

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

Braywood Newsletter



We are reflecting
on 80 years since
the end of WWII



Aspire, Learn, Achieve together

What is happening this term?

Tuesday 22 nd October	Halloween Disco in Braywood Extra
Thursday 7 th November	Farm visits Braywood
Wednesday 20 th November	Family Assembly for Y1-4 at 2.30pm
Monday 16 th December	Whole School Christmas Disco
Wednesday 18 th December	Whole School visit to the panto

*Theme – Ambition, Courage and
Determination*

Wellbeing

The mental health of young children is a key issue nationwide and we will be increasing our focus on it by equipping the children with practical skills to help them deal with their feelings and emotions. Year 4 led an assembly about the 'Zones of regulation' on World Mental Health Day which helped the children learn about the zones and how they can help themselves deal with their feelings. It might be helpful to talk about these at home:

BLUE ZONE - sad, sick, bored, tired, hurt
RED ZONE - angry, mad, terrified, out of control
YELLOW ZONE - worried, silly, excited, frustrated, scared
GREEN ZONE - happy, calm, focused, ready to learn

Tools that can help the children:

BLUE - stretch, take a brain break, take a walk, close eyes
RED - stop what they're doing, make sensible choices, take deep breaths, ask for help, find a safe space
YELLOW - talk to someone, count to 20, take deep breaths, draw a picture, take a brain break
The goal is to get back to the GREEN zone and be calm, happy and ready to learn!



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What has been happening in school?

Curriculum, teaching and learning achievements.

Changes at Braywood

We are so thrilled with the changes that have been made at Braywood over the summer term.

As you can see from the pictures above, we have a beautiful Acorn Garden Room that will act as an inside / outside space for the Early Years and Nursery. The reception children will be using this space to register and dismiss. It is a very

useful area to learn through the outdoors even when it is raining! The area is also going to be used to support specific children and will have a sensory aspect to its resources.

The Borough has refurbished our toilets at a cost of £55,000 to an incredibly high standard which is most appreciated.

Finally, the Year 2 classroom has a new bay window designed to be more in keeping with the original build. The oil tank wall has been removed and the children have been thinking of ideas in our recent Pupil Parliament session how we could use this additional space.

What have we been learning about?

Achieving
Excellence
Together

Educational Standards

Early Years and Phonics Test

Last year, 86% of EYFS pupils achieved a 'good level of development'.

Year 1 pupils achieved 100% success rate on passing the Phonics Test. This is an excellent result.

The main school children did exceptionally well last year and should be very proud of themselves. As always, our standards remain one of the best results in the borough from the same starting point.

Reading, Writing & Mathematics across Y1-4

Reading – 94% achieved expected levels of attainment and 43% achieved a greater depth of understanding.

Writing - 84% achieved expected levels of attainment and 33% achieved a greater depth of understanding.

Maths - 94% achieved expected levels of attainment and 42% achieved a greater depth of understanding.

Year 4 Times Tables Test

Out of a score of 25 points our average score last year was 23.9. This is an amazing result and one that will help the children with their mathematics skills in the future.

Our priorities this year are to continue focusing on purchasing more ICT equipment to ensure all children have an up-to-date machine to support their learning. We are also hoping to create a learning space outside Y2 with a weatherproof shelter.



Events coming up soon!

Breaking News

Wellington boots

Please bring in your child's wellington boots so they will be able to go on the field during the winter months.

Extra-Curricular Events

So far this year every child has had a 'Forest School' Trip during September and Year 4 have been to Longridge. Last week the Year 4 have been singing to the Bray Senior Citizens and the younger children have visited church. Recently we have shared a whole school motivating themed tournament and each child worked alongside a Judo athlete who attended the recent Olympics. These activities support each child's wider curricular development.

To save on high coach costs we have visitors / talks in school which includes our farm visit, owl visit, talk from Carla and a Road Safely Talk.

Support for children with Special Educational Needs

We traditionally have well trained staff including our learning support assistants who have a range of skills to help many learning barriers. We have two fully trained ELKLAN adults who can support speech and language needs. Two fully trained ELSA who can support mental health and emotional needs. Everyone has had extensive training on Autism and Dyslexia.

Uniform

Can all Y1-4 children be in their Winter School Uniform with ties and jumpers/cardigans. A Braywood fleece is an outside coat and unless you are a Reception, child, our sweatshirt is for PE lessons. Children need a warm waterproof coat, and the older children should have a blazer. All children should have the school rucksack.

We have a lot of second-hand uniform so please do not return any uniform to school unless it is a blazer or rucksack.

Halloween Disco

On Tuesday 22nd October, Braywood Extra will be offering a Halloween Disco from 3.15-5.30pm with food. The price is £11. Please bring any costumes in a carrier bag.

Harvest

This year our Harvest will be split over two days. Both will have the whole school (Reception to Y4) performing in the Church House.

On **Thursday 24th October the concert starts at 2.15pm.** On **Friday 25th October we start at 1:15pm.** The Nursery will have a separate Harvest celebration on Wednesday 23rd October at 2.45pm and parents are invited to come and share refreshments from 2.30pm.

As part of our Harvest Festival celebrations, we would be very grateful if you could donate one or two items to the Windsor Food Bank. Donations can be left outside the Annexe's double doors. Thank you.



