

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

Braywood Newsletter



Please come and join us to
celebrate the education
Braywood has been
providing for almost 170
years.



Aspire, Learn, Achieve together

What is happening this term?

Friday 24 th May	May Fun Run at 1pm
27 th - 31 st May	HALF TERM
Saturday 29 th June	Summer Ball at 6.30pm
17 th & 18 th July	KS2 Summer Concert Wind in the Willows
Wednesday 24 th July	Sports Day - Family Assembly LAST DAY

Theme – Resilience and Ambition

Celebrating 165+ years of Braywood

Saturday 29th June from 6.30pm to late

This is the third of three special events we have had to celebrate milestones at Braywood over the years. See the photograph above. The event is purely a celebratory event, and it is for all our parents, their friends and local community. Although you will need some cash for drinks, it is not a fundraising event, it's just about sharing time with our family and friends.

There will be an impressive marquee on the school grounds, a three-course meal including a varied hog roast selection, guest speakers and live music to dance to all evening. All this for £45.00!

These events in the past have been a great success so please do book your tickets early.

Please see the personal attached invitation and menu.



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



What has been happening in school?

Curriculum, teaching and learning achievements.

Over 165 years at Braywood

We are hosting the third of three events that have celebrated the history of our school. This is probably going to be the third and final ball we host.

The values of Braywood back in 1857 are still as true today as they were when the school was first opened. A small rural village school serving its local community; that

fosters an inspirational ethos and provides a good grounding to all children throughout the rest of their lives.

There is an invitation attached to this newsletter. Do please come and join us. We have a guest speaker, Frank Turner, who attended Braywood just after the war. There will be great food, dancing until midnight and sharing time with friends.

Special Days last term

Over many years at Braywood we have promoted high quality extra-curricular experiences such as our Literacy, Maths, Entrepreneurial days. These days offer children the opportunity to expand upon their cultural capital and explore avenues that they may follow up as an adult. This year the author was a particular success and had a huge impact upon our writing skills.

What have we been learning about?

Emotional Regulation

Blue Zone

Every year we explore three different curriculum sessions on our mental health. This term we have booked a wellbeing day to help the children understand more about their feelings.

Zones of Regulation

Ask your child because they have been learning that there are 4 states of alertness in an emotional state. At school it is when a child is in the yellow zone that we try to teach strategies to remain in control of their behaviours. An understanding of this will help as a child gets older.

This zone is used to describe a low state of alertness or emotion. The blue zone is used to describe when one feels sad, tired, sick or bored.

Green Zone

This zone is used to describe the ideal state for thinking and learning. A person may be described as calm, happy, focused or content when they are in the green zone. The person has a strong sense of internal control when in the green zone.

This is green and reminds us that this is the state we should be in school.

Yellow Zone

This zone is used to describe a heightened state of alertness or emotion. A person may be experiencing stress, frustration, anxiety, excitement, silliness or fear. The person's energy level is elevated yet they still have some internal control in the yellow zone.

Red Zone

This zone is used to describe an extremely heightened state of emotion. A person who is experiencing anger, panic, explosive behaviours or terror is in the red zone and feels a loss of control.



Events coming up soon!

Breaking News

Caterlink will be increasing the cost of a meal to £2.65 from September!

Booster Classes

These sessions will start on Tuesday 23rd April and will finish on Tuesday 21st May just before half term.

Trim trail

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

May Fun Run

Friday 24th May at 1.00pm

This is an enjoyable sponsored event at the Braywood Cricket Ground on the day we break up for half term.

The children run 1 mile around the cricket ground which is approximately 4 laps, and friends, grandparents or work colleagues can sponsor the children. The teachers walk the children down from school for 1pm and afterwards there are refreshments organised by the PTA. **The Nursery will not be attending and will need collecting by 2pm**

Summer Fair

**Summer Fair – Wednesday
24th July**

This year the Summer Fair is on the last day of term. This should work really well and provide a lovely end to the school year!

Non-uniform days

**Friday 12th July – bottles
Friday 19th July – tombola**

On these days children can come to school in their home clothes if they bring in a contribution to the Summer Fair.

On the first Friday children can bring in any bottles for the bottle stall or a gift for the hamper. The second Friday we are collecting for the children and adults' tombola.

Please do volunteer for a stall. This year, each class has been allocated 2 stalls to man.

Anyone who knows a parent or friend who can BBQ, please do let the PTA know. This will be lovely to have with our picnics.

We are looking to raise money for more resources around the school such as cooking, expanding our reading materials and increased computing equipment.

