



Braybrook Primary Academy

Head's Newsletter

12th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers, It has been another busy week at Braybrook! It has been a very busy week as the school gears up for the end of term. Reception and Year 1 began the week with their wonderful performance of The Wiggly Nativity, followed by Years 2 and 3, who sang their hearts out during the carol concert. Next week, Years 4, 5 and 6 look forward to welcoming families to their concerts on Monday and Tuesday. Around school, the children have been busy too:

In Reception, the children were amazing in their Nativity performances—everyone is incredibly proud of them. They also took part in the whole-school picture book awards, voting for their favourite stories. Outdoors, they have been getting creative by drawing monsters and making Christmas decorations.

In Year 1, the class have been very busy. They read *How to Catch Santa* and came up with their own elaborate and imaginative ideas for catching him. In RE, they created their own friendship tree, and in science they enjoyed tasting a range of foods and fruits—some delightfully sweet and others surprisingly sour!

In Year 2, the children enjoyed an exciting visit to the theatre to watch *The Snowman* and *The Snowdog*. They were captivated by the performance and represented the school beautifully. Back in the classroom, they have been working on solving missing-number problems in maths, developing their reasoning skills and explaining how they reached their answers. In RE, they continued learning about Christianity, discussing the importance of kindness and finding ways to link these ideas to real-life situations.

In Year 3, the children have been fully immersed in their English work, writing their own fables inspired by *The Lion Inside*. They planned stories with clear morals and created characters to help convey their messages. In geography, they explored English counties and cities using atlases, discussing what makes each region unique and making connections to places they or their families know.

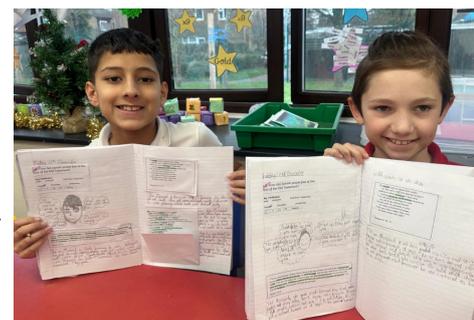
In Year 4, the class worked on their DT project by designing and creating “Santa-mobiles” to help Santa travel in style. They planned their vehicles carefully, considering structure, materials and decoration. With valuable help from parent volunteers, they built and tested their creations before evaluating how well they worked. It was a wonderfully creative and collaborative day! Thank you to all the parents who were able to help.

In Year 5, the children produced impressive artwork using pastels to create *Starry Night*–inspired scenes, experimenting with blending techniques and colour layering. These pieces may soon be arriving home as cards or calendars. In English, they worked on writing detailed and atmospheric setting descriptions based on *The Adventures of Odysseus*, using ambitious vocabulary and figurative language to bring the ancient world to life.

In Year 6, the children were incredible in their RE lesson, where they created a “conscience alley” to explore how Jewish people may have felt as they waited for their Messiah. They then inferred information about Jesus from New Testament passages, demonstrating excellent deduction and inference skills. In geography, they have been learning about globalisation, exploring real-world examples and discussing the impact on less developed countries, particularly those with limited access to the internet.

We have one week left—this will include two more carol concerts, a Rock Steady show, Christmas dinner day and Reward Day! It is going to be a busy one!

Have a great weekend, Mr Gross and the team at Braybrook



Diary Dates

December

Monday 15th—Year 4, 5, 6 Carol Concert —2:00pm

Tuesday 16th— Year 4, 5, 6 Carol Concert —2:00pm

Wednesday 17th—Rock Steady concert—2:30pm

Thursday 18th—Christmas Lunch (Christmas Jumper day!)

Friday 19th December—Reward Day

22nd December —5th January (Christmas Break)

5th January—Return to school

Christmas Fair

Thank you everyone who came to the fair, visited Santa, or bought raffle tickets. The PTA raised £1787.86

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this possible.



Weekly attendance winner

Whole school attendance is
currently....95.1%

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| 1st | Y4 | 96.3% |
| 2nd | Y3 | 96.1% |
| 3rd | Y5 | 95.8% |
| 4th | Y1 | 95.2% |
| 5th | Y2 | 93.9% |
| 6th | Y6 | 93.8% |
| 7th | Reception | 92.8% |