



# Great Bradfords

## INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Anita Easton

### Celebration Awards Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Hawk	Kaydee, Sam
Eagle	Freddie, Chloe
Kestrel	Ben, Matthew
Swift	Arya-Rose, Daphne
Owl	Nancy, Marguerite
Wagtail	Morgan, Fearne
Kingfisher	Charlie
Robin	Antoni
Woodpecker	Whole class
Puffin	Amina, Ralph

### Woodpecker Class Assembly

Well done to all the children in Woodpecker for sharing their wonderful learning, singing and art creations with us in assembly this morning. They were very brave to stand up in front of so many adults and children. We are very lucky to have so many wonderful children at our school. We are very proud of them all.

### Remembrance Parade

It was wonderful to be part of the Remembrance Parade again this year. Evie and Esmé (Eagle class) represented our school and laid a poppy wreath at the memorial.

"I was very proud to be able to lay a wreath on Sunday. I was really excited as my daddy is a soldier. There were lots of people paying their respects," said Evie. "I walked up the parade with Evie holding a big round poppy. There were



lots of poppies on the wreath. There were rainbows and brownies and lots of people," said Esmé.

### Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to Children in Need today. With your



support we were able to raise a fantastic £380. The children have enjoyed coming to school in their own clothes and have learnt how some of the money raised will go towards helping other children in the UK. If you would like to find out more, please click on the following link:

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

### Choir Singing Tomorrow

Why not come along and listen to our amazing choir as they join other schools for a fun-packed Christmas Lights Switch On in Braintree Town Centre, on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November with Radio Essex, starting at 12noon with the official light switch on at 5.30pm. Our choir will be singing at 12.30pm.

<https://www.visitbraintreedistrict.co.uk/whats-on/braintree-christmas-light-switch-on-p1529241>

### Freshwater Theatre

Year 2 have been learning about The Great Fire of London in 1666. They were treated to a workshop from the Freshwater Theatre Company, complimenting their learning in History.



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"On Tuesday Annie came to learn about the Great Fire of London with us. We played a game with actions for the water, fire, the king, the plague and the houses. We pretended to be the fire starting in the bakery at night and my favourite part was learning the rhyme '*In 16 hundred and 66, London burned like rotten sticks*'"

She read a bit of the diary of Samuel Pepys. He wrote about the black smoke and big flames."

By Chloe and Willow, Kestrel Class.

### NO DOGS

Please may I remind you dogs are **not** allowed on school premises at any time. This includes cute little dogs that you can carry or great big beasts!

I would also ask that if you walk to school with a dog that you keep the path clear at the front of the school. Many of our children are anxious walking past dogs on their way in to school, especially as some children are the same height as the dog! Thank you.



### Warm Coats

The weather is definitely starting to change, with the temperature dropping. Please ensure your child has a winter coat, hat and gloves as they will still be outside during break and lunch times. Nursery and reception explore the outside area as part of their daily learning so children need to be dressed appropriately.

### Card & Gift Project

Children have brought home their artwork, which can be turned into Christmas cards, thank you cards, calendars etc... You should have received information on how to order, if you would like to. All orders must be in by 3.30pm on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November and all payments will be made on Arbor by 1.00pm on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Everything is being collected on Tuesday afternoon and only orders received with full payment will be sent.

### Starting Reception Sept 2022

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018, they will be starting school in September 2022.

**ALL** parents/carers need to make a formal application to the Council for a reception school place.

You must apply even if you have a child at school already.

Parents/carers can apply via the website [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions) and 99% of parents applied online last year.

The reception class admission round opens on **Monday 8 November 2021**, for parents/carers to apply for a reception place for September 2022.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2022**.

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### Moving to Year 3 Sept 2022

Parents/carers of current Year 2 children at our school need to make a formal application to the Council for a junior school (Year 3 place). You must apply even if you already have a child at the junior school.

Parents/carers can apply via the website [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions) and 99% of parents applied online last year.

The junior admission round opens on **Monday 8 November 2021**, for parents/carers of children to apply for a junior school (Year 3) place for September 2022.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2022**.

Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).

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### Reading After School

We would love you to stay and read with your child after school in their class. Years 1 and 2 are on a Tuesday and Wednesday and Reception are on a Tuesday and Friday. The children have been set a challenge each week, to see which class, in each year group, will win the reading rosette for the most readers after school. Robin, Wagtail and Kestrel are the winning classes again this week.

### Attendance

Robin class had the best attendance this week of 99%. Sadly, none of our classes managed to achieve 100%



punctuality. Come on everyone! Doors open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am.

### Tidy Classroom

Eagle class has been the tidiest this week. Well done.



### Rocket Points

**Green** rocket team were the winners again this week with **161** smiley faces. Please encourage your child to demonstrate our rocket rules and school values.

### Close the Vocabulary Gap

National research has highlighted a children's vocabulary gap, which suggests children aren't exposed to enough rich language through reading, stories and conversations. This is something for you to get involved with through our whole school **Word of the Week** and **Question of the week**.

They will be shared with the children on a Friday and with you via the newsletter, so please discuss both with them over the weekend. Share your answer to the question and try and incorporate the word into a sentence; modelling its use. We appreciate your support with this and look forward to the discussions we'll have in school with the children.



**This week's Word of the Week is:**  
**Donation**

**This week's Question of the Week is:**  
**Where would you like to travel to and why?**

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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, then Sharon may be able to help. She is available Monday - Wednesday between 7.45am-4pm. Parents/carers 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 her drop in session in school between 8.00am and 9.00am on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Diary Dates		
20.11.21	Choir to sing in Braintree for Christmas lights turn on	Meet at 12.00pm Sing at 12.30pm
25.11.21	Governor Curriculum Meeting	6.30pm
30.11.21	Nursery Stay & Play	8.45-1.15am
30.11.21	Nursery Stay & Play	12.30-1.45pm
3.12.21	Nursery Stay & Play	8.45-1.15am
3.12.21	Flu Vaccinations for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2	PM
3.12.21	Nursery Stay & Play	12.30-1.45pm

6.12.21	Year 2 Phonic Screening Week	
7.12.21	Year 1 Dress Rehearsal to whole school	AM
8.12.21	Christmas Lunch in school	11.45-12.15
8.12.21	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children (non-uniform)	Day
8.12.21	Year 1 performance-parents & carers invited	9.30 – 10.00am (approx.)
9.12.21	Year 1 performance-parents & carers invited	9.30 – 10.00am (approx.)
10.12.21	Coffee morning for all parents & carers in the junior hall. This will include both choirs singing as well as the Hamper draw.	8.45am
10.12.21	Disco and Magic Show for Nursery and Reception children	3.15-4.45pm
10.12.21	Disco and Magic Show for Years 1 + 2 children	5.00-6.30pm

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17.12.21	Last day of term	3.00pm
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