

Braywick Court School Newsletter

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Mrs Robertson's News

A Warm Welcome Back!

Welcome to our September newsletter and to the start of a wonderful new academic year at Braywick Court School! It has been a joy to see our school filled once again with bright smiles, enthusiastic learning, and the lively energy of our children settling into their new routines. A very warm welcome to all our new families joining us this term; your children are a brilliant addition to our school community.

There is always a special magic in the air as a new school year begins, but what has made this September truly extraordinary is the energy, warmth, and positivity the children have brought through our doors each morning.

From our youngest learners in Birch Class stepping into school with growing confidence, to our older pupils stepping up as proud role models, the children have embraced every new challenge with enthusiasm, kindness, and boundless curiosity. We could not be prouder of how the school community has approached the start of term, they have set a positive tone for what promises to be a fantastic year ahead!

In just a few short weeks since term began, we have already achieved so much together. We launched our new daily Lunch Club in The Nest, introduced Bedtime Story Bags to encourage reading for pleasure, and opened up exciting new pupil leadership opportunities for Sports Leaders and House Captains. Our classrooms have been humming with creative energy too, from Banksy inspired graffiti art to cheerful skeleton building. We have also shared wonderful OPAL Open Door play sessions with you, kicked off autumn term clubs, and had our final OPAL accreditation assessment.

Please do scroll through and enjoy the highlights of our learning this month, as well as some whole school news

If you want to get in touch or have any questions please email the office:

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Current House Points

Hawks
407

Kites
736

Falcons
727

Eagles
739

Dates for the Diary

September	
14th Photos	Birch Class
15th Open Day	2027 Entry
17th Swimming	Ash Class
18th Door	OPAL Open @8:50am
22nd	OPAL Final Assessment
22nd Phonics	Birch Class Workshop @5:30pm
28th Vaccinations	Flu
29th Open Day	2027 Entry

October	
8th	PTA AGM
9th Accreditation &	OPAL Awards Ceremony
12th Day -	Non Uniform Rosie's Rainbow Fund
14th site	Preschool on @BCS
23rd Halloween Party	PTA
26th	HALF TERM
26th	Holiday Club
27th	Holiday Club

November	
2nd	INSET DAY (School Closed)
3rd Open Day	2027 Entry
4th Parent	Birch Class Consultations
5th	Holly Class Swimming Starts
11th Site	Preschool on @BCS
24th Open Day	2027 Entry
25th Consultations	Parent (Year 1-6)





Walnut Class *Preschool*

September Highlights



Preschool have had a fantastic start to the term. They have been learning about several topics including: **'All about me', 'people who help us', healthy eating and exercise'** and **'owl babies'**.

The children enjoyed rescuing people from 'fire' made from orange, red and yellow rice, developing their fine motor skills.

At the art table, the children have been super creative, using a variety of art resources to make different types of food. They enjoyed exploring different materials and expressing their ideas through creative play.

The children have also been developing their counting skills by creating the correct number of strawberry seeds for numbered strawberries. Using yellow play dough, they carefully counted out the seeds and matched them to the corresponding numbers.

Birch Class *Reception*

September Highlights



Birch Class have had a fantastic start at Braywick Court School! The focus has been all about helping the children feel safe, secure and happy in their new environment. From exploring the classroom to getting to know the adults and making wonderful new friends. It's been a busy and exciting time. The children have done an amazing job settling in so smoothly - their big smiles and growing in confidence are so nice to see, they are all off to a brilliant start!

Well done Birch Class!





Maple Class Year 1

September Highlights

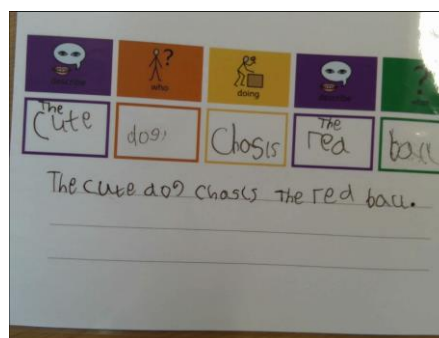
Maple class have had a fantastic start to year one. We have loved reading our book Elmer and learnt lots of facts about elephants. In maths we have been learning to sort objects into groups. We have also learnt lots about Piet Mondrian and have done some amazing art work just like his.



Hazel Class Year 2

September Highlights

Hazel class have settled in beautifully to Year Two. We have started reading the Bog Baby and are working really hard on writing our character description about our own creatures. We have also really enjoyed exploring body percussion and found a shared love of the Pigeon books by Mo Willems!



Beech Class Year 3

September Highlights

We are smashing Year 3 life so far!

Beech have been absolute stars and have settled into new routines incredibly well.

