



7th March 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> March - **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

### Drinks Bottles

Reminder! Please ensure your child brings their drink bottle to school each day. Staying hydrated is important for their focus and well-being.

### Uniform Sale

Are second-hand uniform sale will be held WC:17/03/25. This is a great opportunity to purchase good-quality pre-owned uniforms at affordable prices. Details including the specific 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,

This week we have been working on playtimes with my new play leaders. The children planned each day and have been helping to set up activities. It has been lovely to see the children working together and using their imagination to enhance their play experiences.

We celebrated World Book Day today and the children enjoyed sharing their characters and favourite books with each other. The junior children also planned and delivered some reading activities for the rest of the school.

We have some great news to share! Miss Prowse will now be the permanent teacher three days a week in the junior class. We are delighted that she is staying to be part of the Brayford team. We will be having a special assembly soon to say goodbye and thank you to Miss Sheppard.

Next week we are looking forward to our sports morning to be part of my Barcelona Marathon challenge. The children will be taking part in a whole school run where they will be supporting each other. The children can wear Sports Kit for the day for a small donation to the North Devon Hospice Cuddle Appeal.

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.

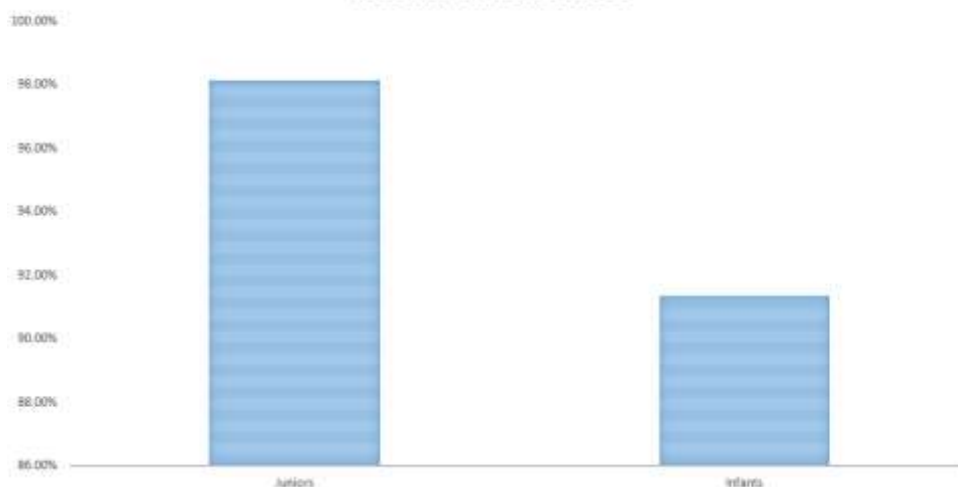
Every lesson builds on the previous one, and missing school can cause gaps in understanding, making it harder for students to keep up with their peers.

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.

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 2025 Challenge**

Don't forget - the sponsorship forms and money are due in next week! By Wednesday 12th March! Please give them directly to a PTFA member (Val, Claire, Frances or Leah) rather than to school staff. We can't wait to hear what all the children have got up to!

We'll be having a stall at the Village Easter Market on Saturday 12th April. Any Easter/Spring craft bits to sell will be gratefully received and also customers and helpers on the day!

### **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 are selling out fast, don't miss the chance to get yours!**



# World

# Book Day!



World Book Day was incredible this year, the day was filled with excitement and creativity! The highlight of the day was undoubtedly the amazing array of children's costumes.

From classic characters like Harry Potter and Alice in Wonderland to more modern heroes like Spider-Man and Sports players. Each child seemed to step straight out of a book, bringing their favourite stories to life with detailed outfits that reflected their love for reading. It was amazing to see the joy and pride in their faces as they shared their costumes and the characters they'd chosen.

Pictures will be shown in next week's newsletter!

## Garden Plots

In our gardening program, each child will have their own individual plot to tend to, giving them the opportunity to explore the fun of planting. By caring for their personal garden, they'll learn responsibility, patience, and the importance of taking care of the environment. With guidance, they will be able to choose their plants, water them, and watch them grow over time, experiencing the full cycle of life in the garden.

If you would like to donate any gardening supplies/ seeds, please drop them to the Office!



## Certificate of Achievement

### Infants

Burt- Working so hard on your reading!

### Juniors

Oliver- Working hard in computing

Adalyn- Lovely attitude to work

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

### 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

### FRIDAY

#### **Fish fingers**

V: Veggie 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>                                               |
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| <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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APPLY NOW DIRECT WITH 

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 2 vacancies available at Team Multi-Academy Trust:

0.66 FTE EYFS Classroom Teacher (Maternity Cover) at High Bickington Church of England Primary Academy.

Meal Time Assistant at Umberleigh Primary Academy.



# Community NEWS

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Great for Kids Parties too!

Fun cooking classes at:

**YMCA - SOUTH MOLTON**

**FREE**  
Term 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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