

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

Braywood Newsletter



Happy New Year to all at
Braywood

Welcome back



Aspire, Learn, Achieve *together*

What is happening this term?

Thursday 23rd
Jan Family Assembly /
guest speaker

17th -21st
February **HALF TERM**

Tuesday 25th
February Y1/2 Reading Toy
Museum

Thursday 6th &
Friday 7th
March Science & Literacy
Day

Friday 21st
March Maths Day & Red
Nose Day

Tuesday 1st
April KS1 Dance Show

4th April to 21st
April **EASTER
HOLIDAYS**

We have started the year with good news

Our wonderful pre-school provision - Acorn Nursery, has managed to secure very good Ofsted report.

This is not an easy time to host an inspection (two weeks before Christmas) but nevertheless the nursery performed really well. The highlights of the report agree that our parents are overwhelmingly happy with our provision; the children are making very good progress especially in Mathematics and the teaching in the provision is of a high standard through an ambitious and interested curriculum.

'Children show that they feel safe and secure as they rush into the small and welcoming nursery. The experienced leaders and staff provide a nurturing environment where all children and their families are welcome. Children have fun as they play and demonstrate a positive attitude to learning. Staff interact well with them and use effective teaching to help them to become motivated learners.'

OFSTED December 2024

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?

Curriculum, teaching and learning achievements.

Never stop achieving our best to support all children.

Braywood is a happy place to work in and many staff tend to stay at our school for several years. This helps when it comes to growing staff competencies as we are always building on already existing strengths. Everyone is working hard to secure the success of each child.

At present we have three staff members who have been trained on an intensive ELKLAN 10-week course led by the NHS Speech and Language team. This will obviously support children across the school who are struggling with their language skills.

To support children's emotional needs, we continue to have two ELSA staff who are there to listen to children's anxieties and concerns.

This team meet up with an Educational Psychologist to support their processes.

As a staff team we have training in a wide variety of areas including SEN areas, teaching and learning, curriculum planning and leadership but at the moment we are focusing on mental health.

How do we help your child with their mental health?



If a child is not happy, or they are worrying about something, then they will not be able to learn or fulfil their full potential. We have always worked hard to ensure that the environment at Braywood fosters resilience, self-esteem and a 'can-do' attitude.

On Friday 10th January we have hosted our first reflection day with the support of the TLG – Transforming Lives for Good Programme. In addition to this day, the adults on this programme give up their own time to support individual children in school which has added so much value to individual children's mental health.

Our Family Assembly this term is all about how children can improve their own mental health and we have a guest speaker (Holly Harris) who will be talking to us about this subject. Do try to attend

We have been fortunate enough to be part of a pilot scheme run by a charity called Well Windsor who are running a scheme to support children's wellbeing. The work with this group gives our school funding for 12 months on a project called 'myhappymind'.

For more information go to hmedenny@gmail.com

Dates for your diary



Family Assembly
2:00pm on Thursday 23rd January

Invited guest is our Educational Psychologist who will be talking about how parents can support their child's mental health.



Events coming up soon!

Breaking News

**Don't forget to read our latest Ofsted Report.
Places are running out fast in our Nursery!**

Booster Classes

These sessions will start on Tuesday 21st January at 8am.

Please do not park in the staff car park as it is dangerous. This is just for Breakfast Club

Trim trail

Please remember no trim trail whilst the weather is so wet

Family Assembly

Thursday 23rd January at 2pm

Theme – mental health.

At 2pm Holly Harris (our Educational Psychologist) will talk to parents about child wellbeing.

At 2.30pm our Family Assembly starts. Please join us to hear more about what we have been doing in this area.

Little City Workshop for Early Years

Friday 7th February

This visit looks fabulous and is aimed at our nursery and foundation children. This company brings a range of play equipment revolving around vocations.

The nursery session is 9-10am and the EYFS is 10.10-11.10am. All nursery children can attend.