We are really enjoying our book, 'The Tin Forest', and have been working hard on sentence structure, describing, and have even completed an extended piece of writing already. We have been marvellous mathematicians working with numbers up to 1,000, and super scientists naming bones in the human skeleton and stating what their functions are.



Sequoia Class Year 4

September Highlights



Sequoia have had a great start to Year 4!

We have enjoyed exploring the story of Kai and the Monkey King and Pointillism this month. The class has created excellent dotty art pieces with the likes of plants, animals and anime characters in the style of Georges Seurat. We have also consolidated and built upon our understanding of place value finishing off with comparing, ordering and rounding to the nearest thousand.



Holly Class Year 5

September Highlights

We have had a wonderful, hands-on start to our term in Holly Class! The children have thrown themselves into every challenge, demonstrating fantastic creativity, scientific curiosity, and practical life skills.

Bringing Literacy to Life: Inspired by our class reading book, *The Boy at the Back of the Class*, we had a brilliant morning tasting pomegranate seeds. It was a wonderful sensory experience that sparked great discussions and truly brought the story's themes to life.



Ready, Steady, Launch! In science, we are gearing up for a thrilling hands-on investigation. The children are getting ready to design and build their own parachutes, which we will use to test and measure the effects of air resistance and surface area.

Ash Class Year 6

September Highlights



Year 6 have started the term with enthusiasm, positivity and have already shown themselves to be great leaders. I'm so proud of them all. The class novel has inspired them to write mature anecdotes and balanced arguments. Their artistic talents have shone through and the new reading corner on the balcony is a huge hit! What a great start!



Pupil Leadership

Pupil leadership is the perfect way for our children to step up, build confidence, and discover that their ideas truly matter. When children take on leadership roles, they aren't just helping run the school, they are learning how to change their world for the better! We have worked hard to broaden our opportunities for pupil leadership this academic year so there are lots of exciting roles on offer. Congratulations to our newly appointed Sports Leaders.

Sports Leaders

Neve
Mio
Musa A
Musa H
Lara
Charlie D
Jacob

Coming Soon!

Play Leaders
Pupil Parliament
Subject Leadership
School Ambassadors
Librarian

Online Safety

Navigating the world of online safety is a minefield for parents, keeping on top of ever evolving technology and emerging risks can sometimes feel like an uphill struggle, especially when our children are very tech savvy!

To support you all we will be sharing an online safety bulletin with each monthly newsletter, this is a quick read with practical advice for parents and helps give you up to date information on how to keep your children safe online. We do hope you find this useful and informative.

If you have any concerns about online safety or your child's online use please get in touch with our safeguarding team who will be happy to advise you.

We also highly recommend the NSPCC online portal as a valuable resource for parents: [NSPCC Online Safety](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety/)

NEW Finance Curriculum

It's never too early to learn about money!

A study from the University of Cambridge found that lifelong financial habits and attitudes are formed from as young as 7 years old. Children as young as 5 can grasp key financial and economic concepts that make a lasting difference in adulthood.

This year we have introduced a Finance curriculum taught alongside Maths and PSHE. In partnership with **Tykeoons**, this award-winning package supports schools in building money confidence, decision making, and positive financial habits.



Money Smarts



EYFS to Year 6

Core topics covered:

- Ways to use money
- Wants, needs & prioritising
- Tracking spending
- Budgeting
- In-app/in-game spending
- Scams & phishing
- Loot boxes & gambling
- Savings & investments

JuniorNomics



Key Stage 2

Core topics covered:

- Economics
- Opportunity cost & scarcity
- History of money
- Supply & demand
- Cash & credit
- Banking systems
- Trade & Comparative advantage
- Economist profiles



OPAL News



Wow it's only our first month of the school year and we have already had SO much happen in the world of OPAL.

A big thank you to those of you who attended our OPAL open door sessions. We hope they gave you a good insight into our OPAL journey and really showed just how exciting our playtimes have become!

Another big thank you for all of your very generous mud kitchen donations! We have put these out for the first time this week and it has truly transformed our mud kitchen area. The children have LOVED exploring new textures and smells in their recipes and it has already had a big impact on their use of role play and language skills whilst in this area during their playtimes.

We have also had some new planters added to the playground and the PTA very kindly donated their time and money to buy plants that will survive and thrive on our playgrounds to soften the space and also teach the children about caring for plants. A big thank you to Fiona and Beccy who gave up their time with some Year 6's to get everything planted. We are hoping to run a small gardening session once a week on a rota so each child gets time to help look after our plants, learn some gardening skills and take some ownership over keeping our green spaces on our playgrounds.

