



Great Bradfords

INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Headteacher: Mrs Lisa Dale

Welcome and Thank You!

It has been a fantastic start at Great Bradfords this week. Thank you to all those people who have introduced themselves at the gate and said hello. I am doing my best to learn names as quickly as possible – but it might take a while yet!

It has been lovely to meet the children and families and welcome them back. We hope you all had a lovely break and had some quality family time and a chance to have a lie in!



I would also like to welcome all of our new families to the school. It was lovely to see our new reception parents at the meeting yesterday morning who then had a chance to go into class to explore the environment with their children.

We have a great website, packed with information: <https://www.gbins.co.uk/>
I also write a weekly newsletter that is emailed to you on a Friday and is also on the website.

I look forward to getting to know more of you in the coming weeks and we are looking forward to a busy, fun year with lots of learning.

If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with your child's class teacher or you can phone the office on 01376326891 or email the office on admin@gbins.co.uk. The office hours are 8.30am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday.

Great Bradfords Butterfly

In school this week, we have been thinking about why we have the butterfly as our school logo. We talked about butterflies beginning as

eggs and then caterpillars and how they change, grow, emerge and transform into butterflies, much like we do as children – and we linked this to our journey through the school, starting in nursery.

We will be exploring this idea further as the year goes on and watch for some incredible butterfly artwork taking shape that will involve the whole school...

Congratulations!

Well done to Harlie in Year 2 for helping to raise an amazing £650 for the Braintree Macmillan Fund by giving up her time to help at a summer fayre; running the tombola and tidying up. The Chair of the fund has said that she (along with a team of young helpers) was "caring, polite and a credit to her parents and the school." Well done Harlie!

Breakfast Club

We run a breakfast club from Monday to Friday, during term time, from 7.30 am for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Please bring children to the school hall via the main entrance where they can enjoy a varied breakfast of cereal, toast, crumpets, pancakes, fruit, yoghurt, juice, milk or water. Games and activities are arranged daily. Children are escorted to their classes at 8.40 am ready for the school day.



To benefit from the Breakfast Club, you need to **book and pay in advance for your child/children via the Arbor App**. The cost of each session is £4.00. If you have more than 2 siblings attending, concessions are available - please ask at the office for further details.

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Wraparound Child Care

If you need child care after school this is available up to 6.00pm. It is provided by a company called CMXSC and is held at the Junior School. Please click on the link for more information and to set up an account.
<https://www.gbins.co.uk/parents/wraparound-care/>

Government Emergency Alert

Emergency Alerts is a UK government system that provides warning and advice in a life threatening emergency. The government will be running a national test of the Emergency Alerts system on Sunday 7 September 2025. However, there might be reason why you need to opt out of this alert, if so, please see the information provided via the link below:

[Opting out of emergency alerts - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/opt-out-of-emergency-alerts)

Parent Consultations – EAGLE CLASS ONLY

Please note (as per the diary dates below), that Eagle Class parent consultation dates are slightly different to the rest of the school. This is just for the autumn term. Eagle Class will have appointments on Monday 20th Oct and Wednesday 22nd Oct. Further details will be given in due course.

Parking

The school car park is small and is shared between the Infant School and the Junior School next door. It is primarily for staff use. We also have various taxi services that bring children to school and use the car park to drop off and pick up. Some parents with disabled badges also use the car park but as you can appreciate the car park is very small and is very busy with adults and children moving



around. We are sorry if you are unable to find space in the car park, even with a disability badge.

When parking outside of school, please check that you are parked legally and not blocking local resident driveways.

Understandably, our neighbours get rather cross if someone has parked across their drive or in a reserved parking space.

Family Support

Sharon McCormick is our Home/School Liaison Worker. If you are struggling with your child's behaviour; bedtimes, mornings are a nightmare; your child is a fussy eater or struggles to leave you at school time, bereavement or family separation, 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. She can also be contacted on 01376552393 or 07714621666. Alternatively, come to one of her drop in sessions in school from 8.30am - 9.30am on one of the following Mondays:
23rd September
21st October
25th November
9th December

Attendance

Legislation around attendance has changed from September 2024. Holidays taken during term time are not permitted and may result in parents receiving a fixed penalty notice. Absences will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and evidence will need to be provided in advance eg: letter from doctors/hospitals etc... Request for absence need to be made in advance, using an absence request form available from the



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office. Please click on the link to see the DfE guidance

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/66bf300da44f1c4c23e5bd1b/Working_together_to_improve_school_attendance_-_August_2024.pdf

A copy of our Attendance Policy is on the website or click on the link below to access:

<https://www.gbins.co.uk/media/2597/child-attendance-policy-july-2024.pdf>

Diary Dates		
18.9.25	PTFA AGM Meeting at The Juniors – all welcome	6pm
19.9.25	Individual Photos	Day
23.9.25	Governor Meeting	6.30pm
17.10.25	Kestrel class assembly	9.05am
20.10.25 to 24.10.25	Book Fair in school	Open 3.20-4.20pm
20.10.25	Parent Consultation meetings for Eagle Class only	3.40-6.20pm
21.10.25	Parent Consultation meetings for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (not Eagle Class)	3.40-6.20pm
22.10.25	Parent Consultation meetings for Nursery, Reception, Year 1	3.40-6.20pm

	and Year 2 (inc. Eagle Class)	
27.10.25 to 3.11.25	Half Term Week	
3.11.25	Back to school	8.40am
6.11.25	Governors Meeting	6.30pm
10.11.25 to 15.11.25	Anti-Bullying Week	
14.11.25	Owl Class Assembly	9.05am
17.11.25	Non-Pupil Day	Day
18.11.25	Flu vaccinations – Rec to Yr 2	Day
28.11.25	Eagle class assembly	9.05am
2.12.25	Flu vaccinations – Rec to Yr 2	Day
	Governors Meeting	6.30pm
5.12.25	Swift class assembly	9.05am
	School Christmas Discos	3.30-6pm
17.12.25	Carols by Candlelight – St. Peter's Church	AM
19.12.25	Last day of term	3.20pm
22.12.25 to 2.1.25	Christmas Holidays	

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5.1.26	Back to school for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2	8.40am
6.1.26	Back to school Nursery	8.40 am

Please note – dates are subject to change and we will add dates for later in the year as this term goes on.

Finally....

A shout out to the school team who have made me feel welcome and pointed me in the right direction (and been patient with my many questions).

And to Mr Newbold for working throughout the summer to ensure the school was ready for our return and looking great!

Have a lovely weekend everyone!
Thanks again,

Mrs Dale

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