

From tiny acorns, mighty oak trees grow, watered and nurtured by God.

Braywood Newsletter



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What is happening in July?

Wednesday 5 th July	Reading Museum trip for Year 1 and 2
6 th (pm) & 7 th (am) July	New Children visit our school
12 th & 13 th July	Summer Production at 6.45pm
17 th , 18 th & 19 th July	PGL Trip for Year 4
Thursday 13 th July	Reports out and parents' evening after school
Thursday 20 th July	Outdoor Family Assembly Sports Day, tea with Year 4 leavers and picnic on the field

For more dates see the back of the newsletter.

Transition

Thursday 6th and Friday and 7th July

Our Year 4 pupils will be attending their next school on these dates if they are going onto the Windsor Middle schools. Year 4 children who are not attending these sessions need to come into school.

There will be some changes to the class structures for the next academic year. They are as follows:

Year F Mrs Rexworthy,

Year 1 Mrs Clarke

Year 2 Mrs Kilner

Year 3 Mrs Ingram

Year 4 Mrs Wakeman

All children will be visiting their new class and teacher on these days.

Sadly we are losing Susan Burnett from our employment this year. She has been with Braywood since 2004 as a TA and an office staff member. She is wonderful at her job and will be sadly missed by all of us.

Have you joined us on twitter?

You can always log onto our website to find out more information through the link <http://braywood-ce.eschools.co.uk/website>





What happened last month?

Some of the recent trips and visitors

Synagogue and Gurdwara

The Year 1 and 2 pupils visited the Synagogue and Gurdwara last month. They learnt more about Jewish and Sikh celebrations and enacted the Shabbat festival together in school. Thank you to Mrs Kenth for organising the trip to the Gurdwara.

Braywick Nature Reserve

The little acorns had their first trip to the Nature Reserve. They all had lots of fun pond dipping and exploring nature.

Victorian Day

What a wonderful response we had to our Victorian Day. The children looked magnificent!

All children shared a series of five activities which involved experiencing a traditional Victorian classroom, sewing, weaving, cooking and playing with Victorian Games.

The Victorian ethos was emulated all day with children having to line up in silence and one child had to report to the headmistress to be caned for his insubordination!

KS2 Visit to the Hexagon in Reading

Y3 and Y4 children have been practicing very hard to learn the songs from the concert 'Joseph' to give a rendition to their parents. There were eight schools representing Windsor and Maidenhead and they performed brilliantly. It was a long day for them as the concert ended at 8 o'clock but they were an absolute credit to our school. Well done!

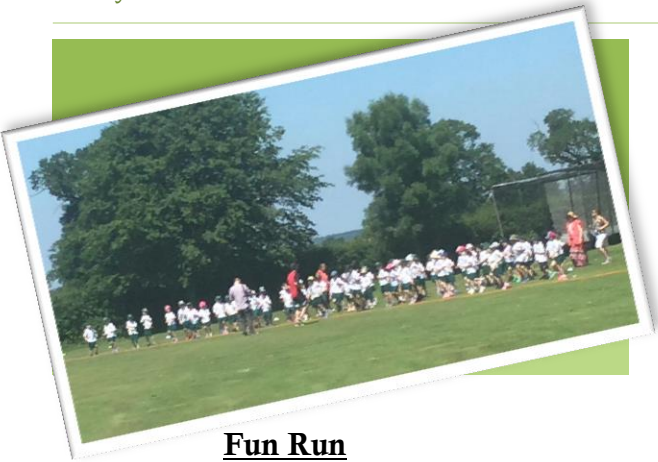
What are we looking forward to?

Thank you to everyone that helped make our celebration ball such a success. The atmosphere was wonderful and so many parents said they had a great time. We are fortunate to have such supportive and friendly parents. We took £5,300 on the night and will be able to afford the engraved lectern and outdoor keep-fit equipment for the whole school.

We are looking forward to the last few weeks of term. They are so action packed. The Year 4 pupils go on their PGL trip which is always the highlight of Year 4 together with the concert and ringing the bell. The whole school is practicing for Sports Day. This is on the last day of term so please save the date and bring your picnics.



The Year 3 children will be going to Oakley Court to be part of their Swan Upping ceremony. That is a lovely event where the children get a glimpse of a tradition which probably dates back further than our school.



Fun Run

The PTA organized a wonderful Fun Run in May. The children really enjoyed this activity, especially getting a medal at the end of the day. We raised a staggering £3,500 and will probably run the event next year as it was perfect opportunity to get-together as a whole school community.

School Fair

Similarly the Summer School Fair was a great day. Lots of people came and joined us last Saturday. There was plenty of food, games and opportunities to win prizes. It is always lovely to see past pupils and how they return to Braywood year after year. We raised a staggering £2,000 at this event.

The PTA has performed exceptionally well this year and we are very grateful that they work so hard to raise funds for our school. We will be spending some of the money on new reading scheme books, new lighting in hall and ICT equipment.

Events and news for this month

BREAKING NEWS

We have several articles in the newspaper. Click on the link below

<http://www.maidenhead-advertiser.co.uk/search?q=braywood+&idcanale=1&idcanalerica=1>

Up and coming events

PGL Trip Meeting

We are getting closer to the PGL residential trip that most Y4 pupils attend at the end of the year.

All Year 4 parents need to ensure that they have visited the PGL website.
<http://www.pgl.co.uk/en-gb/adventure-holidays>

Children's Reports

All children's reports are going out on Thursday 13th July at the end of the school day. There will be an opportunity to look at your child's work in their classroom at the same time.

