

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

Braywood Newsletter



We are celebrating lots of special days this term including World Heritage Day



Aspire, Learn, Achieve *together*

What is happening this term?

Wednesday 8 th February	Parent / Pupil Consultations all day
Thursday 10 th March	Year 4 Bikability
Wednesday 15 th March	Class Photos
Thursday 30 th March	Dance Festival
Friday 31 st March	Easter Concert in Church
May	May Fun Run
	Summer Fair
	Summer Concert

Special Days coming up

Braywood is celebrating lots of special curriculum days this term Opportunities like these often lead to inspiring and motivational experiences that can stay with a child into adulthood.

ICT Internet Safety Day on Tuesday 7th March

Literacy Day on Thursday 2nd March

Mathematics Day on Thursday 9th March

Entrepreneurial Day including STEM on Thursday 16th March

World Heritage Day on Thursday 23rd March

There are two authors coming into school to support Literacy Day and as usual we will dress up as our favourite literary character. Please read more about our other special curriculum days this term.

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.

Cooking at Braywood

Everyone continues to be involved in some form of cooking experience as part of their DT curriculum.



All sorts of Scientific lessons

Across the school we work hard to make all lessons fun and engaging but in science in particular lessons are full of exploration and discovery.



Collective Worship

Most children enjoy our assemblies because they like it when the whole school are together and they like to sing. Rev Ainsley takes a lead every Thursday and during key times such as Remembrance.



PTA update

We are very grateful that our PTA works so hard for our school. Last year a range of exciting events were planned.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to our current PTA Chair, Amandeep Uppal who has worked tirelessly to make the PTA such a success. She dedicated so much of her personal time to the role and introduced some exciting new events such as the silent disco.

Sarah Hubbard will be taking on the position of PTA chair for the rest of this year.



Silent Disco



Valentine Cake Sale last year

We are holding another Valentine Cake sale on Friday 17th February, so do please bring your cakes into school that morning and leave them in the shelter.

We will also be holding and be doing an Easter egg raffle before the Easter holidays. The May Fun Run is on 26th May and a Summer Fair on

We will also be holding our next PTA meeting onat thePlease do come along and meet the team.

The PTA team



Events coming up soon!

Breaking News

Coming up soon all the Mighty Oaks will get the opportunity to help at the Windsor Foodshare on a weekly basis.

Family Assembly

Wednesday 1st February at 2.30pm

It is regrettable but because we are so compromised for space, the Foundation and Nursery children are going to have an open afternoon from 2pm on this date. Parents can join the children in the classroom, whilst Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be attending the Family Assembly.

Pupil/Staff and Parent Consultations

Wednesday 8th February

Our annual staff/parent/pupil consultations are held around this time each year as it enables the children to reflect on how they are doing half-way through the year.

Year 4 will be in the Clockhouse whilst the rest of teachers are in the Church House. Year 2, 3 and 4 children attend these meetings with their parents. Please do not arrive too early as parents will have to wait outside.

The appointment system for booking a time slot with your teacher opens on Wednesday January 25th at 6pm

Family Assembly

Literacy Day

Thursday 2nd March

We are pleased to be offering the children two experiences of working alongside an author. One with Alison Simpson who wrote 'Bodhi the Pirate dog' and afterwards Simon Murray, an author who previously attended Braywood.

On the actual Literacy Day (Thursday 2nd March) the children can dress up as their favourite literary character. £1 book tokens will be given out on this day.

Maths Day

Thursday 9th March

This day is going to focus on setting up our virtual ISA bank account. We will be looking at the modern banking system and ways that we use to pay for things.

We will be setting up some small stalls on this day so children can experience spending money and collecting change. We will be asking for donations of old toys and books alongside a tuck shop, scientific gadgets etc to sell on this day. If your child can bring in £1 to spend that would be very helpful.

We are wearing smart business clothes on this day, maybe borrowing dad's tie for the event!

STEM Day - Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

Thursday 16th March

On this day we look at various forms of entrepreneurialism including any parents who want to talk to the children about their jobs.

