

October 2024 Newsletter

Co-Headteachers' Message

As we reach the end of the first half term, we would like to take a moment to reflect on the exciting activities and achievements of the past few weeks. We are especially proud of our new Squirrels, who have shown great maturity and settled into their routines beautifully.

This half term, there have been many opportunities for the children to be elected to various positions across the school. The children have voted for their House Captains, Vice Captains, School Council, and members of our newest committee—the Eco-Committee. We were highly impressed by the thoughtful speeches the children prepared and delivered in order to gain votes. It is essential that our children have the opportunities to collaborate with peers across different year groups, with a clear focus and purpose. We have already witnessed great teamwork and communication skills, and we are pleased that the children are actively involved in shaping the school. You will be able to read more about the different Committees' work below.

This half term has been incredibly busy, not only in the classrooms but also with our enrichment opportunities. In just a few weeks, Year 3 had an exciting overnight camp, Year 4 visited the Roald Dahl Museum and on the 18th October, Year 6 watched the Royal Shakespeare Company perform *Macbeth*. We have also had an excellent turnout for our extra-curricular clubs and activities. Participation has been fantastic, and we look forward to offering an even wider range of clubs next half term.

It was wonderful to welcome parents to our first Parents' Evening of the school year. Your feedback and partnership are invaluable in helping us support the children effectively. If you were unable to attend Parents' Evening, please contact your child's teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time.

We would like to thank you for your continued support. Please remember that the children return to school on **Tuesday 5th November**. We hope you have a wonderful and restful break with your families!

Miss Sutton & Mrs Bains



- 04.11.24 INSET Day
- 05.11.24 Children return to school
 - Year 5 & 6 Girls' Football Team Tournament
- 06.11.24 Dodgeball Team Tournament
- 14.11.24 School photographs (individuals)
 - Open evening for Reception 2025 Prospective Parents (4.15pm)
- 15.11.24 Children In Need - Dress in yellow/ spots/ superhero
- 19.11.24 Open evening for Reception 2025 Prospective Parents (4.15pm)
- 22.11.24 YR R to YR 2 Cinema Trip (epraise shop)
- 26.11.24 YR 3, 4, 5 Cinema Trip (epraise shop)
 - Flu immunisations
- 25 & 27 .11.24 YR 2 Fire Service Visit
- 28.11.24 YR 3, 4, 5 Cinema Trip (epraise shop)
- 03.12.24 YR 6 Science Museum Trip
- 09.12.24 Choir Sing at Luton Airport
- 10.12.24 YR 5 Wardown Museum Trip
- 12.12.24 YR 4 Music Performance to Parents (9.15am)
- 12.12.24 Festive jumper day
 - School Christmas lunch
- 17.12.24 KS1 Nativity to Parents (9.30am and 2.30pm)
- 19.12.24 Reception Nativity to parents (9.15am)
- 20.12.24 Non uniform and Christmas Parties
 - End Of Term

Eco Committee

We have recently formed an Eco-Committee at Bramingham. Climate change impacts us at a global level and our young people do not need to be bystanders. We **can** make a difference and our Eco Warriors will begin their journey by looking at what changes can be made within our school. Our Eco-Committee will lead the school in exploring biodiversity, energy, litter, waste, transport and water. Throughout the year, our Eco Warriors will be promoting the idea of 'small steps, big impact!' There are lots of ideas already and we are excited to be making a difference in a meaningful way.

Last half term, we were awarded the Green Flag award and we aim to develop our work on the environment further.



School Council

School council have already been hard at work, discussing with their classes, what they want to achieve this year.

'We have been gathering as a council over this half term to talk about our initial ideas. Some of the ideas that we liked were to get a clock for the field and playground, to get a values tree and to create more shade on the field. We have already met with the Co-Headteachers to discuss our proposals. Look out for some upcoming fundraising events so we can make our ideas a reality!'



If your child is entitled to free school meals, you should have received vouchers for the half term break. Please contact Miss Legg, If you have any queries regarding the vouchers.



Doodle & Reading

Please encourage your child to continue to Doodle. Little and often is best and the children will receive 3 epraise points if they Doodle at least 3 times each week, including the holidays. The same will apply for their reading.

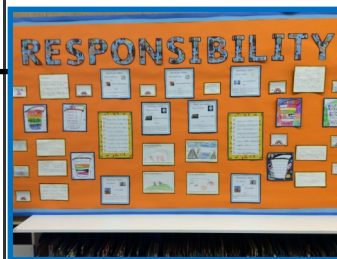


Our Four Core Values

From September, we have shifted our focus from exploring a different Value each month to embracing four overarching Values that the children will study and reflect on throughout the entire year. These core Values will guide our school community, helping to shape the way we interact, learn, and grow together. The children will not only learn about these Values but also experience how they apply to everyday life, both inside and outside the classroom.

Respect

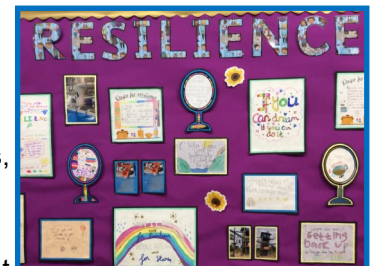
Understanding the importance of treating others, ourselves, and our environment with care and consideration.



