

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

# Braywood Newsletter



## Lots of new changes at Braywood!



*Aspire, Learn, Achieve together*

### What is happening this term?

Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Family Assembly
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Non-uniform day
16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Summer Concert Robin Hood
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Sports Day - Family Assembly LAST DAY

**School closes at  
12.30pm**

*Theme – Resilience and Ambition*

### Saying goodbye to Mrs Calvert

**Last day of Term 8.30am - 12.30pm -  
everyone welcome**

After over 30 years of service to Braywood in a variety of capacities, Mrs Susan Calvert has decided to explore pastures new. She has enjoyed every minute of these experiences, whether it is as a PTA chair, parent, a teacher or as the Headteacher. They have all brought their own different challenges and rewards. During this time, she has had the pleasure of working alongside many families and inspiring the lives of their children. Mrs Calvert has been fortunate to consistently achieve her vision. She is proud of the school and its exemplary educational record which is a team effort. Everyone in school is keen to ensure that Braywood remains the best school environment it can be!

The last day of the year is always a celebration of the whole of this academic year. Every child should feel part of this grand celebration. The organisation for this day can be found further in this newsletter.



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# What has been happening in school?

## Curriculum, teaching and learning achievements.

### VE Day

This was a lovely day and very emotional for our invited visitors.

Each class has time to talk with Frank Turner and learn about the differences between how schooling was like in 1945 and in 2025. They were fascinated.

Having the children's grandparents in to share a lunch and to have everyone watch our VE concert was a special end to this day.

The highlight was the waltz which the children really enjoyed.



### Standards

We are on track again to maintain our high standards because the children have so worked hard throughout the year. Our Y4 times tables test mean score is 24.3 out of 25 .and the Y1 Phonics result of 94% of children who achieved this benchmark. This is amazing!

Most children have achieved expected and mastery standards and are ready for their next steps.

## Teaching, learning and the curriculum

### Changes that will be happening over the next few months.

#### Mrs Lynne Rexworthy leaves Braywood after a fulfilling career

Mrs Rexworthy has been at Braywood for 21 years and has served the school in a range of capacities. She started school as a support assistant but very quickly used her previous qualifications to train for a new career – a teacher. She has taught in Foundation, Year 3, and now Year 1. With each challenge, she excelled and brought a wealth of experience to each position.

Mrs Rexworthy is a really popular teacher with the children, she teaches with warmth and regard for her class, she always has their needs at the heart of her teaching and has a specific strength with SEN.

Mrs Rexworthy and her experience will be sadly missed by the Braywood community as a valued colleague and teacher.

We wish her well!

#### Next Term Staffing plans

At present the staffing plans for September 2025

Nursery – Miss Gibson and Miss Tucker

Foundation – Mrs Teeder

Year 1 – Mrs Issitt

Year 2 – Mrs Kilner

Year 3 – Ms Anderson

Year 4 – Mrs Walker and Mrs Openshaw as a job share

# Events coming up soon!

## Breaking News

The last day of After School Club is on **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July** and there will be no clubs on the last day of term.



### Last Day of Term

This day starts at 8.30am. We would like all the children promptly in school so that we can start our assembly on time at 9am.

#### Last Family Assembly at 9am outside

All the children are involved in this assembly including the Foundation and Nursery children. It is a time to celebrate the Year 4 children and to say goodbye to Mrs Calvert and Mrs Rexworthy. Unless the weather is dreadful, the assembly will be outside in the playground.

#### Refreshments and Year 4 goodbyes from 10am

After the assembly we will be serving teas/coffee and cake/biscuits and the Year 4 children and parents are invited into the Year 4 classroom to ring the school bell and collect their end of year presentations.

#### Sports Day starts at 10.30am

Our Sports Day is always on the last day of term. Children will need to come to school in their PE kit and the races usually last an hour.

All children stay and share a picnic on the field with their families.

### Summer Fair from 11.30am

As we did last year, we will close the school with a traditional Summer Fair where there will be games, food and activities. This is a lovely way to say goodbye, to hear the Year 4 children ring the bell and for parents to share time together.

The school fair will be held between 11.30 and 12.30pm. The PTA will be providing BBQ food, drinks and cake to supplement parents' picnics.