Parent/Teacher/Child Consultations

Wednesday 12th February from 9am to 4.30pm

Here is an opportunity for Year F, 1, 2, 3 and 4 to see their children's work and talk to your child's teachers during this day. The Year 2, 3 and 4 children attend these sessions so that they can join in with these sessions and the Year 4 electronically present their learning targets to their parents.

All teachers will be in the Church House except the Year 4 pupils who will meet in the Clock House. There will be more details in our regular emails but please go to the Church House and your child will be brought to you.

Literacy / World Book Day

Thursday 6th March

This day coincides with World Book Day. All children will receive a £1 book token on this day.

The children can come to school dressed as their favourite literary character and can bring their favourite book into school.

Curriculum session on Phonics

At the end of this day there will be a curriculum session at 2.15 pm in the Church House for Foundation, Year 1 and 2 regarding early phonics and reading.

Science Day

Friday 7th March

The aim of this day is to share the world of science with the children and we have Ranger Stu coming in to talk to the children about animals, their habitats and how to look after the other creatures in this world.

Mathematics Day & Red Nose Day

Friday 21st March

On this day we are asking that your child comes into school dressed in something red and brings in £2. We hope to raise some money for this important event.

Chasing excellence

Date TBC

We have an excellent opportunity to hear Beth Tweedle speak to the children at the end of this term. This will be very exciting for the children and will give us the opportunity to explore the commitments in competitive sport.

We already hold a Gold Mark for our Physical Education provision, but we are aiming for the Platinum. This will include a range of in-house competitions led by our Sports Leaders.

Tuesday 1st April

The Year 1 and 2 children will be performing at the Windsor Dance Festival at Windsor Boys School. The theme is Art. Their performance will be choreographed by our older children together with the Windsor Sports Team.

Parents will be asked to drop their child off at 9am and parents are invited to the concert at 2.05pm. This is another great opportunity for our younger children to perform on stage.

Easter Service

Friday 4th April

This year we are performing our concert in the Church House at 9am & 2.15pm.

On this day all the children in Year 1, 2, 3, 4 and Foundation will be performing for their parents.

Parking, illegal manoeuvring and being considerate to others.

There are an increasing number of parents reversing, doing three point turns and actually coming into the main car park to turn around. This is not a safe or acceptable practice.

All these driving decisions can cause harm to the other parents and children in the school. We have had several near misses between a person and a vehicle as it only takes a second's pause in concentration for accidents to happen.

Unfortunately, a vehicle has reversed into the gates at the Church House several times, each at the expense at the school. This would not have happened if the car had not been making a manoeuvre in the driveway.

Please do not be that person who disregards this request.

Holidays and lateness

There is a government initiative stressing the importance of children being in school every day. This is so important.

National school attendance has dropped especially after Covid. The expected level of attendance should be 95% and above. These absences are monitored by the Government

As a focus, the office will send out a leaflet to every family where their child's attendance is less than 95% for your information. For your convenience this can also be monitored through eschools.

END OF EASTER TERM
School closes on Friday 4th
April at 2pm.
There is no after school
club on this day.
We open again on
Wednesday 23rd April at
the usual time.

Our Acorn Nursery Update

Children can come to our Nursery from the age of 3 years for morning or afternoon session

"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

As you are all aware our Nursery has now been open for over a year and is going from strength to strength. As the demand is so high, we have increased the numbers to ensure that we can offer as many places as possible to our parents.



There are places for this term!



We are delighted with our Ofsted report especially as our nursery is in its infancy.

Staff have been working very hard on our curriculum as this will offer the framework for all the teaching and learning. This is on the website but every week's theme is based upon a popular story that emulates all the key facts for the week. This approach has been very successful.



Monday	Mad Science	3.15-4.15pm
Tuesday	Playball	3.15-4.15pm
	Creative Art	3.15-4.15pm
Wednesday	Jam – coding	
Thursday	Sewing	3.15- 4.15pm
Friday	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.

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 £4.50/£4.00	Runs from 8.15am to the start of the school day £1 per family	Runs from the end of the school day for 20 minutes. £1 per child	Runs from the end of the school day to 5.30pm with a warm cooked meal. £2.50/£5.50/£12



Kind Regards

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