



17th January 2025

BRAYFORD ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

LIFE, LOVE AND LEARNING TO THE FULL

Dates and key information

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Please look out for further details of the following events which have been scheduled for this Spring 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.

#### School Meals:

W/C Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January - **Green**

Juniors= £2.55

Infants= Free

#### Clubs

Club are run from 3.30pm - 4.15pm

**Please sign up on Arbor for each club.**

Monday - Construction Club for infants and juniors (Miss Prowse)

Tuesday - Media Club for juniors (Mrs Moore)

Thursday - Recorder Club for Year 2 and above (Mrs Ashcroft)

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had another very busy week at school. On Wednesday we had a visit from our School Improvement Officer. He visited a phonics session in the infant class and maths in the junior class. He also had opportunity to talk to a small group of children about reading and maths.

It was a very positive day with a report stating - 'Learning is well paced and active. It is adapted accordingly to meet individual needs. Pupils demonstrate a secure grasp of the phonemes and graphemes they have been taught'.

'Pupils are confident in their use of mathematical terms such as numerator, denominator, improper fraction and integer. They use these terms to articulate their mathematical thinking to good effect. Pupils concentrate well on their learning. They display positive attitudes to their studies.'

The children spoke confidently to the School Improvement Officer and we were very proud of them.

We are looking forward to clubs starting next week. Please could I ask that if you sign up to a club it is a commitment for the half term. This is to ensure we have the correct ratios of staff required. Thank you for your support with this.

Miss Sara Leggott  
Head of School  
Brayford Academy

## Why is Attendance important?

Regular attendance in primary school is crucial for a child's academic success and overall development.

Every lesson builds on the previous one, and missing school can cause gaps in understanding, making it harder for students to keep up with their peers.

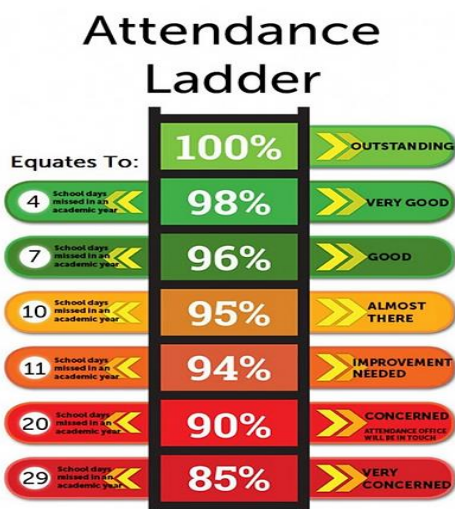
Consistent attendance also helps children develop important social skills, such as teamwork, communication, and problem-solving, which are essential for their emotional growth and future success.

Additionally, being present in school fosters a sense of routine and responsibility, helping children build good habits that will serve them well in later life.

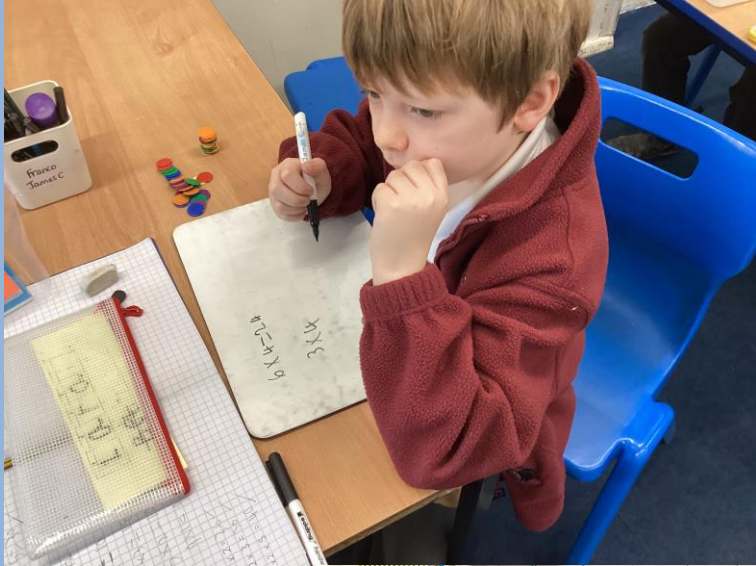
Attending school regularly lays the foundation for both academic achievement and personal growth.

