



# Great Bradfords

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Anita Easton

## Welcome Back Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Hawk	Hayden, Deon
Eagle	Kikelomo, Penny
Kestrel	James, Logan
Swift	Max, Archie
Owl	Charlie, Ellie
Wagtail	Louie, Isabelle
Kingfisher	Emily
Robin	Leon
Woodpecker	Maleah
Puffin	Maciej, Ronnie, George, Iris



## School Open Days for New Starters 2024

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October and Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Parent Consultations

Parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be able to go on to Arbor to book a slot to meet your child's class teacher. The Arbor link will open at 3.30pm today. Consultations are from 3.40-6.20pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

## Nursery Parent Consultations

Parent Consultation Meetings for Nursery will be held on the evenings of Wednesday

11<sup>th</sup> October, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October from 3:30-6:10pm. All appointments will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Please comment on the relevant 'sign up' Tapestry threads with your preferred time. Alternatively, you can pop your name down on one of the sign-up sheets when you come in to collect your child.

## Urgent Request

Nursery would love any of the following items:

- wicker baskets and/or hampers
- wooden bowls
- baby dolls (hard or soft bodied)
- party shoes or dressing up shoes
- superhero figures
- hats and costume jewellery

We are also in desperate need of age 4-5 and 5-6 jogging bottoms, shorts and leggings, and are running very low on socks!

If you can help with any of these items, please take them to nursery or hand in to the office. Thanking you in advance.

## Parent/Carer Workshops

Please see the diary dates at the end of the newsletter for upcoming workshops in Phonics and Maths.

The workshops begin with a meeting in the hall from 9.00-9.30am followed by an opportunity to spend time in class seeing the learning from the workshop in action. We hope you are able to join us

## Pushchairs/Buggies

The children in Years 1 and 2 love playing with the dolls and pushchairs on the playground at lunch time. If you are having a clear out and have unwanted prams/pushchairs/buggies we would love



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to have them. Please give to their class teacher or the main office. Thank you.

## New Reception Starters

We have sent in the class photographs of our new starters to Braintree & Witham Times to publish in their paper, alongside other schools. We thought we would share the photos with you.



## Harvest – Collecting Now

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.



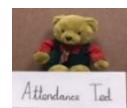
**HARVEST**

## Nursery Starters

We are very impressed with how quickly our new nursery children have settled in. The next nursery intake is in January 2024. Parents will be contacted in November if they have been offered a place. If your child is due to start nursery next year, we would love to invite you to one or both of our open mornings on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October and Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November from 10.00am – 12.00pm..

## Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week was Kingfisher class with 100%. Well done children, parents and carers. Kingfisher, Eagle and Kestrel classes all achieved 100% punctuality. Let's see if we can make that 100% across the school next week



## Tidy Classroom

The winning class this week was Kingfisher class. Well done to all of the children for taking care of their environment.



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## Rocket Points

**Blue** rocket teams were the joint winners this week with **225** smiley faces. Please encourage your child to demonstrate our rocket rules and school values.

## Children's Commissioner

Dame Rachel de Souza is the Children's Commissioner for England. You may have seen that she recently launched [The Big Ambition](#), a new campaign to hear directly from children, young people, and parents across the country about what they need to make their lives better.

She says that as we approach the General Election, now is a crucial moment to take children and young people's voices to policymakers, Government, and decision makers, to make sure they are heard.

That is why she wants to hear from every child and young person in England about their schools, communities, family life, and the wider world. This survey is for all children and young people aged 6-18 and for parents or carers who can complete the survey on behalf of children aged 0-5. This will ensure they hear from early years. Adults can also assist children who are unable to complete the survey independently.

The survey can be completed here: [www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

The Junior School would like to invite all parents/carers and family friends to a coffee morning at the Junior School next door tomorrow, Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September from 11.45am – 3.00pm.

## Autism Central

The Peer Education Programme offers one-to-one support for parents of Autistic

children, and is run by families, for families. Parents can visit the [Essex SEND website](#) to self-refer for a one-to-one session with a Peer Educator.

Visit the [Autism Central website](#) to sign up to one of their group support sessions on a variety of topics including early communication; eating sleeping and toileting; and sensory needs.

## SEND Bridge Bulletin

The SEND Bridge newsletter is for Essex families who have children with Special Educational Needs or Disability (SEND). The monthly newsletter brings together relevant information and news. From October, the newsletter will be called The Essex Local Offer newsletter.

The change is to align the newsletter with the Essex Local Offer website. This change will be reflected in the sender email. From next month, the sender will be the Essex Local Offer, instead of the SEND Navigators. If you have a question about the name change, please email the [SEND Navigators](#).

To sign up to the newsletter please visit the [Essex Local Offer website](#).

## 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

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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 Mondays:

30<sup>th</sup> October

27<sup>th</sup> November

11<sup>th</sup> December

Diary Dates		
30.9.23	McMillan Coffee Morning at the Junior School – all welcome	11.45am-3.00pm
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
11.10.23	Nursery Parent Consultations	3.30-6.10pm
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

18.10.23	Parent Consultation meetings for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.	3.40-6.20pm
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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.)

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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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