





**Braunstone Frith**  
Primary Academy

# Newsletter

  **Autumn Term | September 2024**  
**Message from Naomi Grant**

Dear parents,

It has been a really great start to the Autumn term so far and the children have settled in really quickly. The new nursery children have particularly impressed me with how quickly they have got the hang of the routines in school.



Our REACH IT assemblies have celebrated children being engaged actively in their learning and I have been very pleased to see everyone working so hard.

I hope that you enjoyed our new style of open afternoon which we trialled a couple of weeks ago. We will continue to have a combination of these sorts of afternoons and longer sessions with a particular focus.

We've got a couple of events coming up in the next couple of weeks. We will begin collecting donations for the harvest festival - this will be for the Open Hands charity. Following that we will have a parents' spotlight on No Outsiders to let



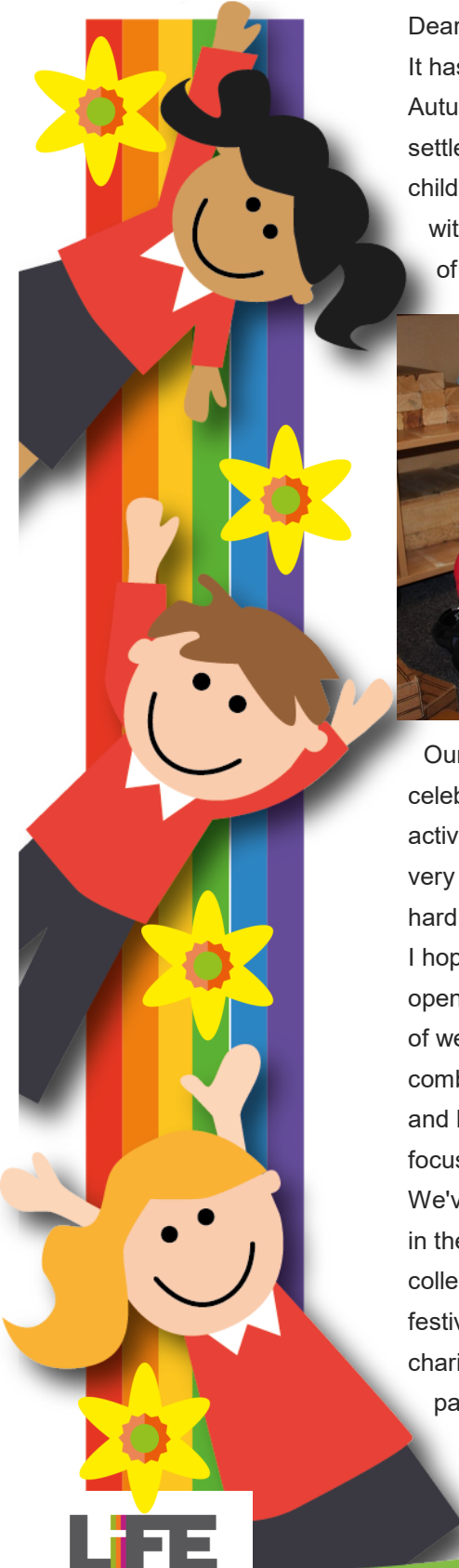
you know how we teach our children about tolerance and understanding. And then in November it will be Children in Need. More information about each of these will follow separately.

I hope that opening the Liberty Road gate in the mornings has helped some of you on school run. It has certainly eased the flow into the Tatlow Road gates.

I am looking forward to a successful Autumn term in school!

***Mrs Grant,  
Head of School***

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## Breakfast Club

Our pupils have been enjoying our new Breakfast club offer where they are being offered fruit, yoghurts as well as toast that we have always provided.



