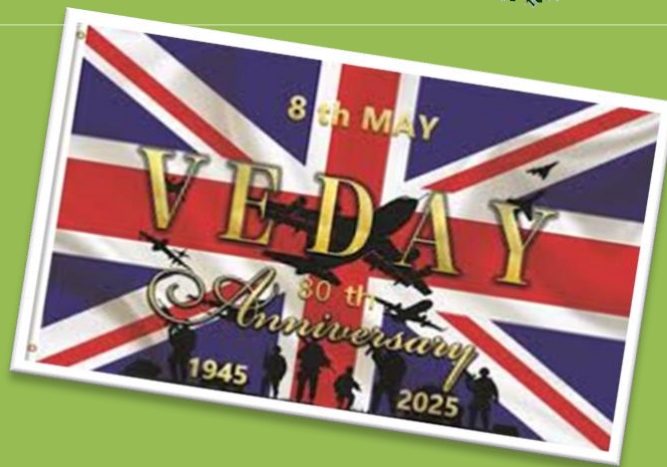


From tiny acorns, mighty oak trees grow, watered, and nurtured by God's love .

Braywood Newsletter



Please come and join us to
celebrate the 80th
anniversary of WW2



Aspire, Learn, Achieve together

What is happening this term?

Friday 23 rd May	VE Day - Grandparents welcome
26 th - 30 th May	HALF TERM
Wednesday 25 th June	Family Assembly
16 th & 17 th July	KS2 Summer Concert Wind in the Willows
Wednesday 23 rd July	Sports Day - Family Assembly LAST DAY

Theme – Resilience and Ambition

Celebrating the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe

Friday 23rd May

The theme of this day will be for the children to learn more about what life was like 80 years ago. We have an invited guest, Frank Turner, who attended Braywood just after the end of the WW2 and he will be talking to the children about what life was like being a child at Braywood at that time.

Please can children come to school in periods clothes and school / own packed lunch to eat on field.

Organisation for the Day

9.15am Assembly led by Frank Turner for children and workshops for the rest of the morning

12pm Grandparents and great grandparents are invited into school to share lunch and talk about their school days
1.30pm Short singing concert for parents, demonstration of the waltz and tea and cake available.



Find us on our website and the social media sites X and Instagram



What has been happening in school?

Curriculum, teaching and learning achievements.

Building up to VE Day

To prepare for our VE day we are practicing some war time songs and the waltz for our celebrations. **No school cooked lunches, only sandwiches on this day.**

Each class has been learning more about the difference between life at Braywood now and 80 years ago. Practicing a more straightforward curriculum to represent when Mr Snow was the headmaster.

When looking back in the archives, it appears that Braywood struggled when it was first opened. There was usually a husband-and-wife team who lived in the Braywood Cottage and the original entrance from this building is still there. The inspections of the day suggested that the education at Braywood could have been better and there was evidence of children getting the cane on a regular basis.

One of the first vicars to support our school was the Revd Leigh Austin who was the nephew of the famous Jane Austin. We like to think that Queen Victoria came to tea because she was a huge friend of Elizabeth Van de Weyer who alongside her husband founded our school. Sarah Grace (Governor) has been researching all the headteachers since 1857

Teaching, learning and the curriculum

Changes that will be happening over the next few months.

Our assemblies

Every term our assemblies have a SEAL focus (Social and Emotional aspects of Learning). This is important because children are unable to learn if their mind is on other things.

Next term we are looking at 'Change' which will be very important for the children. Resilience is one of our Christian values which tells us to 'keep on trying' even if things change.

Leadership

This year some teachers have been looking at various aspects of senior leadership to support our School Development Plan. These areas have included developing mastery in Religious Education; how to support children and staff mental health and the global aspects / social injustice across the curriculum.

All these aspects develop a child's strength of character and their ability to cope with change.

Next Term

It is important to ensure that there will be a very smooth transition for our families for the next two terms. Mrs Annie Cole is very much looking forward to joining our established staff team. We aim to ensure that there will be minimal change for our parents and children to ensure a secure foundation for this change.

There will be more information in our next newsletter in June.



Events coming up soon!

Breaking News

Caterlink will be increasing the cost of a meal to £2.70 from April.

