

# Braywood CE First School Governors' Report to Parents

*Aspire Learn Achieve*



*From little acorns, mighty oak trees grow, watered and nurtured by God*

## Message from the Chair of Governors

*"At Braywood our aspirations are for all children to become confident, secure and caring individuals who achieve personal success through a love of learning"*



Dear Parents and Carers,

How quickly time flies as yet another school year comes to a close and we look forward to the summer holidays. This year, as well as reflecting on our achievements, I have a job none of the Governors were looking forward to - to say goodbye to Mrs Calvert.

First the achievements, the Governors are hugely impressed with the incredible opportunities which have been on offer to the children this year, and I am sure that you would agree that we have a staff who are very creative and enterprising. I firmly believe that the continued success of our school is a clear reflection of the hard work of all our Staff in whatever role they play.

So, on behalf of the Governors, I would like to take this opportunity to say 'Thank you' to Mrs Calvert and all the Staff at Braywood for their determination and commitment that they have all given this Academic Year, it is very much appreciated.



It is with sadness tempered with gratitude that I write to you on behalf of the Governors to say goodbye to Mrs Calvert in her upcoming retirement after 30 years of dedicated service to Braywood.

We are deeply grateful for her unwavering commitment and the impact she has had on our school. Mrs Calvert's leadership has been instrumental in improving academic standards and fostering a positive family school culture. Her dedication to the school has been relentless over her time and she has worked hard in recruiting and inspiring excellent teachers and teaching assistants and getting them to truly work together as a team. We particularly appreciate her implementation of our nursery at Braywood. It is a wonderful addition to the school where young children can join the Braywood family at an early age.

We will miss your presence and guidance, Susan, but we can also celebrate your well-deserved retirement. We wish you a future filled with joy, good health, and exciting new adventures. We hope you enjoy your future travel plans and fun times with your grandchildren.

We are also saying goodbye to a much loved and respected teacher, Mrs Rexworthy, who has also shown us dedicated commitment and hard work at Braywood for 22 years. We wish you, too, a future filled with joy, good health and happiness.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say to all our Parents and Carers, who will be leaving us for the last time this week. Thank you for all your support that you have given to the school during your time with us, it has been very much appreciated.

I wish Mrs Calvert, all the staff, children, parents and carers a sunny, restful summer break.

Best wishes

Anne Farley

## What have we achieved this year?

All classes have been on at least 3 trips except the Foundation class. We have had lots of visitors including:

PTA Events including Pancake Sale

Summer Concert in Windsor

Y4 Leaving event

Pantomime and Nativity

Easter Concert

Y2 Trip to the Lookout

Girls football training & tournament

Visit to Longridge for Y4

Dance Show for Year 1

Singing to senior citizens in Bray

Chocolate workshops

Talks on topics for all classes

Y2 & 3 Braywick Nature Reserve

Robots for Y2/ Y3/4

Whole School visitors and talks

Visit to Eton Natural History Museum

Sports Day and Family Picnic

Harvest Festival and Family Assemblies

Christmas celebrations

Veterans Event with performance

Visit from past pupils

Y1 / 2 visit to Milestones

Y4 swimming lessons

Y3 / 4 Trip to Upton Court

Several PE tournaments

Y4 running the school

Visit to places of worship

Windsor Sports Partnership

Farm visit to F & Y1

Hatching eggs in Foundation

Trip to Odds Farm for F & Y1

Various sporting tournaments

Maths, Literacy and Science days

Y4 Busy buttons workshop



Of all these activities the school has contributed to the breadth of our curriculum

## What have been our successes?

Our standards have been exceptional this year. 93% of Year 1 achieved the phonics test in Year 1 and our average score for Year 4 times table test was 24.3 out of 25. Across the school most children have secured expected standards.

We have been working on our Ofsted and SIAMS inspection targets with curriculum plans that focus more on recall skills, spiritual opportunities, reflection on global injustices and strengthen leadership skills.

Next year we have a new headteacher Annie Cole who is very much looking forward to taking Braywood onto the next steps.



## Who are the Governors?

The Governors are a long serving group of people who are committed to the success of our school. There are a wide variety of skills on our Governing Body from a range of sources; some are local businesses, some parents, some representing our Christian bias and some are educationists. We are the school's 'critical friend'.

For more informative see our page on the website [http://www.braywoodschool.co.uk/web/our\\_governors\\_\\_1/232576](http://www.braywoodschool.co.uk/web/our_governors__1/232576)

## How do our governors promote school improvement this year?

The Governors work in collaboration with the Headteacher and staff, creating a closely balanced partnership to ensure that the school is run effectively. Our aim is to ensure that we provide the very best education possible.

Our staff and governors are a strong team who meet or visit school regularly to refine our improvement plan; challenge staff and ensure that our learning environment is safe and non-discriminatory. Each governor together with an associated teacher leads in one or two subject areas. The Governing Body monitors school improvement priorities through meetings, lesson visits, work analysis, policies and procedures and the financial scrutiny.

## How are we working with parents?

The school and our governors value the contribution of parents, whether it is the help you give your child with their learning, the support you give the school by attending events or helping your child attend trips or events and the support you offer out PTA.

This year our PTA chair and her team have been fantastic, and the money raised will go towards new Gymnastics equipment in the hall. We are still working towards the Trim trail and the computing equipment. We are very fortunate to have such committed parents.

The governors would like to wish everyone a lovely summer break and look forward to working with you all in the new academic year.



Chair of Governors  
Mrs Anne Farley