



24th October 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 Autumn 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> November - **Green**  
Juniors = £2.58  
Infants = Free  
Brumbles = £2.00

### Key Dates

- Scribbleton (Inf) – Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Parents Evening – Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Xmas concert dress rehearsal – Weds 10<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Xmas concert – Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Christmas Fayre – Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Dec
- School xmas dinner - Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Please ensure that you give consent for Scribbleton on Arbor!**

### Parents Evening!

Parents' Evening will be held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Please make sure to sign up for an appointment through Arbor at your earliest convenience. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress and ask any questions you may have.

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy week! It was lovely to start the week with our school photos which the children seemed to enjoy, we hope you like them!

On Tuesday the year 5 and 6 children visited Exeter racecourse and took part in the 'Racing Together Education programme'. The children used maths skills to learn all about how the horses and jockeys are weighed, the parade ring and were able to watch a race! Thank you to Mrs Moore who accompanied our children.

Thank you to the parents who came to our Harvest Festival this week. We may have had to change the venue but the children performed so well. We hope you all enjoyed sharing Harvest with us.

We have lots to look forward to after half term. On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November we will be having a school Visioning Day to explore and celebrate our school drivers. We will be taking part in creative and collaborative activities involving staff, parents, governors and the wider community. We would like to invite parents into school from 2.00pm to work alongside your children. We look forward to a special day celebrating the ethos of our school.

I hope our families have a restful half term and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

Miss Sara Leggott  
Head of School

## Why does Attendance Matter?

- **Every day counts** – Missing lessons can quickly add up and lead to gaps in learning.
- **Builds friendships** – Being in school helps children stay connected and maintain strong social bonds.
- **Supports progress** – Regular attendance is key to steady academic improvement.
- **Promotes routine** – A consistent routine helps pupils feel secure and ready to learn.
- **Develops responsibility** – Good attendance habits set the foundation for future success in school and beyond.

JUNIORS- 88.14%

INFANTS- 96.55%

BRUMBLES: 100%



## Certificate of Achievement

### Juniors

Everyone – For having such a brilliant first half term!

### Infants

Freddie – For his amazing handwriting!

Oliver – For trying so hard with new sounds!

### Brumbles

Rosie – For always being smiley, caring and willing to try new things!

# The Harvest Festival!



The school's Harvest Festival was a lovely event that brought everyone together to mark the season. The children shared their poems with confidence, and it was clear they had put real thought into their writing. Each class also performed a song, which added a nice touch to the celebration and showed how well the students worked together. Overall, it was a calm and enjoyable afternoon that reflected the effort and creativity of the pupils and teachers alike.



# HALLOWEEN DRESS UP DAY!



Shadows crept along the corridors as the school came alive for Halloween Dress Up Day.

Pupils arrived in an array of eerie and imaginative costumes, from witches and vampires to mischievous ghosts.

On every corner, there was something to admire—painted faces, swirling cloaks, and the occasional friendly fright.

Outside the classrooms, laughter and a few startled gasps echoed through the hallways.

Keeping the spirit high, teachers joined in with their own clever costumes and a touch of Halloween mischief.

Yet beneath all the fun, there was a faint chill in the air—a perfect reminder of the spooky season.

Can you spot the hidden word?



**PTFA MEETING**  
**Tues 4 Nov**  
**3pm**  
**School Hall**

**All Welcome**

**Please meet outside  
the school gate at  
2.55pm to be let in.**

The PTFA is for all families connected to Brayford Academy.

We welcome **everyone** to get involved in whatever way suits you. Share your ideas. Fundraise for us. Volunteer your skills. Or just stay up to date with our plans. Our current committee members are: Val Allsup (Lloyd's mum), Chair; Claire Swan (River's mum), Secretary; and Frances Coad (James C's mum), Treasurer. Meetings are open to all and we would love to see you there.

Our main purpose is to raise funds to provide additional learning opportunities for Brayford pupils, including trips, workshops and fun educational activities.

There is a PTFA **Whatsapp group** and **Facebook group**. Please message Frances on 07703 771635 to be added to these groups and hear what the PTFA is up to.

***Admissions policy for 2027-28: Annual Consultation***

*Along with all other schools and academies in Devon, we are consulting on an admission policy for 2027-28. The Local Authority is also consulting on its arrangements – the admissions schemes through which you can apply. You are invited to look at the proposal new policies which are based on policies for this year and next year and to have your say on them.*

*Our proposed policy is on our admission page and you can see all policies at <http://devon.cc/schoolpolicy> Further information is here: [www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionarrangements)  
The consultation runs between 1 November and 16 January 2026.*

*Policies will be determined by the end of February and published in the same places by 15 March 2026 next year. You can comment at [schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk](mailto:schoolsadmissionpolicy-mailbox@devon.gov.uk) or by emailing the school.*

*No changes are being proposed.*



# October Half Term Activities



27th October - 2<sup>nd</sup> November

## Halloween Family Fun Swims

Halloween themed Inflatables, slides and mats. At least one session per day!

## Under 5's Splash

Under 5s go FREE. One hour sessions. Tues & Fri AM, Sat PM.

## Teacher Training Lessons

FREE Half term swimming lessons  
Weds, Thurs, Fri, Sat and Sun.

## Immersive Halloween Experience

Join us this Halloween for an  
immersive experience 4.30-7pm

## Plus our regular weekly Public Swims, Aqua Classes & Disability Swim




More Information  
[smartswimcentre.co.uk](http://smartswimcentre.co.uk)  
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SMART Swim Centre  
Mill Street  
South Molton  
EX36 4AS

South Molton Aquatics, Recreation & Training


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**SWIM CENTRE**

## **Breakfast Club**


Start the day the right way! Our Breakfast Club runs every weekday morning (when needed) from 7:45am to 8:45am, and it's open to all children!