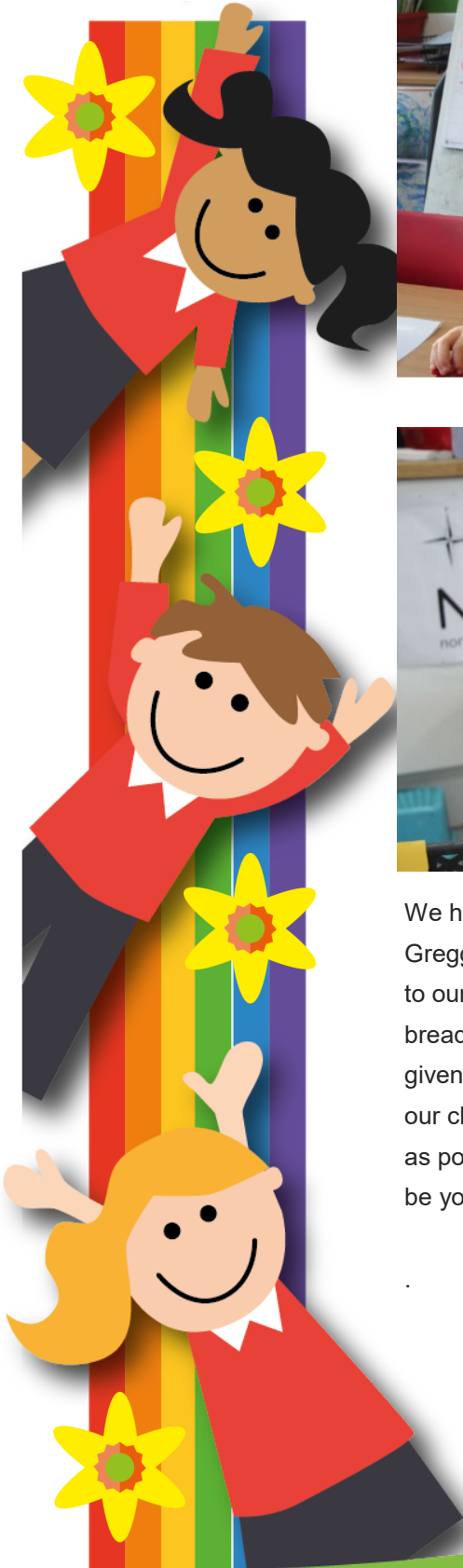
We have started receiving funding from Greggs (the bakers) to increase our offer to our children. They are providing us the bread for toast at no cost and have also given us funding to offer more variety to our children. To keep the offer as healthy as possible, we have decided this should be yoghurts and fruit.

## Western Park

Western Park have been learning about different types of rocks.



We have made igneous rocks from melted chocolate 'lava', metamorphic rocks by putting pieces of clay under pressure and layering cereal 'sediment' to create sedimentary rocks.



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## BFPA's Nursery

Our Resilient Robins Nursery pupils enjoy learning through play and working together to be Positive Thinkers and Life Long Learners. Have your child join our nursery today by contacting us on 0116 287 2487 or [office@braunstonefrith.org.uk](mailto:office@braunstonefrith.org.uk)



Find more about our school by scanning the QR code.



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**Accepting places for Nursey**  
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Our pupils are Positive Thinkers and Life Long Learners as they explore a bespoke curriculum which includes:

- A mixture of child-led and adult-led learning experience
- Learning Through Play
- Wraparound Care is our new provision and is offered at the following times: 7.30am-8.30am and 3pm-5.30pm (5pm Friday). Please ask at the office for hourly rates.

Ready to join? Contact us at the following details:

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# Phonics

Thank you to all those who attended the Phonics session recently where Mrs Smith discussed the teaching of early reading and spelling at Braunstone Frith Primary Academy that is summarised below:

## 'Little Wandle' Letters and Sounds Revised

At Braunstone Frith we teach phonics through 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised' This is a recognised programme to teach early reading and spelling.



## How we teach reading

### **Reading practice sessions are:**

Timetabled 3 times a week

Taught by trained teacher or teaching assistant

Taught in small groups

### **Books are:**

Matched to children's secure phonic knowledge and word reading

Read three times

Sent home after the 3<sup>rd</sup> session



## Phonics Terminology

You may hear your children say....

**-phonics** – The teaching of reading by developing awareness of the sounds in words and the corresponding letters used to represent those sounds.

**-phoneme** – Any one of the 44 sounds which make up words in the English language.

**-grapheme** – How a phoneme is written down. There can be more than one way to spell a phoneme.

**-blending** – Putting together the sounds in a word in order to read it, e.g.

'f – r – o – g, frog'

**-segmenting** – Breaking a word into sounds in order to spell them, e.g. 'frog, f – r – o – g'

**-digraph**- 2 letters making one sound

**-trigraph**- 3 letters making one sound



## Supporting at home.

### Reading for pleasure books

Children will also bring home a 'reading for pleasure' book from our class library each week.

To become lifelong readers, it is essential that they read for pleasure.

Children **may not** be able to read this book independently but these books offer a wealth of opportunities for talking about the pictures and enjoying the story or information text.

Enjoy the book together and foster a love of reading.



## How we teach phonics

### **Daily short sessions:**

• **Nursery** begin with Foundations for Phonics where the children listen to lots of vocabulary rich stories, sing lots of rhymes, hear initial sounds in words and begin to orally blend and segment

• **Reception** begin at Phase 2, then into Phase 3 and 4

• **Year 1** begin revising Phase 3, then teach Phases 4 and 5

• **Year 2** revisit Phase 5, embed the sounds and work on spelling patterns



### Websites for Phonics games:

Phonics Play -

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Phonic Bloom -

<https://www.phonicsbloom.com/>

Topmarks -

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds>

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# REACH IT and Star Readers Certificates

Well done to pupils who have shown great REACH IT and reading so far over the last few weeks.



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## Nuts Allergy

As a reminder we have a no nuts policy in school. It is crucial that children are not given any items in their lunchbox which contain nuts. This includes Nutella sandwiches, biscuits, breakfast bars etc. The reason for this is that we have a number of children in school with severe nut allergies and we must be able to keep everybody safe.