We have a guest speaker from the company ISG who will be talking to the children. The theme is conservation, and the activities will include structures and building bridges

Red Nose Day

Friday 17th March

Children will be able to purchase a red nose from the week commencing 13rd March. We have only purchased enough for one per child and they cost £1.50 each.

World Heritage Day

Thursday 23rd March

On this day we will be looking at different world heritages and their related music cultures.

This is the first time we have celebrated this event, but it will highlight many key subjects including History, Geography, Art Music alongside important Global/ climate issues.

Dance Festival**Thursday 30th March**

The Mighty Acorns (Year 1) are involved in their usual Dance Festival alongside many other Windsor schools. They will perform their dance on stage for their parents in the afternoon. There will be more information on this event in due course.

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.

We plan to attend on Wednesdays from 11.30-12.30 and are looking for any parent who could take two children on a rota basis and do some worthwhile volunteering in the process. Do let Mrs Walker know if you are interested.

Easter Service**Friday 31st March at 1.30pm**

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

Parents were very respectful at Christmas so we are hoping that all parents will continue to park courteously. I am sure we will be able to use Bray Cricket Car park.

Changes to our 'Breakfast Club' parking arrangements

Because there is a d clash between cars coming into the staff car park and children and parents walking into school to attend our booster classes, for safety reasons we are closing the gates on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 8.00am to Breakfast Club users. The road is still clear at this time, and it is easy to park nearby.

Picking up and dropping off

We're always trying to reduce the congestion on the road so please try to park your car on the kerbside for as shorter time as possible. I realise that this is a challenge for siblings who have two start and finish times.

In light of this, if children could not use the Trim trail in these colder months this would be helpful. Please remember if you do use the Trim trail, children need to be always supervised because they are in your care, not the schools.

END OF TERM**School closes on Friday****16th February at 2pm.****There is no after school club on this day.****We open again on Monday 24th February at the usual time.****Teaching, learning and the curriculum****The vision**

We aspire for all our children to become confident, emotionally resilient, and compassionate individuals who achieve personal excellence through strength of character and a love of learning.'

This statement drives everything that we do at Braywood. It helps us make decisions on a daily basis but also helps us to plan a long-term document such as our curriculum vision.

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.

This statement encompasses all adults, including parents which is why we feel that our ethos is inviting, respectful and mutually supportive.

We are a distinctly Christian school, and our values facilitate this vision. This emboldens our ethos and allows children to grow spiritually as well as pastorally and academically.

At our parents' consultations we will be reviewing the impact of this statement and your thoughts would be interesting. The last time we did this, parents added the word compassionate to this statement.



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?

Monday 23 rd February	Year 1 trip to Windsor Castle Year 2 trip to Maidenhead Synagogue Year 4 trip to Eton College
Wednesday 1 st February	Family Assembly
Wednesday 8 th February	Parent/Staff and Children Consultation
Friday 12 th February	Last day of term
Monday 20 th February	Back to school
Friday 24 th February	Alison Simpson – Author to visit
Monday 27 th February	Fire brigade to visit Foundation
Thursday 2 nd March	Literacy Day
Monday 6 th March	Simon Murray – Author to visit
Tuesday 7 th March	Internet Safety Day
Thursday 9 th March	Maths Day
Friday 10 th March	Year 4 Mighty Oaks Bikeability Training
Wednesday 15 th March	Class Photographs
Thursday 16 th March	Entrepreneurial Day
Friday 17 th March	Red Nose Day
Monday 20 th March	Police to visit Foundation
Friday 24 th	Year 2 Rising Oaks to visit Reading Museum
Thursday 30 th March	Dance Festival for Year 1
Friday 8 th April	Easter Concert at 1.30pm Collection from St Michael's Church, Bray
W C 25 th April	Parent/Teacher/Pupils Consultations
April 3 rd to 14 th	EASTER HOLIDAY
Monday 8 ^h May	Day off for Coronation
Friday 26 th May	May Fun Run
	Year 3 and 4 Summer Concert
Saturday	Summer Fair
Thursday 20 th July	Last day of the year and Sports Day



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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