



Newsletter

16th October 2026

REMINDERS

Y4 Parents

Please remember to attend the **Y4 Multiplication Check meeting** led by Mrs Roxby-Clarke

This is an opportunity for you to find out how you can best support your child in the lead up to the multiplication check.

Place: School Hall

Date: Thursday 5th Nov

Time: 9-9.30am

Grandparents Tea Party

We are looking forward to welcoming **grandparents next Friday 23rd**

October at 9.15am to our annual Harvest Macmillan Coffee Morning/Tea Party. There will be a short assembly followed by the opportunity for our guests to have a look around our school. Followed by refreshments! On the day, **the children will be collecting for the Macmillan Cancer Support charity and welcome any donations.**

We look forward to welcoming lots of Grandparents on the day!

**MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT**

REMINDERS

Happening Next Week:



FOBS Pumpkin Carving Competition 2025!

Get creative at home and bring your carved and/or decorated pumpkin into the school playground on **Friday 24th October** at morning drop off. FOBS members will be there to meet you. Pumpkins need to be collected at pick-up.

SPOOKTASTIC PRIZES TO BE WON!

One main prize per year group -
All entrants will receive a token gift



PUMPKIN'S PROMISE

All judging will be carried out by impartial judges, so....
PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THE OUTSIDE OF YOUR PUMPKIN
- just on a small piece of paper inside

Autumn 1 2026

Thursday 8 th October	Year 6 SATS meeting for parents	9.00-9.30am-school hall
Tuesday 20 th October	Parents Evening	3.30-5.00pm - appointment only TBA
Wednesday 21 st October	Parents Evening	3.30-5.00pm - appointment only TBA
Thursday 22 nd October	Parents Evening	3.30-7.00pm-appointment only TBA
Friday 23 rd October	Grandparents Tea Party	Grandparents invited into school for a special assembly in school hall/9.15am

HALF TERM 26th OCTOBER- 30th OCTOBER

DIARY DATES

Please note dates may be subject to change or additional events may be added.

Regularly check newsletters and/or Parentmail notifications for updates.

Our Non-Pupil Days 2026-27

Tuesday 1st September
 Wednesday 2nd September
 Monday 4th January
 Thursday 25th March
 Monday 7th June



Autumn 2 2026

Monday 2 nd November	Children back to school	-
Thursday 5 th November	Open Door for parents	3.15- parents invited to look informally at work in classrooms
Thursday 5 th November	Year 4 Multiplication Check meeting for parents	9.00-9.30am- school hall
Wednesday 11 th November	Year 1 Phonics Check meeting for parents	9.00-9.30am- school hall
Wednesday 18 th November	Open school for prospective parents (2027) 9.30am	An invite to view the school. Contact school office to book.
	Open school for prospective parents (2027) 1.30pm	
Tuesday 1 st December	Christingle Assembly	9.15am – school hall - in school event- parents invited
Thursday 3 rd December	Open Door for parents	3.15- parents invited to look informally at work in classrooms
Wednesday 9 th December	YR/1/2 Christmas Production – 9.30am	In school event- parents invited
Thursday 10 th December	YR/1/2 Christmas Production – 9.30am	In school event- parents invited
Wednesday 16 th December	Christmas dinner (TBC)	Wear your Christmas jumper to school day!
w/b 14 th December TBC	Y3,4,5,6 Carol Service @ St. Lawrence Church (TBC)	Parents invited
Friday 18 th December	Last day of term	-
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY 21st DECEMBER - 2ND JANUARY 2026		
Monday 4 th January	NON -PUPIL DAY	Non-pupil day/staff training
Tuesday 5 th January	Children return to school	

LUNCHES

Next Week's Lunch Menu

Monday

- Pizza Whirl (df)
- Nut-Free Zingy Pesto Pizza (v,df)
- Pasta Salad (v)
- Rainbow Corn (ve)
- LB—Ham Roll (df)
- Fruit Platter (ve)



Tuesday

- Pasta Bolognese (df,gf)
- Mediterranean Pasta (v,df,gf)
- Homemade Crusty Bread (v)
- Broccoli (ve)
- LB—Jacket Potato with Cheese (gf)
- Lemon Drizzle Cake (v,df)



