



Braybrook Primary Academy

Head's Newsletter

30th January 2026

Dear parents and carers,

We have had a busy, exciting and learning-filled week at Braybrook! Today, the school proudly celebrated World Number Day. Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us—it was wonderful to see so many of you in school. There was a real buzz around maths throughout the day, and it was lovely to hear so many children enthused by numbers through games and challenges. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Back in class, there has been a wealth of exciting learning taking place: In Reception, some of the children have shown a real interest in using the tools at the woodworking bench. Two of the boys worked hard all afternoon to create their very own robots—future carpenters in the making! The class's core story this week has been *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. The children have enjoyed a range of activities linked to the story, including designing teddy bear outfits, ordering numbers and retelling the story using puppets. In maths, they have been learning all the different ways of making the number six.

In Year 1, science lessons focused on exploring the sense of smell. The children had to guess what was hidden in cups using only their noses—vinegar was definitely not a favourite, while orange proved much more popular! In DT, the children completed their pencil pots, carefully adding final details. These will be coming home next week.

In Year 2, Sapphire class have been learning about computers in computing lessons and developing their understanding of how they work. This week, the children focused on inputs, discussing how computers follow instructions given by humans. They then used technology to design their own robots, planning which buttons would input information. The children recorded instructions explaining what their robot would do when each button was pressed.

In Year 3, the class have been writing a section of *Alice in Wonderland*, with a particular focus on the character of the Mad Hatter. In art, they have been developing their observation skills by closely studying seeds and plants, working hard to include fine details and becoming wonderfully "super-detailed" artists.

In Year 4, learning in science continued with a focus on sound. The children explored how volume changes over distance and why this happens, using decibel meters on iPads to measure sound levels. They worked extremely well as a team to ensure their investigation was a fair test. In maths, the class used multilink cubes to explore factor pairs, creating arrays before using their learning to design factor bugs.

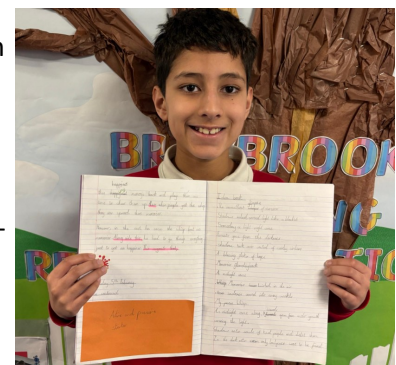
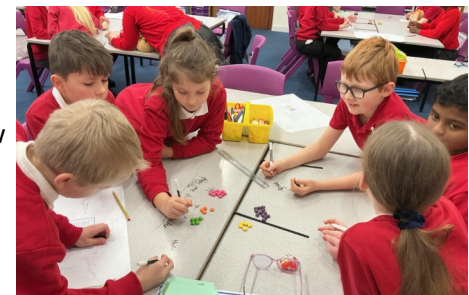
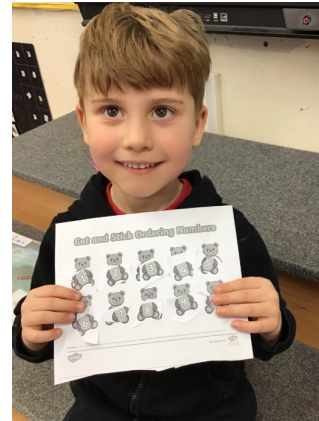
In Year 5, music lessons have continued to focus on South and West African music. The children practised developing their own eight-beat rhythms, which they are excited to teach to Year 1 next week. In DT, the class have been adapting a traditional spaghetti bolognese recipe, carefully considering both flavour and nutritional value.

In Year 6, the children have been working incredibly hard in science to create classification double-page spreads to present everything they have learned this term. We have also been amazed by the poems written by our future poets, inspired by their new class text, *Wisp*.

Reminders:

Bookings are open for our parents evenings on 10th and 12th March—please use the Arbor app to book a slot. We hope to see you there.

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



Achievements

Achievement award winners

6.2.26

Year 1	<i>Absent</i>
Year 2	Fatima
Year 3	Kyle
Year 4	Macie
Year 5	Mohamad
Year 6	Leo

Braybrook Achievement Cup winner

Nojus Y5



Braybrook Brilliant Behaviour award

Maria Y2

Weekly attendance winner

Whole school attendance is currently....94.5%

1st	Yr 1	97.7
2nd	Yr 3	96.7
3rd	Yr 5	92
4th	Yr 2	90.6
4th	Yr 4	90.6
5th	Reception	90.0
6th	Yr 6	85.0

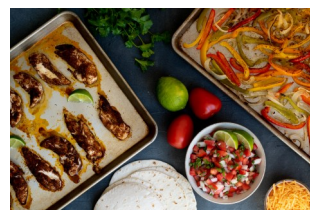
Passport to the World

Our next 'Passport to the World' learning day will take place on Friday 13th February.

Each class has been allocated a country to learn about and as part of the day, they will be making and tasting food from the region.

We ask for a £1 donation to cover costs of the food.

Children are permitted to wear an accessory linked to their chosen country. This could be a hat, hair decoration, face paint or wristband. School uniform should still be worn.



See Class Dojo for more information.

Diary Dates

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

Monday 23rd: Y4 trip to the Cathedral

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

Thursday 26th: Easter PTA Disco (after school)

Friday 27th: Reward Day

Friday 27th: Break up for Easter holiday

April

Tuesday 14th: Back to school