

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

# Braywood Newsletter



Welcome to the  
Summer Term and  
celebrating the Queen's  
Platinum Jubilee



Aspire, Learn, Achieve *together*

## What is happening this term?

17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Foundation parents consultation
23 <sup>rd</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Jubilee Week
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Jubilee Fun Run
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Hexagon Concert
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA tabletop sale

### HALF TERM

School closes on Thursday  
26<sup>th</sup> May

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grab & go on this day.

## The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

Braywood is very fortunate as a school to be able to have been part of many events that have celebrated the reign of Queen Elizabeth II. This year the events run the week of 23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> May. Each child will be given a gift as a reminder.

Monday and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May the classes will be working on a variety of activities focusing on the life and impact of our Royalty. Please note that lunch menu on Tuesday will be the roast dinner.

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May the children will be enjoying a playground party with dressed tables and a special lunch picnic with all the trimmings serenaded by music from the 1950s. All children will be expected to participate.

All children can wear red, white, and blue and there will be a competition for the best dressed crown on the day.

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May we will be participating in our May Fun Run at the Cricket ground at 1pm with a Jubilee theme. Please note that Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May is a bank holiday and the school will not be open. See below

## 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.

## Subject Leaders Special Days

The third term is always a time when we focus on specific subjects such as World Book Day where we shared a book and listening to a visiting author, Eamonn Reilly.

During Maths Day we focussed on areas of the curriculum that we struggle with such as clocks and money because these resources are not in regular use these days. We spent our money on our first tuck shop.

When we celebrated Science Day (Entrepreneurial Day) we listened to a talk from Pfizer which was fascinating. It would also give the children the experience of business.

Our first Music and the Arts Festival was a celebration of drums. All children experienced this music instrument for the day. Fantastic Fred talked to the whole school about their emotions which beautifully fitted into our PSHE education programme.

## Year 1 Dance Performance

The Year 1 children performed on stage in front of a large audience which was a real success, and the Year 3 pupils went back in time to the Victorian era. One poor pupil had to wear a dunce's hat and stand in the corner. Strangely enough many children WANTED to get the cane!



## PTA update

The PTA are continuing to raise money towards the Trim Trail, resurfacing of the playground and purchasing outdoor games for the children. upcoming events are the May Fun Run which is being held at the Braywood Cricket Club on 26th May at 1pm.

Sponsor forms shall be sent out in children's book bags and via email to hopefully raise as much money as possible for the school. Upon completing the run, they shall all receive medals and certificates.

**Braywood Sponsored Fun 2022**  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 1pm

Dear Potential Sponsor,

I am participating in the Braywood School Sponsored run/walk. All Proceeds will help fund the Trim Trail, outdoor sports and games equipment along with any other equipment the school needs. You can sponsor me for an amount per lap and/or can name a maximum amount that you are willing to contribute. After the run, I will return to tell you how many laps I completed and collect your contributions. I plan to try and run/walk 4 laps (which is 1 mile)

Sponsor Name	Amount per lap	Maximum Single Amount	Amount Contributed
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Thank you.

Participants:  
You will get a certificate on completion of your laps along with your medal.  
Please return the form along with the collected sponsorship money in a sealed envelope and put into the post box outside the school office by 2PM.

### Sponsor form attached

**Table Top Sale**  
19<sup>th</sup> June 10-12pm

We are holding a table top sale at the school to raise money for not only the gym but also to help everyone get rid of any unwanted items.  
It shall be £10 a table hire on a first come basis. There will be a donation pot should you wish to donate some or all of your money raised on the day.  
Refreshments shall be available on the day.  
If you wish to book a table please pop into the office with your money in a cash envelope.

### Tabletop sale attached

There is going to be a Table Top Sale on the 19th June on the school field and playground. More information shall be sent out via email.

PTA Meeting Shall be held on 16th May at 8pm at the Fifield Inn. to discuss the upcoming Summer Fayre. We would encourage as many people as possible to attend this meeting and have as much help and input as possible to make this hopefully a success as we can't manage this all without your help and support.

