



13th December 2024

BRAYFORD ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

LIFE, LOVE AND LEARNING TO THE FULL

Dates and key information

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### School Meals:

W/C Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December – **Green**

Juniors = £2.55

Infants = Free

### **Important Notice**

Please be advised that on Tuesday, the 17<sup>th</sup>, the only food option available will be Party Food. However, your child is welcome to bring a packed lunch if preferred. The same arrangement applies for Wednesday, the 18<sup>th</sup>, as it will be Christmas Dinner Day.

## Calendar 2024

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.

**17<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Party

**18<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Dinner Day + Christmas Jumper Day

**19<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Rock Steady Concert – Village Hall 2.45pm

**20<sup>th</sup> Dec** – **LAST DAY OF TERM**

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

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy week! We have had a lovely week getting ready for our Christmas performance. The children have been working hard to learn their lines and act out their parts.

A huge thank you to Mrs Ashcroft for her time organising the play, making backdrops and making sure the children are ready to perform.

The children were wonderful in both performances and we are very proud of them. Thank you to the PTFA for providing refreshments.

On Thursday the junior class had a meeting with the teachers from St Aloysius School in India. The children were able to ask questions about the school and the celebrations that take place. We are looking forward to our next meeting in the new year.

Next week we have lots of Christmas activities planned including a party organised by the Year Six children on Tuesday. As part of their maths project the children have planned, used a budget and bought the items for the party. The menu for Tuesday will be party food or the children are welcome to bring a packed lunch.

This week we also appointed Mrs Emily Moore as a full time teaching assistant for the junior class. We are delighted as Mrs Moore has been working with the class and has built positive relationships with the children. We will be appointing an SEN TA to replace Mrs Moore in January.

Have a lovely weekend

Miss Sara Leggott  
Head of School  
Brayford Academy

**No Clubs or Forest School until next term.**

## Why is Attendance important?

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

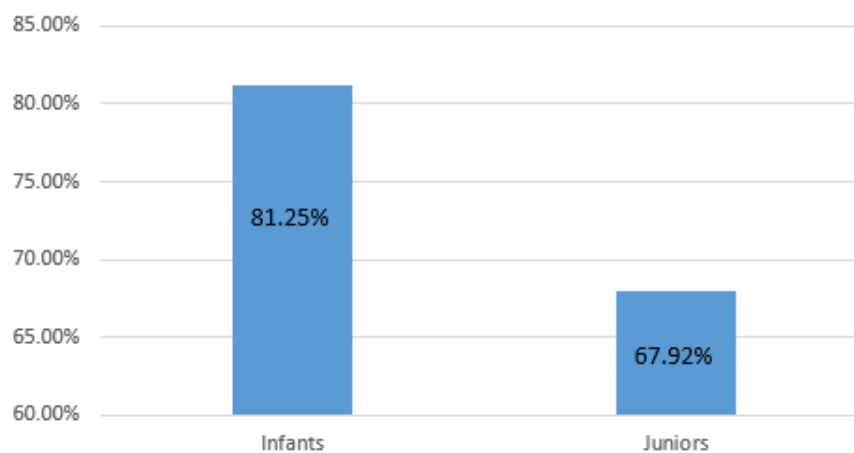
Every lesson builds on the previous one, and missing school can cause gaps in understanding, making it harder for students to keep up with their peers.

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.

### Weekly Attendance



### 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!

## **PTFA News**

You should all have received your Class fundraising orders by now - let Val know if there are any issues.

Thank you for supporting us by buying refreshments and crafts at the Christmas Play. We hope you can join us at the Village Christmas Market too.

Please keep buying card numbers for the 'Find Santa/The Kings' game - we look forward to finding out where they were hiding and handing out the prizes after school on Tuesday 17th December!

Sadly, our planned Christmas cinema trip has had to be postponed due to transport issues - we will be re-arranging it for some time next year!

**Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2025 from the PTFA!**

**WHERE'S SANTA?**

**A CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WITH A DIFFERENCE  
IN SUPPORT OF BRAYFORD ACADEMY PTFA**

Choose a numbered playing card from 1-54

If your number is the King of Hearts (aka Santa) you win 1st Prize.

**1ST PRIZE: 2 TICKETS TO THE MILKY WAY THEME PARK & A CHRISTMAS HAMPER,  
INCLUDING WINE, WHISKEY, CHOCOLATES AND MORE!**

Runners-up (King of Spades, Diamonds or Clubs): £20 Mole Valley Voucher  
Jokers win a bag of sweets.