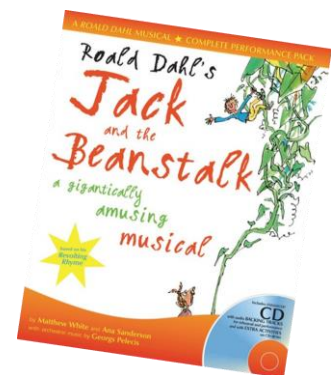
Do look out for the Governors Report to Parents and my explanatory letter which outlines how your child's assessments are calculated.

The children have all worked really hard and should be proud of their achievements this year.

Summer Concert

Our Summer Concert is on 12th and 13th July at 6.45pm. The children need to arrive at 6.30pm on these days. The concert will last 45 minutes

There is a dress rehearsal at



10am on Tuesday 11th July for children who are under 5 years of age. The whole school will see the concert on this day.

Please do not bring younger siblings or toddlers to the concert as it distracts from the Year 3 and 4 pupils' performance.

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Payments in school

Thank you to all the Year 3 and 4 parents who have helped us to trial our electronic payment system. We really appreciate how supportive you have all been. In September the whole school will be using this method to pay for dinners and trips. It has been decided to discontinue the termly payment; instead parents will be asked to pay for their child's trips through eschools where you will be able to give permission at the time.

We aim to become a totally cashless system. There will be instructions coming out in September with more information. Before then do have a practice at logging onto eschools.

END OF TERM
School closes on Thursday
20th July at 2pm

Important dates for September

We all hope you have a lovely summer break. Now is a good time to put some of those September dates in your diary!

Class Meetings

These meetings are important as they will give an outline of the classroom routines and activities by your child's new teacher.

EYFS	11 th September
Y1	12 th September
Y2	13 th September
Y3	14 th September
Y4	15 th September

They all start at 8.45am in the Clockhouse.

Mums and Dads into School

This event is planned for Friday 22nd September. It is a time where all parents are invited into school to share a day with your child. The theme is Reading. There is a wonderful opportunity to share a meal with your child as well.

Building work

There are plans to extend our Year 1 classroom and separate the dining hall over the Summer holidays. We hope these plans will go ahead but we are waiting for planning permission.

There may be some disruption at the beginning of the year for the Year 1 children but we will mitigate this as much as possible.

Here are this month's house point's results:

Eagles 59

Kestrels 65

Hawks 61

Falcons 73

Kites 78

Owls 75

Teaching and Learning

To support our gifted and talented pupils we often enter competitions to challenge their mathematical skills. As a school our mathematics results are particularly high and these events are great fun.

A team of three Year 2 children went head to head with 19 other schools in a maths competition. They raced through two rounds of challenging maths questions and took 5th place. An amazing achievement!

Well done Charlie Hathaway, Rorie Berry and Neha Kenth.





After School Club

An emergency telephone number 07545881264 is available if you do not get a response from school.

Hope you all have a lovely summer break.

Thank you for all your support in these areas. It really helps to make the Summer Term great fun!

From Mrs Calvert and all the staff at Braywood

What is happening over the next few months?

Saturday 1 st July	Summer Fair
Tuesday 4 th July	Open Day for Prospective parents
Wednesday 5 th July	Reading Trip for Year 1 & 2
6 th and 7 th July	Year 4 induction days for the middle schools & our pupils meet their new teacher.
Tuesday 11 th July	PTA Meeting at the Church Hall 8pm
Wednesday 12 th July	Piano Assembly at 9am
Wed 12 th July & Thurs 13 th July	Summer Concert at 6.30pm
Thursday 13 th July	Talent Show judged by Y 4 pupils
Friday 14 th July	Rock Steady Concert at 2.30pm
Friday 14 th July	Year 4 run the school (am)
Monday 17 th July	Happy Bags
Mon-Wed 17 th -19 th July	PGL Trip Y4
Tuesday 18 th July	Swan Upping Y3
Thurs 20 th July	Outdoor Family Assembly, Y4 Special Tea with parents & Sports Day
Thurs 20 th July	END OF TERM AT 2PM No After School Club
Tuesday 5 th September	BACK TO SCHOOL at 8.45am
Thurs 7 th Sept	New parents tea/coffee PTA
Tues 12 th Sept	PTA AGM Jolly Gardener 8pm
Mon 11 th – Fri 15 th September	Class Meetings
Friday 22 nd September	Mums and Dads into School
Mon 25 th – Fri 29 th September	Forest School Experience for whole School
Thurs 19 th Oct	Harvest Festival (provisional date)
Thursday 23 rd November	Family Assembly at 9am
Thurs 14 th Dec	Christmas Nativity Concert at Bray Church

Please remember that these dates are a product of a lot of work by office and teaching staff to ensure that your child have a more stimulating and stimulating educational experience. Please do not shout at staff members if problems are encountered. Everyone is trying their best!

Clubs



Monday	Judo Years 1,2,3 & 4	3.15-4.15
	French Yr1,2,3 & 4	3.15-4.15

Wednesday	Chelsea Football	
	Foundation	2.45-3.15

All clubs have finished and a new timetable will start after the first two weeks of term.

	Ballet Years 3+	4.00-4.45
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	Modern/Tap dance 2+	4.45-5.30
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Thursday	Sewing Years 1-4	3.20-4.35
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	Netball Years 3&4	3.15-4.15
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Friday	No Club at present	
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PTA Update

There is a PTA meeting on Tuesday 11th July in the Church House at 8pm

This meeting has been arranged to welcome all our new parents. The PTA have managed to raise money for 10 new computers, play equipment, welly racks and reading books.

Kind Regards

Susan Calvert

Theme – Family, friendships and love



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