



# Braybrook Primary Academy

Head's Newsletter

17th April 2026

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the summer term. We hope you have a wonderful Easter break and the children are feeling refreshed for the term ahead. Information about the curriculum ahead is now on the website here [Braybrook Primary Academy - Summer 2025-26](#)

In Reception, the children have been extremely excited about some very special visitors, as they have welcomed eight chicks hatching in class this week! As part of their learning on life cycles, the eggs arrived on Tuesday and, over the following 48 hours, the chicks began to hatch. Since then, the children have carefully moved them into a larger pen and have been observing them feeding and growing, while learning all about how to care for them.

Our Year 1 class have begun their new history topic on castles and are already incredibly excited about their upcoming project to build their own castles using LEGO. In science, the children have started learning about plants and are looking forward to planting their own tomato plants soon. In maths, they have been developing their understanding of place value by partitioning numbers into tens and ones.

Year 2 pupils have thoroughly enjoyed starting their new DT unit on animation. At the beginning of the week, they learned about stop-motion animation through flip books, creating their own sequences to show a ball moving across the page. They then built on this learning by using iPads to create their own stop-motion animations by taking a series of photographs. The class had a wonderful first lesson with the music service, where they experienced Samba drumming.

In Year 3, the children have started an exciting new science unit by planting sunflower seeds to investigate whether plants need sunlight and fresh air to grow. They have set up different conditions, including plants kept in sealed bags, in sunlight and in darkness, and will observe the results over time. In maths, they have been exploring mass and capacity, making predictions about whether tall, thin containers hold more or less than shorter, wider ones.

Year 4 have been busy across the curriculum this week. In English, they have been writing and performing their own speeches inspired by Malala Yousafzai, showing confidence and passion in their delivery. In science, they have begun a new unit on electricity, learning how to create circuits to light a bulb. The class have also enjoyed starting their new music unit on rock and roll, complete with singing and dancing, as well as taking part in their first swimming session.

Our Year 5 children have been learning about perimeter in maths, applying their knowledge to a range of problems. In English, they designed their own imaginative islands and wrote detailed descriptions to bring them to life. In history, they have been excited to begin learning about the Ancient Maya—especially when discovering that this civilisation was responsible for the origins of chocolate!

Meanwhile, Year 6 have been working incredibly hard across all areas of the curriculum. In maths, they have been exploring equivalent fractions and applying this knowledge to more complex problem-solving. In English, the children have written excellent letters of complaint in role as Humpty Dumpty, demonstrating strong persuasive writing skills. In PE, during their sessions with YDP, they have enjoyed developing their skills in both cricket and tennis.

Updates Today, Miss Bourlet begins her maternity leave. We send her our very best wishes as she prepares to welcome her new baby, and we look forward to sharing updates with you in due course. We also say goodbye to Mrs Palys, who has now left the school. We thank her for her hard work and contribution over the past year. In Year 5, Miss Nazir will be teaching alongside Miss King, and in Year 2, the children have enjoyed spending time with Mrs El-Eisawy, who will be teaching the class on Fridays. Have a great weekend, Mr Gross and the Braybrook team



# Diary Dates

## April

Wednesday 29th: Britten Sinfonia (orchestra) visit

## May

Monday 4th: Bank holiday (no school)

Monday 11th-Thursday 14th: Year 6 SATs

18th and 21st: Woodgreen animal shelter visits

Friday 22nd: Passport to the world

Monday 25th-Friday 29th: Half term

## June

Tuesday 2nd: DLPT Diamond Day

Tuesday 16th: Y2/3 Sacrewell farm trip

Monday 29th: Y6 secondary transition evening (at the secondary schools)

## July

Wednesday 1st: APDR review evening

Wednesday 1st-Thursday 2nd: Y6 secondary transition days

Friday 3rd: Sports Day

Wednesday 8th: Rock Steady concert

Thursday 9th: Year 6 leavers' show 1:30pm

Monday 13th: Garden Party (Y6 after school time TBC)

Wednesday 15th-Friday 17th: Year 6 Hilltop trip

Friday 17th: Reward day

Friday 17th: break up for summer