Braywood News

Aspire, Learn, Achieve together

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'For with God nothing shall be impossible' Luke 1:37.

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely summer and a good rest before the start of this term. It has been lovely to welcome the children back and hear all their excited chatter as well as meeting lots of new happy faces. We have been so impressed with how well they have all settled in, especially our Little Acorns in Reception class.

School Values

At Braywood, we constantly strive to create an inclusive environment where our children thrive both academically and personally. Over the past few months, our children, staff and governors have been working together to define what matters most to our school community. Our school council have met and discussed this together before going back to their classes and holding a vote on which values the children feel are most important.

Today, we are incredibly excited to announce our new core school values are:

Kindness Courage Curiosity

These values will serve as a guiding compass for all that we do, shaping our curriculum, our behaviour expectations and how we achieve success. We are preparing our children to not only be successful learners but also compassionate, resilient citizens in an ever-changing world.

Over the next few weeks, the children will be exploring in greater depth their meaning and how we can demonstrate them throughout the school day as well as how they are found in the Bible. We will be celebrating these values throughout the year during assemblies and in class.

Harvest Festival

This year we will be once again be creating our Harvest Line Up with your support. Last year we were blown away by your kind food donations which all go to a much-needed cause the Windsor Food Bank. The children were very enthusiastic and determined to create the longest line with their class. Who will win this year?Please give your donations to your class teacher by Monday 5th October, ready for the line up on Tuesday 6th October. The Windsor Foodshare would particularly like the following items:



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As children and young people return to school for the new academic year, I am writing to ask for your support in making sure pupils at your school have the opportunity to take part in my national survey, The Big Future. The survey can be completed here: **https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture.**

It is crucial that children at your school have the chance to add their voices too, so that their experiences, views and aspirations are represented when I present the findings of the survey to Government. Every child's voice matters, and I want to make sure that children and young people in every school and college, in every community, have the opportunity to shape the picture of childhood that I will share with Government.

Dame Rachel de Souza

Children's Commissioner for England

Attendance Matters!

Your child's attendance and punctuality is recorded every day on our school system. We work closely with the Local Authority to monitor attendance and punctuality across the school. We look for things we can put in place to improve attendance and lateness and to support families who need help with getting children into school on time every day.



We understand that sometimes children do become poorly and that they are too unwell to be in school. If you do need to keep your child at home, it's important that you call the school by 9.00 am to let them know why your child will be absent that day. You will need to make sure you keep in contact with the school on a daily basis with an update regarding your child's health. If you are running late and your child wishes to have a school lunch, please call the school with their order before 9.00 am.

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell.

Click **here** for the NHS guidelines that say when children should be kept off school and when they should come in.

Parking

Could we please remind everyone to park safely and considerately during pick up and drop off times. It is illegal to park on the yellow lines on the road and this makes the situation unsafe for our children. If you witness any parking please report it to the borough:

https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/transport-and-streets/parking/request-parking-enforcement

We are also expecting significant roadworks on the Drift Road for several months starting on September 21st which may also impact traffic on the road outside school as South East Water will be improving their water network and putting in diversions via Fifield Lane, Forest Green Road and Ascot Road.

We are continuing to liaise with the RBWM on measures that can be put in place to improve the situation outside of the school and huge thank you goes to Jodie Rolf for all her time and effort in this matter.

Our code of conduct for drivers

We would like to keep our school a safe and friendly environment for all our children, teachers and parents. We would like to preserve good relations with our neighbours and local residents. With that in mind we have built a code of conduct to make sure we are all using the road safely and act with consideration.

1. **Please do not park on the double yellow lines**



2. **Please do not turn your car around in the school or annex**



3. **Please do not park across people's driveways or use them to turn around.** **(Safe turning points are the Fifield Road and Red Lion pub).**



4. **Please do not do three point turns in the road**



5. **Please only let your children use the door on the pavement side**



6 **…and please make sure you always consider the impact of your behaviour on others**



PTA

Our amazing PTA had a very successful year raising valuable funds for the school and we had 2 more interactive whiteboards installed over the summer. Keep a look out for upcoming events this term – there is a welcome meeting for Nursery and Reception children on Thursday 17th September at The Greene Oak – please see the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

You can support the PTA at any time by donating items from our wish list or we also urge you to try and use Easyfundraising every time you shop online. This is a fantastic way to raise money for the school at no cost to yourself. If you haven't signed up already, you can find our easyfundraising page here:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/braywoodfirstschool/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=email-2

Wish list -
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Kt2bzrk_UjrEoc9IdQSSVfq2kotrEDPw3M7HeVryZus/edit?usp=drivesdk

Bank Details: Friends of Braywood Sort code: 23-05-80 Account Number: 36267534

Thank you for all your support,

Mrs Cole

Headteacher

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts." — ***Winston Churchill***

