

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

Braywood Newsletter



We hope that you all
have a lovely Easter
break!



Aspire, Learn, Achieve together

What is happening this term?

Friday 31 st March	Easter Concert at 1.30pm
Wednesday 3 rd May	King's Coronation Meal at 12.30pm
Friday 26 th May	May Fun Run at 1pm
29 th May to 2 nd June	HALF TERM
Saturday 1 st July	Summer Fair from 12-2pm
12 th - 13 th July	Summer Concert
Thursday 20 th July	Last day of term and Sports Day

King Charles III Coronation

Wednesday 3rd May from 12.30 to 2pm

Braywood is celebrating this special event by sharing a sit-down meal together. We will get all the tables out and as a whole school sit and share a delicious meal together.

The menu may change but it will consist of salmon, quiche, pizza, meats and/or vegetarian roll, selection of breads and salads. We hope to order a celebration cake together with a selection of sweet treats including an ice cream van and a van selling specialised coffees.

Parents are welcome to start coming for 12pm. All the children's lunches will be catered for at no cost, but adults cost £10 per head. Tickets are available now.

On the day every child will receive a free commemoration gift. We have some entertainment planned after the meal including having your photograph taken with King Charles, himself!



PLEASE NOTE

We will soon have a Facebook page and are tweeting and posting on Instagram. *Press on the icon to see the site!!*



What has been happening in school?

Some of the things we have managed to achieve last term.

Little ducklings in the Foundation

Everyone looks forward to the annual visit of our duckling eggs. It is such a thrill to watch them hatch. Most children in the school do go down to the foundation to see these small fluffy ducklings.

This time of year, the Little Acorns find out more about people who help us. They have had a visit from the Police, the Vet and explored a Fire Engine. Everyone met a Guide dog today.

Our Special days in March

March sees the celebration of literacy, mathematics, science, ICT/DT and entrepreneurialism. This offers the children a wide variety of cultural capital, the enrichment of a curriculum that offers children's choices about their future ambitions.

Having so many parents join us this year to talk about their careers was especially exciting. THANK YOU!!

Our Oakleaf Bank

During World Heritage Day our sales raised almost £200. This will be added to every class's bank which will now have £45 deposited. With 10% interest, what a great start to our financial curriculum!



PTA update

The PTA would like to thank you all. Without your contributions, help and support our PTA wouldn't be able to support our school like we are able to do for our children.

In the past few months, we have held a Valentines Cake Sale raising £258 and a fund a 'Raisin' challenge which the children raised an amazing £276.95. We have more events coming up.

After reaching out to our local Tesco's store in Dedworth they donated a trolley full of Reading books for our school Library.

We were donated some fruit trees from the charity 'Ground Up' for our school. These have just recently been planted on the field.



Valentine Cake Sale



Collecting books from Tesco

Please if you know of anyone with a local company would like to donate something to our schools Summer Fair in July please do get in touch with any donations. It would be really appreciated.

We hope you will be able to support the school and the PTA by participating in our upcoming events.

Best wishes

PTA

Dates:

- 28th March – Happy Bags raised £56.80
- 29th March – Easter Egg Design Deadline
- 30th March Design Results
- 26th May – Fun Run
- 1st July – Summer Fayre



Events coming up soon!

Breaking News

Don't forget to enter the Easter Egg Competition this week. You never know, you might win!

Easter Service

Friday 31st March at 1.30pm

On this day all the children in Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 need dropping off at Bray Church between 8.45-9am. We will be arranging a 'kiss and drop' outside the church to help with the parking. You must be on the correct side of the road coming from the Maidenhead direction to use this facility. It is too dangerous to change lanes on this bend.

The concert will be held in Bray Church, and we will be ready to perform at 1.30pm. The church will be open from 1pm.

Foundation children whose parents want to take their child to church can be collected from 12.30pm.

Nursery and Foundation Stage children need to be collected by 1.30pm from the main entrance.

We are hoping that all parents will continue to park courteously. I am sure we will be able to use Bray Cricket Car park at the rear.

Please do not arrive too early as the church will be closed.

Mighty Acorns Dance Show

Thursday 30th March at 1.30pm

Our Year 1 children have been working hard practicing their song. They will need to be dropped off outside the Windsor Leisure Centre at 8.30 & 8.45am. The staff will walk them over to Windsor Boys' School. Parents can get tickets to the show from the office at a cost of £3. Unfortunately, there is only one ticket per family.

Coronation

There are some important dates connected to this event.

Monday 8th May is an additional bank holiday, and the school will be closed on this day.

Wednesday 3rd May is our Coronation lunch from 12.30pm. There will be a two course sit down meal for the whole school.

If anyone has any good ideas on how to celebrate the coronation do let the school know. Maybe you know someone who could come to school dressed in full-service uniform maybe you know someone who could share stories or sing some songs?

Our KS1 SATS are taking place in May and Year 2 children are asked to be in school every day.

May Fun Run

Friday 26th May at 1.00pm

We always have an enjoyable sponsored event at the Braywood Cricket Ground the day before we break up for half term.

The children are tasked to run 1 mile which is approximately 4 times around the cricket field and friends, grandparents and work colleagues sponsor the children.

The teachers walk the children down for 1pm and the event starts a little after 1pm. Afterwards there are refreshments and time to share with your friends.

