



Braybrook Primary Academy

Head's Newsletter

16th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and exciting week across the school, with lots of wonderful learning taking place in every year group.

In Reception, the children completed their *Owl Babies* story by creating their own baby owls out of clay. They thoroughly enjoyed moulding and carving the clay into shape and adding googly eyes to bring their owls to life. The children were incredibly proud of their finished pieces. As part of their *Understanding the World* learning, they also discovered the fascinating story of the explorer Shackleton and his expeditions to the South Pole. In Maths, the children explored the "one more" nature of the counting system. They built number towers and practised recognising which number tower was missing.

In Year 1, Music lessons have focused on tempo. Last week, the children learned a rhyme about a slow snail, and this week they increased the tempo with a rhyme about a speedy mouse. In English, the children have been reading *Ocean Meets Sky* and using the book as inspiration to write their own descriptive sentences.

In Year 2, the children have been developing their understanding of resilience in PSHE. They took part in three challenging activities: tower building, bead threading and creating houses from cards. These activities encouraged thoughtful discussion about how to manage feelings of anger and frustration when things do not go as planned, helping to develop a growth mindset.

In Year 3, English lessons focused on persuasive writing. Using their colourful posters, the children planned persuasive posters encouraging people not to drop litter. In Maths, they revisited column addition and subtraction, while in Science they expanded their knowledge of the human skeleton by learning about x-rays and investigating the average size of human bones.

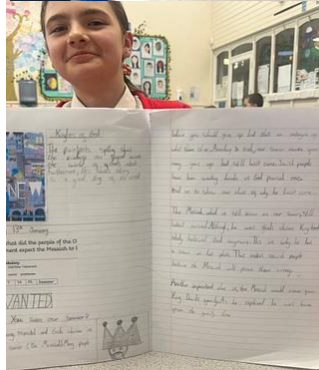
In Year 4, the children enjoyed a series of hands-on Science experiments exploring how sound is made. They observed beads on a drum, struck tuning forks and watched what happened when they were placed in water, and experimented with twanging rulers to see how vibrations create sound.

In Year 5, Science lessons focused on Earth and Space. The children went outside to draw the planets and explore their relative distances from the Sun. In Geography, they have been learning about how mountains are formed.

In Year 6, the children have been writing their own wanted posters for the Messiah. They used texts from the Bible to find clues about what they would expect their Saviour to look like, demonstrating thoughtful interpretation and creativity.

It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm, curiosity and pride the children show in their learning. Well done to everyone for another fantastic week.

Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you all a restful weekend, Mr Gross and the Braybrook Team



Achievements

Achievement award winners

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Year 1	Abel
Year 2	Noah
Year 3	Leonardas
Year 4	Tajus Lucas
Year 5	Macileigh
Year 6	Ewan

Braybrook Achievement Cup winner

Heaven Y3



Braybrook Brilliant Behaviour award

Sara Y6

Weekly attendance winner

Whole school attendance is currently....95.6%

1st	Yr2	95.7
1st	Yr4	95.0
2nd	Yr3	94.8
2nd	Yr5	94.7
3rd	Reception	94.5
4th	Yr6	92.7
5th	Yr 1	92.3

Millionaire Readers

Congratulations to our three year six boys, Rory, Stefan and Emmanuel who are now millionaire readers. The boys all received a certificate in assembly as well as a book voucher. Keep up the amazing work!



Diary Dates

January

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