Wednesday

- Sausage & Bacon Brunch (df,gf)
- Power Up Breakfast (v,df)
- Hash Browns (v)
- Baked Beans (ve)
- LB—Tuna Roll (df)
- Fruit Whip (v,gf)



Thursday

- Chicken Fajitas (df)
- Pocket Quesadilla Melt (v)
- Sunshine Rice (ve)
- Mixed Salad (ve)
- LB—Jacket Potato with Beans (df,gf)
- Coconut Crumble Cookie (v,df)

Friday

- Fish Fillet (df)
- Crispy Dippers (v,df)
- Chips (ve)
- Sweetcorn (ve)
- Peas (ve)
- LB—Jacket Potato with Tuna Mayo (df)
- Fruit Fusion(ve)

Week 3

Week beginning:
7/9/2026
28/9/2026
19/10/2026

As part of their learning about **our local community and people who help us**, Bramley class had a visit from District Commander Stuart Austin from **Essex Police**.

We would like to say a **huge thank you** for the time he took with the children. They all really enjoyed the session.



If you are not safe you can call the police.

Bella



Police are there to help us.

Ivy



BRADFIELD BRANCHES SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS



**We collected over
130 items!**

The school council were
delighted to present the
collection to Russell from
Manningtree Food Bank
earlier this week.



Thank you so
much for all
your donations.





BRADFIELD BRANCHES SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

**Thank you
so much**



Dear Parents, Carers, and Families,

Thank you so much for your incredibly generous donations towards our Harvest Celebration for the Manningtree and District Foodbank.

Thanks to your kindness, our school community successfully collected and donated over 130 items during our recent appeal. These essential supplies have now been delivered and were very well received by the foodbank team.

Mr Harvey from the Manningtree District Foodbank passed on his sincere thanks, commenting directly on the outstanding kindness and generosity shown by the families at our school. Your support will make a real, tangible difference to people in our local community who need it most.

Thank you once again for your support of our first school council initiative and our wider community.

Kind regards

Mrs Roxby-Clarke and Bradfield Branches



OUR BRADFIELD STARS OF THE WEEK

OUR EYFS & KS1 STARS OF THE WEEK

YR Adrian

For showing an improved focus and work ethic this week. His phonics skills are improving quickly and he has begun to read CVC words with confidence.

Y1 Albie

For pushing himself in all areas of the curriculum and impressing his teachers with his fantastic writing!

Y2 Clementine

For settling in so well to Pippin class and always trying her best with her learning.



OUR KS2 STARS OF THE WEEK

Y3 Bethany

For always trying her hardest with everything in school.

Y4 Jack

For trying so hard with your handwriting and organising your maths so well.

Y5 Fleur

For engaging well across the curriculum, listening carefully and answering questions with confidence.

Y6 Leelah

For pushing herself, making huge improvements in her written work and listening carefully to feedback.



READING

Well done to this month's new word count achievers!
Keep quizzing on AR to add to your word count.

How many words have you read this year?

**1,000,000 WORDS -
MILLIONAIRE READER -**

BOOK VOUCHER + CERTIFICATE + 100 BONUS
HOUSE POINTS

**Harrison
*Hattie***

500,000 WORDS

CHOOSE BOOK + CERTIFICATE + 50 BONUS
HOUSE POINTS

Edith

250,000 WORDS

BOOK MARK + CERTIFICATE + 25 BONUS HOUSE
POINTS

Ewan
Andrew
Anabelle
Millie W

Libby
Angel
Sol

125,000 WORDS

BOOK MARK + CERTIFICATE + 10 BONUS HOUSE
POINTS

Marissa
Dexter
Aurora
Olivia

Tristan
Niamh
Ryan
Amy

75,000 WORDS

BADGE + CERTIFICATE + 5 BONUS HOUSE POINTS

Ezekiel
George
Emily W
Fleur
Bonnie

Thomas
William
Poppy M
Millie H
Martha

LIBRARY LEGENDS



Bramley – Finley
Pippin – Alix
Discovery – Lola-Rose
Blenheim – Lily

What is a Library Legend?

