



5<sup>th</sup> December 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 8<sup>th</sup> December- **Pink**  
Juniors= £2.58  
Infants= Free  
Brumbles=£2.00

#### Key Dates

- Xmas concert dress rehearsal – Weds 10<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Xmas concert – Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Christmas Jumper Day – Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Christmas Fayre – Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Dec

#### Christmas Play Reminder!

Please remember to wrap up nice and warm for our Christmas production on the 11th December at both the 2pm and 6pm shows! Please also bring along a travel mug as the PTFA will be serving tea and coffee!

#### Reminder!

Please make sure your child has a waterproof coat and wellies in school with them every day as it is getting much colder and wetter at the moment!

#### Clubs

**Clubs have now finished for the Term!**

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Christmas season has definitely started this week! It was lovely to sing at the Methodist Church on Wednesday. This was a great opportunity to take part in a community event and sing some of our Christmas play songs to an audience. Thank you to everyone who joined us.

Today we had another online visit from the author Emily Gale. She introduced her new book 'The Moose that saved Christmas'. The children enjoyed hearing all about it and listening to her read her new story.

The children have been working hard on the Christmas Performance this week and they are excited to share it with you all. Don't forget to wrap up warm and bring a travel mug! The PTFA will kindly be providing hot drinks and mince pies for you.

We have Christmas jumper day on Friday next week. Please wear normal uniform but with a Christmas jumper.

Have a lovely weekend!

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- 90.4%

INFANTS- 89.77%

BRUMBLES: 91.67%



## Certificate of Achievement

### Juniors

George – For his exceptional effort in English!

Rumi – For her marvellous maths work!

### Infants

Sienna – For her amazing progress with reading!

### Brumbles

Albie – For sharing with others and always being kind!

## Emily Galz!

We had another fantastic online call with the author Emily Galz, and this time she introduced her wonderful new book *The Moose That Saved Christmas*. The children were excited to hear all about her inspiration for the story, and they listened with great enthusiasm as she read it aloud to them. It was a delightful experience that left everyone feeling festive and inspired.



## Singing at the Methodist Church!

This week, the Juniors and Infants visited Brayford Methodist Church to sing some of the songs from their Christmas productions. They sang beautifully and gave everyone a wonderful preview of our school production and just how fabulous it's going to be!





## **WANTED**

### **Christmas Decorations**

**Do you have any unwanted Christmas decorations you no longer use or need?**

I'm looking for donations of anything festive from Christmas trees, baubles, lights and even tinsel, or other decorations in the hope this helps bring some holiday cheer to families within your child's school and across the Trust.

Some of our families are facing difficult times and for many, Christmas can be a stressful and challenging time which can then affect our parents' and children's mental health. My aim is for us to help ease that burden and bring a little joy into their homes to make the festive time a little more comfortable and enjoyable and I am hoping with your support we can all do our bit for our families in need.

I'm sure many of us have decorations tucked away in the attic that we no longer use perhaps because we've changed our colour scheme or theme or just no longer need. If you're able to donate any of these items, it would make a real difference to some.

If these donations can be brought in as soon as possible to the school office and I will then pop around all schools and collect all bits donated. I will then box up some of these bits and deliver them to our families in need.

Thank you so much for your support and your generosity towards this situation.

Between us all let's make a difference to someone this Christmas.

Carrie-Anne Sprenger

TEAM Family Support Worker

# Menu w/c 8th November

## MONDAY

### **Toad in the Hole**

V: Vegetarian Sausages  
Crispy Potatoes, Veg & Gravy  
Sorbet

## TUESDAY

### **Minced Beef Soft Taco**

V: No Meat Mince Taco  
Sweetcorn & Wedges  
Fruit Jelly

## WEDNESDAY

### **Roast of The Day**

V: Homity Pie  
Roast Potatoes & Veg  
Apple Crumble

## THURSDAY

### **Chicken Curry**

V: Quorn Curry  
Naan Bread, Rice & Salad Sticks  
Fruit Sponge & Custard

## FRIDAY

### **Oven Baked Fish**

V: Quorn Nuggets  
Golden Fries & Veg  
Shortbread Biscuit

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

We currently have 5 vacancies available at Team Multi-Academy Trust:

## Trustee with Financial Expertise

EDV/2025/TMT/20736

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

55 Days Remaining • Apply by Midday, Wednesday 31st Dec, 2025

## AFTER SCHOOL PLAYWORKER LEAD

EDV/2025/UPA/03739

Umberleigh Primary Academy

Do you have a few spare hours during the week and love working with children? Are you local to Umberleigh and/or can reliably commute? Then we want to hear from you!

📍 Dorridge Hill, Umberleigh, Devon, EX37 9AD  
🕒 Temporary/Fixed Term | Part-Time  
💷 £13.26 Hourly  
Grade C | 7.5 HPW (15:30PM - 17:00PM MONDAY TO FRIDAY)

New • Apply by Midday, Friday 5th Dec, 2025 • Job start: 6th January 2026

## Administrative Assistant

EDV/2025/HBCEPA/44963

High Bickington Church of England Primary Academy

We are seeking to appoint a flexible and committed administrative assistant to support the Head of School and Trust Business Manager in the daily operation of our school front office and reception...

📍 High Bickington, Umberleigh, Devon, EX37 9AY  
🕒 Permanent | Part-Time  
💷 £13.26 Hourly  
Grade C | 20 HPW (MONDAY TO FRIDAY 08:30AM - 12:30PM)

New • Apply by Midday, Friday 5th Dec, 2025 • Job start: 6th January 2026

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EDV/2025/UPA/66770

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📍 Dorridge Hill, Umberleigh, Devon, EX37 9AD  
🕒 Temporary/Fixed Term | Part-Time  
💷 £12.84 Hourly  
Grade B | 7.5 HPW (15:30PM - 17:00PM MONDAY TO FRIDAY)

New • Apply by Midday, Friday 5th Dec, 2025 • Job start: 6th January 2026

## Cook

EDV/2025/WCEPA/75406

Witheridge Church of England Primary Academy

Witheridge C of E Academy are looking for someone special to lead our school kitchen and provide nutritious, delicious meals for our pupils and staff.

📍 Fore Street, Witheridge, Tiverton, Devon, EX16 8AH  
🕒 Permanent/Term Time Only | Full-Time  
💷 £13.26 Hourly  
GRADE: C | 32.5 HPW (MONDAY - FRIDAY) | 38 Weeks

New • Apply by Midday, Wednesday 10th Dec, 2025 • Job start: 6th January



- 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 12.00pm. 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.

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