PTA team



# Events coming up soon!

## Breaking News

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TRIM TRAIL HAS BEEN CONDEMED AT THE MOMENT UNTIL IT IS REPAIRED. IT IS NOT TO BE USED.**

### Swimming lessons

This year the Year 3 and Year 4 are swimming to expand our curriculum provision. The cost of swimming has greatly increased and as a result the school is paying for half the swimming lessons / coach and the parents are helping by paying for lessons.

### Performing at the Hexagon

There is now a fantastic opportunity for our Year 3 and 4 pupils to perform alongside many other schools at the Hexagon in Reading. It is always a liberating experience to sing in front of such a large audience. More information has been circulated in a letter to these classes. Children can come into school on the Friday at 10am if this is convenient.

### Old Court Summer Performance

This is another wonderful opportunity to perform our summer production 'Olivia' on a real stage instead of in school. There are two rehearsals that will need parents to drop off / collect their child from the Old Court in Windsor. Remember to book your tickets early.

### PTA and Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

As outlined above lots is happening to celebrate the Queen's platinum jubilee. Mrs Calvert is taking two children from Year 2 to visit the mayor along with many other schools in Windsor at the Guild Hall. There is a platinum tea party to celebrate this special milestone.

There is a green initiative 'plant a tree for the jubilee' where we have planted 60 small hedgerow trees in our grounds. We have also been invited to participate in a ceremony organized by Ascot racecourse where they have planted an established tree in Windsor Great Park. Each tree has a plaque with the school's logo on so do look out for our tree in the future.

We have also supported the British Legion by purchasing a plaque as a memory of this celebration. We are still hoping to put a time capsule together during our 'Colour after Covid' initiative where this plaque will be center stage. We have applied for funding to achieve this goal.

We have nominated one of our teachers, Sarah Walker, to attend a dinner at Eton College for her contribution towards music at Braywood. I could have chosen so many of my staff for this award!

### Red Nose Day and Dogs for the Blind

We raised £105 for Red Nose Day and £75 for dogs for the blind. Thank you for your contributions.

### St George's School in Windsor

Our school has a mutually supportive relationship with this school. This term a small number of Year 4 pupils are attending a DT workshop and later a larger number of Year 3 and 4 pupils are participating in a cricket festival.

This school recognizes that the children who leave our school in Year 4 are not only high performing, but they also have real character. This is why some Year 4 pupils offered an 80% bursary to join their school.

### Parent/Staff/Pupil consultations

Thank you to all the parents who attended our parent/pupil and staff consultations a few weeks ago. Any comments on the process do please let us know.

The next opportunity to see your child's work will be when we hand out the reports on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July. All work will be available to look at in a relaxed setting in the classrooms.

### Parking

Unfortunately, despite my office staff coming out periodically there are just a few parents who persistently park on the double yellow line. A few months we had an accident as a result of just this situation.

The law for parking on double yellow lines for parents or carers with a blue badge do not apply to the passing places outside of our school. These places are passing places and are specifically designed for this job and, as such, are one of the places no one should park according to the highway code because you are causing an obstruction or causing danger to other road users.

We are very mindful of any parent who has mobility issues and will arrange for you to park in the disabled space inside the school or use kiss and drop/grab and go. **Please do follow our traffic code of conduct**

### May Fun Run

The children will be walking down to Braywood Cricket ground for the start of the Fun Run at 1pm.

It is a sponsored event where the children must try to run around the cricket field at least 5 times.

After the event there will be a cake stall with a jubilee theme, ice cream and parents are encouraged to bring their own picnic treats.

The school closes at 2pm and all children are expected to be collected by parents at the cricket field.

We are raising funds to repair the trim trail which will cost £12,000. We already have approximately £8,000 so please bear this in mind when you are circulating your sponsor forms, maybe a business may be interested, or even match fund?

### Commonwealth Games

There is a range of sporting opportunities in the run up to these games such as a swimming gala, golf, and a commonwealth tournament. This is due to our involvement in the Windsor Sports Partnership.

