



28th 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 1<sup>st</sup> November-[Blue](#)  
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 Jumper Day – Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Christmas Fayre – Tues 16<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**

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week the children have been completing assessments in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and maths. We are very proud of how hard they have been working.

We have a busy time coming up before Christmas! On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December we will be singing at the Methodist Church at 10.30am. We would love it if you could join us for a festive sing a long!

On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December we will be performing our Christmas play. This year we will be having 'Brayford Outdoor Theatre' at 2pm and 6pm. The children will be performing on the top front playground. We will have fairy lights, Christmas trees, lanterns and a wonderful performance for you! Please wrap up warm and we look forward to a lovely afternoon and evening.

Next week we are looking forward to another online author visit from Emily Gale. She will be telling the children all about her new Christmas book.

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- 81.75%

INFANTS- 89.80%

BRUMBLES: 100%



## Certificate of Achievement

### Juniors

Frankie – For being so Resilient !

Jemmi – For always persevering even when it gets tough!

### Infants

Effie – For working hard on her reading!

### Brumbles

Lydia – For being kind to her peers!



## **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 1<sup>st</sup> November

## MONDAY

### **Teams All Day Breakfast**

V: Teams All Day Vegetarian Breakfast

Potato Waffles, Beans, Peas, Tomatoes & Mushrooms

Sorbet

## TUESDAY

### **Beef Pasta Bolognese**

V: Quorn Pasta Bolognese

Garlic Bread & Salad Sticks

Fruit Jelly

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

## WEDNESDAY

### **Roast of The Day**

V: Quorn Fillet

Roast Potatoes & Veg

Apple Cake

**Cost of School Lunches:  
Juniors - £2.58 per meal  
Infants- Free  
Brumbles- £2.00**

## THURSDAY

### **Chicken Supreme**

#### **V: Mac & Cheese**

Rice & Salad

Chocolate Sponge & Chocolate Custard

## FRIDAY

### **Fish Fingers**

V: Cheese & Bean Wrap

Golden Fries & Veg

Chocolate Cracknell



# TEAM Multi-Academy Trust Vacancies



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APPLY NOW DIRECT WITH **mynewterm**

<https://www.teamacademytrust.com/vacancies> or <https://mynewterm.com>

Part of TEAM MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

We currently have 8 vacancies available at Team Multi-Academy Trust:

## Trustee with Financial Expertise

EDV2023/TM1/20236

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

## Administrative Assistant

EDV2023/HK296/4992

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 front office and reception...

- 📍 High Bickington, Umberleigh, Devon, EX37 9AY
- 🕒 Permanent | Part-Time
- £ E13.26 Hourly
- Grade C | 20 HPW (MONDAY TO FRIDAY 08:30AM - 12:30PM)

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

## Cleaner

EDV2023/PA/32497

Pilton 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
- £ E12.65 Hourly
- Grade A | 10HPW (2 HOURS PER DAY TO BE WORKED AFTERNOON/EVENINGS) | 41 WEEKS

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

## AFTER SCHOOL PLAYWORKER

EDV2023/UPA/66720

Umberleigh Primary Academy

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

- 📍 Dorridge Hill, Umberleigh, Devon, EX37 9AD
- 🕒 Temporary/Fixed Term | Part-Time
- £ E12.84 Hourly
- Grade B | 7.5 HPW (15:30PM - 17:00PM MONDAY TO FRIDAY)

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

## AFTER SCHOOL PLAYWORKER LEAD

EDV2023/UPA/60734

Umberleigh Primary Academy

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

- 📍 Dorridge Hill, Umberleigh, Devon, EX37 9AD
- 🕒 Temporary/Fixed Term | Part-Time
- £ E13.26 Hourly
- Grade C | 7.5 HPW (15:30PM - 17:00PM MONDAY TO FRIDAY)

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

## Meal Time Assistant

EDV2023/UPA/54675

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
- £ E12.65 Hourly
- 3 Hours per week (12PM - 1PM TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY EACH DAY)

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

## SPECIALIST TEACHING ASSISTANT

EDV2023/BCF/18492

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
- £ E13.90 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.

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

## Cook

EDV2023/WCE/PA/75486

Witheridge Church of England Primary Academy

Witheridge C of E Academy are looking for someone special to lead our school kitchen and provide nutritious, delicious meals for our pupils and staff.

- 📍 Fore Street, Witheridge, Tiverton, Devon, EX16 8AH
- 🕒 Permanent/Term Time Only | Full-Time
- £ E13.26 Hourly
- GRADE: C | 32.5 HPW (MONDAY - FRIDAY) | 38 Weeks

New • Apply by Midday, Wednesday 10th Dec. 2025 • Job start: 6th January



- 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.

Any articles which appear in the school newsletter, that have not been organised by or on behalf of the school, have not been verified by TEAM Multi-Academy Trust as to the suitability for children. The news items are for parent information only.