

Bradworthy Primary Academy

School Newsletter – March 2026

Welcome to our March newsletter! It has been a busy and exciting period within the Spring Term with lots of learning, events and achievements to celebrate across the school. Thank you to all families for your continued support.

Sports News

It has been a fantastic month for sport at Bradworthy Primary Academy!

Gymnastics

National Finals:

On Friday 6th March, we took our U11 mixed, U11 boys and U11 girls gymnastics teams to Fenton Manor in Stoke on Trent to compete in the National Schools Gymnastics finals. The final results of the day are yet to be published but we are so proud of all the children who took part.

Kingsley:

This weekend was our most busy gymnastics weekend of the year with 64 pupils taking part in the event at Kingsley College on Saturday in the North Devon Schools Gymnastics Competition and on Sunday at Kingsley again in the South West Floor and Vault Regionals

Saturdays results –

U9 Mixed Novice Team – Third Maddi winning the individual award for Endeavour
U9 Boys Novice Team – First Albie individual 3rd, Albert individual 2nd
U11 Mixed Novice – Third
U11 Girls Intermediate – Third
U11 Mixed Intermediate – First Luna individual 2nd, William individual 1st
U11 Boys Intermediate – First Thomas endeavour. Riley L individual 3rd, Ethan individual 2nd.
U7 Girls Novice – Third
U9 Girls Novice – Second
U7 Boys Novice B – Second
U7 Boys Novice A – First Clayton individual 2nd, Harry individual 1st
U11 Mixed Novice – Second Walter individual 1st

Sunday Results

U11 Girls Intermediate – Second
U11 Boys Intermediate – First Riley L individual 2nd
U11 Boys Intermediate – First Ethan individual 3rd, Will individual 1st
Tumbling:

A few weeks ago, Isla and Luna also took part in the South West Schools Tumbling Competition at Honiton.

A big thank you to Kerry, Sophie and Sarah for all the hard work they put into coaching our children in school and the numerous weekends they have all given up recently to ensure that the children are able to take part in these amazing competitions.

Cross Country

Last Sunday was the final fixture of the BREMCO cross country league which we have been competing in since September.

Well done to all our runners who took part and all the runners who picked up a medal for completing 4 of the 5 races.

Congratulations to our Under Nine boys team who finished second overall and also to our Under Eleven boys team who were third overall and first in the schools category. Not bad at all when we are competing against some strong local running clubs!

Climbing

We have entered the mini-series climbing league at The Pocket climbing centre in Bideford. Last week was round two and we took 14 climbers across to tackle the 15 routes that had been set for them. All the children had a great morning and are now looking forward to round three next month

Class Five Walking

Our Year Six walking Dartmoor walking challenge is well established and will be starting in the Summer Term. This year, we have introduced a new challenge for the children in Class Five as a bridge between the orienteering that they do in Year Four and the Year Six event. Using their navigational skills, they will be attempting to navigate and walk over 9 miles from Duckpool to Widemouth Bay.

The children have now completed a 4.5 mile walk from Castle Drogo and a 7 mile walk on Dartmoor from the Army Camp in Okehampton. Great work everyone!

Comic Relief

This Friday 20th March is Red Nose Day and Comic Relief is something we as a school always support. As such, this Friday will be a non-school uniform day with a £1 donation per pupil to Comic Relief.

We have subscribed to support the Comic Relief page online and they have provided us with a just giving page for school donations. If you would like to pay your £1 donation online instead of sending any money into school, please feel free to use the link below however the minimum donation is £2 so it may work better for families with more than one child in the school.

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd26-bradworthy-primary-academy-99be2d2b-9d1e-403d-8f93-aa15af60e544?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL&utm_campaign=020

Art Exhibition 2026

We are excited to announce our **Art Exhibition 2026**, where pupils will showcase their wonderful creative work based around the theme 'weather'.

This is something that was created and run really well by Mr Sentance and something that we really wanted to keep going. Fortunately, Sarah Lewis has taken the role on this year and I'm absolutely certain it's in safe hands!

Please keep your eyes out for the letter about this which will have more information and timings. In summary though, the exhibition is based on the theme weather and will be showcased on the 2nd and 3rd of June in our new building. We will be putting on some performances and songs in the afternoon of the 3rd June which will close the exhibition and officially open our new build so please put this date in your diary if you are able to.

