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Brundall Primary School Newsletter



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Welcome back, and thank you for taking the time to read our April newsletter.
Last term was busy but full of joy, progress and achievement for the children. It was wonderful to see so many families at Parents' Evening. These conversations are vital in strengthening our home to school partnership. If you were unable to attend, please don't worry just contact your child's teacher and we will be happy to arrange an alternative time.

We have lots of exciting activities planned this term, including outdoor learning in the garden and by the pond, as well as upcoming trips and events. Please continue to check the newsletter and weekly diary dates carefully to stay informed.

Thank you also to those who have sent kind and positive messages. Your feedback is greatly appreciated and reflects our shared value of kindness.

As always, we operate an open door policy and welcome your thoughts as we continue striving to provide the very best for our children and families.
Julie Cornish

Bright & Oliver Jeffers: A Giant Story and Growing Seeds



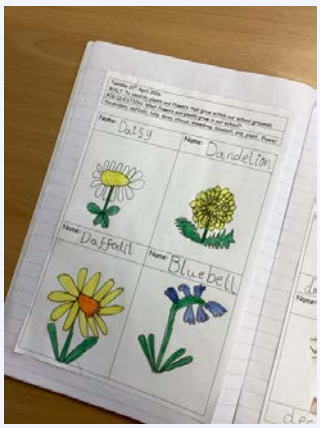




Bright and Oliver Jeffers classes have been enjoying the traditional tale Jack and the Beanstalk. The children have had lots of fun retelling the story using stick puppets, helping them to remember key events and develop their storytelling skills. They have been using their imaginations to act out different parts and are beginning to think about how they can create their own versions of the story with their own ideas and characters.

As part of our learning, we will also be exploring how plants grow. The children will be finding out what seeds need in order to grow and stay healthy, including water, sunlight and soil. We are hoping to plant our own seeds and watch them grow over time, making observations and talking about the changes we see.













This half term, Year 1 and 2 have been spending time exploring the trees and plants around our school. We have been learning to identify and name a range of plants, and the children have really enjoyed taking a closer look at them through careful observational drawings. It has been lovely to see their attention to detail grow as they notice shapes, colours and patterns they might not have seen before.

We have also been learning about the difference between evergreen and deciduous trees, and practising how to recognise different trees by the shape of their leaves. The children are becoming more confident in using this new knowledge when we are outside.

Next, we are very excited to start planting our own seeds. The children will take responsibility for caring for them and watching how they change over time. We are all looking forward to seeing what happens as they begin to grow and to continuing our learning about the natural world.

Year 1/2 Growing Our Knowledge of Plants





Last term, the children really enjoyed learning about Norwich and its famous castle. They explored what makes Norwich a “fine city” and discovered lots of interesting facts about its history, landmarks, and local heritage.

The children showed great enthusiasm when finding out about how the castle has changed over time and why it remains such an important part of the city today.

Year 3/4 Castles, History and Performance

This term, we are very busy preparing for our mini production for Year 3 and 4 families, which will take place on Thursday 7th May. The children are working hard learning their lines, songs and actions, and are really enjoying bringing the performance together. It is already shaping up to be a wonderful event and a great opportunity for the children to share their learning and creativity with you.

Looking ahead, we are also very excited about our upcoming visit to the Castle Museum on 26.06.26. This will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to deepen their learning about Norwich and its history through hands-on experiences and exploring real artefacts. We are sure this visit will help bring their classroom learning to life and spark lots of curiosity.

Year 5/6 Heroes, Battles and Beowulf

Year 5/6 have been busy learning about quest stories and the skills needed to write a gripping one of their own. We have explored what makes a strong opening, how to build tension and how to create exciting, memorable characters.



In our writing, we have been practising exaggerated language choices and using the power of three to add impact, particularly when crafting dramatic battle scenes.



Our stories are inspired by the Anglo-Saxon epic Beowulf, which has captured the children's imagination and helped bring their ideas to life. They have enjoyed retelling parts of the story and using it as a model for their own writing. Alongside this, we have begun learning about the Anglo-Saxon period in history, exploring what life was like during this time and how people lived.

We also enjoyed a visit to West Stow Anglo-Saxon Village, where we explored artefacts and replica houses. The children asked thoughtful questions and made excellent links to their classroom learning. It was a fantastic day and a great way to deepen our understanding of Anglo-Saxon life.

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Healthy Week - 18th May to 22nd May 2026

At our school, we always encourage children to lead healthy lifestyles throughout the year. During Healthy Week, we take some extra time to focus on this and help children understand the importance of keeping both their bodies and minds healthy.

Throughout the week, the children will take part in a range of activities linked to health, fitness and wellbeing. There will be opportunities to be active, work as a team and talk about making healthy choices in everyday life.

One of the highlights of the week is always our Sports Days. These are a great chance for the children to enjoy being active, take part in friendly competition and have fun together.

Parents and carers are very welcome to come along and support.

Wednesday 20th May 2026
Bright / Oliver Jeffers – 9:15am to 9:45am
Year 3/4 – 1:30pm

Thursday 21st May 2026
Murphy & Halls – 9:15am
Year 5/6 – 1:30pm

We are really looking forward to a fun and active week and hope the children enjoy taking part in all of the activities.

Music Tuition

We are exploring the possibility of offering woodwind and drumming tuition in school and would love to gauge interest from our families.
If this is something your child may be interested in, please take a moment to complete the short form below:
https://forms.office.com/e/P47QvZpmtw

School Email Address Updates

We would like to inform you of some updates to our school email addresses. Please find our new contact details below:

School Contacts

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Year 5/6 Phase
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Please note that our previous email addresses will remain active for the time being. Any emails sent to the old addresses will be automatically forwarded to the new ones.

Update: Use of Responsible Force (April 2026)

Government guidance on the use of responsible (reasonable) force in schools was updated in April 2026. The guidance confirms that staff may use reasonable force only when absolutely necessary, for example to prevent a pupil from harming themselves or others, maintain safety, or protect property, and always in a proportionate and appropriate way. Any incident involving the use of reasonable force will be communicated to families by email, and our school policies and staff training continue to prioritise de-escalation, safeguarding and positive behaviour support.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/use-of-reasonable-force-in-schools

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Diary Dates

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Key Information



- **Fri 24 Apr 2026 -** Y5/6 Trip to West Stow
- **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 11th -** Thurs 14 May - Year 6 Sats
- **Tues 16 Jun -** Time & Tide Museum Oliver Jeffers/Bright class
- **Mon 25 May -** Fri 29 May 2026 – Half Term
- **Tues 9 June -** New Reception ‘26 Welcome Meeting 4pm in school hall
- **Fri 26. June -** Y3/4 visit to Castle Museum
- **Weds 1 July 2026 -** Sing - A -Long 2.30 pm
- **Weds 8 July 2026 -** Y6 Leavers Assembly 9 am
- **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
- **Thurs 26.11.26 -** Flu Vaccinations
- **Sat 26 Sept -** New Reception ‘27 Starter Morning

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