



Braybrook Primary Academy

Head's Newsletter

9th January 2026

We would like to warmly welcome everyone back for the Spring Term and wish all of our families a happy, healthy and restful start to the new year. We hope you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas and New Year break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the exciting learning ahead. It has been lovely to see the children return to school so positively and enthusiastically.



In EYFS, the children enjoyed a snowy winter walk this week, exploring the wintry landscape and noticing the sounds and sensations around them. They have been creating owls using a range of materials, including pompoms, and have been developing their ball skills and hand-eye coordination during PE sessions.

In Year 1, the children have been reading *The Crocodile Who Was Afraid of Water* and writing some wonderful descriptive sentences inspired by the story. In design technology, they have been investigating balance and stability, learning that structures with wider bases are more stable.



Year 2 maths lessons have focused on identifying the sides of 2D shapes. The children then linked this learning to division, exploring how whole numbers can be shared into equal groups. In English, the class have written thoughtful and creative postcards to different members of the school community.



In Year 3, the children have begun learning about persuasive writing in English. They discussed real-life issues within school that they could persuade others to help solve, such as littering, climbing trees and taking care of shared resources. The class have also thoroughly enjoyed their first ukulele lessons in music.

Our Year 4 class have started their brand new history topic on the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. They examined a range of artefacts to learn about life during each period, before exploring the Sutton Hoo discovery and its famous helmet. The children then created their own helmets using paper plates. They also enjoyed a wonderfully noisy science lesson focused on sound.



In Year 5, the children have been using their learning about Ancient Greece to design their own Greek gods and goddesses. Next week, they will be using these characters to write their own short stories. In maths, they have been learning how to add fractions with different denominators. In PSHE, the class explored where beef comes from and the ingredients needed to make spaghetti bolognese.

In Year 6, the children have been thoroughly enjoying their DT project to design and create a playground. They have been considering different joins, levers and pulleys, as well as the needs of the user. Their designs include equipment to develop physical strength, promote eco-friendly choices and ensure accessibility for all. The class are looking forward to completing their final presentations and showcasing their work.

We are looking forward to a busy term ahead! Thank you for your support, Mr Gross and the Braybrook team

Achievements

Achievement award winners

9.1.26

Year 1	Bianka
Year 2	Kaia
Year 3	Freddie
Year 4	<i>Absent</i>
Year 5	Dominic
Year 6	Logan

Braybrook Achievement Cup winner

Avalie



Braybrook Brilliant Behaviour award

Antoinette Y5

Weekly attendance winner

Whole school attendance is currently....**94.7%**

1st	Reception	97.8%
2nd	Yr3	96.7%
3rd	Yr 2	96.6%
4th	Yr 6	95.3%
5th	Yr 4	92.5%
6th	Yr5	90.8%
7th	Yr 1	71.7%

Favourites Day MENU
Thursday 15th January 2026

★ MAINS ★	★ SIDES ★	★ DESSERTS ★
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sausage Roll • Margherita Pizza • Tomato Pasta • Jacket Potato 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potato Wedges • Freshly Baked Bread • Salad Bar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pancakes & Toppings • Brownies • Cookies

Diary Dates

January

Monday 12th: clubs begin

Thursday 15th: Favourites Day Lunch

Thursday 22nd: Young Voices trip to the O2 arena (Y6 and choir)

February

Monday 9th-Thursday 12th: No after school clubs except homework and YDP

Tuesday 10th: Parents' evening

Thursday 12th: Parents' evening

Friday 13th: Passport to the World Day

Friday 13th: Break for Half term

Monday 23rd: Back to school

Friday 27th: Y6 trip to Cambridge University

Friday 27th: Y5 trip to the National Space Centre

March

Monday 16th: Class photos

Thursday 19th: after school clubs end

Wednesday 25th: Rocksteady Concert

Friday 27th: Reward Day

Friday 27th: Break up for Easter holiday

April

Tuesday 14th: Back to school

After School Clubs

Next week, before and after school clubs will start. There is plenty of availability in our new breakfast sports clubs. Please sign up on Arbor.

Note: w/c 9th February the only clubs running is homework and YDP clubs.

