



# BRAYFORD ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

LIFE, LOVE AND LEARNING TO THE FULL

7<sup>th</sup> March 2024

## Dates and key information

### School Meals

Week Beginning 11<sup>th</sup> March - **BLUE**  
Juniors ~ £2.53 Infants ~ free

### February

- **Mon 11<sup>th</sup>** – Film Club 3.30-4.15pm
- **Tues 12<sup>th</sup>**– Lego Club 3.30-4.15pm
- **Weds 13<sup>th</sup>** – Choir Club 3.30-4.15pm
- **Thurs 14<sup>th</sup>** – Juniors Rosemoor
- **Fri 15<sup>th</sup>** - Brumbles Forest School
- **Fri 15<sup>th</sup>** – Juniors Hakeford Woods
- **Fri<sup>th</sup>** – Red Nose Day

## BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast club runs daily when required from 7.45am to 8.45am and is available to all children at the cost of £4.00 per child. If you wish your child to eat breakfast they need to arrive before 8.15am. There is support available with the cost if your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium. **Please pre-book sessions at least 24 hours before the required session through the school office by email to [admin@brayford.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@brayford.devon.sch.uk) or alternatively phone 01598 710345.**

**PLEASE NOTE if your child is not booked in to Breakfast Club they will be unable to attend.**



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week the children have been enjoying the OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) project. The older and younger children have been working together to problem solve and be creative in their play. The OPAL project transforms playtimes for children and it is exciting to see how the children are enjoying their play in a variety of ways.

On Sunday James and Duke took part in the last race of the cross - country series. The sun was shining and the boys had a fantastic race! Well done to Lara too who ran half a mile!



This week several children went to a PE & Forest School event at Umberleigh School. The children had a wonderful time and had the opportunity to work with children from across the Trust.

We are looking forward to Red Nose Day next week and the juniors have their trip to Rosemoor Gardens.

Have a lovely weekend  
Miss Sara Leggott  
Head of School

## Q: What are the benefits of the OPAL Primary Programme?

### More teaching time

Most schools report ten minutes more teaching time per teacher with happier, more creative, and well exercised children who settle to classes much more quickly.

### Improved behaviour

OPAL schools report up to 80% decreases in use of behaviour policies and 90% drops in senior leadership time spent in resolving playtime issues.

### Faster core skills development

Children at OPAL schools rapidly develop creativity, imagination, cooperation, resilience, stamina and confidence.

### Inclusion

OPAL's approach makes play better for every child, every day...no exceptions!

### Happiness and wellbeing

Play is a human need and a human right. Children and staff at OPAL's schools report feeling less stressed and happier, and more excited about school.

## Attendance Ladder



## CLASS ATTENDANCE

This week

**INFANTS:** 91.67%

**JUNIORS:** 98.3%



## HAKEFORD WOODS

Dear Junior Parents,

We are enjoying Hakeford Woods so much, we wondered if you'd like to come and experience it too! We are inviting parents to join us on either 15<sup>th</sup> or 22<sup>nd</sup> March. You wouldn't have responsibility for any children but would be able to observe and maybe even join in some of the activities.

You would need to be at Hakeford at 9.30am or follow us there as you might not find us if you arrive after. You'd need the same clothing as the children including waterproof trousers.

Please speak to Mrs Ashcroft or Mrs Ward if you are interested so we can spread parents across the 2 Fridays if possible.

Mrs Ashcroft



It's Comic Relief Red nose on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

For a £1.00 donation children can come to school wearing something red. It can be anything from a full red outfit to just one red sock or even just a red hairband, anything goes!!

From next Tuesday we will have Red Noses available to buy from the office for £2.00 each.



### Parents Evening

Parents Evening is taking place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

Miss Leggott, Miss Sheppard and Mrs Ashcroft will be available between 3.00pm and 6.00pm.

Please book an appointment via the Arbor app.