Summer Fair

Saturday 1st July between 12-2pm

It is getting to that time again when we are thinking about our Summer Fair. We are raising money for new ICT equipment including Chrome books, reading books and more toys.

Please do attend our PTA meetings and help us plan for this event. The PTA are looking for donations towards the raffle, helpers on the day to run stalls and put everything away at the end of the day, and of course parents to attend on the day.

Helping at the Windsor Food Share

As we had such a positive experience when the Head and deputy head Boy and Girl helped at a local Dedworth Foodshare unit, we decided to let all Year 4 children share this experience. This is going to start next term.

We plan to attend on Wednesdays from 11.30-12.30 and a staff member will take the children in a taxi for approximately 3 weeks.

Parking outside the school

There does seem to be a few incidents outside of the school just recently. Please remember our traffic code of conduct and even though we are all busy, please park or manoeuvre your car safely and with due care for the adults and children around.

Fencing

New club on Wednesday is Fencing lessons. Look out for details.

Government alarm

Please be aware that on Sunday 23rd April, the Government will be issuing a mobile phone emergency alert check. This means any mobiles which are on will be activated and sound an alarm.

Anyone who has a hidden phone for safety or emergency reasons may be affected and perpetrators could be alerted to the presence of the secret phone if they are near the victim/secret phone when the alert goes off.

More information can be found on the government website: <https://www.gov.uk/alerts>

Holidays and lateness

It is so important that your child is in school as many days as possible. It may not appear important to parents, but children miss all sorts of valuable experiences, actual lesson time and a disruption to their education by not being in school. The expected level of attendance should be 95% and above. Absences are monitored by the Government and data is always on a school's census.

Similarly, if children are brought in late, they are missing their lesson time. Registration is over and phonics lessons start at 8.50am in KS1 and SPAG at 8.55am. Children are marked as late if they arrive through the main door as gates are closed.

END OF TERM
School closes on Friday
31st March at 2pm.
There is no after school club on this day.

Teaching, learning and the curriculum

The biblical verse that drives our school

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

'For with God, nothing is impossible' Luke 1:37

Alongside our vision, this statement is fundamental to our Christian ethos and has been part of our school for many years. More than any teacher can remember!

Essentially, we feel that as children move through our school from 'tiny acorns to mighty oaks,' they develop confidence and a deeper understanding of mental resilience through our secure, pastoral 'root system' and high 'canopy' of aspirations and beliefs in their abilities.

We are a distinctly Christian school, and each class has their own values and a story from the bible that embodies these messages. Each class has performed an assembly to explain these to the whole school.

Little Acorns – Family & Friends with the story of Noah's Ark.

Mighty Acorns – Love & Respect with the story of the Good Samaritan

Rising Oaks - Determination and Courage with the story of Moses

Oaks – Forgiveness and Integrity with the story of the Prodigal Son

Mighty Oaks – Resilience & Ambition with the story of the Feeding of the 5 thousand.



Reminders

**PLEASE REMEMBER
NO TRIM TRAIL**

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?

Tuesday 18 th April	Monday 17 th April is an Inservice day Back to school at the usual time
Wednesday 26 th April	Y4 to the foodbank
Thursday 27 th April	Year 3 & 4 swimming lessons start for 8 weeks
	May – KS1 SATS
Monday 1 st May	Bank holiday
Wednesday 3 rd May	Coronation lunch and celebrations from 12.30pm
Monday 8 ^h May	Additional bank holiday off for Coronation
Wednesday 10 th May	Y4 to the foodbank
Friday 12 th May	Visit Manor Green
Friday 26 th May	May Fun Run on Braywood Cricket Ground at 1pm Last day of term – school closes at 2pm
29 th – 2 nd June	HALF TERM Children need to be in their summer uniform when they come back to school.
Saturday 1 st July	Summer Fair from 12 to 2pm
Tuesday 4 th July	Old Court Rehearsals
Thursday 6 th July	Transition Day for Trevelyan
Friday 7 th July	Whole school transition including new children
Tuesday 11 th July	Old Court Rehearsals
12 th and 13 th July	Year 3 and 4 Summer Concert in the Old Court
Monday 17 th July	Y4 trip to Longridge
Wednesday 19 th July	Finishing off day
Thursday 20 th July	Last day of the year and Sports Day picnic
4 th & 5 th September	Inservice days after the summer holidays
Wednesday 6 th September	Children are back to school at the usual time



Monday	Gymnastics	3.15-4.15pm
	Wilderness & Wonder	3.15-4.30pm
Tuesday	Playball	3.15-4.15pm
	Creative Art	3.15-4.15pm
Wednesday	No Clubs at present	
Thursday	Avenue Dance Co	3.15- 4.15pm
	Sewing	
Friday	Multi-Sports	3.15- 4.15pm

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

Braywood Extra and Nursery

Reminders of our extended school facilities. More information can be found on our website under school.

Acorn Nursery – Pre-school	Breakfast Club ‘Early Birds’	Kiss and Drop	Grab and Go	After School Club ‘The Squirrels’
Runs from 8.45am to 3.15pm £45.50 a day with Government credits accepted	Runs from 7.45am to when your child starts school with a hearty breakfast.	Runs from 8.15am to the start of the school day	Runs from the end of the school day for 20 minutes.	Runs from the end of the school day to 5.30pm with a warm cooked meal.



Kind Regards

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