



# Great Bradfords

## INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Anita Easton

### Celebration Awards Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Hawk	Zoe, Sara
Eagle	Lily-Rose, Abel-Rae
Kestrel	Joshua W, Rosie
Swift	Freddie, Dolly
Owl	Charlie, George
Wagtail	Scarlett, Emily
Kingfisher	Aubree
Robin	Evelyn
Woodpecker	Amelia
Puffin	Jake, Mia

### Choir

Our fantastic choir entertained the people of Braintree with their amazing singing last Saturday. We had been invited to be part of the Christmas Tree Lights switch on event. We were so proud of their lovely singing, actions and signing as well as their confidence in performing on stage. Well done children, you are such stars.



### Year 1 Concert

There has been a rise in covid cases in school, particularly in year 1. In order to do our best to keep everyone safe I am considering moving their concert to outside. I know the weather is turning cold but I do not feel it is a good idea to

invite so many adults into school. I will make the decision by Wednesday next week and notify all year 1 parents and carers on Wednesday afternoon. I'm sorry that this is not the ideal scenario but I know you would want to help me keep everyone safe. Nobody wants another Christmas like last year!

### Christmas Disco

Due to the rise in covid cases I will be making a decision next Wednesday as to whether the disco will go ahead or be postponed until the spring. It is important that we do everything possible to keep everyone safe. Thank you for your understanding.

### Nursery Gifts

The children in nursery have been busy making calendars and poppies for Wickham House. They wrote to the residents to tell them all the things they love to do in nursery.

### 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**,

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for parents/carers to apply for a reception 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). All of the application information is available on the website above.

### 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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### Attendance

Hawk class had the best attendance this week of 97.6%. 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

Puffin class has been the tidiest this week. Well done to our youngest children.



### 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

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

**This week's Question of the Week is:**  
**What's your superhero name and what powers do you have?**

### 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.

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Diary Dates		
3.12.21	Flu Vaccinations for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2	PM
6.12.21	Year 2 Phonic Screening Week	
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 concert-parents & carers invited	9.30 – 10.00am (approx.)
9.12.21	Year 1 concert-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
17.12.21	Last day of term	3.00pm

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