Purchase from Val Allsup at School, at Brayford Christmas Market or contact Val (tagged below) via Facebook Messenger to choose your number.

**£5 PER ENTRY.**

Promoter: Val Allsup, Brayford Academy, Brayford, EX32 7QJ. Lottery Licence No: SSL 0267

## **Chickenpox**

The school has been notified of a single case of chickenpox. While the risk of further spread is currently low, we encourage you to remain vigilant for symptoms such as a mild fever, tiredness, and an itchy rash that develops into small blisters. If your child shows any of these symptoms, please consult your healthcare provider and keep them at home to prevent further transmission. We would also like to encourage anyone who is pregnant or has suppressed immunisation system to be extra cautious. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a healthy school environment.

<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/chickenpox/>



## Certificate of Achievement

### Juniors

Rose – For being prepared for the nativity play and waiting quietly when not on stage!

### Infants

Jacob – Excellent effort with your writing!

Aaron – For being kind and Patient with others!

## Menu w/c 9<sup>th</sup> December

### MONDAY

Pasta Beef Bolognese  
V: Pasta with a Tomato Sauce  
Garlic Slice & Sweetcorn  
Chocolate Cracknell

### TUESDAY

Toad in The Hole  
V: Vegetarian Toad in The Hole  
New Potatoes and Mixed Vegetables  
Fruit Muffin

### WEDNESDAY

Roast of the Day  
V: Vegetarian Roast  
Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables  
Rice Pudding with Jam

### THURSDAY

Chicken Casserole  
V: Broccoli & Cheese Bake  
Mashed Potato and Peas  
Fruit Platter

### FRIDAY

Salmon/ Cod Fish Cakes  
V: Cheese Wheels  
Golden Fries and Seasonal Veg  
Cornflake Crunchy

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                    |



TEAM Multi Academy Trust have job vacancies, for more information and how to apply please visit our website <https://www.teamacademytrust.com/vacancies>



Ofsted  
**CHRISTMAS  
ACTIVITY DAYS**

**DATES:**  
- MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER  
- THURSDAY 2ND JANUARY  
- FRIDAY 3RD JANUARY

**VENUE- STICKLEPATH  
COMMUNITY PRIMARY  
ACADEMY**

**8.30AM - 3.30PM  
ONLY £20  
A DAY**

**5-11  
YEAR OLDS**

**PRIMARY  
SPORTS & EDUCATION**

For More Information, contact us :  
north.devon@primary-sports.co.uk  
www.primary-sports.co.uk  
07531530131

www.cookstars.co.uk @cookstarsnorthdevon @oliviacoostars

Great for Kids Parties too!

Fun cooking classes at:  
**YMCA - SOUTH MOLTON**

**FREE**  
Event class for all children + building confidence!

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  
Book: <https://portal.cookstars.franscape.io/class-overview/419>

the  
tale  
trails

THE NATIVITY  
TRAIL



# a christmas quest

A fun filled family afternoon including an exciting quest, craft, games, a very special performance, refreshments and much more

Saturday 14 December 3pm - 6pm  
Aimed at Primary aged children  
(older/younger welcome)  
CHILD £2 / ADULT £3  
65+ £2 / Under 1 Free



National  
Trust

# Christmas

## at Arlington Court

### Opening times:

Open Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays, 10am-4pm, from 16 November until 15 December.

Then open daily, 10am-3pm from 16 December to 5 January, excluding 24, 25 & 26 Dec



Experience Christmas at Arlington as never before. The house will be dressed to impress with each room themed on a Victorian Christmas carol, from ships sailing down the dining room table to sheep taking over the drawing room, an exciting display awaits in every room.

### Evening openings

Thursday 5, 12 & 19 December, 10am- 7pm

Discover Arlington after dark, when the Christmas magic comes to life. Pick up a tasty festive treat from the tea-room, take part in family crafts or browse a selection of artworks and gifts from local artists in the Activity Room.

Last entry to the house is 6:30pm. Tickets cost £8 for adults and £4 for children, members can enter for free and pre booking not required.





STAY WARM AND ACTIVE THIS WINTER

£20

North Molton Sports

10% sibling discount

# Frosty Fun Holiday Camp

Your voice your choice  
All your favourite games and more!