Library Legends are children whose reading has shone this week.

They may have:

- shown particular dedication to improving their reading skills
- displayed excellent reading habits at home and in school
- demonstrated an enthusiasm and love for reading and books

TTRS

Look who has



this term

Harry - Discovery



Why is my child asked to complete 10 minutes of TTRS each day?

In Y3-6 just 10 minutes on TTRS at home each day transforms slow counting into fast, automatic recall, freeing brain power for more complex maths.

WHAT'S YOUR ROCK STATUS?



well done!

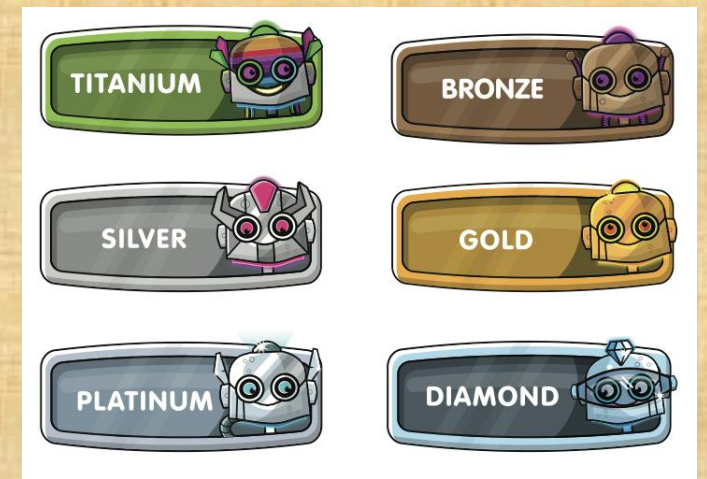
Class Average per Fact (Heatmap)
How quickly can the class correctly recall each fact up to 12x12?

2-12x 2-20x heatmap as of 08 Oct 2023

	10	2	5	3	4	8	6	7	9	11	12
10	10 × 10	10 × 2	10 × 5	10 × 3	10 × 4	10 × 8	10 × 6	10 × 7	10 × 9	10 × 11	10 × 12
2	2 × 10	2 × 2	2 × 5	2 × 3	2 × 4	2 × 8	2 × 6	2 × 7	2 × 9	2 × 11	2 × 12
5	5 × 10	5 × 2	5 × 5	5 × 3	5 × 4	5 × 8	5 × 6	5 × 7	5 × 9	5 × 11	5 × 12
3	3 × 10	3 × 2	3 × 5	3 × 3	3 × 4	3 × 8	3 × 6	3 × 7	3 × 9	3 × 11	3 × 12
4	4 × 10	4 × 2	4 × 5	4 × 3	4 × 4	4 × 8	4 × 6	4 × 7	4 × 9	4 × 11	4 × 12
8	8 × 10	8 × 2	8 × 5	8 × 3	8 × 4	8 × 8	8 × 6	8 × 7	8 × 9	8 × 11	8 × 12
6	6 × 10	6 × 2	6 × 5	6 × 3	6 × 4	6 × 8	6 × 6	6 × 7	6 × 9	6 × 11	6 × 12
7	7 × 10	7 × 2	7 × 5	7 × 3	7 × 4	7 × 8	7 × 6	7 × 7	7 × 9	7 × 11	7 × 12
9	9 × 10	9 × 2	9 × 5	9 × 3	9 × 4	9 × 8	9 × 6	9 × 7	9 × 9	9 × 11	9 × 12
11	11 × 10	11 × 2	11 × 5	11 × 3	11 × 4	11 × 8	11 × 6	11 × 7	11 × 9	11 × 11	11 × 12
12	12 × 10	12 × 2	12 × 5	12 × 3	12 × 4	12 × 8	12 × 6	12 × 7	12 × 9	12 × 11	12 × 12

NUMBOTS

Children in Y1 & Y2 should aim to play at home for 10 minutes daily. This improves their automatic recall of key number facts.



WOWS



Elsie & Harper

Elsie and Harper have been working incredibly hard in their Acro classes at Miss G's Academy of Performing Arts!

