



24<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> January - **Blue**

Juniors= £2.55

Infants= Free

## Clubs

**Monday:** Construction Club 3.30-4.15

~~**Tuesday:** Media Club 3.30-4.15~~

**There will be no media club on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January!**

**Thursday:** Recorder Club 3.30-4.15

If your child wants to join any of the clubs, you can sign them up on Arbor.  
School ~ Activities ~ Clubs!

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a lovely week in school. I have been very impressed with the children's behaviour at lining up time during morning and lunch break. The children have been listening well, lining up sensibly and walking into school ready for their learning. Well done to our children.

On Wednesday we had a new Brumble Bee join our school. It was lovely to welcome him into the classroom and our current Brumble Bees were kind and friendly to our new pupil.

During my time with the juniors this week we discussed respect and what it means to us. We talked about respecting people's cultures, beliefs and feelings. We focused on celebrating our differences and the things that make us special. The children contributed some very thoughtful comments.

*'Respect means that people listen to me when I am talking' - James*

*'We should always respect different cultures and beliefs.' - Rose*

*'We can show respect by being kind to each other' - Aaron*

*'We should respect people's feelings' - Rumi*

Well done to the juniors for their sensible and mature discussions this week, it was great to share our ideas. Next week we have two staff members being trained in 'Lego Therapy'. We are looking forward to being able to offer this to our children.

Thank you for bearing with us during the power cut on Thursday!

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Sara Leggott  
Head of School  
Brayford Academy

## Why is Attendance important?

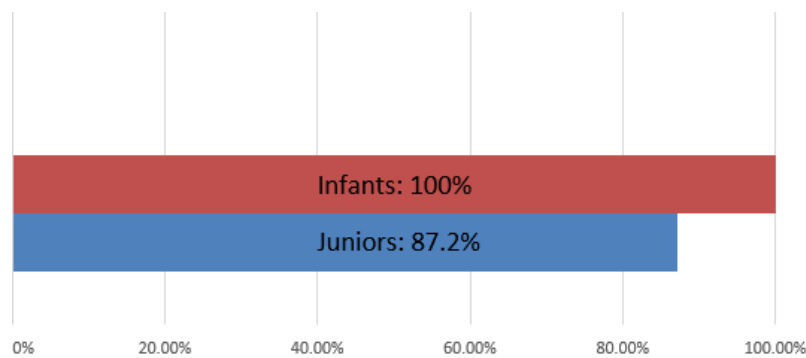
Regular attendance in primary school is crucial for a child's academic success and overall development.

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.

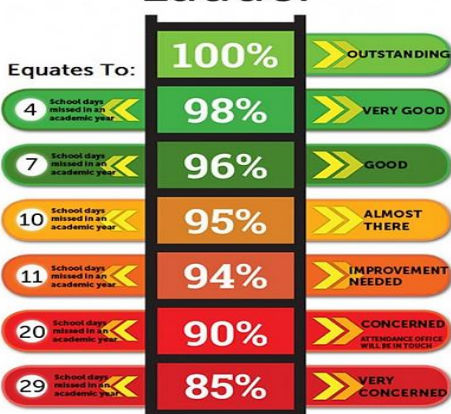
Consistent attendance also helps children develop important social skills, such as teamwork, communication, and problem-solving, which are essential for their emotional growth and future success.

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.



## Attendance Ladder



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





This week, the infants had an exciting time during their outdoor learning session, zipping around and exploring on the trikes! Not only did they have fun, but this activity also helped them develop their gross motor skills, build coordination, and gain confidence in navigating their environment. Plus, it encouraged teamwork and turn-taking as they shared and explored together!



They carried on the fun in history where the infants have been diving into the fascinating world of kings and queens. After their learning, they brought history to life by having fun playing in their very own enchanted castle, where they took on royal roles, let their imaginations soar, and created their own tales of knights, crowns, and courtly adventures!





The juniors were deeply engaged in their science activity, exploring the concept of filtration through hands-on experiments. They used sieves to separate shells from mud, marvelling at how the fine mesh allowed the mud to pass through while leaving the shells behind. Similarly, they worked to extract oats from water, observing how the sieve captured the solid pieces while the liquid drained away. These simple yet effective methods helped them understand how filtration works as a way to separate mixtures, turning a messy task into a fun and educational experience!

*"The experiment was hard work but interesting!" - Angus*



## Certificate of Achievement

### Infants

*Africa – Excellent reading and Listening!*

### Juniors

*Rumi – Really good concentration and effort in music!*

## Menu w/c 27<sup>th</sup> January

### MONDAY

Sausage Rolls  
V: Vegetable Sausage Rolls  
Diced Potatoes and Veg  
Pancake Monday

### TUESDAY

Beef Pasta Bolognese  
V: Quorn Pasta Bolognese  
Garlic Bread, Peas and Sweetcorn  
Fruit Jelly

### WEDNESDAY

Roast of the Day  
V: Vegetarian Roast  
Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables  
Fruit Salad

### THURSDAY

Chicken Korma Curry  
V: Vegetarian Curry  
Naan Bread, Rice and Cucumber Sticks  
Apple Sponge and Custard

### FRIDAY

Oven Baked Fish  
V: Vegetarian Nuggets  
Golden Fries and Veg  
Flapjack

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



Call Olivia: 07938 608 862  
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 