



# Great Bradfords

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Anita Easton

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

|            |                             |
|------------|-----------------------------|
| Hawk       | Aubree, Henry               |
| Eagle      | Ezra, Dylan                 |
| Kestrel    | Arthur, Mason               |
| Swift      | Laurel, Austin              |
| Owl        | Ivy-Rose, Georgie           |
| Wagtail    | Laylar, Ivy Matthews        |
| Kingfisher | Finley                      |
| Robin      | Oxli                        |
| Woodpecker | Rosie                       |
| Puffin     | All of the nursery children |

## Last Newsletter for 2023

As this is the last newsletter for this term, we would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We have three days left at school next week and then we break up for Christmas. School will reopen for Reception, Years 1 and 2 on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 8.40am. Nursery will reopen on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

## Carols by Candlelight

Children in reception, Year 1 and Year 2 all went to St Peter's Church yesterday for our annual Carols by Candlelight assembly.

The children retold the nativity and their beautiful singing raised the roof of the church. Reverend Richard was very impressed. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who were able to walk with us.



## Rocksteady Concert

We were entertained by Kestrel class this afternoon when they shared their musical talents with parents and carers. The children have had great fun playing various instruments with Izzy during their Rock

Steady Music sessions. Well done children we loved it!

## PTFA Santa's Grotto

Thank you very much to Sarah Howarth, Charlotte Haycock-Connolly, Stephanie Peck, Katy Compton and Rebecca Elliott for organising the whole event and running it brilliantly. A special thank you to Father Christmas for coming to visit too. The children came back to school very excited after having seen Father Christmas and choosing their own gift from his little workshop. We really appreciate all of the support from the PTFA in raising funds for both of the schools.



## Golden Bauble Raffle Draw

The PTFA are putting on a coffee morning with mince pies in the Junior School hall. Parents and carers at both the Infant School and Junior School are invited. During the morning both school choirs will entertain you. There are a number of prizes to be won:

16 mixed hampers, the first 3 will receive a golden bauble prize as well.  
12 golden bauble prizes plus 2 smaller hampers up for grabs!



## Writing Celebration Wall

There is a display in the library celebrating children's efforts and achievements in writing across the school.

The chosen pieces of writing belong to: Amelia (Kestrel), Isaac (Eagle), Eric (Hawk), Robyn (Swift), Elmer (Owl), Jemima (Wagtail), Travis (Robin), Georgie (Woodpecker) and Isabella (Kingfisher). Well done everyone.



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## Online Safety

Are you planning on giving your child a new games console, mobile phone, tablet, or computer game this Christmas? Or do you have friends or family who are?

Visit

[www.essex.police.uk/sortyoursettings](http://www.essex.police.uk/sortyoursettings) for practical things you can do to help make your child's new device safer when they are online.

#StaySafe

## Wonde Vouchers

Parents of children who are eligible for free school meals should have received £60 vouchers that were sent out on Tuesday. 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. To be eligible for Free School Meals (FSM), you must meet the following

criteria: Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, Income Support and/or Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance.

The following groups are eligible for pupil premium:

- Children who are recorded as eligible for free school meals, or have been recorded as eligible in the past 6 years, including eligible children of families who have no recourse to public funds (NRPF)
- Children looked after by local authorities, referred to as looked-after children
- Children previously looked after by a local authority or other state care, referred to as previously looked-after children

## Poppy Appeal

I am delighted to share that we raised £210.54 for the British Legion poppy appeal this year. Thank you to everyone that was



able to donate money and purchase poppies, wristbands etc...

## Eco Club

The children have been really pleased that Great Bradfords Infants have been following our Christmas Card Pledge.

"We destroy other animals' homes when we cut down trees and trees are good for humans too." Phoebe

"Following the Christmas Card Pledge makes you feel nice. We're helping the environment." Lacy

## 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>

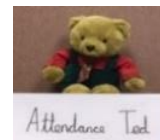
## Year 2 Parents

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 Kestrel class with 96%. Well done children, parents and carers. Nobody achieved



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100% punctuality. Come on everyone, nobody should be coming to school late!

### Tidy Classroom

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



### Rocket Points

**Orange** rocket teams were the winners this week with **165** smiley faces. Well done children. **Orange** rocket teams were this terms winners, although it was very close. They will be having a special treat next week.

| Diary Dates        |   |                    |
|--------------------|---|--------------------|
| 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 |

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| 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  |                         |
| 26.2.24            | Back to School   | 8.40am                  |
| 7.3.24             | World Book Day – Dress as your favourite book character  | Day                     |
| 18.3.24            | Reception Dress Rehearsal to whole school  | AM                      |
| 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                  |

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| 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         |
| 28.3.24            | Last Day of Term  | 3.20pm                  |
| 29.3.24 to 12.4.24 | Easter Holidays   |                         |
| 15.4.24            | Back to school  | 8.40am                  |
| 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     |
| 23.5.24            | Break up Half Term  | 3.20pm                  |
| 24.5.24            | Non-Pupil Day   |                         |
| 27.5.24 to 31.5.24 | Half Term   |                         |
| 3.6.24             | Back to school  | 8.40am                  |
| 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  |                         |

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|--------------------|---|-------------------------|
| 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                  |
| 2.9.24             | Non Pupil Day   |                         |
| 3.9.24             | Non Pupil Day   |                         |
| 4.9.24             | Back to School Reception, Year 1 and Year 2   | 8.40am                  |
| 5.9.24             | Back to School Nursery  |                         |

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