Lastly, we had our very important final OPAL assessment with our mentor Libby on Tuesday. The results will be shared very soon! We are holding an awards ceremony on Friday 9th October, more information on that to follow soon.





Numbots & Times Table Rockstars

Friday 25th September Winners - For Most Games Played

Year 1: Grace



Year 2: Ermes

Year 3: Harvey



Year 4: Maya



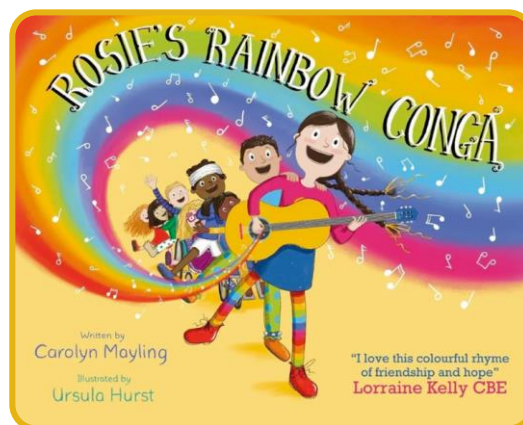
Rosie's Rainbow Fund

As a school, we are passionate about supporting local worthwhile causes and teaching our pupils about the importance of charitable giving.

This year we have chosen to support '**Rosie's Rainbow Fund**', which was founded in 2004 in memory of Rosie Mayling.

The charity supports sick and disabled children and their families in hospital, school, and the community. They also support research into serious and life-limiting childhood illnesses.

Rosie's Rainbow provides **music therapy sessions** in hospitals across Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, and Oxfordshire, alongside therapeutic support and bereavement counselling for families.



How Can You Help?

Rainbow Non-Uniform Day

To support this visit, we will hold a rainbow-themed non-uniform day on

Monday 12th October.

All children are invited to come into school in bright, colourful clothing!

Pre-order the Book

We are taking advance orders for copies of Rosie's Rainbow Conga.

Please log into **Arbor** to complete your order.

All funds raised go directly to the charity.

Special Visit & Workshop

Monday 12th October

We will welcome the founder, **Carolyn Mayling**, into school to lead workshops with the children and celebrate their wonderful story, **Rosie's Rainbow Conga**.

It is a delightful rhyming book which tells the story of a group of children who are visited in hospital by Rosie and her musical instruments.

Through music, Rosie brings joy, colour and friendship to the ward and celebrates the healing power of music.



ART Competition

To celebrate The National Year of Reading, we would like you to create a 3D scene from a book. For bonus house points, rewrite the scene in your own words. Entries will be displayed around school.



Prizes to be won!

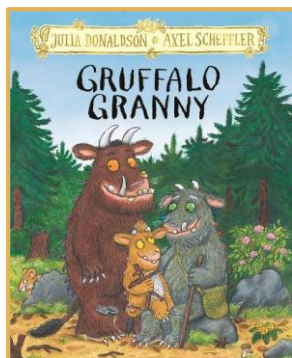
Closing date: 7th December 2026

20 house points per entry

Bonus house points for written entries

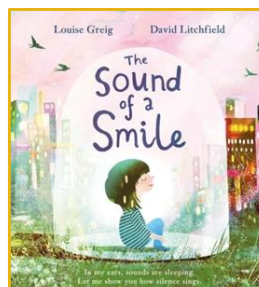


Early Years



Gruffalo Granny
by Julia Donaldson

Key Stage 1



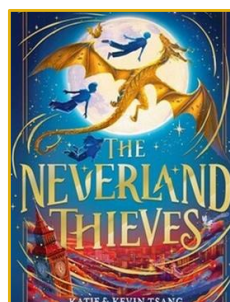
The Sound of a Smile
by Louise Greig & David Litchfield

Lower Key Stage 2



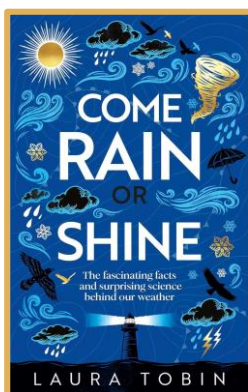
When I was a Wolf
by Liz Flanagan

Upper Key Stage 2



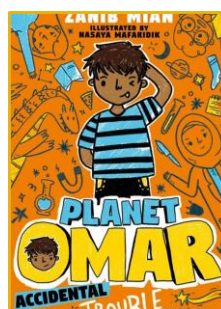
The Neverland Thieves
by Katie & Kevin Tsang

Adults



Come Rain or Shine
by Laura Tobin

Staff Pick



Planet Omar Accidental Trouble Magnet
by Zanib Mian
Recommended for LKS2
by Mrs Robertson