Children in Need

This year we will be supporting this event on Friday 15th November. Children can come to school in their home clothes if they bring in a contribution to the Christmas Fair's tombola and £2 for Children in Need.

We are looking to raise money for more computing resources around the school which will include new laptops and ipads.

Parking

It has been brought to our attention that some parents are parking on the double yellow lines. This causes substantial frustration to passing motorists and parents alike. Please support the school community by parking correctly and keeping our children safe!

Please do not turn around or park over the driveways

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Parent Consultations

Our 'meet the teacher' parent's evening will be on Wednesday 13th November and will run from 3.15 to 7.30pm. Please book your appointments from Monday 21st October at 9am on your eschool's platform. Please speak to the office if you can't log on.

Christmas Lunch

The children will be having a traditional **Christmas Lunch together on Monday 16th December.** Everyone is expected to participate. There is a great atmosphere, and everyone gets to dress up and have a tasty meal.

All children can wear a Christmas Jumper or their favourite Christmassy outfit on this day.

The F, Year 1 and 2 have a free meal whilst the Year 3 & 4 will be charged in the normal manner.

Individual school photos

All children have had their individual school photographs on Monday 11th November. These should arrive in time for Christmas!

Our Nativity Performance

Our Nativity performance is on Friday 20th December at 1pm. Everyone is welcome and the school closes when the performance finishes.

We ask that Year 1-4 parents drop your child/ren off at St Michaels Church, Bray between 8.45 and 9am with a packed lunch and light coat inside a rucksack. The children will be given a drink and a snack inside the church. Year 1 (and any year 4 children who are dressing up) need to arrive at church already dressed in the clothes the class teachers have specified.

This year our Foundation pupils will be taken to church by coach and will be part of the performance.

It would be appreciated if parents could work together and car share. There is **no opportunity for any parents to park on the church site** unless they have disabled passengers who have specific accessibility needs. Please park considerately towards Bray residents. There is plenty of suitable parking spaces e.g. Bray Cricket Car Park.

Thank you.

**END OF THIS TERM
School closes on Friday
20th December after the
Harvest Festival Concert
at 2pm.**

**There is no after school
club on this day.**

**We open on Tuesday 7th
January 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

Our Nursery continues to flourish. If you know anyone who may be interested in a place, please pass on our details.

This term is all about Me!

We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival where you can grab a cup of tea before we perform our two songs.



**There are places for
September!**

Now the weather is changing please can you ensure that your child has their wellington boots. It would greatly help if trousers could have elasticated waists and parents show their child how to pull their trousers up after they have been to the toilet.

There is a slight change to the uniform in the Little Chipmunks. The children will wear the white polo shirt, grey trousers/skirt/pinafore, Braywood sweatshirt, Braywood rucksack. The coat and jogger bottoms are optional. This should be a robust and affordable change. Please remember to name your uniform.



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?

Wednesday 9 th October	Y1 and 2 St Michaels Church
	Y4 Singing to Bray Citizens
Thursday 10 th October	World Mental Health Day – children can wear something yellow
Tuesday 22 nd October	Halloween Disco in After School Club from 3.15-5.30pm with tea.
Thursday 24 th October 2.15pm	Harvest Concert in The Church House
Friday 25 th October at 1.15pm	Children can be collected straight after the performance
Friday 25 th October	Flu Immunizations
Monday 28 th October to Friday 1 st November	HALF TERM Back on Monday 4 th November
Monday 11 th November	Whole School Photographs – children need to be in full uniform
Remembrance Reflections TBC	Frank Turner to celebrate 80-year end of World War
Wednesday 13 th November	Parents evenings from 3.15-7pm Please book on eschools
Thursday 14 th November	Owl Visits for Year 1
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need Non-uniform Day Bring tombola in for the fair
Wednesday 20 th November	Family Assembly at 2.30pm
Thursday 21 st November	Ufton Court for Year 3 & 4 on Romans and Egyptians
Wednesday 27 th November	Y4 Eton College
Wednesday 27 th November	AGM for our Parent & Teacher Association at 2.30pm
Wednesday 4 th December	Y3 and 4 talk on road safety
Monday 16 th December	Christmas Lunch and Disco Day Come to school wearing Christmas outfit or a jumper
Tuesday 17 th December	Christmas Fair from 1.30-3.30pm
Wednesday 18 th December	Whole school pantomime at Braywick Cinderella
Friday 20 th December	Christmas Nativity
Friday 20 th December	School closes at 2pm
Tuesday 7 th January 2025	School opens again at usual time



School Club timetable

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Playball 3.15-4.15pm

Creative Arts 3.15-4.15pm

Sewing 3.15-4.15pm

Mixed Football 3.15-4.00pm

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

PTA update

Summer Fair 2024

This was a great success and just what was needed to close the school with a bang. We raised almost £1,000 which will go towards our fundraising goals. Thank you for your support!

Our next event will be a Christmas Disco and Fair.

Christmas Fair 2024

There is a non-uniform Day for donations for the Tombola on Friday 15th November. Children can wear their home clothes.

Any questions please call Claire 07557944497 or join the Friends of Braywood PTA WhatsApp group.

AGM

Annual General Meeting

On Wednesday 27th November at 2.30 in the Clock House.

Do try to attend and school and help the school.

Kind Regards

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