

Braiswick Primary News

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Head Teacher Area

What a fantastic and energetic few weeks it has been here at school! Our Sports Day was a huge success, filled with determination, teamwork and excellent sportsmanship. It was wonderful to see children encouraging one another, celebrating successes and showing resilience in every event. The supportive atmosphere truly reflected the values of our school community.

We also enjoyed a brilliant Wellness Week organised by Mrs Crane, giving children the opportunity to try a range of exciting activities including martial arts, archery and squash. Pupils embraced every experience with enthusiasm while learning the importance of staying active and looking after their well-being. A huge thank you to Mrs Crane for organising such a successful week for both children and staff.

A special congratulations goes to our Year 6 pupils, who approached their SATs with maturity, focus and determination. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and positive attitude throughout the process. We would also like to celebrate our Year 5 pupils following their visit to Henry Moore, where staff praised their excellent behaviour, curiosity and love of learning.

Thankfully, the weather was kind to us for Sports Day and it certainly feels like summer is finally arriving as we head into the half term break. We wish all our families a wonderful and restful break and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 2nd June for our final half term of the year, including one of my favourite events, our Performing Arts Festival, which will continue our celebrations of 10 years of Braiswick!

Did you know? Children currently receive free school milk until their fifth birthday through the Government's school milk scheme. After this point, the entitlement ends. This means that within the same Reception class some children continue receiving milk while others do not, depending on when their birthday falls. We're supporting the Fair Milk for a Fair Start campaign, which calls for a simple change so all children can receive free school milk until the end of their Reception year.

Find out more or show your support:

<https://fairmilkfairstart.com/>

Well Done Year 6!!!

Our Year 6 pupils have demonstrated outstanding determination and resilience during this year's SATs. Each day, they have approached the challenges with positivity, smiles, and an excellent attitude.

The children have worked incredibly hard throughout the week, and we are immensely proud of the effort they have shown. Most importantly, they have all tried their very best, which is all we could ever ask of them. To support them, we began each morning with a SATs breakfast. We certainly got through an impressive number of cereal boxes and loaves of bread! More importantly, sharing breakfast together helped create a calm, positive start to each day and brought a real sense of togetherness.

A huge thank you goes to the Year 6 team and all staff who supported the children throughout the week. And once again, well done to our fantastic Year 6 pupils!



Year 5 Artbytes competition

We are delighted to announce the winner of the Year 5 Artbytes competition. After a fantastic display of creativity and talent from all participants, Emma from Larks class received the highest number of votes and has been selected to represent the school in the next stage, the regional finals.

The standard of artwork this year was exceptionally high, and all of the children who took part should feel very proud of their efforts. Their creativity, imagination, and dedication were evident in every piece submitted, making the judging and voting process both exciting and challenging.

We would like to extend our thanks to everyone who took the time to view the artwork and cast their votes in support of our young artists. Your encouragement means a great deal to the children and helps to celebrate their hard work.

Emma's success is a wonderful achievement, and we are thrilled to see her progress to the regional stage of the competition. We wish her the very best of luck and will keep you updated on how she gets on.

Congratulations once again to Emma, we are all incredibly proud of you, and well done to all of our Year 5 artists for their outstanding contributions.



Berry Bear Wraparound Care—Job Vacancy

We are currently seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic Wrap Around Care Play Leader to join our friendly team at Braiswick School.

Location: Braiswick School

Hours: Part-time (After School Club) 3:00pm–6:00pm

Salary: Competitive

This important role involves leading and supporting engaging activities for children in a safe, nurturing and stimulating environment both before and after school.



We are looking for someone who is: Kind, caring and passionate about working with children. Energetic, enthusiastic and creative. Confident, reliable, and committed to safeguarding and promoting children's welfare

Essential requirements: Experience working with children. Strong communication and organisational skills. Enhanced DBS certificate (or willingness to obtain one prior to employment)

If you enjoy working with children and would like to help create a fun, safe and supportive environment where they can thrive, we would love to hear from you.

To apply: Please send your CV and a short covering statement outlining your experience and suitability for the role to:

berrybear@hotmail.co.uk

Year 5 Henry Moore Trip

On Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th May, Linnets and Larks enjoyed a fantastic and enriching visit to the Henry Moore studios and sculpture gardens this month.

In the morning, the children took part in a guided outdoor tour led by friendly and knowledgeable volunteer guides. They explored the extensive sculpture gardens, which showcase an awe-inspiring collection of Henry Moore's work set within beautiful natural surroundings. The children learned about Moore's artistic style, materials and creative processes, gaining a fascinating insight into both his art and his life. The tour also included an introduction to the studios where Moore created many of his sculptures, helping the children to better understand how his ideas were developed and brought to life.

In the afternoon, the children had the opportunity to take part in independent study. They were encouraged to sketch or write within the sculpture gardens, allowing them to respond creatively to what they had seen and experienced. Many children took the time to carefully observe the shapes and forms of the sculptures, producing some thoughtful and detailed work. They were also able to revisit the studios with their teachers, deepening their understanding and reflecting further on the techniques and inspirations behind Moore's pieces.