### Bikeability

Don't forget – Year 5 & 6 Bikeability w/c 18<sup>th</sup> March. Bikes can be left in the Bike shed for the duration of the course!



## MUSIC SHARING ASSEMBLY

We would like to invite you to our Music Sharing Assembly which is taking place in the Village Hall on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 2.45pm. Our Rocksteady bands and Emma's musicians will be performing. Everyone is welcome!



Well Done  
for receiving a certificate of achievement



### Certificate of Achievement

#### Juniors

Amelie - For being kind and helpful to other children.

Alfie - For Persevering at Hakeford Woods carving a mushroom.

Duke - For Working well with others at Hakeford Woods.

Luke - For Tidying the wood with Mrs Whittle.

#### Infants

Oliver B- For excellent reading.

Jake - For super effort in Read, Write, Inc.



- If your child is poorly, please report their absence to the school office on 01598 710345 by **9.30am**.
- All medical appointments are to be advised in advance to the school office.
- Any other absences must be applied for via an absence request form.
- Please supply your child with a refillable drinks bottle every day.
- Warm coats for outdoor play if it's wet or cold!
- Please park considerately in the Village hall car park for drop off and pickups.



### **The School Office**

Emails are only monitored between 8.30am and 12.30pm. If you need to speak to someone urgently, please call the school number 01598 710345. If no one answers, please leave a message and someone will contact you as soon as they can.

## **Menu w/c 11<sup>th</sup> March**

### **MONDAY**

Sausage Rolls  
V – Vegetable Wrap  
Creamed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables  
Fruit Crumble with Custard

### **TUESDAY**

Beef Burger in a Bap  
V – Veggie Burger in a Bap  
Cubed Potatoes, Baked Beans & Sweetcorn  
Jam Tart & Custard

### **WEDNESDAY**

Roast of the Day  
V – Vegetable Bites  
Roast potatoes & Seasonal Veg  
Fruit Platter

### **THURSDAY**

Chicken & Pasta Bake  
V – Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake  
Seasonal Vegetables  
Pineapple Upside Down Cake & Custard

### **FRIDAY**

Oven Baked Fish  
V – Vegetarian Nuggets  
Golden Fries, Seasonal Vegetables  
Flapjack

Also available everyday:

Jacket potato with Tuna, Cheese or Beans  
Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Cost of School Lunches:

Infants – Free

Juniors - £2.53 per meal

## Calendar 2024

Please look out for further details of the following events which have been scheduled for this Summer term. These dates are an indication of what is to come, but may be subject to change as the term progresses and the need arises.

2024

**8<sup>th</sup> March** - Juniors Hakeford Woods

**8<sup>th</sup> March** - Reception Vision Screening

**14<sup>th</sup> March** - Juniors Rosemoor trip

**15<sup>th</sup> March** - Red Nose Day

**15<sup>th</sup> March** - Juniors Hakeford Woods

**18<sup>th</sup> March** - Bikeability Year 5 & 6

**21<sup>st</sup> March** - Parents Evening

**23<sup>rd</sup> March** - Exeter Chiefs Experience Day

**26<sup>th</sup> March** - Whole School trip to Quince Honey Farm (details to follow)

**28<sup>th</sup> March** - Music Sharing Assembly 2.45pm Village Hall

**28<sup>th</sup> March** - **LAST DAY OF TERM**

These dates are intended as a guide and you will be notified of any changes.