Some Sad News

As the parents of some of our younger children in school will know, Mrs Carey has been absent from school recently looking after her husband Andrew who has been very poorly with pancreatic cancer.

With a heavy heart we must announce that Andrew sadly passed away at the beginning of last week.

I'm sure you will join us in sending love and best wishes to Helen and her family in this terribly difficult time.

PSHE

PSHE is a big part of our curriculum. In modern Britain, this is essential as it equips children with knowledge, skills, and understanding in areas including mental health, physical safety, online safety, and financial capability. It also covers things like relationships, sex and health education when appropriate.

For a more detailed breakdown of what each class covers in PSHE and when, please check out the curriculum page on our school website.

We are currently working with the NSPCC and are about to start the **Speak Out Stay Safe** programme which is an important initiative designed to help children understand how to keep themselves safe and where to turn if they are worried about something. Through engaging activities and discussions, the programme encourages children to recognise trusted adults they can talk to and reminds them that their voice matters. The session helps reinforce key messages about speaking up, staying safe, and supporting one another.

Residentials

Plans are underway for this year's residential trips! These experiences provide fantastic opportunities for pupils to develop independence, teamwork and confidence while enjoying outdoor activities.

Information has already come out about the Year Four trip to YHA Lee Valley in May with more information to follow soon regarding Year Three's trip to Plymouth Aquarium, Year Five's trip to Wales and Year Sixes trip to London.

You can secure your child's place on these trips by making payments via MCAS if you should wish to. Each class should have a payment link available on the app.

World Book Day

We had a wonderful **World Book Day** celebration! Pupils enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book characters and took part in our annual whole school quiz.

A big thank you to Kymble who organised the day in school and well done to the Magpies who were the winners of the quiz.

We have now started our annual reading challenge where the children can earn prizes for reading at home. They will earn a prize when they read 5, 10, 15 and 20 times and will also get a point for their house team for every 5 reads.

The children in our younger classes will also be bringing bears home to read books to and write them down in the reading record that comes with the bear.

Parents, please ensure that you are signing for any reads the children have done at home on their reading cards.

Thank you to everyone for your support with this at home.

MCAS

Please remember to check **MCAS (My Child at School)** regularly for important updates, messages and information from the school.

Please also remember that we are using MCAS for ordering and paying for school dinners now.

If you have pre ordered your child's meal on MCAS and they change to a packed lunch, please can you ensure that you deselect their meal order on the app. Thank you in advance for this.

PTA

Our continued thanks to the PTA for all their help and hard work this year. The recent Ewetopia Takeover was a great success and well enjoyed by all the children who attended.

This Friday, the PTA are hosting a family friendly Rainbow Bingo Night in the school hall. This will include a bar and refreshments with doors opening at 6:30pm and eyes down at 7pm. No booking required.

There will also be another Bags2School collection on Monday 11th May with a trailer in the village square.

Tax Free Child Care

We are now fully set up as a tax-free childcare provider. If you are using and paying for our wraparound care and are able access tax-free childcare, our reference number is 136492. Please include your Tax Free Childcare reference number if you are paying this into the school bank account.

Tax Free Childcare us a digital service to help parents pay for childcare. For every £8 a parent pays into their Tax Free Childcare account, the government will pay in £2. Parents can then use that money to pay their childcare provider (school).

Please follow this link for more information

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

Key Dates

- Comic Relief Friday 20th March 2026
- PTA Bingo Friday 20th March 2026
- Key Stage Two Swimming Gala Thursday 26th March 2026
- Last Day Spring Term Thursday 2nd April 2026
- First Day Summer Term Monday 20th April 2026
- Year Four Residential 6th - 8th May 2026 (2 nights)
- Bags2School Monday 11th May 2026
- Year Three Residential 21st - 22nd May 2026 (1 night)
- Year Six SATS Week Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May 2026
- Art Exhibition 2nd and 3rd June 2026
- May Half Term Monday 25th – Friday 29th May 2026
- KS1 Sports Day Monday June 15th 2026
- KS2 Sports Day Tuesday June 16th 2026
- Year Five Residential 8th -12th June 2026 (4 nights)
- Year Six Residential 29th June – 2nd July 2026 (3 nights)
- Last Day Summer Term Thursday 23rd July 2026