Old Court Summer Performance

This is a wonderful opportunity to perform our summer production of 'Wind in the Willow' 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 Tuesday 10th and 17th July.

On the 17th 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 complications.

The concert is on 17th & 18th 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.

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Year 4 treat

Monday 22nd 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.

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.

Dates for next Year

Please see the calendar page below which outlines the events during the first few weeks in September. There will be another newsletter next term outlining these dates further.

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.

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. This 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 24th July.

There is no after school club on this day.

We open on Thursday 5th 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

Our Nursery continues to flourish and helps maintain healthy school numbers for our school.

We are delighted to welcome Miss Charlotte Tucker into our Nursery team. She is well qualified and has a lot of experience working with children of this age. We are fortunate to have such a fantastic EY team.



There are places for September!

To share all the children's learning experiences, we are moving onto the FAMLY electronic platform for next year. There will be the same communication opportunities but in addition invoices will be raised from this software.

The Little Chipmunks have started this term with lots of energy! Our topic is 'Splish, splash, splosh'. We have already enjoyed learning and looking at different fish. This term we are looking to arrange our 'Show and Tell' around this topic so if you have anything that would interest the whole class do bring it into school.

Do look out for the new children transition meetings that will be happening in July for your start into main school.

Safeguarding

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

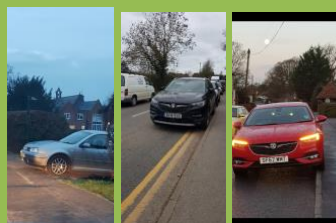


Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



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?

Monday 15 th April	Monday 15th April is an Inservice Day
Thursday 25 th April	Year 4 talk on Chocolate and Year 3 talk on earthquakes Date TBC
Thursday 2 nd May	Multi skills for KS2 at St Edwards Middle School
Thursday 2 nd May	Y1 and 2 talk about habitats
Thursday 9 th May	Y3 and 4 Swimming starts
21 st & 22 nd May	Y2, 3, and 4 Program and build Days
Thurs 23 rd May	Chocolate making workshop for Y4
Friday 24 th May	May Fun Run at Braywood Cricket Ground at 1pm
Friday 24 th May	Last Day of term School closes at 2pm
27 th – 31 st May	Half Term
Monday 3 rd June	Wellbeing day for whole school
Wednesday 12 th June	Family Assembly at 2.00pm just for Grandparents with tea and cake
Wednesday 19 th June	Visit to Royal Ascot & picnic for Y4
Wed 26 th June	Rocksteady Concert
Saturday 29 th June	Summer Ball for our parents
Tuesday 2 nd July	Girls Football tournament
Wednesday 3 rd July	Y3 and 4 Summer Concert Rehearsals
Wednesday 3 rd July	Y1 and Foundation visit to Bocketts Farm
Thursday 4 th – Friday 5 th July	Transition Day for Year 4
Friday 5 th July	New children induction sessions
Tuesday 9 th July	Berkshire Games at Braywick
Wed 10 th July	Summer Concert Rehearsals for Y3 and 4
Friday 12 th July	New children induction sessions
Wed 17 th July	Summer Concert Year 1 and 2 to watch performance
Wednesday 17 th & 18 th July	Summer Concert at 6.30pm
Monday 22 nd July	Y4 party with BBQ in school from 4.30-6pm
Wednesday 24 th July	Sports Day & last Family Assembly Summer Fair (PTA)
Wednesday 24 th July	Last Day of term – School finishes at 1pm and Summer Fair closes at 2pm
Thursday 5 th September	Back to school and class meetings TBA
	Inservice Day are Tuesday 3 rd and Wednesday 4 th September

School Clubs Timetable



Monday	Wilderness and Wonder	3.15-4.30pm
Tuesday	Playball	3.15-4.15pm
	Creative Art	3.15-4.15pm
Wednesday	Fencing	3.15-4.15
Thursday	Sewing	3.15- 4.15pm
	Boys & Girls Football	3.15- 4.15pm

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 Fun Run



PTA update

The PTA would like to thank you all. Without your contributions, help and support, our PTA wouldn't be able to provide all of the additional resources that we have donated to the school over the years.

Our next event is the sponsored Fun Run on Bray Cricket Ground on Friday 24th May. The children will join us at 1pm and will try to run 4 laps of the cricket field which is roughly a mile. Please come and join in the fun!

Look for your sponsor form for this event

Before the summer fair we will host a second-hand uniform sale on Thursday 2nd May at 2.45.

For the first time the Summer Fair will be held after the Sports day on the last day of term. More information to follow.

Check out the PTA face book page!

Kind Regards

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