## Asda Rewards

We need your help!

Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024, every time customers shop with Asda using their Rewards app, they can choose a primary school to receive a percentage of their spend.



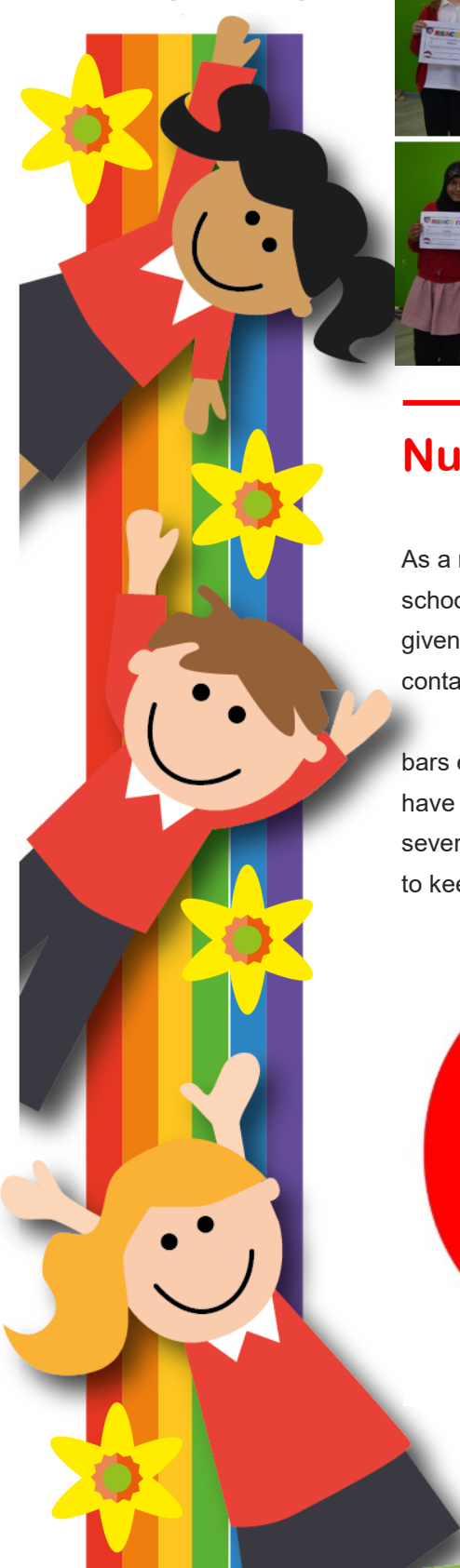
Plus, every time a customer chooses your primary school, Asda will donate £1 to your school and a further £50 once your first customer shops. Don't shop at Asda? No worries downloading the "Asda Reward" app and choosing Braunstone Frith Primary school in the "Cashpots" tab under "cashpot for schools" donates £1 to the school.

<https://groceries.asda.com/event/asda-rewards>



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## Useful Numbers

**New Parks Library** – every Monday 3.30 – 4.30pm (Take ID and proof of income)  
**Binspired, Wellinger Way, Braunstone** – 0116 2232256 Tuesday & Thursday 11- 4pm  
**Early Help Team** – 0116 4541004  
**Safeguarding Duty and Advice (Social services)** 0116 4541004  
**Child health advice:** - 0116 2153231  
**NSPCC** – parent helpline: 0808 8005000  
**Childline:** 0800 1111  
**New Parks Children Centre/Advice Point** - 0116 229 3257  
**Braunstone Children Centre/Advice Point** - 0116 373 7150  
**Citizens Advice Leicester** - 0808 2787970  
**Domestic Abuse support** - UAVA - 0808 80 200 28  
**Zinhiya Trust Advice/Support** - 0116 254 5168

## Safeguarding

**The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)** at our school is Miss Hynes.

The deputy DSLs are: Mrs Smith, Mrs Duggan, Mrs Grant, Mr Booth and Ms Wittering. They are available to discuss any issues or concerns.

## Stay Connected

Be sure to follow us on social media:

Facebook:

[BraunstoneFrithPrimarySchool](https://www.facebook.com/BraunstoneFrithPrimarySchool)

Twitter: [@BFPSOfficial](https://twitter.com/BFPSOfficial)

Youtube: [Braunstone Frith Youtube](https://www.youtube.com/BraunstoneFrithYoutube)



## Important Dates

Autumn Half Term. <b>School Closed</b>	<b>Monday 21 — Friday 25 October</b>
Disaggregated Day. <b>School Closed</b>	<b>Friday 29 November</b>
Christmas Holidays <b>School Closed</b>	<b>Monday 23 December — Monday 6 January 2025</b>

## Wraparound Care

We now offer wraparound care before and after school with Clubszone. Go to <https://braunstonefrith.org.uk/wraparound-care/> to find out more.



## Contact Us

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