



Braidwood Primary School

January 2025 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! Welcome to our first newsletter of 2025. It has been a busy start to the year, and we are up and running again with our learning and other school activities. We have had some lovely chilly, sunny days and have loved playing outside in the snow.

Please see below for more updates and dates for your diary.

Values – What matters to you?

As we embark on a new year and new school term, we had a good blether in assembly about 'What matters most?'. Everyone agreed our school values are so important in allowing everyone in our school feel safe, happy and respected. Pupils gave super examples of what matters most to them. Having fun and playing with friends was high on the list. We have a whole new set of values bands, and a new bee band which we have already enjoyed handing out to worthy winners.



Staffing

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Fachie back in a few weeks following her Maternity Leave. She will join Miss Hansen in P4. Mr Clarke has been covering Mrs Fachie while she was off. He has been amazing, and we will really miss him when he moves on.

Online Safety

As a lot of pupils may be lucky enough to get mobiles, or new devices from Santa, we have been discussing how to stay safe online, and also how we should be behaving while online be it in gaming, or social media. Please discuss with your children safe and appropriate ways to interact with others online. Helpful resources for parents can be found on www.childnet.com



Class Assemblies

It was lovely to see our P1-3 pupils on the stage for the Nativity! They were full of joy and confidence. We now look forward to welcoming you in to see your child on the stage sharing their learning in their class assembly. Dates are as follows:

Primary 5 – **Friday 24th January 2pm**

Primary 4 – **May** – Date to be confirmed

Primary 6 – **Wednesday 26th March 2pm**

Primary 7 – **Friday 20th June 2pm**



Be the best you can be!

Attendance

We always monitor our absences across the school and will get in touch with you if we are worried about a child's attendance.

The table below highlights the importance of being in school.

100%	0 days missed.	Best possible chance of success and reaching full potential.
95%	9 Days of Absence 1 week and 4 days learning missed.	Is likely to make it harder to achieve full potential and secure the best possible outcomes.
90%	19 days of Absence 3 weeks and 4 days of learning missed.	
85%	27 Days of Absence 5 weeks and 3 days of learning missed.	Almost half a term missed. Is likely to impact significantly on learning and progress which can lead to poorer outcomes in achievement, wellbeing and social and emotional development.
80%	36 days of Absence 7 weeks and 3 days of learning missed. Half of a term missed.	

Mid Year Learning Reflections

Our pupils will soon be busy writing their mid year learning reflections. This gives them a chance to share with you their learning. These will be sent home at the beginning of February. Please enjoy reading them with your child, and discussing their learning together.

Food Bank Donations

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who contributed towards the food bank donations before Christmas. We are going to continue collecting donations and deliver them to the food bank monthly. Any donations you can make would be kindly received.

Road Safety

We have discussed using the zebra crossings at school again with pupils to help them to cross the road safely. We would ask that parents and carers encourage their children to use these in the morning and at the end of the day when crossing the road. Thanks.



Best wishes,

Gina Sinclair

Head Teacher

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Dates for your Diary

If parents and carers are invited along to a school event, it will state 'Parents invited' next to the event.



January

Friday 24th – P5 assembly 2pm (P5 parents invited)

Wednesday 29th – SAHM Workshop for P6 9am - 10am

Wednesday 29th – SAHM Workshop for P7 11am – 12pm

February

Monday 17th – Holiday

Tuesday 18th Holiday

Wednesday 19th – In-service Day (school closed to pupils)

Monday 24th – Book Fair in school for one week (info to follow)

Monday 24th – Parent Council Meeting 7pm in school

Friday 28th – P7 Transition Coffee Morning 9.30am – 10.15am in school (info to follow)

March

Thursday 6th – Football Festival (some pupils attending)

Monday 10th – Rotary Quiz for some P7 pupils

Thursday 13th – Parents' Evening (info to follow)

Wednesday 26th – P6 Class Assembly 2pm (parents invited)

April

Friday 4th – School closes for Easter holidays 2.30pm

Monday 21st – School closed for Easter Monday holiday

Tuesday 22nd – School reopens 9am

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