

Braiswick Primary News

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Head Teacher Area

Autumn has certainly arrived this week with the wind and the rain outside but in contrast the children in school have come in renewed and refreshed and most certainly choosing their attitude and being present for the new year of learning ahead! They have all dived right in with their new topics with activities such as a Victorian day in Year 6, an exploration of the forest to find out more about the Explorer in Year 5, a Roman day with excavations in Year 4 and baking some delicious bread for King Charles in Year 2. Despite the gloom outside, the classrooms are bright and sunny and buzzing with the excitement of learning! I must also say a massive welcome to our new Early Years children who are also settling so well into their new school routines as they start their Braiswick learning journey!

I'd like to say the weather will perk up, but the trends are showing us it is likely to stay wet over winter, so can I request that all children have a rain coat (I was surprised to see so many pupils walking into school in the rain with no coat!) every day and they have their wellies in school so they can continue to access our amazing field area which offers so much in terms of play opportunities. We have our final OPAL assessment on October 8th and would love for all children to be seen to be able to access all spaces through having the correct clothing and footwear!

Parking

Following concerns from parents and staff, please can you ensure that you stop at the crossing to allow pupils to cross safely. If you are parking near to the crossing, please ensure you are not overhanging the lines and leave enough space for people to pass carefully. We have also noticed an increase in parents trying to use the staff car park in the mornings and afternoons, can we please ask that you refrain from using this and you park considerately in the allocated parent bays.

Please only park in the disabled bays if you have your blue badge displayed correctly.

Year 6 Secondary School

Admissions

If your child is currently in Year 6, please remember that online applications for a Year 7 place for September 2025 are now open. Further details can be found at

www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

All applications must be made by the closing date of 31st October 2024

School Start/Finish Times

Please note that we expect all children to arrive at school between 8.30am-8.50am each day. If your child arrives after this time the school doors and gates will be closed, and they will need to come to the Office to be marked as arriving late. Lateness is marked on your child's school report at the end of the school year. Please note collection times are EYFS, Years 1 & 2, 3pm; Years 3 & 4, 3.05pm; Years 5 & 6, 3.10pm

Snacks

All Reception and Key Stage 1 children are entitled to a piece of fruit or vegetable each day, which is provided by the School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme. They are also welcome to bring a healthy snack in addition to this. In order to keep energy levels up throughout the morning, it is recommended that KS2 children bring in their own healthy snack for mid morning break; this can also count towards their 5 a day.

If you are sending your child with grapes as a snack or in their lunchbox, please ensure these are always cut lengthwise to prevent a choking hazard.



Head Pupils



Miss Russell conducted a very special assembly to announce who would be this year's Head Pupils. We have heard so many amazing speeches from the children – it was certainly a difficult choice on who to vote for! A massive well done to all those who participated. We are delighted to announce our new appointments for this academic year.

Head Pupils: Edward Garnham & Abbie Philps

Deputy Head Pupils: Hunter Nicholson-Meek & Betty Shepherd



First Class Photo Special

The Daily Gazette will be publishing its Early Years Supplement first-class photo special on

Tuesday 8th October.

Year 6 Victorian Day by Finn

On Wednesday morning, 4th September 2024, I, and all of year 6, travelled back in time to 1896 during Queen Victoria's reign of England. We pretended we were attending Miss Octavia's Scrimshaw's Finishing Academy for Young Ladies and Gentlemen. Some teachers were renamed such as Madame Lajade (Miss Keitch), Madame Laroux (Miss Bailey), Miss Scrimshaw (Miss Russell) and Mrs Miller became Molly Tarnish, some kind of wind up robot who was treated like, or worse, than an animal by the rude, strict adults.

During assembly, Miss Scrimshaw reviewed both Nightingales and Swans postures and we had the girls and boys separated. This wasn't the only time the girls and boys were treated differently. Then, she read the lords prayer. After, and at the end of assembly, we all went outside to take an amazing group photo.

Then it was time for our learning. In multiplication, we had to write on our slates the two times table. After that we all had to chant; "1x2 is 2... 2x2 is 4... 3x2 is 6...". I felt quite nervous as we were going fast and if one person messed up, we would have to restart. We were then made to repeat the process with the 5 and 10 times table!

Then we moved on to handwriting. We had fountain pens and some paint mixed with water to use as ink. I got given the dunce hat as my writing was too messy and that was embarrassing! In spelling the words were said once only, and they were said super fast.

During Geography, we learnt lots of facts about the River Thames and we had a very short amount of time to write them down before we were quizzed on them. If we got something wrong we would get shouted out. To be honest, I didn't know a single question!

