



14th November 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 17<sup>th</sup> November - **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 Fayre – Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Dec
- School xmas dinner - Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Dec

### Clubs

**Mondays**- Construction Club KS1&2

**Wednesdays**- A Book & A Biscuit Club  
KS1&2

**Clubs run from 3:30-4:15pm**

**Please sign up on Arbor for the new term!**

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy week! On Monday the junior class were visited by the Plough Arts Centre. The children had a wonderful day learning all about the Egyptians.

A HUGE thank you to the PTFA for funding this visit and the trip to Scribbleton for the Infants. We really do appreciate it.

On Wednesday we had a visit from the Fire Service. The children talked about safety in the home, charging devices, staying safe near fire and some water safety. The children were engaged and asked some very sensible questions. Thank you to Molly for arranging this visit.

Thank you to the parents who attended our parents evening on Thursday. It is always a positive experience being able to talk about your children and how we can work together to support them.

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- 88.89%

INFANTS- 100%

BRUMBLES: 100%



## Certificate of Achievement

### Juniors

Summer – For being such a great friend!

Rose – For challenging her understanding!

### Infants

Everyone - For asking such sensible questions when fire service came in!

### Brumbles

Zack – For being so kind and compassionate towards the other children!

# Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue!



This week we were excited to welcome Nicki from the Fire and Rescue Service. The children learned all about fire safety, including the important "Stop, Drop, and Roll" technique. They listened brilliantly, asked thoughtful questions, and even had the chance to practise the steps themselves. It was a fun and engaging session that helped the children understand how to stay safe in an emergency.



Nicki also brought along real firefighter gear for the children to explore. The students were thrilled to try on the helmets and jackets, learning how each piece helps keep firefighters safe while they work. It was a hands-on, exciting experience that sparked lots of curiosity and conversation about fire safety and community helpers.



## **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 17<sup>th</sup> November

## MONDAY

### **Toad in the Hole**

V: Vegetarian Sausages  
Cubed Potatoes, Veg & Gravy  
Sorbet

## TUESDAY

### **Minced Beef Soft Taco**

V: No Mince Meat 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 Biscuits

**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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We currently have 3 vacancies available at Team Multi-Academy Trust:

### Trustee with Financial Expertise

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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

### Meal Time Assistant

EDW9253786/34479

Umberleigh Primary Academy

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.

📍 Dorridge Hill, Umberleigh, Devon, EX37 9AD

🕒 Permanent | Part-Time

£ £12.65 Hourly

3 Hours per week | (12PM – 1PM TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY EACH DAY)

Now • Apply by Midday, Friday 28th Nov, 2025 • Job start: ASAP

### SPECIALIST TEACHING ASSISTANT

EDW9253786/33661

Beaford Community Primary & Nursery School

We're looking for a caring, motivated and enthusiastic individual to join our school community and play a key role in supporting our pupils' learning and development.

📍 Beaford, Winkleigh, Devon, EX19 8LJ

🕒 Fixed Term | Full-Time

£ £13.90 Hourly

Grade D | 30 hours per week (08:30AM – 3:30PM MONDAY – FRIDAY) | We understand that availability varies, if you're only able to only commit to a few days per week, we're open to appointing two candidates to share the role.

15 Days Remaining • Apply by Midday, Friday 28th Nov, 2025 • Job start: ASAP



- 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.