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# Brundall Primary School Newsletter




## Sharing Learning with Families

Our open classroom sessions continue to be a really valuable way of strengthening the link between home and school. They allow parents and carers to see first-hand how their children are taught, the methods we use in the classroom, and how the children progress throughout the school day.

These sessions help keep families informed and involved, and they provide a shared understanding that supports children both in school and at home. Most importantly, the children absolutely love having their families in school to share their learning with them. Seeing the pride on their faces as they explain their work and take on the role of the "expert" is a joy to witness.

Thank you to all families who have attended – your support makes a real difference. Our website has lots of ideas about how to best support your child.
Julie Cornish

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Number Day was a fantastic celebration in the whole school, and Oliver Jeffers and Bright Classes certainly rose to the occasion.

The children came in, bursting with excitement, proudly showing off their wonderful creative costumes. From bold, bright numbers to creative shapes, calculators, dice, and some of the children's more creative ideas, it was clear that a lot of thought and effort had gone into preparing for the occasion.

Maths was the main focus of the day, with all sorts of activities, challenges, and problem-solving, all of which were greatly enjoyed by the children. There was great teamwork, thought, and smiles as the children learned about numbers in a creative and meaningful way.

## Exploring Stories, Numbers and Culture in Oliver Jeffers and Bright Classes

The children in both classes have been immersed in their Literacy focus text, "The Magic Paintbrush," exploring the characters and magic in the story. In Maths, the children have been learning about ordinal numbers, using them to order the animals from "The Great Race." Alongside this, they have been learning more about the Lunar New Year Festival, exploring the traditions, celebrations, and stories that make this festival so special in different parts of the world










This half term in Geography, Year 1/2 have been thinking about where you can travel to from Brundall. We have explored different modes of transport and how we can use these forms of transport to travel to places locally such as Lingwood, Norwich and Great Yarmouth.

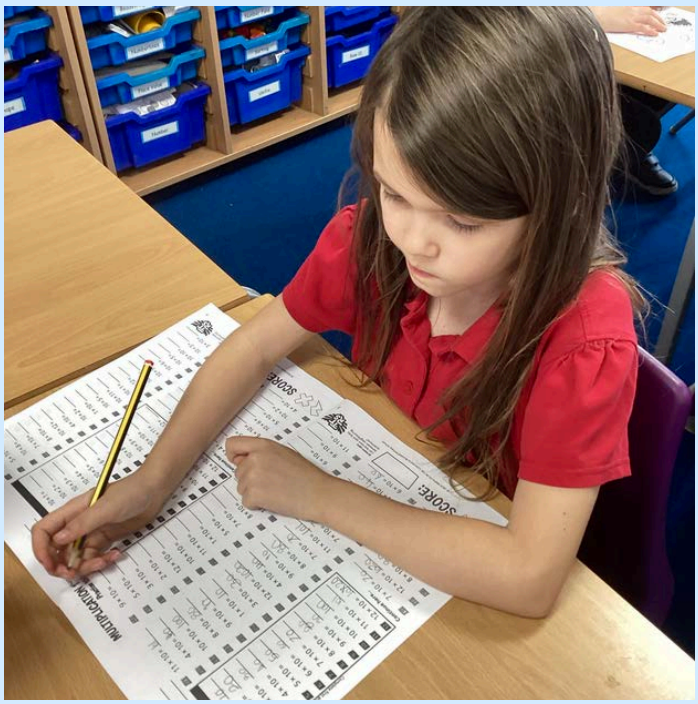
We had great fun taking part in a traffic survey to discover what different types of vehicles travel through Brundall.

We found out that Brundall is actually a very busy village! This is a great start to our writing unit where we will be persuading people to come and visit our wonderful village.

# Year 1/2 Rock Their Times Tables

The Year 1/2 children were full of excitement as they began their Times Tables Rock Stars booklets for the first time.

There was a real buzz of enthusiasm as everyone got started, keen to show what they already know and ready to take on a new challenge.





In Year3/4 the children enjoyed looking at castles last half term, and they are looking forward to visiting Norwich Castle in the summer term.

Now we are learning about Norwich as a city. The children have really enjoyed using Google Earth to be able to see where Norwich is.







## Year4 Horstead Residential

The Year 4 children had a fantastic time away at Horstead. Thankfully the weather was very kind to us and we were able to be outside and not get wet. The children took part in crate stacking, canoeing, climbing with the zip wire and archery. The children were fantastic and the staff commented on what a lovely school we were. All children seemed to have great fun and came back tired but having enjoyed themselves.















# Year 5/6 From Dragon Eggs to Scientific Exploration



Last week, the children were busy investigating a mysterious egg discovered in the pond area. After careful observation and plenty of discussion, they reached the exciting conclusion that it must be a dragon's egg... although which species it belongs to is yet to be determined!



In Science, the children have been exploring different methods of separating materials, including filtration, evaporation and sieving. They particularly enjoyed putting these techniques into practice and thinking carefully about which method would be most effective in different situations.



We were also delighted to welcome the 'Science Bus' into school. It was especially lovely to see past students returning to lead a range of engaging investigations with our Year 5 pupils.

We rounded off the week with an inspiring assembly, Once Upon A Tune, which demonstrated how music can be used to spark creativity and inspire artwork. It was a fantastic way to end such a busy and imaginative week.

