



Great Bradfords

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Anita Easton

Welcome Back Friday 13th October 2023

Hawk	Kailen, River
Eagle	Henry, Isaac
Kestrel	Alice, Dawson
Swift	Whole class
Owl	Bella, Amelia
Wagtail	Sakina, Ella-Rose
Kingfisher	Joshua
Robin	Ivy
Woodpecker	Sahara
Puffin	Olivia, Thomas, Astrid, Evelyn, Milo

Swift Class Assembly

"Wake up, wake up, give yourself a shake up!" what a fabulous way to start the day. It was wonderful to find out about all of the learning in Swift class. The children were so confident to stand up and share what they have been up to since joining Year 1. We are extremely proud of you all and know that you will continue to do well as the year goes on. Well done children.

Book Fair

The book fair will be open after school Monday to Thursday next week if you would like to purchase any books. The fair will also be on during parent evenings on Wednesday and Thursday. The school receives commission on all books purchased, which we use to buy more books for school. All purchases at the book fair are made by card payment.



Open Morning

If you are a parent/carer that has children starting school next year, please come along to our Nursery and Reception open



morning tomorrow from 10.00am-12.00pm. It's a great chance to see the school, chat to staff and find out more about a great school. No need to book.

Parent Consultations

Consultations are on Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th October from 3.40-6.20pm for all parents that have booked. It's never too late to make an appointment.

After School Clubs

Reminder that Olympics, Gymnastics and Choir will not be on next week due to parent evenings.

Donations Please

If you have any unwanted dolls, doll's prams, wicker baskets and/or hampers, wooden bowls, party shoes or dressing up shoes, handbags, superhero figures, hats or costume jewellery we would love to have them. All of the children across the school love playing with these items.



School Council

The School Council have registered to help out with a 'Family & Elderly Shoebox Appeal' organised by a charity called 'Link to Hope', who help to rebuild lives and communities in some of the poorest regions of Eastern Europe, including areas affected by the war in Ukraine.

A leaflet was sent out earlier in the week with details about how to help. We are asking that any shoebox donations made are brought into school by **Friday 3rd November**, so that the charity can

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collect them from us in good time to be able to deliver the gifts to families before Christmas.

More information about the charity and their shoebox appeal can be found here:

<https://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2023/>

Harvest – Collecting Now

For Harvest, we are collecting donations for Braintree Foodbank again this year. 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.



Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week was Hawk class with 98.9%. Well done children, parents and carers. Eagle, Kingfisher, Woodpecker and Robin classes achieved 100% punctuality.



Tidy Classroom

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



Rocket Points

Red rocket teams were the joint winners this week with **164** 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 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 Mondays:

30th October

27th November

11th December

Half Term Library Events



Come along to our fantastic, free, children's events this half term at the library.

We've got two different book events over eight sessions, both with readings and fun activities for ages 3+

Meet Author Kate Read and enjoy a reading of her book 'One Fox' and a fun print making activity afterwards!

Or design and build your own bridge, and

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enjoy a reading of 'Malik's Bridge' at our super Black History Month themed workshop with Kunda Kids publishers!

[Find out more about the events and book your free place.](#)

Plus older children can come along to our free Comic Strip Workshops and make their own comic! [More information about Comic Strip Workshops.](#)

Diary Dates		
16.10.23 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
18.10.23	Nursery Parents Consultations	3.30-6.10pm
19.10.23	Parent Consultation meetings for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.	3.40-6.20pm
19.10.23	Nursery Parents Consultations	3.30-6.10pm
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	Non-Pupil Day	Day
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	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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