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| Infants | Juniors |
| 100%    | 89.31%  |

**A massive well done to the infants this week for 100% attendance!**



**DID YOU KNOW?** If you are 15 minutes late each day you will have missed a full 2 weeks of school in one year?





## Certificate of Achievement

### Infants

Africa – Fantastic Reading!

### Juniors

Summer – For really good concentration in lesson!

Adalyn – For good learning in maths!

## Menu w/c 13<sup>th</sup> January

### MONDAY

Cheese and Tomato Pizza  
V: Broccoli and Cheese Bake  
Potato Wedges and Veg  
Pancake Monday (Various Fruit Toppings)

### TUESDAY

Meatballs and Pasta  
V: Quorn Meatballs and Pasta  
Crusty Bread and Sweetcorn  
Fruit Jelly

### WEDNESDAY

Roast of the Day  
V: Vegetarian Roast  
Roast Potatoes and Seasonal Veg  
Fruit Salad

### THURSDAY

Hunters Chicken (Chicken, Cheese & BBQ Sauce)  
V: Vegetarian Hunters Chicken  
Rice and Veg  
Sticky Toffee Pudding with Custard

### FRIDAY

Fish Fingers  
V: Veggie Fingers  
Golden Fries and Peas  
Shortbread Biscuits

Also available everyday:  
Jacket potato with Tuna, Cheese or  
Beans  
Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

Cost of School Lunches:  
Infants – Free  
Juniors - £2.55 per meal

### **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 would like your child to have some 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 by midday the day before the required session through the school office.**

Email: [admin@brayford.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@brayford.devon.sch.uk)

Phone: 01598 710345



- 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.
- If your child is being collected by someone else, please ensure you email or phone the school office and let us know.

### **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.

### **SCHOOL TERM DATES 2024-2025**

| <b>AUTUMN TERM</b>                                                   | <b>SPRING TERM</b>                                                    | <b>SUMMER TERM</b>                                               |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>FIRST DAY</b><br>5 <sup>th</sup> September 2024                   | <b>FIRST DAY</b><br>7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025                      | <b>FIRST DAY</b><br>22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025                  |
| <b>HALF TERM</b><br>28 <sup>th</sup> – 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2024 | <b>HALF TERM</b><br>17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025 | <b>BANK HOLIDAY</b><br>5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025                  |
| <b>LAST DAY</b><br>20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024                    | <b>LAST DAY</b><br>4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025                         | <b>HALF TERM</b><br>26 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 |
|                                                                      |                                                                       | <b>NON PUPIL DAY</b><br>2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025                |
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**YMCA - SOUTH MOLTON**

**FREE**  
first class for all children!  
(booking essential)

All ingredients included!  
plus a craft activity & a recipe card to keep

**EVERY WEDNESDAY**  
(Term times)  
4pm - 5.15pm

Suitable for 2 - 11yrs old



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Email: [olivia@cookstars.co.uk](mailto:olivia@cookstars.co.uk)  
Book: <https://portal.cookstars.franscape.io/class-overview/419>



# Was your child born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021?

## How to Apply for a Primary School Place in Devon

You can apply online at  
[www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline)  
from 15th November 2024 to the 15th January 2025

If you cannot access the school  
admissions website you can get  
more information by calling our  
Education Helpline on

**0345 155 1019**

or email: [admissions@devon.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@devon.gov.uk)



**Even if you have already given details  
to a primary school, you must apply  
for a place through the Admissions  
Team. This is the only way to apply;  
other forms or lists held by schools  
will not count.**

**Devon**  
County Council 