The visit provided a wonderful opportunity to combine art, observation and creativity in a real-world setting, and the children represented the school brilliantly throughout the day.



Year 1/2 Fun Run—Tuesday 12th May 2026

On Tuesday 12th May, Braiswick made the short trip to Northern Gateway for the Year 1/2 Fun Run. With excitement in abundance, the children arrived feeling a mixture of nerves and readiness for the challenge ahead.

Across both year groups, pupils took part in separate boys' and girls' races, with a total of 53 children representing the school. Each race included approximately 90 runners from 11 schools, all completing a distance of around 700 metres. It was a fantastic morning of running, and the children should be very proud of the effort and determination they showed throughout. Well done to everyone involved! As this was a fun run, there were no official finishing places or scores, but every child received a medal to celebrate their participation.

A special congratulations goes to Kamari and Isabella in Year 2, who crossed the finish line first in their respective races, an outstanding achievement! Congratulations also to Theodore and Isabel in Year 1, who both achieved an excellent second place in their races.



Great Athlete Visit—Alice Sharp—Olympic Cyclist

We were delighted to welcome Olympic cyclist Alice Sharpe to our school as part of a special athlete visit, and it proved to be a truly inspiring experience for all of our pupils.

The aim of the event was to inspire pupils to be more physically active, but just as importantly, to encourage them to discover and pursue their passion in life.

During the day, every child took part in a sponsored fitness circuit led by Alice. This was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to get active, challenge themselves and, most importantly, have fun while exercising. The energy and enthusiasm across the school were wonderful to see, with children showing great determination and resilience as they completed each activity.

Following the circuit, Alice delivered a fun and interactive assembly where she shared her incredible journey as a professional athlete. She spoke openly about the challenges she has faced, the importance of perseverance and dedication, and what it takes to compete at the highest level. Her story was both motivating and relatable, encouraging pupils to believe in themselves and to keep striving towards their own goals.

The session concluded with a Q&A, where pupils asked thoughtful and engaging questions. This gave them a valuable insight into Alice's training routines, competitions and personal experiences as an elite cyclist, further inspiring them to develop a positive attitude towards sport and physical activity.

Fundraising for the event has now taken place, and we would like to thank families for their continued support. Children should return their sponsorship money by Wednesday 3rd June. The funds raised will go towards purchasing new sports equipment and enhancing opportunities for physical activity across the school, benefiting all pupils.

It was a memorable and motivating day, and we are incredibly grateful to Alice for taking the time to visit and inspire our school community.



Sports Day

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Sports Day on Wednesday 20th May 2026. It was wonderful to see so many parents, carers and family members in attendance throughout the day, and we hope you enjoyed being part of the morning, afternoon, or even staying to support us for the whole event. The enthusiasm, encouragement and positive atmosphere from our school community helped to make the day such a success for all of the children.

The children showed fantastic determination, teamwork and sportsmanship in every activity. From the exciting races on the track to the fun carousel challenges, it was lovely to see pupils encouraging one another, celebrating achievements and demonstrating resilience throughout the day. We were extremely proud of the way all children participated with such enthusiasm and confidence.

A huge thank you goes to our Year 6 pupils, who were incredibly responsible, mature and helpful during the morning EYFS and KS1 events. They supported the younger children brilliantly during the carousel activities, helped explain instructions clearly and encouraged everyone to take part with confidence. In addition, they played a key role in setting up and organising equipment, ensuring that each activity ran smoothly and safely. Their leadership skills and positive attitudes were a real credit to the school, and many visitors commented on how impressive they were.

Results

EYFS & KS1

Team Farah (Red)

KS2

Team Ennis (Green)



Well done to every pupil who took part. Whether competing in races, supporting teammates or simply trying their very best, every child should feel proud of their achievements and contribution to such an enjoyable and memorable day.

Sports Fixtures

Another fantastic month for our sports teams! All players represented the school brilliantly, showing great determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout. They also demonstrated excellent resilience, even when results did not go their way. All fixtures in our football leagues have now been completed, well done to everyone involved for their commitment and effort!

U11 Netball (League Fixture) vs Alresford – 27th April 2026

Final Score: Braiswick 4 vs 10 Alresford

Team: Lily, Teal, Molly, Ella, Katie, Rose & Arabella

Goals: Lily x 4

U11 Football (League Fixture) vs Camulous – 8th May 2026

Final Score: Braiswick 1 vs 5 Camulous

Team: Teddy, Albert, Angelo, Euan, Shaun, Luke, Jimmy & Georgiee

Goals: Jimmy

U11 Football (League Fixture) vs Montgomery – 15th May 2026

Final Score: Braiswick 0 vs 8 Montgomery

Team: Teddy, Albert, Zion, Euan, Reuben, Luke & Jimmy

Next half term we will be holding trials for next academic years football teams and Reception and Year 1/2 sportshall athletics (invite only) and KS2 Athletics @ The Garrison.