They have been practising their bridges, cartwheels and rolls, showing fantastic determination & confidence as they learn new skills!

We are SO proud of you girls!

We would love to see your achievements outside of school and share in your 'WOW' moments.
Please email photos and a brief description of the achievement to

wows@bradfield.essex.sch.uk



OUR LEARNING BEHAVIOURS

We teach the Secrets of Success by Chris Quigley to help our children in their behaviour, attitudes and values.

Success isn't just about money. It is about happiness, choices and feeling good about yourself.

Successful people feel good about:

How hard they have tried.

Who they are.

What they spend their time doing.

The choices they have in their lives.

Here are some things everyone should know...

You are not born successful.

Everyone has setbacks and failures.

The first step to success is choosing.





Compassion
Honesty
Integrity
Loyalty
Dignity
Respect
Enthusiasm
Nurture



Fairness
Innovation
Responsibility
Social Purpose
Trust



OUR VALUES – CHILDREN FIRST

HOUSE POINT INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

BRONZE AWARD

(25 house points received)

Maeva

SILVER AWARD

(100 house points received)

Oliver

GOLD AWARD

(250 house points received)

PLATINUM AWARD

(500 house points received)

Sol

Tristan

Margarida

DOUBLE PLATINUM AWARD

(1000 house points achieved)

DIAMOND AWARD

(1500 house points achieved)

HOUSE POINT WEEKLY WINNERS

BEECH

873

MAPLE

663

OAK

1,141

WILLOW

1,105



OAK HOUSE

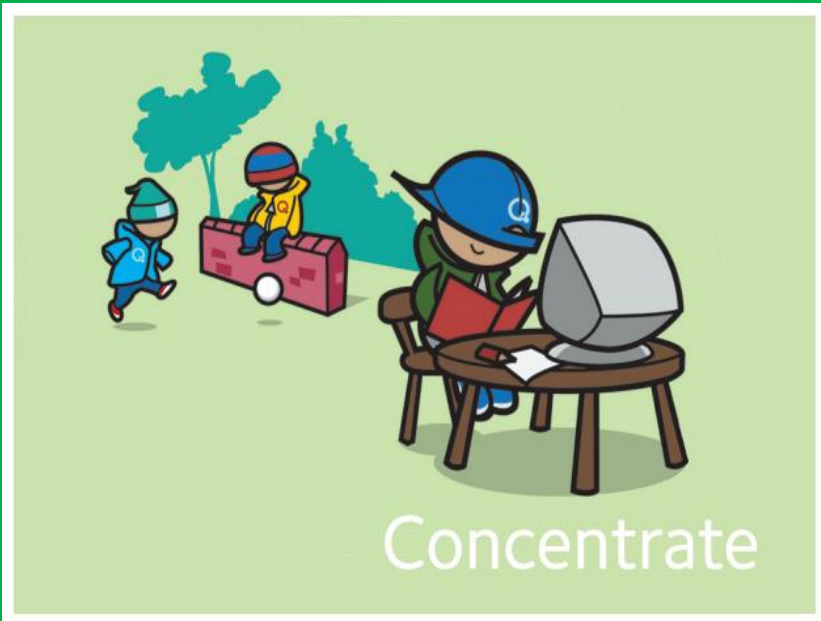
**Lily
Bethany E
Mrs Marshall**

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**



Our focus learning behaviour for next week will be...

- ✓ **Think before you act**
- ✓ **Tune out distractions**
- ✓ **Focus on the right things**
- ✓ **Learn what helps you concentrate**



Concentrate

If you want to really concentrate you need **to avoid distractions.**

Successful people are clear about what they need to be doing.
They **know what is important.**

Successful people know that if they can't avoid distractions they **learn how to tune distractions out.**

Successful people become really good at doing the things they love. **They become experts.**

Our focus value and key skills for next week will be...

Values



Innovation



Key Skills

Creator



- ✓ We explore
- ✓ We discover
- ✓ We imagine
- ✓ We experiment
- ✓ We create

- ✓ You focus carefully on the people and the world around you.
- ✓ You are always ready to spot opportunities.
- ✓ You have lots of ideas and thoughts.
- ✓ You love to explore possibilities and solve problems.