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## Saying Goodbye to Miss Haynes




A couple of weeks ago, we said a fond and very sad goodbye to Miss Haynes.

As a former pupil of our school, it was incredibly special to welcome her back as a Teaching Assistant this past year. She brought warmth, dedication and kindness to everything she did. Whether supporting learning in the classroom or caring for children in Crew Club, she made a real and lasting difference to so many of our pupils.

She is already greatly missed by both staff and children alike. We send her off on her travels with all our love and very best wishes for the exciting adventures ahead.

## Crew Club Celebrates Chinese New Year

Crew Club got creative recently as we learned all about Chinese New Year. The children explored the traditions and meaning behind the celebration and discovered how it is marked around the world.

They particularly enjoyed having a go at Chinese writing, carefully using brushes and ink to create their own characters. It was a lovely hands-on way to experience part of the culture for themselves.



# National Year Of Reading 2026

The National Year of Reading 2026 is a bold and inspirational national campaign designed to rekindle a love of reading across the UK. It comes at an important time, as reading for pleasure has been declining among children, young people and adults. This year is all about celebrating stories, sharing favourite books and remembering just how powerful reading can be.

At our school, we're proud to be joining in with this national celebration. Our Reading Champions have been busy exploring what reading looks like beyond the classroom and discovering that everyone has their own reading story. As part of this, they interviewed Mrs Wicks to find out what she loves to read, her favourite books and how reading has played a part in her life.

Below is the piece written by the Reading Champions themselves, sharing what they learned from their interview and why they think reading is something worth celebrating.



**Do you like reading?**

I love reading and I wish I had more time to read. Reading is a comfort activity for me but unfortunately if I read in the evenings, I don't get much past the first line before I fall asleep! I make up for it in the holidays!

**If you could take one book to a desert island, which one would you take?**

This is a tricky one! So many good books. I think I would take a book from my childhood – probably The adventures of the Wishing Chair by Enid Blyton

**Do you have a favourite author?**

As an adult, I enjoy reading books by Cecila Ahern.

**Where is your favourite place to read?**

*My favourite place to read would be somewhere warm, in the sun on a sun lounger*

**Which is your favourite book to read aloud?**

*I love to read The Rascally Cake book by Jeanne Willis and illustrated by Korky Paul. It always makes my classes laugh and I was lucky enough to meet the illustrator when I was at university.*

**What has been your favourite book to read aloud to your class?**

The Rascally Cake book and many of the Roald Dahl stories – The Twits, George's Marvellous Medicine etc

**Do you miss being read to?**

Yes I do and I also miss being able to read aloud to my own children. That time when you are being read to by an adult or when you are sharing books with our children is a very special time. It's very cosy and comforting.

**What are you reading at the moment?**

At the moment I am reading a lot of magazines as I am having a new kitchen fitted and I have been reading lots of HOME magazines. I have also been reading blogs about kitech design. I also read my Slimming World magazines.

**If you could step into a book and be one of the characters or be part of the book, which book would you step into?**

I would like to step into Roald Dahl's Matilda and be Miss Honey.

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## *Diary Dates*

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## *Key Information*



- **Thurs 5 Mar 2026 -** World Book Day
- **Tues 24 Mar 2026** - Parents Evening
- **Weds 25 Mar 2026** - Parents Evening
- **Fri 27 Mar 2026** – End of Term
- **Tue 14 Apr 2026** – Children Return to School
- **Mon 4 May 2026** – May Day Bank Holiday (School Closed)
- **Thurs 7 May** - Year 3 Performance to Parents 9.15 am
- **Thurs 7 May** - Year 4 Performance to Parents 2.30 pm
- **Mon 25 May 2026** – Half Term
- **Mon 13 Jul – Fri 17 Jul 2026** – Isle of Wight Residential
- **Fri 17 Jul 2026** – End of Term
- **Thurs 3 Sept 2026** - Children return to school

**PAYMENTS REMINDER**
**Please ensure payments for after-school clubs, school trips and other activities are up to date.**
**Payments can be made via ParentPay.**




***We are looking for new members to join FOBS.***

*Our current committee are standing down and we need to find a new Chair, Treasurer and Secretary within the next few weeks to aid a smooth handover, if not FOBS will no longer be able to continue.*

*FOBS have helped fund fun experiences including the summer colour run, a visit from Steel the Gladiator, various workshops, the KS1 playground equipment and so many more amazing resources and activities!*

*We are all parents trying to juggle work, kids and life, so we understand time is precious but by volunteering a few hours of your time can make a difference to your child's experience at school.*

*Speak to a member of FOBS or email us on fobsbrundall@gmail.com if you are interested in joining or would like to come along to our next meeting to find out more.*







*We would love to welcome you into school to enjoy reading together with your child and explore the joy of stories.*

*Shared Reading will take place on the last Friday of each month from 8.40 to 9.10am, in your child's classroom.*

*This is a relaxed and enjoyable opportunity to spend time reading with your child and to see the wonderful books they are sharing in class.*

📚 ***Last Friday = Shared Reading Day!*** 📚

***A reminder to all parents that next Friday, 30.1.26, is our Shared Reading session***