



2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

# BRAYFORD ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

## LIFE, LOVE AND LEARNING TO THE FULL

### Dates and key information

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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 5<sup>th</sup> May - **Green**

### Clubs

**Tuesday:** Media Club 3.30-4.15  
(Juniors only)

**Thursday Lunchtime:** Gardening Club

**Thursday:** Recorder Club 3.30-4.15

### Summer Reminders for Parents

**Sun cream** – Please apply sun cream to your child before school each morning.

**Sun Hats** – A hat can make a big difference in keeping children cool and protected during break and lunchtime. Please send your child in with a named sun hat each day.

**Water Bottles** – Staying hydrated is key, especially when it's hot. Make sure your child brings a reusable water bottle (clearly labelled with their name) to school each day. These can be refilled at school.

**Cool Clothing** – On very warm days, consider lightweight clothing within the uniform guidelines to help your child stay comfortable throughout the day.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep all our pupils healthy, happy, and safe this summer!

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a week! Thank you for bearing with us whilst this sickness has spread through to children and staff. We really appreciate your support and understanding.

We have had a lovely time in the sunshine this week. We have enjoyed OPAL playtimes and there has been lots of den building fun!

On Wednesday the whole school took part in the London Mini Marathon and this time everyone ran altogether. Brumble Bees were helped by older children and everyone looked after each other for the 2-mile course! Well done to all of our children.

#### VE day

Next week we will be having VE day celebrations on Thursday. We would like the children to come to school wearing red, white and blue. We will be holding an outdoor street party (weather permitting) from 2.45pm. We would love to see parents and families joining us for this occasion.

#### DIY Thursdays!

We would like to invite parents into the school to help with some projects that we are starting. The first 'DIY Thursday' will be on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May from 2.30pm. If you would like to come and help please let me know.

#### SATs week

During the SATs week (Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May) we will be offering the Year 6 children a breakfast of their choice every morning. Children will need to be in school at 8.30am and Leah will be here to provide the children with their breakfast.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend

Miss Sara Leggott  
Head of School  
Brayford Academy

## Attendance Update – A Note of Reassurance

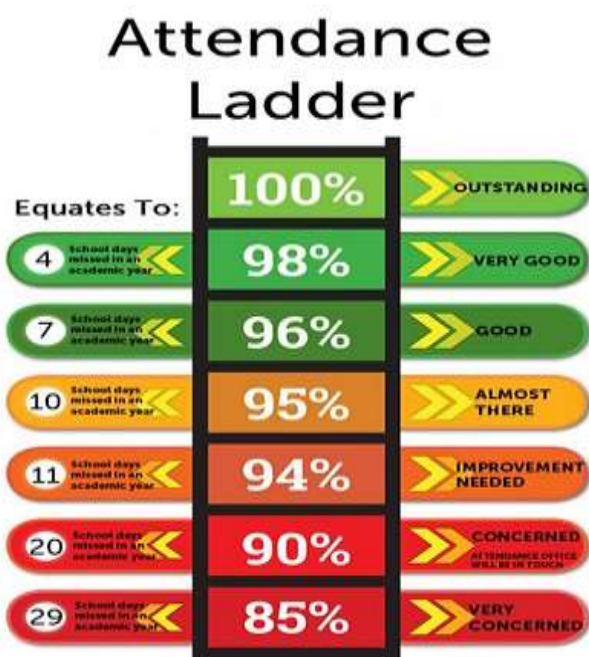
You may notice that our school's attendance has dipped into the red zone this past week. We want to reassure parents and carers that while the figures look concerning at a glance, there is an understandable reason behind the drop.

As many of you are aware, we've had a number of suspected norovirus cases circulating in school. In line with public health guidance, students affected—or showing symptoms—have rightly stayed home to rest and recover, helping to prevent further spread.

We thank all our families for being cautious and keeping unwell children at home. Your support has been vital in managing the situation responsibly. We're confident that attendance will return to normal levels soon as students recover and things settle back to normal.

Please continue to report absences as usual and don't hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

| Infants | Juniors |
|---------|---------|
| 82.28%  | 91.61%  |



## Wildside Residential

The Yr 3&4 trip to Wildside is coming up, with that being said please can you make sure all consent forms and letters are handed in to the office by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May!



## SATs week

SATs Week is approaching, and we want to wish all of our pupils the very best as they take on these important assessments.

We are incredibly proud of the effort and determination the children have shown in preparing for these tests. All we ask is that they try their best – we know they will shine!

To help them feel ready and confident, we encourage:

- Early nights and plenty of rest
- Lots of praise and reassurance

Thank you for your continued support – together, we can make SATs Week a positive and successful experience for everyone!

## DIY Thursdays

🔧 DIY Thursday – Parent Helpers Welcome! 🛠️

We're excited to launch a new initiative in school – DIY Thursday – and we'd love for parents to get involved!

Our first session will be on:

📅 Thursday 15th May

🕒 From 2:30pm

We'll be starting some hands-on projects around school and would really appreciate your help and support.

Let's make a difference together!

## Swimming

Due to recent sickness within the school, swimming has been postponed.

We will begin on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May.

Please make sure all consent letters are handed into the office before then!



## VE Day

Children are invited to come to school dressed in red, white, and blue to mark this historic occasion.

Weather permitting, we will be holding an outdoor street party from 2.45pm, and we would love for parents and families to join us for the celebration.

### **What is VE Day?**

VE Day stands for Victory in Europe Day, which marks May 8th, 1945—the day World War II ended in Europe. It was a day of great joy and relief, as people celebrated peace after years of conflict. We remember this important day to honour those who lived through the war and helped bring peace to the world.



## Certificate of Achievement

### Infants

Jacob, Freddie & Oliver- Super effort with your reading!

### Juniors

George – For having a good attitude to learning!

## Menu w/c 2<sup>nd</sup> May

### MONDAY

**Bank Holiday!**

### TUESDAY

#### **Hotdogs**

V: Quorn Dogs

Wedges, Corn on the Cob & Baked Beans

Fruit Muffin

### WEDNESDAY

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

V: Vegetarian Roast

Roast Potatoes & Veg

Fruit Fool

### THURSDAY

#### **Katsu Curry**

V: Quorn Veggie Curry

Rice & Mixed Veg

Pineapple Upside Down cake

### FRIDAY

#### **Fish Fingers**

V: Cheese Wheels

Golden Fries & Veg

Trifle

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

Cost of School Lunches:  
Infants – Free  
Juniors - £2.58 per meal



- 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.

### 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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