

GBINS



Weekly Newsletter



Chair of Governors – Gav Morris

Hello, I'm Gav Morris, and I've been a Parent Governor at the school since September 2023. I'm proud to now serve as Chair of Governors. As a parent, I know how important these early years are, and I'm passionate about helping every child thrive in a safe, happy, and inspiring environment.

My professional background is in safeguarding, and work for the ambulance service as a safeguarding subject matter expert. This experience gives me a strong understanding of the importance of child protection, wellbeing, and inclusive practices, which I bring to my role on the governing board. But most importantly, I'm here because I care about our school community and want to support the fantastic work of our staff and leadership team...

...Being a governor is a rewarding way to make a real difference. Governors help shape the vision and direction of the school, support and challenge the leadership team, and ensure that every child gets the best possible education. It's a great opportunity to gain experience, new skills, meet other parents and staff, and contribute to something truly meaningful.

We are currently looking for two more governors to join our team. If you're enthusiastic about supporting the school and shaping its future, we'd love to hear from you!

Great Bradfords Governors



Other Messages

Class Dojo

Please check your Class Dojo account. We have had one of our parents inform us that their Dojo account may have been hacked.

Please be vigilant, change your password and choose as secure a password as possible.

Christmas Tree Recycling

Farleigh Hospice are running a Christmas tree recycling scheme. Please see the flyer attached.



PINS Parent Workshop on Understanding Neurodiversity

On Friday 12th December, we are holding a free workshop for parents, led by a member of the PINS team, starting at 9.15am.

The workshop will explore nurturing the unique strengths of neurodiverse children and provide advice and guidance on how to support them with the challenges they face. It will also look at helping neurodiverse children be ready to learn and engage in the classroom.

The workshop is open to all parents, whether your child is neurodivergent or not.

To book, please do so via the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/Bb5WwimBnc>

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PTFA Christmas Grotto

On the 11th & 12th of December pupils from across both schools will have the chance to come and enjoy a Christmas experience run by the PTFA.



The cost will be £4

Pupils will visit during the school day accompanied by their class teacher and support staff. The day they come will be scheduled by the schools.

Each child will receive an item to remind them of their visit.

All money raised goes back into both schools.

Booking closes on Friday 5th December at 12 noon.

Thank you for all your support.

The PTFA ladies.

Eco Christmas Card Pledge



The Eco Christmas card pledge is a scheme designed to reduce the sending of cards by children in schools and therefore reduce our negative impact on the environment through deforestation.

Eco-Club thought each child could make a Christmas card in school which would be for their whole class.

These cards could then make a festive display in the classroom and your child will bring it home at the end of term.

We will make it 'eco-friendly' too by using recycling or repurposing unused resources. The children can still send cards to friends if they wish to. Many thanks, from Eco-Club.



Admissions

If you need to apply for a school place for Reception or Year 3 - you need to apply via Essex County Council between 10th Nov 2025 - 15th Jan 2026.

See the website via the link below:

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/admissions-september-2026>

Attendance

Don't forget we can only authorise absence under exceptional circumstances. If you need to apply for leave for your child, you must complete a Leave of Absence Form in advance. These can be found at the school office.

EARLY YEARS AND CHILDCARE CHARTER



Our school is part of the Early Years Charter and as such, we are able to offer the following:

"Supporting your child with social communication challenges.

This workshop is for you if your child has a social communication challenge (with or without a diagnosis of autism). Learn more about social communication skills in young children and how they develop, how to help your child (18months-5 years of age) if they are at very early (or pre verbal) stage of development, strategies that work well to support social communication skills at home and resources you can access.

Written and delivered by very experienced speech and language therapists and advisors for the children's communication charity, Speech and Language UK.

Friday 12th December 10am-12pm.

This is a virtual session and will be delivered via Zoom.

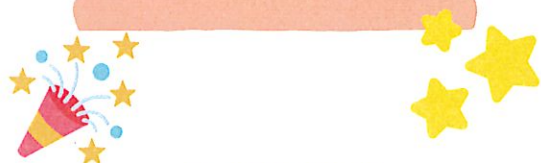
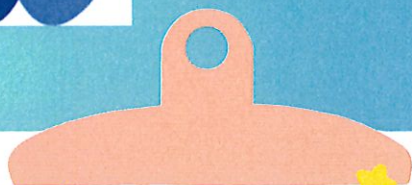
**Please register your interest by emailing:
Julie.hall@essex.gov.uk**

Please note there is a limited number of spaces."

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CELEBRATE!

Well done to this week's Stars of the Week...

Hawk Class - Milana and Wisdom

Eagle Class - Dominion and Ethan

Kestrel Class - Arif and Rupert

Swift Class - Stanley and Lissiah

Owl Class - Isabella and Kyron

Wagtail Class - Devonte and Evelyn

Awarded for being great role models, resilience and perseverance, writing, kindness, phonics, DT and more!



CELEBRATE!

Well done to this week's Stars of the Week...

Woodpecker Class - Jameson and Luna

Robin Class - Xena-Mai and Henry

Kingfisher Class - Mair and Freya

Puffin Class - Clara and Hallie

Awarded for kindness and perseverance.



CELEBRATE!

This week's tidiest classroom
Hawk Class

Highest Attendance Award
Woodpecker Class with 95%

Most Punctual Classes
Eagle Class



CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Please note the new dates posted below.

Please also note the following for the summer term:

1st May - Robin Class Assembly

15th May - Kingfisher Class Assembly

5th June - Woodpecker Class Assembly

Diary Dates

5.12.25	Swift class assembly School Christmas Discos	9.05am 3.30-6pm
9.12.25	Reindeer Run for Farleigh Hospice	Day
10.12.25	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day	Day
11.12.25	PTFA Christmas Experience & Grotto	Day
12.12.25	Parent Workshop on Neurodiversity	9.15am
17.12.25	Carols by Candlelight – St. Peter's Church	AM
17.12.25	Children carol singing to parents	2.30pm (approx)
19.12.25	Last day of term	3.20pm
22.12.25 to 2.1.25	Christmas Holidays	
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
16.01.26	Whole School Butterfly Day	Day
23.01.26	Hawk Class Assembly	9.05am
04.02.26	PINS Parent Forum	9.00am
06.02.26	Wagtail Class Assembly	9.05am
20.03.26	Eagle Class Assembly	9.05am
24.03.26	Reception Concert - Kingfisher and half of Woodpecker (A-G)	AM
25.03.26	Reception Concert - Robin and half of Woodpecker (H-Z)	AM
28.03.26	Easter Egg Hunt	Day

Farleigh Hospice's Christmas Tree Recycling



Register online

farleighhospice.org/trees

Collections 9-12 January 2026



It is because you care that we can
www.farleighhospice.org

