

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

# Braywood Newsletter



Well done to all our Year 4 children who have been awarded first prize in the Windsor Flower Show.

*Aspire, Learn, Achieve together*



## What is happening this term?

Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>Y1 &amp; Foundation trip to Bocketts Farm</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Transition day &amp; New Children</b>
17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>KS2 Summer Concert Wind in the Willows</b>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Reports and view child's work in class</b>
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Sports Day - Family Assembly LAST DAY</b>

*Theme – Friends & Respect*

## Staffing for Next Year



It is with real sadness that we are going to be saying 'goodbye' to Veronica Clark at the end of this year. To say that she has been a huge part of Braywood is an understatement.

Veronica has worked at our school as a highly skilled support assistant, higher level teaching assistant and a teacher for 19 years. She is a skilled member of staff who can facilitate a whole range of learning with a particular strength in supporting children with additional needs, creativity and interesting approaches to learning and motivational practices. It is becoming increasingly rare that professionals dedicate their time to one school offering them their continued professional expertise. Veronica has been our ELKLAN trained speech and language specialist for over 15 years. This has enriched our provision and the support we are able to offer children with specific speech and language needs. This competence will be greatly missed.



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# What has been happening in school?

Curriculum, teaching and learning achievements.

## First Prize at Windsor Flower Show for Braywood

When we were approached by the Busy Buttons Charity that they would support our school in producing an entry for the Windsor Flower Show, never would we have imagined that we would be chosen as the ultimate winners. We are very proud of our new trophy which is in the office.

## Year 4 at Ascot

At Braywood we are fortunate to secure places at Ascot which is a huge treat for the children. There is a special, secure space where the children can view the Royal procession and a few races.

There is such an atmosphere at Ascot and is another exciting event that Year 4 children experience before they leave our school.

## Chocolate, chocolate everywhere!

You will have probably heard your child talk about Carla who has been delivering a range of talks for the children across the school. Our Year 4 pupils have had an additional chocolate workshop where they made chocolate in the classroom including designing a chocolate bar to take home.

## What have we been learning about?

### Educational Standards

At Braywood there are three educational priorities where we are very strong. High educational standards, an enriched curriculum with strong aspects of cultural capital and children who leave our school with bags of strength of character and resilience.

As regards high educational standards, the children across the school have performed particularly well in their end of year assessments and this will be highlighted in your child's end of year report. We are all really pleased with how hard the children have worked.

#### **Early Years Foundation Data**

These children were COVID babies but nevertheless have produced excellent results where over 80% are working at a GLD (Good level of Development)

#### **Year 1 Phonics Test**

Our Sapling class has been practicing their semantic phonics and their reading has improved greatly as a result. 100% of pupils have achieved the national benchmark.

The KS1 SATs have been cancelled by the DfE. Instead, they are using the EYFS data as a comparative measure for KS2 SATS.

#### **Year 4 Times Tables Assessment**

Another essential skill for young children is to know their times tables very securely. The test is online, and children have 6 seconds to answer every question. The results are assessed as an average and our school outperform most other schools.

**Do look out for the Governor's Report to Parents which will be enclosed with your child's report.**

**There will be no substantial changes to our staffing next year and the children will be meeting their new teacher soon.**



# Events coming up soon!

Breaking News

## After school clubs

Spaces going quick, please book your clubs this term!  
They are a valuable extra-curricular opportunity.

## Old Court Summer Performance

This year our summer production is 'The Wind in the Willows' for our Year 3 & 4 pupils.

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 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> July.

**On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> of July all Year 1 and 2 pupils are going to watch this performance and will need picking up from this venue at 2.45pm.**

Staff will operate a 'Kiss and Drop' facility from 9am – 9.15am to drop off and parents can collect from 3.15pm to 3.30pm 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 staff insurance.

The concert is on 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> July starting at 6.30pm. The Y3/4 parents need to arrive for 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.

## Non-uniform days for Summer Fair

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July – bottles  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

Hosting our Summer Fair alongside our Sports Day should provide a fantastic end to this academic school year. The fair will, run from 12pm to 2pm when the school officially closes on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July.

## Year 4 treat

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## Pupils' Reports

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

At the end of the school day 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.

## Leaflet drop

Attached to this newsletter is a leaflet promoting our school. We would be very grateful if you could circulate this to any parent, neighbour or friend that may be interested in attending our school.

## After school clubs

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### Last day of term

There is a tradition at Braywood to celebrate the last day of term through our last family assembly, our Sports day and family picnic. The Year 4 children get to ring the bell, exchange messages on their T-shirts and say a final farewell to the school.

Everyone is expected to participate in Sports Day and will need to come into school in their PE kit. They will not need their rucksack.

The timetable will be as follows:

8.45am - Whole school opens. Refreshments served in the dining room

9.15am - Family assembly on the playground

10.30am – Sports Day - Parents set up picnics

12-12.30pm – PTA BBQ and various events for our families

12pm – Year 4 ring the bell and parents say 'goodbye'

2pm – School officially closes

**Please let the school know if you are unable to attend the picnic at 12pm as we will need to look after your child.**

**School packed lunches are available, but you will need to order these in advance.**

### 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.

See the dates below

#### **END OF SUMMER TERM**

**School closes on  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July at  
2pm.**

**There is no after school  
club on this day.**

**We open on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>  
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. If you know anyone who may be interested in a place, please pass on our details.

The new children have started to have their induction sessions. These involve two visits to ensure that these young children feel really at home at Braywood.

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



**There are places for  
September!**

There is a slight change to the uniform in the Little Chipmunks. The children will wear the white polo shirt, grey trousers/skirt/pinafore, Braywood sweatshirt, Braywood rucksack. The coat and jogger bottoms are optional. This should be a robust and affordable change. Please remember to name your uniform.





## 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		3.15- 4.15pm
	Sewing	
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.*



Friends of Braywood  
HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

### May Fun Run

Together we have all raised £2341.54! This is an amazing result, particularly during these tougher times, so thank you all so much for your fundraising efforts.

## PTA update

### Summer Fair

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the Summer Fair after Sports Day on the last day of term, Wednesday 24th July.

There will be a bouncy castle, a bar, BBQ and lots of games PLUS this year we will be introducing 'Braywood's Got Talent', where students will be able to come and show off their skills and maybe even win a prize (entry will be £2 per act).

Please also don't forget to bring a bottle and a toy on the scheduled non-school uniform days (dates below) for the tombolas, and if anyone is able to help out in any way then please send a message to Claire 07557944497 to join the WhatsApp group.

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

Kind Regards

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