

Braiswick Primary News

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Head Teacher Area

It has been a vibrant and exciting start to the half-term here at Braiswick!

Our children have made a smooth and enthusiastic transition with meeting their new teachers and in some cases their new classes, embracing the opportunity to be in their new classroom, learn more about their curriculum next year and settle into fresh routines. To add to that, the energy around the school is buzzing as we prepare for our much-anticipated Performing Arts Day Festival—a true celebration of creativity, talent, and teamwork! This year's theme is The Braiswick Green Heart Festival: A celebration of community, charity and climate action. Timings for the day are on the last page of this newsletter as always these are subject to change!

Alongside all the fun, our pupils have shown incredible diligence and perseverance in their end of year assessments across all year groups, demonstrating a strong commitment to their learning. We are so proud of their efforts and the positive attitude they've shown. We're also thrilled to welcome several new children into the Braiswick family this term. As always, our students have embodied the 'No Outsiders' ethos, offering a warm and inclusive welcome to their new peers and showing the kindness and community spirit that make our school so special.

Here's to the last few weeks being full of growth, connection, and celebration!

Diary Dates

30th June: KS2 Athletics @ The Garrison (invite only)

2nd July: September 2025 EYFS Induction Evening,
6pm

4th July: FOBP School Disco

11th July: School Reports

15th July: Year 3 Layer Marney Tower Trip

16th July: Performing Arts Festival

21st July: Year 6 Production & Leavers Party

22nd July: Last Day of Term

3rd September: First day of Autumn Term

Baseball Caps

Braiswick Baseball caps are for sale at the School
Office for £8.00.

Please bring in the correct money in a named
envelope.

Essex County Council
Libraries



Arriving in your local library this summer!

The challenge where children across
Essex explore the magical connection
between storytelling and nature! Read six
books or do a range of other challenges
to receive a certificate and medal!

Saturday 19 July to
Saturday 6 September 2025

Find out more about how to take part in this
free activity:
libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/summer-reading-challenge



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Summer Reading Challenge



Reception & Year 1 Athletics Festival—Tuesday 10th June 2025

On Tuesday 10th June, ten pupils from EYFS and Year 1 attended a Mini Athletics Festival at the Colchester Northern Gateway Sports Park. The children completed a range of activities including running, throwing, jumping and relay races. The favourite event was 'Shark Attack' where they had to collect the cones without being caught by the shark!

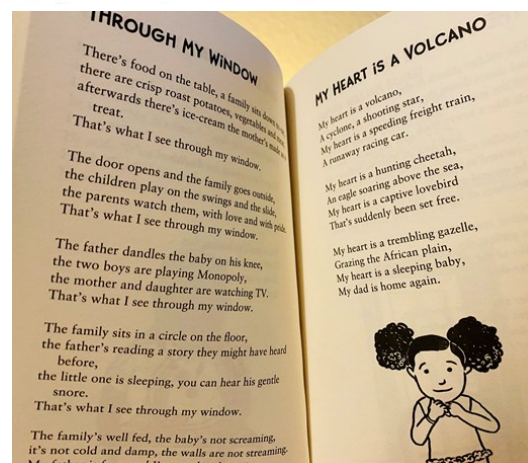
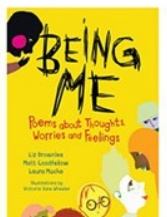
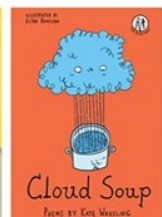
Josiah was awarded a separate certificate for impressing the helpers with his long jump! The children behaved very well and a great morning was had by all!!

Well done to Josiah, Aubrey, Kamari, Mia, Daniella, Theodore, Maya, Marie, Ayla and Zaidyn!!



Valerie Bloom—Author Visit—Tuesday 17th June 2025

On Tuesday 17th June we had a day of poetry performances and workshoping with the wonderful poet Valerie Bloom. The children had a fantastic day> They learned about Jamaican patois and got thoroughly stuck in to singing poetry about army ants, pindar cake and welcoming a new baby to name but a few. Year 6 got exceptionally creative with Kennings and the entire school were a credit to themselves. Valerie said it was one of the best schools she had ever been in and the children were wonderful. Our thanks for this incredible opportunity go to the Friends of Braiswick whose tireless fundraising efforts paid for the visit. This means we also thank everyone who donates, volunteers and attends these fundraising events.



Performing Arts Festival—Wednesday 16th July 2025

After the success of the last three years, our fourth Performing Arts Festival will be held on Wednesday 16th July. The children have been practising hard and look forward to sharing their performances with you. Please see below a rough outline of the morning.

9.10am: Families can enter via the side gate adjacent to the car park. We will have a programme available for you on the gate.

9.15am - 10.45am: Poetry and Music Performances from each year group. These will be performed in front of the hall facing out onto the playground as at previous events. Please bring a camping style chair for watching these performances. (We'll have some chairs available if needed!) We will again make a clear boundary so you know where to place your chairs.

10.45am - 11.00am: Break – children will return to their classrooms in preparation for their dance performances.

11.00am - 12.15pm: Dance Performances and Whole School Singing including a performance from our rock band! The children will perform in a performance space that is slightly more central on the playground. We will ask you to sit around this performance space once again. Again, we will make the boundaries clear so that you can place your chairs accordingly.

12.15am - 1pm: Family Picnic Lunch on the main playground and field. Please remember we are a 'no nuts' school. At lunchtime children will initially return back to class, and we then ask families to collect their children from the same pick up points as on Sports Day, either their classrooms, the end of day collection point or for year 6, or the hall. A grab and go lunch will be available to all pupils on this day.



Forest School

We are having a great half term with Year 5 at Forest School. We have built dens and talked about what is good about them and what could have been improved. We have made bracelets and key rings from elder, using potato peelers and secateurs. We made friendship bracelets using a technique called Nordic slinging. We have enjoyed playing games such as bat and moth, eagle eye and sardines. The weather has been amazing and we have enjoyed the shady areas when it was really hot.



FOBP Bag 2 School

Thank you for all the donations, we have raised 294kg which relates to approximately:

£132.30

