

Braywood C of E First School

Aspire, Learn, Achieve together



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



"At Braywood our aspiration is for all children to become confident, emotionally resilient and compassionate individuals who achieve personal excellence through strength of character and through a love of learning"

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Welcome to our School

Thank you for your interest in our wonderful school. We are extremely fortunate to have a beautiful, rural school environment in Oakley Green, where children make new friends, grow in self-esteem and develop a love of learning. Children's happiness is fundamental to everything that we do at Braywood. There are many ways that we ensure that the children at our school are emotionally resilient, that they feel nurtured and confident and are compassionate towards their peers. Our fundamental Christian ethos, inclusive behavioural policies and pastoral support all help the children when they need it.

We recognise that every child is unique; each has their own interests and strengths. We strive to provide a variety of opportunities and experiences for all children to enjoy success, whether it is academic, through sport, music or the arts. We take pride in celebrating our achievements and continuously challenge children to be the best they can be and take a 'can-do' approach to life.

We look forward to welcoming you to our inspiring and inclusive school.

Mrs Annie Cole
Headteacher

Ready to Learn

Braywood children achieve high standards thanks to the high-quality first teaching they receive from our dedicated staff. We are committed to designing a curriculum to stimulate young minds and develop each child's confidence and the ability to question.

We encourage our children:

- To have a go and persevere with their learning
- To develop their resilience and independence
- To embrace challenges and foster a 'have a go' mind set
- To co-operate and work in a team
- To communicate effectively in a variety of situations

Support and challenge given every step of the way helps our children to meet each new experience with energy and enthusiasm.



Children's Wellbeing

Your child's wellbeing is a top priority. Children learn best when they feel safe and secure. We firmly believe that childhood is precious and should include lots of opportunities for enjoyment, play and laughter. Our staff pride themselves on building a class where each and every child is made to feel important and valued. We dedicate time in our curriculum to ensure children's wellbeing is constantly addressed. Through our Christian ethos, we focus on developing a child's spirituality; a sense of awe and wonder about the world we live in and our part in it.

Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds

We adopt a 'Healthy Body, Healthy Mind' approach providing children with daily brain breaks in addition to our break times, PE curriculum, outdoor learning and a variety of after-school clubs. We work closely with our PE provider, the Windsor School Sport Partnership, to offer a mix of sports including tag rugby, gymnastics, athletics and netball. Our Early Years area is well equipped with a forest area, outdoor classroom and their own trim trail. All our children have access to a playground and a school field with a trim trail.



The Creative Child



We provide many opportunities for children to express themselves creatively through music, art and performance. Every year all children take part in a variety of productions, performing both at the local theatre and church as well as class assemblies and a weekly singing assembly. In addition to our music curriculum, children have access to music tuition and performing in a choir.

Starting School

Putting on a school uniform and coming to school for the first time is an exciting milestone for all children. Our experienced and dedicated Early Years' staff ensure that our children are secure and settle into a routine quickly. Learning is planned to ensure children develop their reading, writing and number skills but there is also a strong emphasis on the physical, emotional and creative aspects of their development.



Working Together

At Braywood, we recognise that strong partnerships with parents, carers, the church and the wider community are integral to a successful school. We warmly welcome parents and carers to become involved in school life, whether as Governors, helpers or members of the PTA. This collaborative approach fosters a sense of belonging for everyone.

We organise a variety of events throughout the school year, inviting children, parents and the community to come together.

For our working parents, we offer several options to provide flexible and affordable childcare ensuring children are cared for in a safe and nurturing environment before and after the school day:



Early Birds (breakfast club): 7.45 am

Kiss and Drop: 8.15 am

Squirrel Club (after-school Club): till 5.30 pm (4.15 pm on Fridays)

Grab and Go: end of the school day

We also communicate regularly with our families through newsletters, emails, Parent Evenings and an 'Open Door' policy to ensure they stay fully informed about their child's progress and a part of their Braywood journey. Regular updates and photographs will be readily available through 'FAMILY' our electronic communication system for our Early Years children.

Admissions

Admissions to Acorn Nursery

Our Nursery invites prospective parents to visit our setting and offers two induction sessions. The first session is with the parents and child so that we can get to know more about your child and the second session is for the children to explore the nursery without their parents – this session lasts 1 ½ hours.

Parents apply formally for a place in the Nursery via the School Office. Children can start Nursery after their third birthday. We accept child care vouchers which come into effect the term after your child turns three.

Admissions to Little Acorns Reception

A place in our Nursery Class does not automatically confirm a place in our Reception Class and a further application must be made, following the Local Authority Admissions Procedure, directly to the Local Authority. There is one point of entry to Reception in September each year.

For further information, contact:

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