



14th 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 17<sup>th</sup> March - **Pink**

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,

We have had a lovely and very busy week! On Wednesday the whole school came together to work as a team. We managed nearly 40 laps of the playground with Brumble Bees to Year 6 all joining in! The children all supported each other offering encouragement which was lovely to see. We are also nearly at our fundraising target for the 'Cuddle Bed Appeal' for the North Devon Hospice. Thank you everyone for your support.

On Thursday we welcomed a new family to our school and into the infant class. Well done to the children for welcoming our new reception child and being so kind and caring.

This week we also had a special assembly for Miss Sheppard. The children created a 'memory jar' to share their experiences with her and thank her for her time at Brayford.

Thank you to Miss Sheppard for all she has done over the years for our children and our school. We wish her every success in her new role.

Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Sara Leggott  
Head of School  
Brayford Academy

## Why is Attendance important?

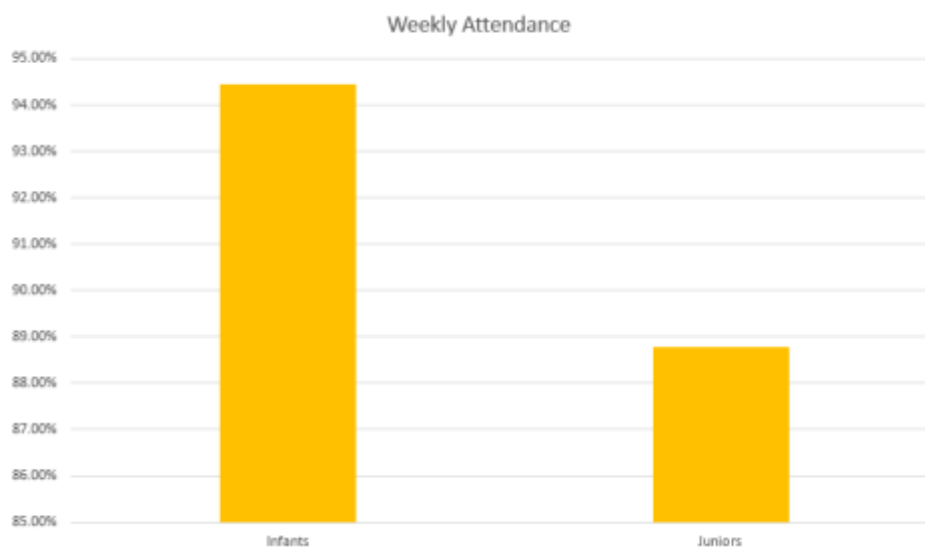
Regular attendance in primary school is crucial for a child's academic success and overall development.

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.





## Red Nose Day!



**Who: Brayford Academy**

**What: Wear anything red!**

**When: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

Things you could wear:

- Red Socks
- A red Hair Clip
- Red Shoes
- Paint your nose red!
- A red T-shirt

### The 'Cuddle Bed Appeal'

On Wednesday the whole school came together to work as a team. Managing nearly 40 laps of the playground we had all ages from the Brumble Bees right up to the Year 6's all joining in!

Thank you to everyone who has donated we have raised an amazing £45!



### No school dinners On Thursday!

There will be no school dinners on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March so please ensure your child has a packed lunch or let us know if you will need a school packed lunch by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March.



### 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!



### Village Market:

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

### REMINDERS!

- Children will come to **school as usual in the morning.**
- Children are to come in their **ordinary school uniform.**
- Children need to bring a **packed lunch and drink** (contact Molly by Monday at the latest if you require one from school).
- Children need a **rucksack** for their lunch and drink (they will be carrying a djembe drum).
- Children **less than 135cm tall** need a **named car seat.**
- Children need **picking up from the theatre at 3pm.**
- Children need dropping off for the evening performance at **5.45pm**
- Children need collecting from the theatre at **7.30pm**

Any problems or questions, please talk to Mrs Ashcroft or contact her on dojo.



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## Certificate of Achievement

### Infants

Freddie- Super Effort with Your Reading!

### Juniors

Aaron, Franco, James U, Rose, Angus & Luke- For Planning and Leading a World Book Day Activity!

## Menu w/c 17<sup>th</sup> March

### MONDAY

#### **Sausage Rolls**

V: Vegetable Sausage Rolls  
Diced Potatoes & Veg  
Pancake Monday

### TUESDAY

#### **Beef Lasagne**

V: Quorn Mince Lasagne  
Garlic Bread & Veg  
Fruit Jelly

### WEDNESDAY

#### **Roast of The Day**

V: Vegetarian Roast  
Roast Potatoes & Veg  
Fruit Salad

### THURSDAY

**No Dinner**

### FRIDAY

#### **Oven Baked Fish**

V: Vegetable Nuggets  
Golden Fries & Veg  
Apple Sponge & Custard

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                    |

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**EVERY WEDNESDAY**  
(Term times)  
4pm - 5.15pm

Suitable for 2 - 11yrs old



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Email: [olivia@cookstars.co.uk](mailto:olivia@cookstars.co.uk)  
Book: <https://portal.cookstars.franscape.io/class-overview/419>



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