Braiswick Eco-Committee

In our recent Eco-Committee meetings, we have been extremely busy working on a range of exciting projects to help make our school more environmentally friendly. One of our main focuses has been planning and organising ideas for a stall at the upcoming FOBP Summer Fayre. The committee has been discussing activities, games and eco-friendly products that could help raise awareness about looking after the environment while also helping to raise money for the school. Everyone has contributed creative ideas and we are looking forward to sharing them with the school community.

We have also been supporting Evelyn in Year 5 with her efforts to achieve a Brownie badge. Members of the Eco-Committee worked incredibly hard to dig over and clear two large flower beds in preparation for planting wildflower seeds. This involved removing weeds, turning over the soil and making sure the beds were ready for planting. Since then, committee members have been regularly checking and watering the flower beds to help the seeds grow well. We are excited to see the flowers bloom and hope they will attract bees, butterflies and other wildlife into our school grounds. Another important topic we have been discussing is how to reduce food waste in school. The committee has been sharing ideas about how we can encourage children to waste less food at lunchtime and make better choices about portion sizes. We have also discussed ways to remind pupils about the importance of recycling and disposing of waste correctly. In addition, we have been thinking about ways to improve the air quality around school. The Eco-Committee would like to encourage parents and carers to switch off their car engines while waiting in the school car park or outside the school gates. Reducing unnecessary engine idling can help cut down air pollution and make the environment healthier and safer for everyone.

We are very proud of the hard work and enthusiasm shown by all members of the Eco-Committee and look forward to continuing our projects over the coming weeks.

Forest School

We have had a fantastic half term with Year 2 at Forest School, and the children have thoroughly enjoyed spending time outdoors exploring and learning in nature. Throughout the term, they have taken part in a variety of exciting and creative activities, including den building, making bird feeders, adding natural materials to our bug hotel, creating beautiful spring crowns, and producing artwork using natural resources they found around the site. These activities have helped to develop teamwork, problem-solving skills, creativity, and confidence in the outdoor environment.

The children have especially enjoyed learning about the natural world around them and caring for the environment through hands-on experiences. This week, they were very excited to safely enjoy a small campfire experience, where they toasted marshmallows and made delicious chocolate biscuit treats. It was a lovely way to celebrate all of their hard work and enthusiasm during Forest School sessions this half term.

Year 1 also took part in a special one-off Forest School session. During their visit, the children helped to enhance our sensory garden by planting and exploring different textures and scents in nature. They also planted sunflower seeds, which linked beautifully with their classroom learning and gave them the opportunity to learn more about how plants grow and what they need to thrive. The children showed great curiosity and enthusiasm throughout the session, and we look forward to welcoming them back to Forest School again in the future.



Subject Spotlight—Design & Technology

During this school year, the children have taken part in a wide range of exciting Design and Technology (DT) projects across the school. These activities have helped pupils develop their creativity, problem-solving skills, resilience and confidence through practical, hands-on learning experiences. DT encourages children to explore, design, build and evaluate their ideas while learning important practical skills.

Across the school, pupils have enjoyed working with a variety of materials, tools and techniques. They have followed the design process by researching, planning, making and evaluating their products, showing great enthusiasm, teamwork and perseverance throughout.

In EYFS, children designed and built vehicles using banana boxes and recycled materials, exploring how different materials can be joined and shaped. Year 1 enjoyed designing and making puppets, developing their skills in joining materials and using their creations for imaginative play while year 2 explored food technology by making sushi, learning about healthy eating, hygiene and basic food preparation skills.

In KS2, year 5 designed and created cam mechanism games, carefully investigating how movement can be produced and applying their knowledge to build interactive products. In Year 6, pupils worked collaboratively to design and make electronic games, testing circuits and refining their ideas to improve their final designs.

There is still more DT learning to come before the end of the summer term.

Year 3 will be sewing tooth bags, developing their textile skills, while year 4 will be making pizzas, combining creativity with food technology and healthy eating knowledge.

Throughout all projects, children have shown excellent creativity, problem-solving and resilience. They have learned the importance of testing, evaluating and improving their work, and have developed confidence as independent thinkers and designers.

We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and creativity shown by all pupils in DT this year and look forward to the exciting work still to come.



Diary Dates

1st June: Non Pupil Day

Week commencing 1st June: Year 4 Times Table Check Week

3rd June: Reserve Sports Day

Week commencing 8th June: Phonics Screening Week

19th May: Year 3 Wild Arts Trip

10th June: Year 3 Saffron Waldon Museum Trip

11th June: Year 2 Assembly, 9am

12th June: Year 6 Writing Afternoon, 2.30pm

19th June: OPAL Play Afternoon, 2pm

24th June: Year 2 Jimmy's Farm Trip

9th July: Year 1/2 Sportshall Athletics (invite only)

10th July: School Reports

13th July: Year 1 Walton Trip

16th July: Year 6 Production & Leavers Party

17th July: Performing Arts Day & Parent Picnic—school finishes at 1.30pm

17th July: Last day of Term



FOBP DATES

Happy School Bag donations
Monday 8th June, by 9am

Summer Fete
Friday 12th June from 3.15pm - 7pm

Zactiv Glimmer Pads
More info coming after half term!