



# Great Bradfords

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Anita Easton

## Welcome Back Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Hawk	Freya, Lola
Eagle	Martin, Hardy
Kestrel	Bobby, JJ
Swift	Whole class
Owl	Whole class
Wagtail	Whole class
Kingfisher	Whole class
Robin	Rupert
Woodpecker	Oliver
Puffin	Heaven, Rylee, Stanley Bronwyn

## Year 1 Performance

Well done to all of the children for three spectacular performances this week. The children have been learning all of the great songs alongside all of their other work in class. Despite the coughs, high temperatures and general poor health, they pulled it off. Britain's got Talent, eat your heart out. Well done to all of the children and staff for their hard work. We are proud of you all.

## Christmas Lunch

Thank you to the staff in the Junior School kitchen for our delicious Christmas lunch. The children enjoyed the lively atmosphere and the Christmas crackers.

## Good Luck Miss Dunne

All the staff and children would like to wish Miss Dunne all the best as she begins her maternity leave today. We look forward to meeting your new baby next year.

## Online Safety Session

To launch the Essex Children's Safeguarding Board's (ESCB) online safety

week, the 2 Johns are hosting an online safety session on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. Try to watch if you can as the 2 Johns are excellent.

The virtual session and Q&A will be hosted on Zoom and also [The 2 Johns Facebook page](#). This will be followed by a week of online safety messages and advice on the ESCB social media accounts. [Find out more about the campaign](#).

## Save the Children

We are delighted to announce that we raised £195.22 for Save the Children. Thank you to everyone for your generous donations.



## Golden Bauble Hamper Raffle

We still need lots of extra items to top them up, so if you are able to contribute any of the following items it would be greatly appreciated: Biscuits (sweet or savoury), Sweets (Haribo, Christmas sweet tubes), bring a bottle (alcohol will be accepted)



Please hand donations to the class teacher or the infant school office. All donations in by 13<sup>th</sup> December please. Thank you in advance.

## School Discos

I am in no doubt that the children will enjoy the discos tonight. Staff have the lists of children coming to the disco which will act as our fire registers for the events.  
Nursery & Reception: 3.30-4.30pm  
Years 1 & 2: 4.45-6.00pm.  
Drop off and pick up is via classroom doors.

## Wonde Vouchers

Parents of children who are eligible for free school meals will receive £60 vouchers next

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week. These will be the last vouchers issued for this academic year. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically get free school meals. This is called [Universal infant free school meals \(UIFSM\)](#) and you do not need to apply for it. If you are a low income family and you think your child will be using free school meals in the future, please let us know. We will then be eligible to apply for more funding to support the provision of education for children in the school.

Please click on the link below for more information.

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/free-school-meals#:~:text=Free%20school%20meal%20vouchers&text=You%20can%20use%20them%20in,%C2%A360%20in%20December%202023>

## Skibidi Toilet

It has come to my attention that a few children in school have been watching the skibidi toilet videos. The content is **not** suitable for children of this age and has caused some worry about the characters, which has been shared by children with staff in school.

## Reception Starters 2024

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2024, you will need to apply for their place online. The portal closes Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. You must apply online as Essex will not contact you in person.

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/admissions-september-2024>

## Year 2 Parents

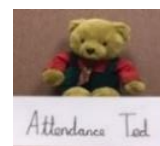
Remember you **must** go online to apply for your child's place in the Junior School for September 2024. Even if you have a child

already in the juniors, you still must apply for your child's Year 3 place. The portal closes Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. You must apply online as Essex will not contact you in person.

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/admissions-september-2024>

## Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week was Woodpecker class with 96.4%. Well done children, parents and carers. Nobody achieved 100% punctuality. Come on everyone, nobody should be coming to school late!



## Tidy Classroom

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



## Rocket Points

**Green** rocket teams were the winners this week with **158** smiley faces. Well done children.

## Parking

Concerns have been raised from local residents and members of our school community about parents parking illegally and without consideration to pedestrians and local residents. Please be mindful of where you are allowed to park and to also park safely when dropping off or picking up from school. If you have concerns about parking please click on the link below to report this directly. Thank you.

<https://north.parkingpartnership.org/enforcement-requests/>

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### 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, 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](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 the following date:

#### 11<sup>th</sup> December

Diary Dates		
11.12.23	PTFA Santa's Grotto	Day
12.12.23	PTFA Santa's Grotto	Day
14.12.23	Carols by Candlelight assembly at St Peter's Church	AM
18.12.23	PTFA Coffee morning for <b>all</b> parents & carers in Junior school hall. Infant & Junior school choirs singing. Golden Bauble Hamper Raffle draw.	9.00am
20.12.23	Last day of term	3.20pm

21.12.23 to 3.1.24	Christmas Holidays	
4.1.24	Back to school Rec, Year 1 & 2	8.40am
5.1.24	Back to school for Nursery children	8.40am
12.1.24	Hawk class assembly. Parents & Carers invited	9.05-9.30am approx
18.1.24	Governor Finance meeting	6.30pm
26.1.24	Owl class assembly. Parents & Carers invited	9.05-9.30am approx
14.2.24	Parent Consultation meetings for Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2	3.40 – 6.20pm
15.2.24	Parent Consultation meetings for Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2	3.40 – 6.20pm
16.2.24	Non-Pupil Day	Day
19.2.24 to 23.2.24	Half Term	
7.3.24	World Book Day – Dress as your favourite book character	Day
18.3.24	Reception Dress Rehearsal to whole school	AM

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19.3.24	Reception performance- parents & carers invited – All of Kingfisher class & ½ Woodpecker class, children's surnames A to G	9.15 – 9.45am (approx.)
19.3.24	Governor Curriculum meeting	6.30pm
20.3.24	Reception performance- parents & carers invited – All of Robin class & ½ Woodpecker class, children's surnames H to Z	9.15 – 9.45am (approx.)
23.3.24	PTFA Easter Egg Hunt	11.30am– 1.30pm
24.4.24	Class Photos	Day
25.4.24	Governor Budget meeting	6.30pm
3.5.24	Wagtail class assembly	9.05- 9.30am approx
9.5.24	PJ & Popcorn Night	4.30- 6.00pm
17.5.24	Robin class assembly	9.05- 9.30am approx
24.5.24	Non-Pupil Day	
27.5.24 to 31.5.24	Half Term	
5.6.24	Sport's Day Reception	AM

5.6.24	Sport's Day Years 1 & 2	PM
10.6.24 to 14.6.24	Eco Week	
10.6.24 to 14.6.24	Year 1 Phonics Screening	
14.6.24	Kingfisher class assembly	9.05- 9.30am approx
8.7.24	Year 2 Dress Rehearsal to whole school	AM
9.7.24	Year 2 performance- parents & carers invited – All of Kestrel class & ½ Eagle class, children's surnames A to H	9.15 – 9.45am (approx.)
10.7.24	Year 2 performance- parents & carers invited – All of Hawk class & ½ Eagle class, children's surnames I to Z	9.15 – 9.45am (approx.)
11.7.24	Governor Curriculum meeting	6.30pm
12.7.24	Year 2 Leaver's Disco	3.30- 5.00pm
23.7.24	Break up for Summer	3.20pm

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