



Braybrook Primary Academy

Head's Newsletter

11th September 2026

We have had a fantastic first full week back at school. The children have settled incredibly well, and it has been wonderful to see them working hard and enjoying their learning. There has been a lovely atmosphere across the school, with classrooms full of enthusiasm, curiosity and positive attitudes. It has been a brilliant start to the new academic year.

Reception have had a fantastic first week. The children have settled into school remarkably well, learning new routines and exploring the many different areas of learning. They have been making new friends, getting to know the staff and enjoying lots of opportunities to explore both indoors and outdoors. We have been incredibly impressed by their lovely attitudes and enthusiasm, and we cannot wait to see all the wonderful learning they achieve this year.

Our Year 1 children have settled into their new environment brilliantly and have been busy across the week. In maths, they have been exploring numbers using Numicon and developing their understanding of how numbers can be represented in different ways. In English, they have been writing sentences about the animals they could spot in a big picture. They have also enjoyed some creative junk modelling and had their first PE sessions with YDP.

Year 2 have had an exciting start to their new English unit, preparing to write instructions for how to make a witch's brew. The children hunted around the school for ingredients before getting into character and acting out their magical potions. They will use all of this preparation to write their own instructions next week. In art, they have also been exploring texture by creating rubbings using different materials and surfaces.

In Year 3, the children have been working hard to develop their arithmetic skills in maths. They have also started a new science unit on forces by investigating how they could make a tennis ball move. The children explored pushes, pulls and twists, and enjoyed a fascinating discussion about the force of gravity. There were some great scientific ideas being shared!

Year 4 have been getting stuck into their science learning about the digestive system. The children took part in a very memorable hands-on investigation, following the journey of a Weetabix through a model digestive system and seeing what happens as food travels through the body. As you can imagine, there was plenty of excitement—and quite a lot of discussion about what happens at the other end!

Our Year 5 class have begun their new history topic on the Ancient Maya with a range of exciting activities. Acting as archaeologists, the children explored a Mayan artefact jigsaw, piecing together clues and making predictions about what the artefact might be and what it could tell us about the Maya civilisation. They have also been developing their design skills in DT, creating some wonderful masks.

Meanwhile, Year 6 have been incredibly busy across the curriculum. In music, they explored the evocative piece *Fingal's Cave*, creating descriptive language to perform alongside the music. In computing, they designed their own e-safety posters, while in English they generated inferences and questions about their new book, *The Night of the Gargoyle*. The children have also started swimming, beginning with assessments before enjoying some fun float games—and they were all fantastic in the water! In maths, they have been developing their understanding of when to choose mental or written methods and considering which method is most efficient. They have also explored their own reading identities through art, creating pieces that represent where their reading takes them.

It has been a hugely positive first full week, and we are incredibly proud of how well the children have settled and the enthusiasm they have shown for their learning.

Have a great weekend, Mr Gross and the Braybrook team



UPDATES

CLUBS

Our afterschool clubs restart next week. Please sign up using Arbor.

All clubs, including YDP, remain funded by the school to offer free enrichment and opportunities to Braybrook pupils.



HOMEWORK

Based on parent feedback, we have changed our homework expectations and some online platforms (no Maths Whizz).

All details are on Dojo, but in summary.

Reading at home: all pupils

Spellings or phonics: all pupils

Maths: Y1/2 Numbots

Y3/4 TT Rock Stars

Y5/6 Maths.co.uk

Homework club will run on Wednesdays, and lunchtime clubs are available daily.

Weekly attendance winner

Whole school attendance is currently....97%

1st	Yr 2	99.3%
2nd	Reception	99.2%
3rd	Yr 6	98.7%
4th	Yr 5	98.3%
5th	Yr 3	98.2%
6th	Yr 4	98.1%
7th	Yr 1	92.5%

HELP MAKE SCHOOL EVENTS HAPPEN!

The events our children love don't happen because of the school. They happen because parents step forward to help.

Fairs
 Discos
 Movie Nights
 Seasonal Events

COFFEE & CHAT

Tuesday 15 September | 9:00am

Come along to meet other parents and carers and find out more.

Diary Dates

September

20-24th: Bikeability

28-2nd Oct: Poetry week

October

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