The PTA will need a lot of support for this event as the teachers will be attending another event in school. Vouchers for the stalls can be purchased prior to the event.

There will be just one non-uniform day where children can bring in bottles, toy tombola and any raffle prizes on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July**. Please donate to one of these stalls

During this whole event the gates are closed, and the site is safe. Any parent wishing to enter or exit the school after 9am will need to go through the main green door. The school gates will not be opened at the end of the school day.

We look forward to seeing as many families as possible on this day.

### Year 4 treat

#### **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

As a treat for our Mighty Oaks, they will be spending the afternoon at Windsor Great Park using their new Adventure Playground. There will be more details to follow.

### Pupils' Reports

#### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July at the end of the school day**

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.

### Old Court Summer Performance

This is a wonderful opportunity to perform our summer production of 'Robin Hood' 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 Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July.

**On the 16<sup>th</sup> of July all the Year 1 and 2 pupils are going to watch this performance and will need picking up from this venue.**

## Continued

### Attendance and fines

Staff will operate a 'Kiss and Drop' facility for Y3 and Y4 from 9am – 9.15am and similarly for all year groups to collect from 2.30pm to 2.45pm 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 implications.

The performances are on 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> 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. Please do ensure that your child attends both evenings performances as it is a team effort and we do really need each and every child. There are refreshments available, but it would be appreciated if they can be bought at the beginning of the performance. This will reduce interruptions and not distract the children.

Following on from the changes to attendance brought in by this Government, Braywood will start implementing fines for parents who take their child out of school without authorisation for 5 or more days. These do not have to be consecutive days

Penalties will be £160 per child. Please see attached email. This is reduced to £60 if paid within 21 days.

Please see attached letter.

### Dates for next Year

To maintain continuity, each class will be having a forest day to build up resilience and problem-solving skills whilst being a supportive team player. The Year 1 pupils have a Forest Day 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. The dates are below.

### Class Meeting

At the beginning of every academic year there are class meetings during the first few days of term.

These are to meet your new teacher. She 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.

Year 1 – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Sept

Foundation - Fri 5<sup>th</sup> September

Year 2- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September

Year 3 – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September

Year 4 – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept

### **END OF SUMMER TERM**

**School closes on  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July.**

**We open on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>  
September at usual time.**

## Our Acorn Nursery Update



This term our topic is 'Under the Sea'. We will be diving into lots of exciting stories and exploring all the wonderful creatures beneath the waves.

As we head into the last few weeks, we'll be focussing more on preparing the children who are starting main school in September. Transition visits will be taking place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> July. There will be lots of conversations and activities to help everyone get school ready!



### Arrangements for last day of term

8.30-8.45am – Drop children to Nursery

9am – Children taking part in Family Assembly and back to the Nursery.

10.30am – Children taking part in the first race on Sports Day

10.45am – Back to Nursery, ready for you to collect your child to enjoy the rest of the Sports, Picnic and School Fair.

**There are places for  
September!**

If you know of anyone who may be interested in visiting our Nursery, do speak to the office.



## School Clubs Timetable



Monday	Creative Art Playball	3.15-4.15pm
Tuesday	Jam Coding	3.15-4.15pm
Wednesday		
Thursday	Ballet/ Drama	3.30-3.35pm
Friday	Football	3.00 4.00m

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



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### Braywood Summer Fair

Welcome  
Summer Fayre  
On Wednesday  
23<sup>rd</sup> July after  
Sports Day.

## PTA update

Dear parents,  
We hope you're enjoying the summer term so far! As your Parent Teacher Association (PTA), we work closely with the school to help enrich our children's learning experience through fundraising, events and community building.

Thanks for your support this year, we've helped fund new playground equipment, classroom resources, and special enrichment activities. Every 'bake sale, raffle ticket' and donation makes a difference. – thank you for being such a vital part of our school community.

Our Summer Fair will be on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July from 11.30-12.30pm**. It's always a highlight of the school calendar, with games, food, music and fun for the whole family. All proceeds go directly back into supporting the school, and we'd love your help to make this a fantastic day.

Whether you can offer time to volunteer, donate a prize, or simply come along and enjoy the fun, every little helps!

*PTA team*

Kind Regards

*Susan Calvert*

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