



Braybrook Primary Academy

Head's Newsletter

5th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers, It has been another busy week at Braybrook! We are really getting into the festive mood—on Monday we turned our Christmas lights on and decorated our tree, which is looking spectacular.

In Reception, the class have been reading the story 'Emily Brown and the Thing'. They drew pictures of the deep, dark woods and imagined what might be lurking there. They have also begun writing simple sentences using finger spaces to describe their illustrations. In maths, they have been learning to connect numerals to quantities using number fans, which have quickly become a favourite resource.



In Year 1, as well as working incredibly hard practising for their Christmas Nativity, the children have been busy with their learning. In science, they investigated whether people with bigger feet also have bigger hands.

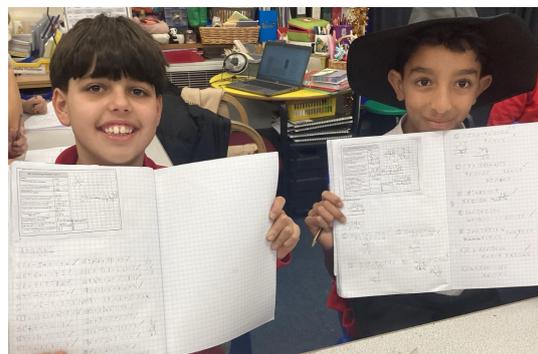
In Year 2, the children experimented with ways to strengthen paper in science. In RE, they learned how the Torah teaches Jewish people to help others. They linked this idea to their own behaviour and explored scenarios where they could be helpful, considering why they want to help others.



In Year 3, the children enjoyed an excellent English lesson focused on "show, not tell" techniques to express emotions. They acted out feelings and created sentences based on facial expressions and actions. They have also been busy practising songs for their upcoming carol concert.

In Year 4, the class had a creative afternoon recreating Ancient Egyptian patterns and combining them with their own interests to design new motifs. They used soft pastels, oil pastels and coloured pencils to create Egyptian-inspired colour schemes, which they then applied to their new designs.

In Year 5, the children have been learning about the story of Odysseus in English, including acting in role to help remember key parts of the tale. In preparation for their space topic next term, they had a special afternoon learning all about the planets in our Solar System—and even viewed images of Mars using 3D glasses.



In Year 6, the class have been working hard to create introductions to their imaginary universes and planets. They have impressed with their technical language and exciting sentence construction, including the use of "Imagine..." sentences. In maths, they have been learning to use BODMAS—an area they once found difficult. They have also been tackling daily word problems, and it has been wonderful to see the strategies they are now confidently using to solve them.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Fair—it was wonderful to see so many families there. The money is still being counted, and we will soon announce the total raised along with our plans for using the funds in the spring to develop the school. Thank you also to all the volunteers who dedicated time to preparing the event—from wrapping presents to decorating Santa's Grotto and helping on the night. Your efforts are truly appreciated by the whole school community.

Next week, our Christmas performances begin. Please ensure your tickets are booked in advance through the school office. Have a wonderful weekend, Mr Gross and the Braybrook team.

Diary Dates

December

Monday 8th—all clubs have ended EXCEPT homework club

Monday 8th—Reception and Year 1 Nativity show—2:15pm

Tuesday 9th—Reception and Year 1 Nativity show—9:15am

Tuesday 9th—Y2 trip to the theatre

Tuesday 9th: Pupil Flu vaccinations (nasal spray)

Wednesday 10th—Year 2 and 3 Carol Concert —2:15pm

Thursday 11th—Year 2 and 3 Carol Concert —9:15am

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