Census Day on 15th May – Please order a meal if you can

Booster Classes

These sessions will start on Tuesday 27th April and will finish on Tuesday 20th May just before half term. That will be the last of our booster sessions for this year.

Trim trail

Please remember that when children are on the trim trail or even the field, they are the responsibility of their parent. The gate is open, and staff are not supervising. There is a safeguarding risk due to the busy road. No ball, scooters or other equipment is allowed after school has finished.

Children are not allowed to play football due to the risk of them kicking a ball into another parent or child.

May Fun Run has been replaced with the VE Day celebrations.

Friday 23rd May

Hopefully as many grandparents and great grandparents will join us at 12pm and parents from 1.30pm.

The children need to be dressed in 1940's clothes and no uniform

Summer Fair

Summer Fair – September 2015

As a welcome event for our new Headteacher, the Summer Fair is going to be in September 2025. This should work really well and provide a lovely start to the school year!

There will be more information in the next newsletter.

This year the PTA are replacing the broken Trim Trail log roll and increased our computing equipment.

Anyone who can help with some DIY, please speak to Claire in the office

Year 4 treat

Monday 21st July

As a treat for our Mighty Oaks, they will spend the early evening having a BBQ and fun events at school.

Children will need to be in school at 4.30pm in their home clothes and collected at 6pm.

They also have the ringing the bell ceremony to look forward to on the last day of term. Bring your cameras/phones!

Old Court Summer Performance

This is a wonderful opportunity to perform our summer production of 'Robin Hood' on a real stage instead of in school.

There are two full day rehearsals that will need parents to drop off / collect their child from the Old Court in Windsor. These are Wednesday 9th and 16th July.

On the 16th of July all the Year 1 and 2 pupils are going to watch this performance and will need picking up from this venue.

Staff will operate a 'Kiss and Drop' facility from 9am – 9.15am to drop off and 2.30pm to 2.45pm to collect at the front of the Old Court. Please car share for this event as staff will not be able to bring children back to school due to insurance.

The concert is on 16^h & 17th July starting at 6.30pm. The Y3/4 parents need to arrive from 6.15pm. Staff will be available to take children backstage.

Performing on stage is such a rewarding experience and teaches children so many life skills. If you are a performer, please do attend both evenings performances as it is a team effort and we do really need each and every child.

Continued

Sports Day

Traditionally we always have our Sports Day on the last day of term.

The Whole School Family Assembly starts at 9.15am. Afterwards there will be some refreshments and the Sports Day will start at approximately 10.30am. This usually takes us up to lunchtime. All children stay and share a picnic on the field and the school fair will be held between 12.30 and 2pm.

This is a lovely way to say goodbye, to hear the Year 4 children ring the bell and for parents to share time together.

Pupils' Reports

At the end of the year. There will be an opportunity to look at your child's work over this academic year and collect their report from the teacher. The children have worked incredibly hard this year and it has been reflected in their progress.

Attendance and fines

Following on from the changes to attendance brought in by this Government, Braywood will start implementing fines for parents who take their child out of school without authorisation for 5 or more days. These do not have to be consecutive days

Penalties will be £160 per child. Please see attached email. This is reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days.

Dates for next Year

To maintain continuity, each class will be having a forest day to build up resilience and problem skills whilst being a supportive team player. The Year 1 pupils have the Wildness and Wonder team in school; Year 2 and 3 are going to Braywick and Year 4 go to Longridge to work together on several team building activities including water sports and laser tag.

These dates will be in the next newsletter.

Class Meeting

At the beginning of every academic year there are class meetings during the first few weeks of term.

These are to meet your new teacher. Your teacher will outline what will be happening in your child's new classroom, how things are organised and how you can help. These meetings start as soon as the children are dropped off and will last approximately 20 mins.

After school clubs

Spaces going quick, please book your clubs this term! They are a valuable extra-curricular opportunity.

END OF SUMMER TERM

School closes on

Wednesday 23th July.

There is no after school club on this day.

We open on Thursday 4th September at usual time.

Our Acorn Nursery Update



"A friend is someone who helps you up when you're down, and if they can't, they would lay down beside you and listen"" Winnie the Pooh

This term we're diving into the magical world of fairy-tale and the children are loving discovering all the different twists and turns in the stories.

