library? This app allows children to develop emotional regulation, play educational games and read stories. It even has sounds to help children fall asleep and stay asleep! This app normally costs £9.99 per month, but with a library card it is completely free. All you have to do is sign up via the link on this page on the library website.



<https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/digital->

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### Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week was Owl class (99.6%). Kingfisher, Robin, Owl and Kestrel classes all achieved 100% punctuality. Let's see if we can make that 100% across the school next week



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 Mondays:

- 25<sup>th</sup> September
- 30<sup>th</sup> October
- 27<sup>th</sup> November
- 11<sup>th</sup> December

### Tidy Classroom

It was a tough decision as all of the classes were very tidy. Class names were put in a hat and the winning class was Hawk class. Well done to all of the children for taking care of their environment.



### Rocket Points

**Purple and Orange** rocket teams were the joint winners this week with **241** smiley faces. Please encourage your child to demonstrate our rocket rules and school values.

### 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, then Sharon may be able to help.

She is available to support any parent/carers who may need advice or support. She can also help with other issues affecting families for example: divorce, separation, bereavement, housing issues and benefits. 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

Diary Dates		
18.9.23	School Council elections in class – more info to come	In school
22.9.23	Individual Photographs	Day
30.9.23	McMillan Coffee Morning at the Junior School – all welcome	11.45am-2.00pm
3.10.23	Phonics workshop for Reception parents/carers	9.00am
5.10.23	Freshwater Theatre working with Year 2	Day
6.10.23	Kestrel class assembly – parents & carers welcome	9.05-9.30am approx
9.10.23	Maths workshop for Years 1 & 2 parents & carers	9.00am
13.10.23	Swift class assembly – parents & carers welcome	9.05-9.30am approx
13.10.23 to 19.10.23	Book Fair open after school	3.20-4.15pm
14.10.23	Nursery & Reception Open morning for new starters Sept 2024	10.00am-12.00pm
16.10.23	Governing Board Finance meeting	6.30pm

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18.10.23	Parent Consultation meetings for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.	3.40-6.20pm
19.10.23	Parent Consultation meetings for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.	3.40-6.20pm
20.10.23	Eagle class assembly – parents & carers welcome	9.05-9.30am approx
23.10.23 to 27.10.23	Half Term	
30.10.23	Back to school	8.40am
2.11.23	Flu Immunisations – more info to come	AM
4.11.23	Nursery & Reception Open morning for new starters Sept 2024	10.00am-12.00pm
6.11.23	Maths workshop for Reception parents & carers	9.00am
10.11.23	Woodpecker class assembly – parents & carers welcome	9.05-9.30am approx
13.11.23	<b>Non-Pupil Day</b>	<b>Day</b>
4.12.23	Governor Curriculum Meeting	6.30pm
4.12.23	Year 1 Dress Rehearsal to whole school	AM
5.12.23	Year 1 performance- parents & carers invited – info to come	9.30 – 10.00am (approx.)
6.12.23	Year 1 performance- parents & carers invited – info to come	9.30 – 10.00am (approx.)

6.12.23	Christmas lunch - Rec, Yrs 1 & 2	11.45-1.00pm
6.12.23	Christmas/Seasonal Jumper Day	
8.12.23	Nursery & Reception school disco	3.15-4.45pm
8.12.23	Year 1 and Year 2 school disco	5.00-6.30pm
20.12.23	Last day of term	3.20pm
4.1.24	Back to school Rec, Year 1 & 2	8.40am

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