For just £4.00 per child, your little one can enjoy a warm welcome, a tasty breakfast, and a fun, relaxed start to the school day.



Top tip: If your child would like to have breakfast, please make sure they arrive before 8:15am - we don't want them to miss out on the good stuff!



Did you know? If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium, there's support available to help with the cost. Just speak to Molly or Miss Leggott- we're here to help!

### **Meet the Magic Behind the Mornings!**

Breakfast Club is run by our amazing Leah who brings warmth, energy, and a big smile to every session! With a heart full of care and a sprinkle of fun, Leah makes every child feel welcome, safe, and ready to start the day with confidence. Whether it's sharing a laugh, playing a game, or just having a friendly chat over toast - your child is in great hands.

**We can't wait to see you bright and early!**

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

## MONDAY

### **Butchers Hotdog**

V: Quorn Dog  
Potato Wedges, Bakes Beans & Sweetcorn  
Flapjack

## TUESDAY

### **Minced Beef Pie**

V: No Meat Pie  
Cubed Potatoes & Veg  
Fruit Jelly

## WEDNESDAY

### **Roast of The Day**

V: Quorn Bites  
Roast Potatoes & Veg  
Shortbread

## THURSDAY

### **Chicken Chow Mein**

V: Quorn Chow Mein  
Rice, Peas, Sweetcorn & Prawn Crackers  
Ginger Cake & Custard

## FRIDAY

### **Fish Fingers**

V: Cheese Wheels  
Golden Fries & Veg  
Oaty Cookie

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

**Cost of School Lunches:  
Juniors - £2.58 per meal  
Infants- Free  
Brumbles- £2.00**



# TEAM Multi-Academy Trust Vacancies



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

We currently have 7 vacancies available at Team Multi-Academy Trust:

## Trustee with Financial Expertise

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### Team Multi-Academy Trust

TEAM Multi-Academy Trust are seeking a Trustee with Financial Expertise - Help Shape the future of Education in North Devon

📍 Abbey Road, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 1JU  
 ⌚ Permanent | Part-Time  
 🟢 Voluntary

📅 **Now** - Apply by Midday, Wednesday 31st Dec, 2025

## Cleaner

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### Pilton Blessed Church of England Academy

The appointed person will be managed by the Premises Manager and Head of School. In service training will be provided where appropriate.

📍 Abbey Road, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 1JU  
 ⌚ Permanent | Part-Time  
 £ £12.84 Hourly  
 Grade B | 5HPW (1 HOUR PER DAY APPROX 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM MONDAY TO FRIDAY)

📅 **Now** - Apply by Midday, Friday 25th Oct, 2025 - Job start: ASAP

## 1.1 SEND Teaching Assistant

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### Pilton Infants' Academy

Pilton Infants' School is looking to appoint a 1.1 SEND TA to join our academy as soon as possible.

📍 Abbey Road, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 1JU  
 ⌚ Temporary/Fixed Term | Part-Time  
 £ £13.26 Hourly  
 Grade C | 27.5 HPW | 38 Weeks | Term Time Only

📅 **8 Days Remaining** - Apply by Midday, Friday 31st Oct, 2025 - Job start: ASAP

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📍 Abbey Road, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 1JU  
 ⌚ Permanent | Part-Time  
 £ £12.65 Hourly  
 Grade A | 10HPW (2 HOURS PER DAY TO BE WORKED AFTERNOON/EVENINGS) | 41 WEEKS

📅 **8 Days Remaining** - Apply by Midday, Friday 31st Oct, 2025 - Job start: ASAP

## Specialist SEND Teaching Assistant

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### Beaford Community Primary & Nursery School

We're looking for a caring, motivated and enthusiastic individual to join our school community and play a key role in supporting our pupils' learning and development.

📍 Beaford, Winkleigh, Devon, EX19 8LJ  
 ⌚ Temporary/Fixed Term | Full-Time  
 £ £13.90 Hourly  
 Grade D | 30 HPW (08:30AM - 3:30PM MONDAY - FRIDAY) | 39 WEEKS (TERM TIME)

📅 **8 Days Remaining** - Apply by Midday, Friday 31st Oct, 2025 - Job start: ASAP

## 1.1 SEND Teaching Assistant

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### Horwood and Newbon Tracey Community Primary School

The appointed person will work in close partnership with the relevant class teachers and will help to support 2 children in year 3 to supervise throughout the day. In-service training will be...

📍 Lovacott, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 3PU  
 ⌚ Fixed Term | Part-Time  
 £ £12.84 Hourly  
 Grade B | 9 HPW (MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY MORNINGS 08:45AM - 12PM EACH DAY)

📅 **8 Days Remaining** - Apply by Midday, Friday 31st Oct, 2025 - Job start: ASAP

## Cover Supervisor

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### Witheridge Church of England Primary Academy

We are seeking an enthusiastic and committed individual to join our team, working closely with class teachers to support pupils in engaging meaningfully with their learning. The successful candidate...

📍 Fore Street, Witheridge, Tiverton, Devon, EX16 5AH  
 ⌚ Permanent/Term Time Only | Part-Time  
 £ £13.90 - £14.82 Hourly  
 GRADE: D | 27.5 HPW (MONDAY TO FRIDAY) | 39 WEEKS | PERMANENT / TERM TIME

📅 **8 Days Remaining** - Apply by Midday, Friday 31st Oct, 2025 - Job start: ASAP



- 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 considerably 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 12.00pm. 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.