Monday 23rd December  
Friday 3rd January

9-3pm  
5-12yrs  
Book Now!!!



email  
northmoltonsports@btinternet.com  
or scan QR code



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







VACANCY FOR TEACHING ASSISTANT | MEAL TIME ASSISTANT  
BRAYFORD ACADEMY

**JOB TITLE: TEACHING ASSISTANT | MEAL TIME ASSISTANT**

**REQUIRED: ASAP**

**HOURS PER WEEK: 28 HPW SPLIT AS TA 27 HOURS PER WEEK (08:45AM – 3:30PM MONDAY – FRIDAY)  
|MTA 1 (12:10PM – 1:10PM TUESDAY ONLY)**

**WORKING WEEKS: 38 WEEKS (TERM TIME)**

**STATUS: PERMANENT / PART TIME**

**STARTING SALARY: TA £12.86 PER HOUR | MTA £12.27 PER HOUR**

**GRADE: C | A**

**CLOSING DATE: 12 NOON ON THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

**INTERVIEWS: WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

Are you passionate about making a difference to children's lives?

The appointed person will work in close partnership with the class teacher and will help to support the pupils to engage with their learning. In-service training will be provided where appropriate.

In addition to the teaching assistant hours, there is 1 further hour available on Tuesday lunchtimes as a Mealtime Assistant at Grade A (£12.27 per hour). The post holder will engage with pupils during the lunch time break to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for them.

If you would like to work and contribute to a Trust that is committed to providing children with outstanding learning experiences, aims to continually develop and grow, and where teamwork and the professional development of all staff is important, we would encourage you to apply.



Registered Office: Pilton Bluecoat Academy, Abbey Road, Barnstaple EX31 1JU T:01271 345952

Mr Ian Thomas – Executive Headteacher

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER 8110847



This is a fantastic opportunity to join a team where you will be valued, welcomed, and supported within a friendly staff environment. Additional benefits include:

- Membership of a generous pension scheme (TP/ LGPS)
- Access to ~~Medigold~~ Occupational Health who provide our employees with a range of free health and wellbeing benefits including access to Thrive; a mental wellbeing app
- Free Seasonal Flu Vaccinations
- Cycle to work schemes
- Competitive Salary
- Wellbeing and Long Service days
- Free onsite car parking

TEAM Multi-Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, and expects all its staff and volunteers to share this commitment. A DBS check will be undertaken and references taken up before interview. All shortlisted candidates are subject to a pre-employment online search prior to interview.

An application form should be fully completed; we do not accept CV's.

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## VACANCY FOR TWO MEAL TIME ASSISTANTS

PILTON BLUECOAT C OF E ACADEMY

JOB TITLE: MEALTIME ASSISTANT

POSITIONS AVAILABLE: X2

REQUIRED: ASAP

HOURS PER WEEK: 6.25 (1 HOUR 15 MINS PER DAY 12:15PM – 1:30PM MONDAY – FRIDAY)

WORKING WEEKS: 38 WEEKS (TERM TIME)

STATUS: PERMANENT / PART TIME

STARTING SALARY: £12.27 PER HOUR

GRADE: A

CLOSING DATE: 12 NOON ON FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024

INTERVIEWS: WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024

The appointed person will work as part of a team of Meal Time Assistants managed by the Head of School. In-service training will be provided where appropriate.

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## VACANCY FOR A PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER

TEAM MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ARE INVITED FROM BOTH INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL APPLICANTS FOR THE ABOVE POST

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**JOB TITLE:** PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER

**REQUIRED:** TBC

**HOURS PER WEEK:** 35 (MONDAY TO FRIDAY 08:30AM – 4 PM)

**WORKING WEEKS:** 39 WEEKS (TERM TIME ONLY)

**STATUS:** PERMANENT

**STARTING SALARY:** £13.48 PER HOUR

**GRADE:** D

**CLOSING DATE:** 12 NOON ON FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024

**INTERVIEW DATE:** WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024

The appointed person will work in close partnership with the Director of Inclusion as part of the Inclusion Team and the Heads of School across TEAM Multi- Academy Trust to encourage and support school-aged children and their families. This is a varied role where the successful candidate will be required to proactively engage with pupils and their families relating to promoting and supporting social and emotional wellbeing and mental health.

The successful candidate will:

- Work with school staff and other agencies to provide additional support to children who need help to overcome barriers to learning, targeting help to those children who need it most.
- Implementing agreed pastoral programmes like Go Beyond or the Wave project for example with individuals/groups, in or out of the classroom.



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