



Braidwood Primary School

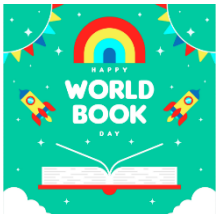
February 2026 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well. We hope you enjoyed reading your child's Mid-Year Reflection which came home last week. I love reading them and hearing all the things our pupils are proud of and what they have enjoyed so far at school this session. We look forward to seeing you soon at Parents' Evening. Please read on for updates and dates for your diary.

P7 Sidekicks Club

Our P7 pupils are all trained as Sidekicks Coaches. Each week they lead a playtime club for other pupils in the school. They play team games and have great fun! Leo the Lion came to visit us from Active Schools to celebrate our Sidekicks Stars.



World Book Day

On Friday 6th March we will celebrate World Book Day. We will take part in a variety of activities sharing our love of stories and books. Mrs Fachie will send a letter home soon with details of the day.

Our House Captains Team have organised activities for pupils to enjoy in the afternoon in their House groups.

Young Leaders of Learning

Our School Captains have been working with pupils from Our Lady and St Anne's Primary in Hamilton as part of the Young Leaders of Learning Programme. They have enjoyed visiting each other in their schools, being shown round the buildings, and deciding on something new to try back in their own school. During their visit to Braidwood, our pupils showed off our school brilliantly! They did so with confidence, personality and real enthusiasm. Well done.



Thank You! – Poppy Appeal

We would like to thank you for your donations to the Poppy Appeal before Christmas, as a school we raised £88.15.



Maths Workshops – You+ Me

After the Easter holidays we will be offering a parent and child maths programme called **You +Me**. It is an opportunity for you to learn how we teach pupils number skills throughout the school, and work with your child. The programme will run on Tuesday afternoons for six weeks. This is the third year of running this in school, and the previous two years have been really successful. Please look out for the letter coming home and sign up if it is something you fancy trying!

AI and Digital Wellbeing

Over the past few weeks in assembly, we have been discussing Digital Wellbeing and how we can make conscious decisions about how often we use devices and screens. Pupils have been sensible in talking about the benefits of digital technology, and the down sides to too much screen time. P7 embarked on a Screen Time Challenge and told us all about it. Will you take on the challenge too?

'It was a maths project that we were doing learning about data and graphs etc. We did a task to collect all the screen time data from our class and the total for one week was 756 hours and it shocked the whole class! We set ourselves a challenge and started to record everything we did without screens/tablets/TVs/phones etc. We noticed people were doing painting, going on walks, cooking, playing games and having family time instead of being on a device. We got the class total down to 652 hours over one week. Miss Neil, Mrs Naismith and Mrs Sinclair all took part in the challenge. For every hour we reduced, we got free time as a class, getting to do different activities with our friends.' **Beth B P7**

P7 Important Dates

As our P7s get a bit nearer to moving to Secondary School, here are a few important dates for your diary.



P7 Coffee Morning in Braidwood PS - Friday 6th March 9.30am

P7 parents are welcome to come along and meet staff from Carluke High School at this event, and find out a bit more about the move to Secondary.

Wiston Lodge Residential - 13th to 15th May

A letter and Kit List will come home soon for the trip.

Two Day Visit to Carluke High - Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st May

Information will follow.

Leavers' Service – Friday 19th June 1.45pm

P7 parents are invited to share in the P7 assembly.

Parents' Night

Our Parents' Night is on Thursday 12th March. Letters with details will come home with your child. Appointments will be available to book via Parents Portal. This information will come home soon.

Best wishes,

Gwen Sinclair

Head Teacher

Dates for your Diary

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



February

Monday 16th – Holiday

Tuesday 17th Holiday

Wednesday 18th – In-service Day (school closed to pupils)

Thursday 19th – P5 FunDamentals of Music Programme starts in school

Friday 20th – P5 Class Assembly 2pm (parents invited)

Friday 27th – P4 Class Assembly 2pm (parents invited)

March

2nd to 6th – Book Fair in school

Wednesday 4th – Netball Tournament (some pupils attending)

Thursday 5th – Football Festival (some pupils attending)

Friday 6th – P7 Transition Coffee morning 9.30am

Friday 6th – World Book Day Celebrations (info to follow)

Thursday 12th – Parents' Evening (info to follow)

Wednesday 18th – Cross Country Event for P6 and P7 (some pupils attending)

Monday 23rd – Rotary Quiz (some P7s attending)

Tuesday 31st – P1 P2 and P3 trip to Five Sisters Zoo

April

Wednesday 1st – P7 trip to the library

Thursday 2nd – School closes for Easter holidays 2.30pm

Monday 20th – School reopens 9am