### Clerk to the Governors

We have a position on our Governing Body for the Clerk to the Governing Body. This is a role that involves attending training, 3 committee meetings annually, writing minutes etc. Parents cannot apply but if you know anyone who is interested, please so let the office know.

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**School closes on Thursday**  
**26<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm.**  
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**We open again at 8.45am**  
**on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June**

## Teaching and learning

### Extracurricular Clubs

Everyone is feeling the pinch at the moment and schools are no different, our costs are growing. Please note that we are looking at increasing the prices of our Squirrel and Early Bird clubs. If you have any thoughts on this matter do speak to the supervisors.

### PE Clubs

Due to low demand, two clubs have opened up to the whole school.

### Handling disputes

The school has noticed that more and more parents are handling any disputes that happen in school between their child and another child themselves and either sending texts or calling parents at home.

This is not appropriate for many reasons. In every case the class teacher or even the headteacher needs to resolve the situation and as soon after the event as possible. **Please speak to your class teacher instead.**

The most important of these reasons is that children have to learn to solve these problems themselves. They will never build up resilience if they are looking to others.

There are always two sides to every conflict and staff are very well placed to ascertain the true picture. This may not always be what the children perceives.

It can also cause a lot of upset when parents ring other parents up at home so please do refrain from this practice.



## 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 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 DT Workshop at St George's School
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	The Queen's Green Canopy Commemorative Event
Tues. / Weds 17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Foundation Parent and Teacher Consultations
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Census Day – Fish and Chips on this day.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Y3 and 4 Cricket tournament at St George's School
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>Platinum Jubilee Week</b> Mayor's Jubilee lunch
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Platinum Jubilee Week</b> Roast dinner on this day
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Platinum Jubilee Week</b> Jubilee lunch and events
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Platinum Jubilee Week</b> Jubilee Fun Run
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>School closes at 2pm</b> <b>School opens again on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Meeting at 8pm in Fifield Inn
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 & 4 Hexagon Festival
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA tabletop sale in school grounds
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 & 4 Rehearsals for the Summer Concert at the Old Court, Windsor
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Y4 treat at Bray Lake Watersports
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Y1 & 2 trip to Bockett's Farm
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day for Y4 Visit from our new children
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Reports out and looking at your child work (Provisional date)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 & 4 Rehearsals for the Summer Concert at the Old Court, Windsor
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> & Wed 13 July	Summer Concert
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Visit from our new children
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Family Assembly, Sports Day & family picnics <b>School closes at 2pm</b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Back to school
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Y4 trip team building trip to Longridge
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Y3 team building trip
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Y2 team building trip to Braywick Y1 team building trip at our school



Monday	Gymnastics	3.15-4.15pm
	Wilderness & Wonder	3.15-4.30pm
	STEM	3.15-4.30pm
Tuesday	NONE AT PRESENT	
Wednesday	Performing Arts	3.15-4.15pm
Thursday	Avenue Dance Co	3.15- 4.15pm
Friday	Multi-Sports	3.15- 4.15pm
	Football Club	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 - Squirrel Club

Menu	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Activities		
Week 1	Chicken Korma and Rice	Pasta Bake and Salad	Chicken Fingers and Chips	Spaghetti Bolognaise and Salad	Sandwiches or toasties and crudities	<p><b>This menu is a guideline!</b></p>	Monday	Creative Activities
Week 2	Pasta Bake and Salad	Pizza and Salad	Fish Fingers and Smilies	Sausage and Mash	Sandwiches or toasties and crudities		Tuesday	Decorate biscuit, pizza etc
Week 3	Burger and Waffles	Spanish Chicken and Rice	Sausage and Chips	Chicken Pasta Bake and Salad	Sandwiches or toasties and crudities		Thursday	Cinema and read with pupils
Snacks & Puddings	All sessions start with a snack of Rice Cakes, Biscuits or Fresh Salad and Hummous All meals finish with a pudding of - Yoghurts, Swiss Roll, Jelly, Ice Cream, Flapjacks and a variety of fruit.					<p><b>We are aimig to get back to activities (as above). Please give staff any ideas!</b></p>		



Kind Regards

*Susan Calvert*

*Theme – Friends and Family*

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