



Braybrook Primary Academy

Head's Newsletter

18th September 2026

We have had another busy and productive week at school, with children across the school continuing to work hard and enjoy a wide range of exciting learning experiences. It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm and creativity in classrooms, with plenty of opportunities for children to develop new skills, ask questions and put their learning into practice.

In Reception, Quartz Class have had another busy week as they have continued developing their phonics and maths skills. They have been learning the phonemes s, a, t and p, as well as practising how to form these letters correctly on their handwriting sheets. The children have been working hard on their pencil grip and taking care to hold their pencils correctly. In maths, they have been learning to recognise quantities up to three without counting and representing numbers up to three in different ways. They have also been developing their drawing skills by creating pictures of their families, with some wonderful artists emerging already! There has been plenty of playing, learning and exploration across both the indoor and outdoor environments.

Our Year 1 children have been getting creative, designing their own characters inspired by The Tiger Who Came to Tea and imagining the adventures their characters might go on. In maths, they have been practising their subitising skills and recognising numbers written as words. The children have also made a fantastic start to their reading groups. A huge thank you to families for all the support with reading at home—it really does shine through in the classroom!

Year 2 have been busy investigating clues about their exciting new history topic, The Great Fire of London, while also developing their understanding of place value in maths. In English, the children have been writing their own potions for a witch's brew, and the quality of their writing has been fantastic. There have been some very creative—and rather mysterious—potions appearing in their books!

In Year 3, the children have been producing some super writing inspired by Mini Rabbit Not Lost. They have been developing their grammar skills and experimenting with different sentence structures, including using commas alongside exciting verbs to make their writing more engaging. In science, the class carried out an investigation into friction, exploring how different surfaces affect how far a toy car will travel. There was plenty of predicting, testing and discussion as they worked to draw their conclusions.

Year 4 have had a fantastic week. In English, they have been exploring Arthur and the Golden Rope, with a particular focus on the dialogue between Arthur and Thor. The children have enjoyed identifying the features of dialogue and then having a go at creating their own conversations. In maths, they have been developing their understanding of place value, including counting in thousands and partitioning numbers up to 10,000. They have also continued their fascinating history topic on Ancient Egypt, building on their knowledge and understanding of this incredible civilisation.

Our Year 5 class have been working hard in maths, developing their understanding of place value and partitioning numbers up to the millions. They also enjoyed creating and performing their own News-round-style reports to share the story of the Buddha's enlightenment. This was their first opportunity to learn about Buddhism, and it certainly generated plenty of thoughtful questions and discussion.

Meanwhile, Year 6 have been getting creative with their new book, The Night of the Gargoyle, writing some wonderfully gruesome descriptions of gargoyles. They then brought their ideas to life during a brilliant afternoon of clay modelling, creating their own gargoyles inspired by their reading and writing. Every gargoyle was completely unique, and the children produced some wonderfully grotesque creations!

Homework was sent out this week, and it has been great to see how engaged the children have been—especially with reading at home. Thank you for supporting this—we value it so highly!

Finally, it has been lovely to see so many attending our after school clubs. There are still some spaces so head to Arbor to book your child a space.

Thank you for your support. Have a great weekend, Mr Gross and the Braybrook team



Achievements

Achievement award winners

18.9.26

Year 1	Zen'Nyla
Year 2	Oscar
Year 3	Riah
Year 4	Teddy
Year 5	Lyshia
Year 6	Jake

Braybrook Achievement Cup winner

Jack Y4



Braybrook Brilliant Behaviour award

Daisy Y1

Weekly attendance winner

**Whole school attendance is
currently....97.0%**

1st	Yr 5	99.6
2nd	Yr 3	98.8
3rd	Yr 6	98.0
4th	Reception	97.8
5th	Yr 4	97.7
6th	Yr 2	97.4
7th	Yr 1	89.5

This morning, we received a very special delivery from the wonderful people at Hotpoint Outlet Shop in Peterborough!

They have very kindly donated a brand-new oven for the children after our previous one sadly broke.



Diary Dates

September

20-24th: Bikeability

28-2nd Oct: Poetry week

October

12th: Y3 Flag Fen trip

12-16th: Black History Month celebrations

20th Halloween Disco

22nd: Individual school photos

23rd: Passport to the World day

23rd: Break for half term

November

2nd: Back to school

3rd & 5th: Parents' evenings

2nd—6th: No clubs except YDP & homework

11th: Remembrance Day

13th: Children in Need day

16th-20th: Anti-bullying week

December

1st: Wish the Lights On

4th: Clubs end

10th: Christmas Fair (TBC)

16th: Rock Steady Concert

18th: Reward Day

18th: Break up for Christmas holidays