



31<sup>st</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 3<sup>rd</sup> February - [Blue](#)

Juniors= £2.55

Infants= Free

### Clubs

**Monday:** Construction Club 3.30-4.15

**Tuesday:** Media Club 3.30-4.15

**Thursday:** Recorder Club 3.30-4.15

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week started with both classes joining together to share their learning about Henry VIII. The junior children presented some information to the infants and then together created a group collage of Henry VIII. It was lovely to see the children sharing their ideas and working together. Well done to both classes for a wonderful afternoon.

*'It was fun to work with the juniors' - Clara*

*'It was good to hear facts about Henry VIII' - Jake*

*'I liked making the big collage together' - Oliver*

This week I took part in a 'Shaping Governance' meeting which each school across the Trust are completing. It was very useful to discuss the role of the governors and how we work together to ensure the school provides the very best for our pupils.

The Trust has a new Pastoral Worker who we are looking forward to working with. Mrs Humphrey visited our school on Thursday to discuss the support she will be offering our school.

Next week is Children's Mental Health week. We will be taking part in assemblies and activities to support positive mental health and wellbeing.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Sara Leggott  
Head of School  
Brayford Academy

## Why is Attendance important?

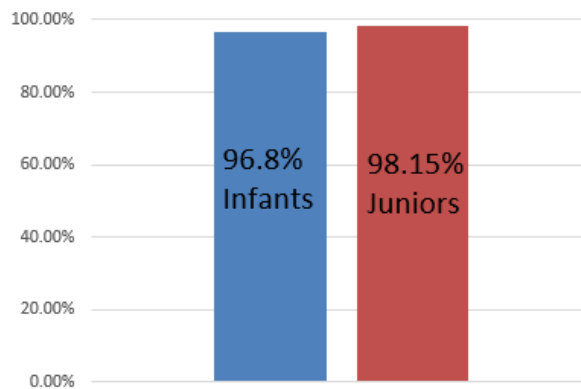
Regular attendance in primary school is crucial for a child's academic success and overall development.

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.

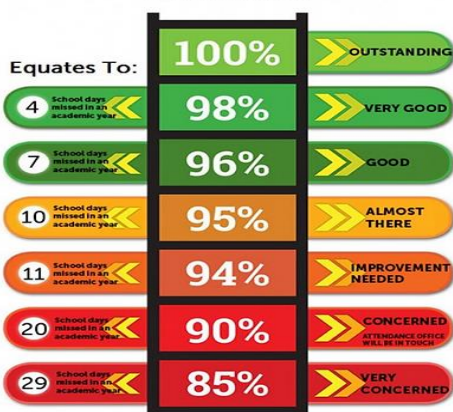
Consistent attendance also helps children develop important social skills, such as teamwork, communication, and problem-solving, which are essential for their emotional growth and future success.

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?

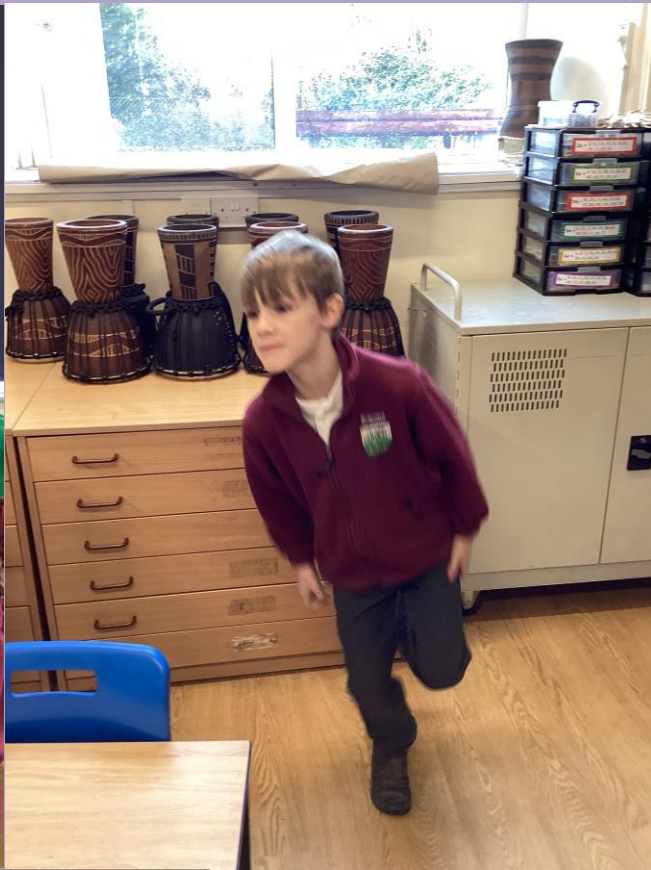


Preschool is a crucial stage where children develop foundational skills through play and exploration. Learning at this age happens naturally when integrated with fun activities that build cognitive, social, and motor skills.

Play fosters creativity, problem-solving, and early literacy. Activities like storytelling, building, and pretend play help children develop critical thinking and communication skills. Interacting with peers teaches cooperation, sharing, and emotional expression, preparing children for future relationships and teamwork. Hands-on activities improve fine and gross motor skills, supporting overall development and school readiness. By making learning enjoyable, preschool nurtures curiosity and confidence, setting the stage for lifelong success. A balanced mix of play and structured learning in preschool ensures children grow academically, socially, and emotionally, preparing them for the next steps in education.



The infant class was filled with laughter and excitement as the children engaged in various play-based activities designed to enhance their learning. Colourful building blocks were stacked high as little hands worked on building their own little village, while a group of children took turns in a role-playing corner, developing their communication and social interaction. Through these playful experiences, the infants were not only having fun but also building foundational skills in literacy, numeracy, creativity, and teamwork. The classroom environment, rich in hands-on learning opportunities, encouraged exploration and discovery, proving that play is a powerful educational tool that supports cognitive and emotional development in young learners.



The junior class is engaging in an interactive learning activity using a video where they are presented with a math question and three possible answers. Each answer corresponds to a different dance move. To indicate their answer, students perform the dance move linked to their chosen response. The goal is to encourage them to select the correct answer by executing the correct dance move.

This activity enhances both learning and physical development by combining movement with problem-solving. It improves memory retention, focus, and quick decision-making while keeping students engaged. The dance moves develop coordination, boost energy levels, and promote overall well-being. By integrating multiple senses, it makes math fun and effective!



## Certificate of Achievement

### Infants

**Jake-** Amazing progress with your reading

### Juniors

**Oliver-** Concentrating very well on your work

## Menu w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> February

### MONDAY

#### **Pork Sausages**

V: Vegetarian Sausages  
Cubed Potatoes, Veg & Gravy  
Pancake Monday

### TUESDAY

#### **Beef pasta Bolognese**

V: Quorn Pasta Bolognese  
Veg  
Fruit Jelly

### WEDNESDAY

#### **Roast Of The Day**

V: Vegetarian Roast  
Roast Potatoes & Veg  
Fruit Salad

### THURSDAY

#### **Chicken Casserole**

V: Quorn & Veg Casserole  
Crusty Bread & Veg  
Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Custard

### FRIDAY

#### **Cod/Salmon Fishcakes**

V: Cheese Wheels  
Golden Fries & Veg  
Oaty Cookies

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                |
|                                                                      |                                                                       | <b>LAST DAY</b><br>22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025                    |



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**YMCA - SOUTH MOLTON**

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**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 