Algebra was the most fun lesson of the day as I already knew everything! We were given 20 questions and I got them all right. We then finished off the day with PT. We were trained as if we were soldiers and we had to march in a square in a group. Only the boys did PT as the girls were doing posture training, they had to put books on their head and then balance them whilst walking in the circle.



Year 1 'Dress As An Animal' Day

In year one our first topic of the year is 'Animal Kingdom' so we thought it would be fun for the children to have a 'Dress as an Animal Day'. We had a wide range of costumes ranging from rabbits to ladybirds, foxes to bumble bees, and frogs to giraffes!!



Polite Reminder

Our school team work hard to maintain an inspiring and well kept outside learning area as part of the children's curriculum. We kindly ask that at the beginning and the end of the day you do not allow your children to climb over the play equipment, ride the bikes, play in the construction area or use any of the equipment in the playground as this is causing additional damage and forcing us to replace items unnecessarily.

Please support us in keeping these areas in good condition.

Thank you!!

EYFS Parent Tours (September 2025 Entry)

We are holding parent tours for our prospective Reception 2025 parents on the following dates:

Tuesday 8th October, 9:30am

Thursday 10th October, 1:30pm (full)

Monday 21st October, 10am

Thursday 7th November, 10am

Tuesday 12th November, 9:30am

Wednesday 20th November, 1:30pm

Friday 29th November, 1:30pm

Please call the school on 01206 841951, or email admin@braiswickprimary.org.uk, or pop into the office to book your place.

Early Years

The Early Years children have settled into our school really well and the teachers are very proud of them.

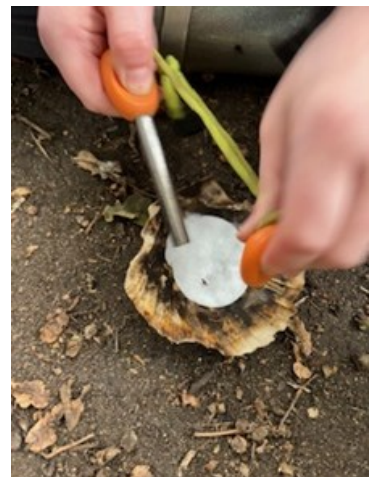
Over the first half term we have been getting to know each other and making new friends. We are currently learning all the children's likes and interests and sharing various different books about families.

Thank you to those who came to our Early Reading Information morning, we hope you found it helpful!!



Forest School

We have had a great time at Forest School with Year 6. We have made natural paints and used them to make flags. We then had games of Capture the Flag. We have also used clay to make faces. Year 6 have enjoyed trying to light cotton wool and birch bark using a fire steel.





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Diary Dates



Week Commencing 30th September: Foodbank collection Week

2nd October: Individual & Sibling Photos

7th October: FOBP AGM, 8pm

8th October: Early Years September 2025 Entry Parent Tour, 9.30am

8th October: Year 5 & 6 Girls Football Tournament (invite only)

8th October: Reception New Starter Supplement in Newspaper

10th October: Early Years September 2025 Entry Parent Tour, 1.30pm

16th October: Maths Open Morning

18th October: FOBP Spooky Family Silent Disco (further information to be sent)

21st October: Early Years September 2025 Entry Parent Tour, 10am

23rd October: Year 2 'Great Fire of London' Day

25th October: Non Pupil Day

28th October—1st November: Half Term

4th November: Non Pupil Day

6th November: Year 4 Colchester Castle Trip

6th November: Pupil Teacher Conferences, 3.30pm-6pm

7th November: Year 6 Assembly, 9am

7th November: Early Years September 2025 Entry Parent Tour, 10am

7th November: Pupil Teacher Conferences, 4.30pm-7pm

8th November: Remembrance Friday

Week Commencing 11th November: Anti Bullying Week

12th November: Early Years September 2025 Entry Parent Tour, 9.30am

12th November: Year 5 & 6 'B' Team Football Tournament (invite only)

13th November: Year 3—6 Cross Country (invite only)

15th November: Children In Need

20th November: Early Years September 2025 Entry Parent Tour, 1.30pm

21st November: Year 5 Assembly, 9am

23rd November: FOBP Christmas Fayre

28th November: Early Years Height, Weight & Vision Check

29th November: Early Years September 2025 Entry Parent Tour, 9am

3rd December: Year 3 & 4 Sportshall Athletics (invite only)

5th December: Sparrows Class Assembly, 9am

6th December: Flu Immunisations

6th December: FOBP Wreath Making, 7pm-8.30pm (further information to be sent)

13th December: EYFS Nativity Performance to Families, 2pm

17th December: KS2 Christmas Dinner Day

18th December: EYFS & KS1 Christmas Dinner Day

20th December: Whole School Carols Round The Tree, 1pm (Outdoor Event)

20th December: Last Day of Term

6th January: Non Pupil Day

7th January: Spring Term Starts