



28th 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 3<sup>rd</sup> March - [Blue](#)

Juniors= £2.55

Infants= Free

### Clubs

**Monday:** Construction Club 3.30-4.15

**Cancelled due to Parents Evening**

**Tuesday:** Media Club 3.30-4.15

**Thursday:** Recorder Club 3.30-4.15

### Parents Evening

Our next Parents' Evening will take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March. Please make sure you have booked a slot!

### Uniform Sale

We are pleased to announce that we will be holding a second-hand uniform sale this term. This is a great opportunity to purchase good-quality pre-owned uniforms at affordable prices. Further details, including the date, time, and location of the sale, will be shared soon.

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

It was lovely to welcome the children back to school on Monday and hear about their half term break. This week the sun has been out and the children have been den building, making obstacle courses and enjoying being outside. We now have play leaders who will be meeting with me each week to plan our playtime activities. The children have been very enthusiastic about this and are excited to start thinking about the activities we can offer our children.

On Monday we have support plan meetings and parents meeting taking place. If you are booked in for a support meeting you will be meet with Mrs Troth (SENCo) and your child's class teacher. Parents meeting in the evening will be with the class teacher. If you have booked in for a support plan meeting you do not need to also book in for a parents meeting.

Next week we are looking forward to World Book Day. The children will be taking part in a variety of book related activities in their classes and as a whole school. Please bring in your favourite book to share with your class

Miss Sara Leggott  
Head of School  
Brayford Academy

## Why is Attendance important?

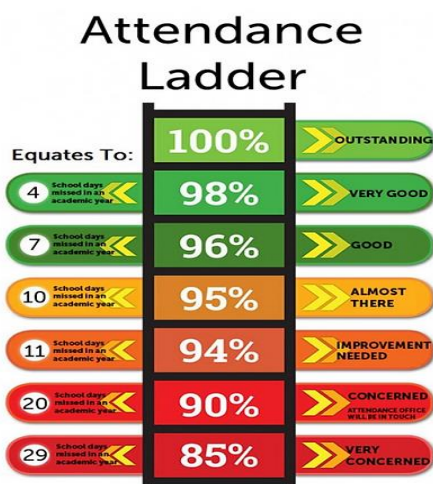
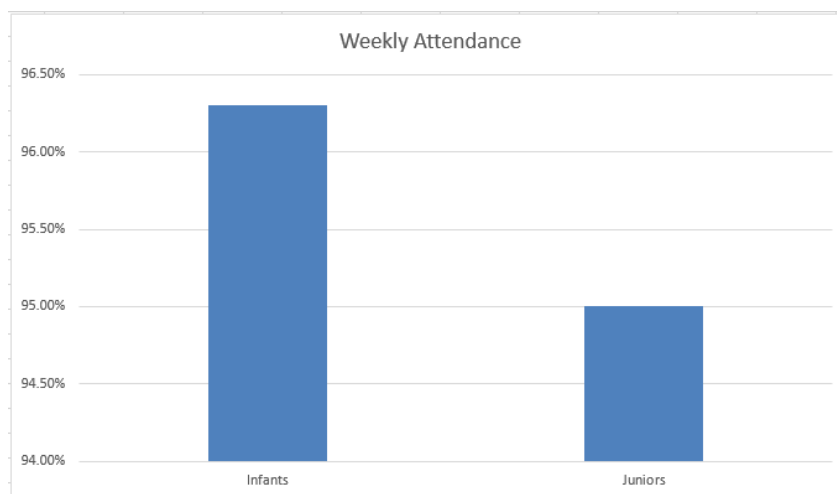
Regular attendance in primary school is crucial for a child's academic success and overall development.

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.



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

## PTFA News

There's just under 2 weeks for you to complete your 2025 Challenges! We'd like the completed forms and money on or before Wednesday 12th March - please give directly to a PTFA member (Val, Claire, Frances or Leah) rather than to school staff. We hope you've come up with some fun challenges to get that sponsorship rolling in!

### ASDA

Thank you to all the Asda shoppers - using the Asda Rewards app we raised £61.80 from Asda's Cash pot for Schools!

### Dates for the diary:

- We'll be having a stall at the Village Easter Market on Saturday 12th April. Any Easter/Spring craft bits to sell would be gratefully received and also customers and helpers on the day!
- We've also got a Bingo night fundraising for Brayford Academy PTFA at 'The Old Station Inn' at Blackmoor Gate on Friday 6th June!

## Proms Concert

Every two years we hire the Barnstaple Queens Theatre for a "Proms Music Concert" which is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the musical talents we have in our schools and for all children to have the opportunity to perform on a theatre stage.

### WHO:

All KS2 children from the following TEAM Multi-Academy Trust schools will take part: Beaford, Brayford, High Bickington, Horwood and Newton Tracey, Witheridge, Swimbridge and UMBERLEIGH.

### WHEN:

**Date:** Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March

**Times:** 2 x performances: 1:30pm – 3:00pm and 6pm – 7:30pm

### WHAT:

The concert will consist of a number of different short musical performances ranging from whole year group/class musical acts to individual acts, from the 7 different schools. The children will sit in the stalls with their teachers to watch the concert and will go onto the stage when it is their turn to perform, returning to their seats to watch the rest of the show. The concert is as much about watching others perform and being inspired, as it is about performing themselves.

**Tickets go on sale Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> of March, don't miss your chance to get tickets!**



# The Opal Project!



The Opal Project is an exciting opportunity for our school to rethink how we use outdoor spaces and support our children's play and learning. By introducing natural materials and giving kids more freedom to lead their own play, we can help them develop creativity, social skills, and resilience. The Opal Project encourages kids to explore, interact, and be active in a way that feels fun and meaningful. For our school, this means creating a more engaging and inclusive playground where every child can thrive, build friendships, and learn through play. It's a chance to enhance our students' well-being and support their growth in a way that's both enjoyable and educational.





## Certificate of Achievement

### Infants

Clara – Wonderful writing!

### Juniors

Aaron – Responsible attitude in school!

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

### 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 with 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                |
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# TEAM Multi-Academy Trust Vacancies



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LUTHERAN SCHOOL



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For more information and how to apply directly with My New Term please visit our website

<https://www.teamacademytrust.com/vacancies> or <https://mynewterm.com>

We currently have 1 vacancy available at Team Multi-Academy Trust:

[0.44 FTE KS1/Reception Classroom  
Teacher at Pilton Infants' Academy](#)





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Fun cooking classes at:

**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>



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