Now that the sun is shining, we'll be out in the garden even more – especially now we have our mud kitchen and wobble boards to keep us entertained.



There are places for September!

Please remember to pop some sun cream on your child before school and don't forget to send them in with a sun hat.

Do look out for the new children transition meetings that will be happening in July for your start into main school. They are open to our nursery children so that they can see the Foundation classroom and meet Mrs Teeder.

The dates are

Thursday 3rd am and 10th July all day.

Please do tell any friends and family about our nursery!

Safeguarding

Our dedicated safeguarding lead is Mrs Calvert. If you have any concerns, do please let her know.

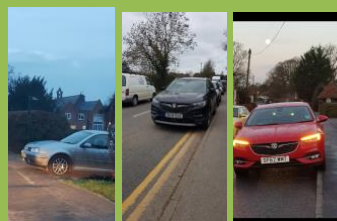


Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



This space is going to be for cars who have been spotted parking or moving the car dangerously.

Please do not turn around in the school drive as it is dangerous.



What is happening this term?

Thursday 8 th May	History of Chocolate talk for Year 4
Thurs 15 th May	Fire engine visit for Foundation
Thurs 15 th May	Census Day – please order a lunch
Thurs 15 th May	Habitat talk for Y2
Wed 21 st May	Chocolate making workshop for Y4
Wed 21 st May	Volcano talk for Y3
Friday 23 rd May	Whole school VE Day celebrations
Friday 23 rd May	Last Day of term School closes at 2pm
26 th – 30 st May	Half Term
Monday 2 nd June	Whole school back to school
Thursday 5 th June	Perform workshop for Nursery, Foundation & Y1
Wed 11 th June	Lookout Discovery Centre trip for Y2 & 3
Thurs 12 th June	Zoo animals talk for Y1
Wed 18 th June	Visit to Royal Ascot & picnic for Y4
Monday 23 rd June	Program and build for Y3 and Y4 for 3 days
Wed 25 th June	Family Assembly at 2.30pm
Friday 27 th June	Inclusive sing at Cox Green for Y4/3
Wed 2 nd July	Odds Farm visit for Foundation & Y1
Wed 9 th July	Y3 and 4 Summer Concert Rehearsals
Wed 10 th July	Final day for swimming
Thursday 11 th July	Rock Steady Concert
3 rd & 4 th July	Transition Day for Year 4
Thurs 3 rd July	New children induction sessions
Monday 14 th July	Longridge trip for Y4
Wed 10 th July	Summer Concert Rehearsals for Y3 and 4
Thurs 10 th July	New children induction sessions
TBA	Summer Fair from 2-4pm
Wed 16 th July	Summer Concert rehearsal Year 1 and 2 to watch performance
16 th & 17 th July	Summer Concert at 6.30pm
Monday 21 st July	Y4 party with BBQ in school from 4.30-6pm
Wednesday 23 rd July	Sports Day & last Family Assembly
Wednesday 23 rd July	Last Day of term – School finishes at 1.30pm
Thursday 4 th September	Back to school and class meetings TBA
	Inservice Day are Tuesday 3 rd and Wednesday 4 th September Class meetings to be announced

School Clubs Timetable



Monday	Creative Art Playball	3.15-4.15pm
Tuesday	Jam Coding	3.15-4.15pm
Wednesday		
Thursday	Ballet/ Drama	3.30-3.35pm
Friday	Football	3.00 4.00m

Please remember that these clubs are responsible for the club including the fees, correspondence, and safety of your child.



Friends of Braywood
HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Braywood Summer Fair

Welcome
Summer Fayre
In
September

PTA update

Dear parents,
We hope you're enjoying the summer term so far! As your Parent Teacher Association (PTA), we work closely with the school to help enrich our children's learning experience through fundraising, events and community – building.

Thanks for your support this year, we've helped fund new playground equipment, classroom resources, and special enrichment activities. Every 'bake sale, raffle ticket' and donation makes a difference. – thank you for being such a vital part of our school community.

We will be announcing this year's Summer Fayre soon. It's always a highlight of the school calendar, with games, food, music and fun for the whole family. All proceeds go directly back into supporting the school, and we'd love your help to make this a fantastic day.

Whether you can offer time to volunteer, donate a prize, or simply come along and enjoy the fun, every little helps.

Kind Regards

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