



21st 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 24<sup>th</sup> November - **Green**  
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

#### Reminder!

Please make sure your child has a waterproof coat and wellies in school with them every day as it is getting much colder and wetter at the moment!

#### 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,

This week we had our school review with other members of the Trust coming to observe lessons and talk to the children. It was lovely to hear how well behaved and engaged they were in their learning.

We have started preparing for our Christmas performance. Please keep an eye on class dojo regarding anything your child may need to bring in. We always try to make costumes as simple as possible and provide the majority of resources from school.

The weather this week has been very cold but we have still managed to get outside every day. Please could I ask that all children keep a spare pair of wellies in school and have a coat every day.

The junior children have started making crafts for our Christmas Fayre. Thank you to Leah and Mrs Jemmison for taking the time to create these with the children. The Christmas Fayre will take place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December from 2.30-4pm in the village hall.

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- 88.10%

INFANTS- 97.96%

BRUMBLES: 100%



## Certificate of Achievement

### Juniors

George – For excellent perseverance in English!

Clara – For amazing concentration in maths!

### Infants

Archie – For doing so well with his reading!

### Brumbles

Percy – For good listening & following instructions!

## What have the Juniors been up to?



On Wednesday, Crystal, one of our awesome school parents, stopped by to teach the kids how to sign "*We Wish You a Merry Christmas.*" The students loved learning the signs and had a great time practicing together. Crystal made it fun, festive, and easy for everyone to join in. It was a sweet holiday moment that the kids will definitely remember!



In P.H.S.E. this week, the children have been learning all about celebrating differences. They explored what makes each person unique and why those differences should be appreciated and respected. Through amazing discussions, the class discovered that everyone brings something special to our school community. The students were eager to share their own experiences and showed great kindness and curiosity as they learned about one another. It was a lovely lesson of building understanding, confidence, and acceptance.



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

## MONDAY

### **Butchers Hotdog**

V: Quorn Dog

Wedges, Baked Beans & Sweetcorn

Sorbet

## TUESDAY

### **Minced Beef Pie**

V: No Meat Pie

Cubed Potatoes & Veg

Fruit Jelly

## WEDNESDAY

### **Roast of The Day**

V: Quorn Bites

Roast Potatoes & Veg

Shortbread

## THURSDAY

### **Chicken Chow Mein**

V: Quorn Chow Mein

Rice, Peas, Sweetcorn & Prawn Crackers

Ginger Cake & Custard

## FRIDAY

### **Fish Fingers**

V: Cheese Wheels

Golden Fries & Veg

Oaty Cookie

**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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Part of TEAM MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

We currently have 7 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 South Devon

- 📍 Abbey Road, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 1JU
- 🕒 Permanent | Part-Time
- 🏠 Voluntary

**16 Days Remaining** • Apply by Midday, Wednesday 30th Dec, 2025

## AFTER-SCHOOL PLAYWORKER LEAD

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### Umblesleigh Primary Academy

Do you have a few spare hours during the week and love working with children? Are you local to Umblesleigh and/or can reliably commute? Then we want to hear from you!

- 📍 Dorridge Hill, Umblesleigh, Devon, EX37 9AD
- 🕒 Temporary/Fixed Term | Part-Time
- £ £13.26 Hourly
- Grade C | 7.5 HPW (5.5:30PM - 17:00PM MONDAY TO FRIDAY)

**Now** • Apply by Midday, Friday 5th Dec, 2025 • Job start: 6th January 2026

## Administrative Assistant

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### High Bickington Church of England Primary Academy

We are seeking to appoint a flexible and committed administrative assistant to support the Head of School and Trust Business Manager in the daily operation of our school's staff office and reception.

- 📍 High Bickington, Umblesleigh, Devon, EX37 9AY
- 🕒 Permanent | Part-Time
- £ £13.26 Hourly
- Grade C | 20 HPW (MONDAY TO FRIDAY 08:30AM - 12:30PM)

**Now** • Apply by Midday, Friday 5th Dec, 2025 • Job start: 6th January 2026

## Meal Time Assistant

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### Umblesleigh 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, Umblesleigh, Devon, EX37 9AD
- 🕒 Permanent | Part-Time
- £ £12.05 Hourly
- 3 Hours per week | (12PM - 1PM TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY EACH DAY)

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

## Cleaner

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### Pilans Infants' Academy

The appointed person/s will be managed by the Premises Manager and Head of School. In-service training will be provided where appropriate.

- 📍 Abbey Road, Barnstaple, Devon, EX31 1JU
- 🕒 Permanent | Part-Time
- £ £12.65 Hourly
- Grade A | 10HPW (2 HOURS PER DAY TO BE WORKED AFTERNOON/EVENINGS) | 41 WEEKS

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

## SPECIALIST TEACHING ASSISTANT

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### 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 8LI
- 🕒 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

## AFTER-SCHOOL PLAYWORKER

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- 📍 Dorridge Hill, Umblesleigh, Devon, EX37 9AD
- 🕒 Temporary/Fixed Term | Part-Time
- £ £12.84 Hourly
- Grade B | 7.5 HPW (1.5:30PM - 17:00PM MONDAY TO FRIDAY)

**Now** • Apply by Midday, Friday 5th Dec, 2025 • Job start: 6th January 2026



- 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 considerably 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.

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