



7th February 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 10<sup>th</sup> February - **Green**

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  
**There will be no recorder club next week.**

### McCarthy Runners!

A massive well done to Jacob, Clara and Rose! Last weekend all three children ran the adult Woolacombe Dunes parkrun which is 3 miles! We are very proud of you all.



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

Dear Parents/Carers,

A lovely week but a busy one! Our assemblies this week has been focussed on Children's Mental Health Week. The theme this year is 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'. We have been discussing understanding our own feelings and the impact this can have on ourselves and others.

We have exciting news to share as we have appointed Mrs Claire Joselin to teach in the infants one day a week which is to cover my headship day. We are very pleased to welcome her as part of the Brayford Team.

Mrs Whittle has also joined us in the junior class on Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings. We are happy to have her as part of our team again.

This week Miss Sheppard announced that she will be joining the team at Swimbridge School on return from her maternity leave. We are very happy for her and want to thank her for her time and dedication to our school. Miss Sheppard has taught many children over the years and we will miss her at Brayford. I will of course keep you updated as soon as we know any more regarding the teaching position.

Miss Robinson has sadly left the school to pursue other challenges. I want to thank her for her time at our school and for always going over and above to support our children.

This week Mr Thomas and Mr Harts visited our school. The children were very welcoming and proud to share their work with them.

Next week we have a year 5 joining the London trip for three nights. We are very pleased to be able to offer our children such a wonderful opportunity with children across TEAM schools. We look forward to hearing all about the adventures!

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Sara Leggott  
Head of School  
Brayford Academy

## Why is Attendance important?

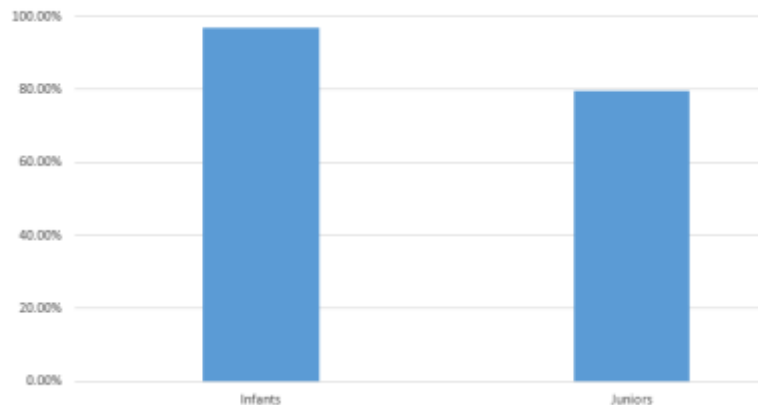
Regular attendance in primary school is crucial for a child's academic success and overall development.

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





### Little Hands, Big Dreams

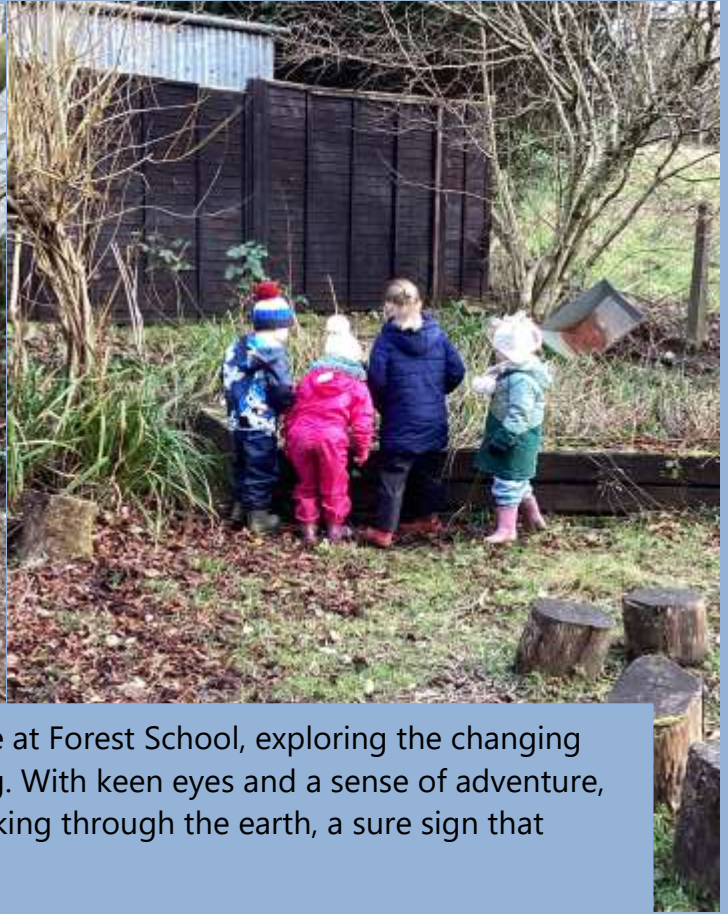
In preschool land, where colours shine,  
We paint, we play, we form a line.  
Tiny fingers, sticky glue,  
Building castles, skies so blue.

Sing a song, a dancing spree,  
Counting numbers—one, two, three!  
Sharing toys and learning names,  
Laughing loud in silly games.

Story time with books so tall,  
Nap time cuddles, soft and small.  
Every day's a brand-new start,  
Growing minds and loving hearts.







This week, our Infant Group had a wonderful time at Forest School, exploring the changing seasons and searching for the first signs of Spring. With keen eyes and a sense of adventure, the children discovered beautiful snowdrops peeking through the earth, a sure sign that warmer days are on the way.

As they wandered near the pond, they were delighted to find frogspawn, sparking curiosity about the life cycle of frogs and the changes that will come in the weeks ahead. Bright daffodils also stood proudly in the sunshine, adding a splash of yellow to the woodland scenery.







This week, the Junior Class have been busy learning about electric circuits through hands-on experimentation. They explored how electricity flows and tested different ways to complete a circuit using batteries, wires, and bulbs.

Through trial and error, the children discovered what happens when they add or remove components, learning how to make a circuit work and how to troubleshoot when it didn't. They also experimented with switches, understanding how they control the flow of electricity.

The class showed great curiosity and teamwork, predicting outcomes and making careful observations. Their experiments sparked lots of excitement as they saw bulbs light up and buzzers sound!



## Certificate of Achievement

### Infants

Archie -Excellent effort with reading!

### Juniors

Lexi -For a lovely attitude to work!

## Menu w/c 10<sup>th</sup> February

### MONDAY

#### **Cheese & Tomato Pizza**

V: Broccoli & Cheese Bake  
Potato Wedges & Veg  
Pancake Monday

### TUESDAY

#### **Meatballs & Pasta**

V: Quorn Meatballs & Pasta  
Crusty bread & Veg  
Fruit Jelly

### WEDNESDAY

#### **Roast of The Day**

V: Vegetarian Roast  
Roast Potatoes & Veg  
Fruit Salad

### THURSDAY

#### **Hunters Chicken**

V: Quorn Hunters Chicken  
Rice & Veg  
Sticky Toffee Pudding with Custard

### FRIDAY

#### **Fish Fingers**

V: Vegetarian Nuggets  
Golden Fries & Veg  
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                |
|                                                                      |                                                                       | <b>LAST DAY</b><br>22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025                    |

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Academy

Casual Cook at Witheridge  
Church of England Primary  
Academy

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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>



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