



Braybrook Primary Academy

Head's Newsletter

24th April 2026

Dear parents and carers,

We have had a busy but fantastic week at school.

In reception, the children said goodbye to our wonderful chicks. Before they left, the class spent time carefully looking after them and observing how they had grown and changed. The children then drew and wrote about the life cycle of a chicken, reflecting on all they had learned. They were also fascinated by photographs of different types of eggs and enjoyed predicting what might hatch from each one.



Our Year 1 class have been thoroughly enjoying their science topic on plants. The children completed careful observational drawings, created leaf rubbings and planted their own tomato seeds, which they are excited to watch grow. In art, they explored sculpture by bending, twisting and folding paper strips before attaching them to card to create their own 3D artwork.

Year 2 pupils have been having a wonderful time in their music lessons, learning to play a variety of samba instruments including the surdo drums, agogo bells, ganza shakers and tamborims. Each child has had the opportunity to try every instrument and has taken part enthusiastically. In maths, they have been using scales to compare grams and kilograms, while in English they have been developing their use of 'bossy' imperative verbs.



In Year 3, the children have created detailed scientific drawings of plants, carefully labelling each part and discussing its function. In art, they explored sculpture by transforming 2D shapes into abstract 3D forms without using glue, encouraging creativity and problem-solving. In English, the class have been writing personal narratives, focusing on accurate speech punctuation, with some fantastic results.



Year 4 have been busy across several subjects this week. As part of their Rock and Roll music unit, they have been learning to play a walking bass line on the glockenspiel, including using sharp notes for the first time. In PE, they have been developing their skills in cricket and tennis, while in maths they have been mastering their understanding of perimeter.

Our Year 5 children have been learning how to read and create line graphs in maths, carefully interpreting data and presenting it accurately. In English, they have been reading *Lost* and producing thoughtful written responses to the text.



Meanwhile, Year 6 have been refining their understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages, applying these skills to a range of problems. In English, they have been working hard on their comprehension skills, particularly focusing on using evidence to support their answers. In art, the children have produced some incredible work by recreating the missing half of an image with careful attention to symmetry.



Have a great weekend, Mr Gross and the Braybrook Team

Achievements

Achievement award winners

24.4.26

Year 1	Jude and Kamran
Year 2	Leah
Year 3	Pauline
Year 4	Aaron
Year 5	Ebony
Year 6	Cody

Braybrook Achievement Cup winner

Dhiya Y4



Braybrook Brilliant Behaviour award

Bianka Y1

Weekly attendance winner

Whole school attendance is currently....94.4%

1st	Yr 3	99.3
2nd	Yr 1	97.6
3rd	Reception	96.9
4th	Yr 5	96.7
5th	Yr 4	95.3
6th	Yr 2	92.6
7th	Yr 6	92.2

Year 6 Prefects

Congratulations to our new Y6 prefects: Tara, Katie, Hugas, Eshan, Olaf, Aaron and Chester



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