## SCHOOL TERM DATES 2023-2024

AUTUMN TERM	SPRING TERM	SUMMER TERM
<b>FIRST DAY</b> <del>6<sup>th</sup> September 2023</del>	<b>FIRST DAY</b> <del>3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024</del>	<b>FIRST DAY</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
<b>HALF TERM</b> <del>23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023</del>	<b>HALF TERM</b> <del>12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024</del>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
<b>LAST DAY</b> <del>15<sup>th</sup> December 2023</del>	<b>LAST DAY</b> 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024	<b>HALF TERM</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024
		<b>NON PUPIL DAY</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024
		<b>LAST DAY</b> 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024
		<b>LAST DAY</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025



## 30 Hours/Working Entitlement Funding



### IMPORTANT MESSAGE – DO NOT MISS OUT ON WORKING ENTITLEMENT FUNDING!

The working entitlement funding for 2, 3 and 4 year-olds is available for eligible families. It is important that if you have a child who will be 2 or 3 years old before 31st March or if your circumstances have changed, that you apply to HMRC (Childcare Service) now.

Please set-up or visit your [Gateway Account](#) immediately to apply or reconfirm. If you are unsure if you are entitled to the working entitlement, please check the [Eligibility Criteria](#).

It is important that you allow good time as any queries with new applications or reconfirmations could cause delays and any codes issued in April 2024 will not be funded in summer term 2024. Any start dates from 1st April 2024 will not be funded until autumn term 2024 and only then if you reconfirm by 31st August 2024.

If you have a code that needs to be reconfirmed, this should also be completed now, and if you are unsure, it is your responsibility to log into your Gateway Account and check. If you are newly eligible or are given a new code at reconfirmation, you need to take your 11-digit code to your provider who will complete a verification check and then confirm your funded space.

When eligibility ends, children who have accessed the working entitlement can continue to access their entitlement in the grace period. However, new children, who are 2 or 3 years old before 31st March, or start at a new setting, cannot start to use the working entitlement funding in the grace period if they are no longer eligible.

As part of the eligibility check with HMRC, you will be asked if you would like to register for Tax Free Childcare. You cannot register for Tax Free Childcare if you are in receipt of Universal Credit, Tax Credits or Childcare Vouchers. If you do register, your benefits may be stopped, and it can take several weeks to reinstate.

If you have problems accessing the system or completing your check, please call the HMRC Helpdesk on 0300 1234 097 (your provider and Devon County Council cannot assist with new applications or reconfirmations).

You may be able to access further help with childcare costs. Please visit the [Childcare Choices Website](#) for more information.



BRAYFORD VILLAGE  
&  
FARMERS MARKET

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March  
10.00am - 12.00pm

Stalls, cakes, crafts and more...



**North Devon Music Centre**

If your child plays an instrument, they are welcome to join one of the groups at the North Devon Music Centre. The details are as follows:

**Venue:** Pilton Community College (in the maths classrooms)

**Cost:** £41 per term (if they do a 2nd group, the 2nd fee would be half price)

**When:** The groups meet once a week during term time on Wednesday evenings

**What:** The following groups are available to join:

5pm - 6pm session:

- **Next Steps Orchestra** (Any instrument, beginners welcome)
- **Flute Choir** (From grade 1 upwards)
- **Clarinet Choir** (From grade 1 upwards)
- **Brass ensemble** (All standards welcome)
- **Junior Strings** (For violin, viola, cello & double bass. From beginners up to grade 4)

6pm - 7pm session:

- **String Orchestra** (For violin, viola, cello & double bass. From grade 4+)
- **Guitar Ensemble** (Grade 1 upwards)
- **Wind Band** (Woodwind, brass & percussion. Grade 1 upwards)

**Contact details:** [northdevonmusiccentre@outlook.com](mailto:northdevonmusiccentre@outlook.com)

Here is there website for more details: <https://www.northdevonmusiccentre.co.uk/>



NORTH MOLTON YFC

EASTER BINGO

FRIDAY 22ND MARCH

BRAYFORD VILLAGE HALL

DOORS OPEN 7PM, EYES DOWN  
7.30PM

LOTS OF PRIZES TO BE WON  
INCLUDING LAMB DINNERS



REFRESHMENTS  
AND BAR



RAISING MONEY FOR . OVER AND ABOVE. CHEMO HERO  
AND NORTH MOLTON YFC