



# Great Bradfords

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Anita Easton

## Welcome Back Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Hawk	Charles, Charlie
Eagle	Ava, Elijah
Kestrel	Michael, Kendrick
Swift	Chloe, Tudor
Owl	Stanley, Jessica S
Wagtail	Ashleigh, Sakina
Kingfisher	Jesse
Robin	Rosalie
Woodpecker	Hanna
Puffin	Iris Gibson, Olivia, Hugo, Milo

### Hawk Class Assembly

Thank you to Hawk class for our first class assembly of 2024. The children wowed us with some interesting facts about different countries, leaving us with so many choices of interesting places to visit. I am in no doubt everyone left humming the song about the continents. I wonder how many of you could reach the high notes! Well done to all of the children in Hawk class, we are extremely proud of you all.

### Mrs Potter and Betsy

We were all very excited to see Mrs Potter in school today with her lovely daughter Betsy. They came in especially to watch Hawk class assembly. She then went into class so that the children could say a proper hello and to ask her lots of interesting questions.

### PTFA Bingo with a Twist

Don't forget to book a ticket for the exciting Bingo night planned for Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Try to get a group of friends together and then you can book a table. More information can be found on posters around school, via the email sent to you or on the PTFA Facebook page.

### PTFA Pancake Flip

The PTFA have decided to organise another sponsored pancake flip in school on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February. This was really successful last year and the children had great fun seeing how many pancakes they could flip in 30 seconds. Sponsorship forms should come home today.



### Collecting Children

Please ensure you are here on time to collect your child after school. This applies to after school clubs too. If for any reason you are not able to collect you only need to notify school if the person collecting is not on your green collection form that is held in class.

### Help Needed

Do you have the tools and skills necessary to help make wooden planters in school? We will provide the equipment but need your help to make them. Eco club would like to create a sensory area within school to help provide a calm space for children finding life a bit overwhelming. If you are able to help at some point later this term or next, email the office with your details [admin@gbins.co.uk](mailto:admin@gbins.co.uk) alternatively let Mrs Harris (Eagle class) or Mrs Brumby (Swift class) know.

### Appointments

Please ensure, wherever possible, appointments are booked after school, at weekends or in holiday time. There are an increasing number of children being collected early for dental check ups or eye tests. If you have another appointment given to you for your child, that you are unable to change, please take the letter to the office as proof of intended absence. Thank you.

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### 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.

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### Attendance

The class with the best attendance this week is Wagtail class at 97.7%.

Unfortunately, no class achieved 100% punctuality.

Come on everyone, you need to be here on time.



### Rocket Points

**Purple** rocket teams were the winners this week with **133** smiley faces. Well done children.

### Tidy Classroom

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



### 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 one of the following Tuesdays:

- 30<sup>th</sup> January
- 27<sup>th</sup> February
- 26<sup>th</sup> March
- 23<sup>rd</sup> April
- 21<sup>st</sup> May
- 25<sup>th</sup> June
- 16<sup>th</sup> July

### Diary Dates

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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
30.1.24	Sharon's Drop-in (Family Support)	8.00-9.00am
31.1.24	Woodpecker Parent Consultation Meetings	9.00am-3.20pm

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9.2.24	PTFA Bingo Night	6.30pm for 7.00pm start
13.2.24	PTFA Sponsored Pancake Flip	Day
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	<b>Non-Pupil Day</b>	<b>Day</b>
19.2.24 to 23.2.24	Half Term	
26.2.24	Back to School	8.40am
27.2.24	Sharon's Drop-in (Family Support)	8.00-9.00am
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
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
26.3.24	Sharon's Drop-in (Family Support)	8.00-9.00am
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
23.4.24	Sharon's Drop-in (Family Support)	8.00-9.00am
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
21.5.24	Sharon's Drop-in (Family Support)	8.00-9.00am
23.5.24	Break up Half Term	3.20pm

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24.5.24	Non-Pupil Day	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	
10.6.24 to 14.6.24	Year 1 Phonics Screening	
14.6.24	Kingfisher class assembly	9.05-9.30am approx
25.6.24	Sharon's Drop-in (Family Support)	8.00-9.00am
8.7.24	Year 2 Dress Rehearsal to 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
16.7.24	Sharon's Drop-in (Family Support)	8.00-9.00am
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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