Dates for this Year

Date	Event
Tuesday 1st September	INSET Day
Wednesday 2nd September	INSET Day
Thursday 3rd September	Term Starts
Friday 4th September	YR/Y1 phonics talk and meet the teacher 8.30 am
Monday 7th September	Y2 Meet the teacher 8.30 am
Tuesday 8th September	Y3 Meet the teacher 8.45 am
Wednesday 9th September	Y4 Meet the teacher 8.45 am
Friday 18th September	Y3/Y4 Lego Engineering Workshop
Monday 21st September	Reception First Class photo – Maidenhead Advertiser
Monday 28th September	Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 30th September	Windsor Festival String Ensemble
Friday 2nd October	Bikeability Level 1 Y4
Tuesday 6th October	Harvest Festival Food Line-up
Friday 9th October	Nursery and YR Farm Visit
Wednesday 14th October	Y4 Singing to Bray Senior Citizens
Wednesday 14th October	Y1 visit to St Michael's Church, Bray
Wednesday 14th October	Y2 visit to Brooklands Air Museum
Friday 23rd October	End of Term
	HALF TERM
Monday 2nd November	INSET Day
Tuesday 3rd November	Term starts
Wednesday 4th November	Y3 & Y4 Ufton Court Trip
Monday 9th November	Braiswick Photography
Tuesday 17th November	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30 pm
Thursday 19th November	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 5.30 pm
Friday 27th November	YR, Y1, Y2 & Y3 Perform Workshop am
Friday 27th November	Y3/Y4 Road Safety pm
Friday 11th December	Rock Steady Concert (invite only) 2.30pm
Tuesday 15th December	School Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 16th December	School trip to Braywick Pantomime (YR-Y4)
Friday 18th December	Nativity Church Service, St Michael's Bray, 1.00pm finish
	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Monday 4th January	INSET Day
Tuesday 5th January	Term starts

BRAYWOOD AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Autumn Term 2026 Starting w/c 14th September 2026

MONDAY

Dodgeball Year 1 to 4 **Book** will@chaisingsports.com £7.50 per week
Finish time:4:15pm **Venue:** Church House
A fast-paced team sport where players try to eliminate opponents. Played with a soft ball it involves strategy, throwing, dodging, and catching.

Football Year 1 & Year 2 **Book** mark.nisbet@maidenheadunitedfc.org £9 per week
Finish time: 4:15pm **Venue**: Field
Run by Maidenhead Football Club and led by experienced FA qualified coaches.

TUESDAY

Perfect Little Performers **Book** perfectlittleperformers.co.uk or call 07540 06209
All classes in the Church House

Mini Musical Theatre £6.50 per week — Nursery, Reception & Year 1
Time: 3pm to 3:30pm
Ballet £6.50 per week — Nursery, Reception & Year 1
Time: 3:30pm to 4pm
Grade 1 Ballet (Istd) £6.50 per week — Year 2 & 3
Time: 4pm to 4:30pm
Tap & Modern £7.50 per week — Year 2, 3 & 4
Time: 4:30pm to 5:10pm
Musical Theatre £9 per week — Year 3 & 4
Time: 5:10pm to 5:55pm

Playballkids Nursery to Year 3 **Book** www.playballkids.com £9:50 per week
Finish time: 4:15pm **Venue**: Outdoors
A specialised sports and movement programme allowing children to participate in sport confidently, happily and successfully.

WEDNESDAY

Minecraft Coding Year 1 to 4 £9:50pw **Book** portal.jamcoding.franscape.io/class-overview/6484
Finish time: 4:20pm **Venue:** Year 4 Classroom
Team-based activities. Don't just play Minecraft – code it! Children will not only have fun but also sharpen their thinking skills to transform their gaming experience.

French Club Level 2 All Years **Book** speakfrenchrbwm@gmail.com £9:50pw
Finish time: 4:15pm **Venue:** Year 2 Classroom
Children need to speak some French or have attended French Club before. Includes all resources, including for French cooking sessions.

THURSDAY

Perfect Little Performers **Book** perfectlittleperformers.co.uk or call 07540 062095

Ballet Adventures £6.50 per week — Nursery, Reception & Year 1
Time: 3pm to 3:30pm All classes in the Church House
Musical Theatre £9.50 per week — Year 2, 3 & 4
Time: 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Street Dancing £6.50 per week — Year 2, 3 & 4
Time: 4.30pm to 5pm

Spanish club Beginners £9.50 per week — All Years
Includes all resources, including for Spanish cooking sessions **Book** speakfrenchrbwm@gmail.com
Finish time: 4:15pm **Venue:** Year 2 Classroom

FRIDAY

Football Year 1 to 4 £9 per week **Book** mark.nisbet@maidenheadunitedfc.org
Finish time 4pm **Venue**: Field