Responsibility

Learning about accountability, making good choices, and understanding how our actions affect others.

Resilience Building inner strength to overcome challenges, adapt to new situations, and keep trying when things get difficult.



Relationships The importance of how we connect with others

By focusing on these four fundamental Values, we aim to help our children develop not just academically, but also as thoughtful, responsible, and kind individuals.

Robinson Playground

A couple of weeks ago, we were absolutely delighted to officially open the Robinson playground. It was an honour to welcome Barbara Robinson's daughters Laura and Kate, and her granddaughter Kobe. They officially opened the playground.

As you can imagine, the children thoroughly enjoy using the playground and it is wonderful for them to see their choice of design, installed.



Next half term

The curriculum overview for next half term are on the website. You will find the plans under the Curriculum tab. We hope that you will enjoy finding out what your child will be learning. Please share the information with your child so that they are prepared for next half term's learning.

YR R: Why Do We Celebrate?

YR 1: Does Every Toy Have A Story To Tell?

YR 2: Why Did London Burn?

YR 3: How Did We Get Here?

YR 4: How Active Is Our Planet?

YR 5: What Was Life Like For Victorian Children In Luton?

YR6: To What Extent Do Your Actions Define Your Character?

Foodbank Collection

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all parents for their generous donations to the foodbank. Your contributions play a crucial role in supporting local families in Luton who are in need. In these challenging times, your kindness ensures that no one goes hungry, fostering a sense of community and compassion. Thank you for your continued support; together, we are making a meaningful difference in the lives of many.



School Uniform

Please ensure that your child is in correct school uniform - white shirt/ polo shirt, navy trousers/ skirt, red jumper/ cardigan.

Our Family Workers also have pre-loved uniform available. Please contact Mrs Altaf for further information.

For PE days, children must come in navy joggers/ shorts and red T Shirt and red / blue sweatshirt or school jumper.



Sports

Last week, our netball team played an exciting match against Denbigh Primary. The team worked exceptionally well together, demonstrating great teamwork. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and the way they represented our school.

Looking ahead to next half term, our football teams and dodgeball team will be competing against other Luton schools. Yesterday, both the dodgeball and netball team played against staff and great fun was had by all! We are confident that the teams will continue to perform with the same dedication and enthusiasm.

We wish all our team members the best of luck in their upcoming games!



Parking

Please refrain from parking on the road that leads to the school or local residents' car parking bays. You are able to park at Sainsburys for up to 3 hours.

Wraparound Care

We are extending the opening time of our AfterSchool Club to 6pm. The charge from 3:30pm to 6pm will be £10 per session. This will start after half term. Please book Breakfast & AfterSchool Club on your SchoolMoney app in advance. Bookings need to be made **before 3pm on a Friday.**

School Dinners

Please pre book your child's lunch on the Edu Spot app. This saves valuable learning time, and it is a good opportunity for you to monitor what your child is eating.

The children will have their Christmas dinner on 12th December.

Family Worker News

Marsh Farm Futures Community Corner offers free support for the local community with many new services - open every Monday Tuesday Friday from 2:30 - 4:30pm

Marsh Farm Futures Community Fridge -FREE for everyone and no referral is needed. Wednesdays 5pm - 7.30pm & Fridays 3pm- 6pm

Level Trust Uniform Exchange Shop located in the Luton Mall - open for new and pre loved school uniform. See website for more info - www.leveltrust.org

Flying Start Stay and Play For babies and toddler every Tuesday at Bramingham Primary School 9.30am - 10.30am. For more information contact Flying start or visit website www.flyingstartluton.com

David Lloyd Gym are offering a **FREE** day family pass. This is a great way to keep active over half term! The pass would allow your family access to the club over half term. We have added a link below for you to be able to access the pass.

[Click here for your free day pass!](#)

We are available to support or sign post families. Please do not hesitate to get in touch. Miss Legg and Mrs Altaf



ATTENDANCE

WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

WITH EFFECT FROM 19 AUGUST 2024

1

£160

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

2

FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN

+£160

+£160

+£160

+£160

4 children & 1 parent = £640
Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

3

10 IN 10

IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised, the school will consider prosecution.

1 DAY = 2 SESSIONS

4

FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS

+£160

+£160

+£160

+£160

4 children & 2 parents = £1280
Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

5

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

2ND TIME

2 parents and...

1 child - £320
2 children = £640
3 children = £960
4 children = £1280

No discount for early payment

3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given.

Your case will be taken to court.

A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child.

1 parent & 4 children = £10,000
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

i FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance

Attendance

Please do not book any holidays during term time as we will not authorise these.

We will be sharing our new Attendance Policy after the half term.

Well done to our class weekly Attendance of the Week Champions

Top Attendance of the Week

Wk1	Wk2	Wk3	Wk4
Owls	Grey Squirrels & Kestrels	Rabbits	Hedge-hogs
Wk5	Wk6	Wk7	
Robins	Rabbits	Hedge-hogs	