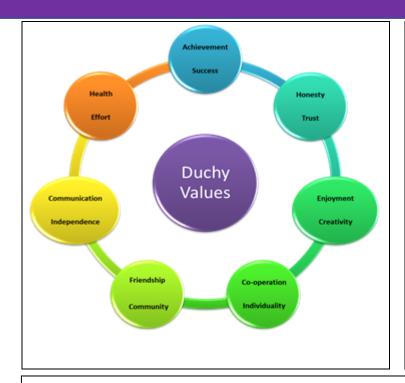
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"Mighty oaks from little acorns grow"

Our vision:

We constantly strive to promote the overall development of all our pupils and staff. We want the children to come to school happy and eager to learn in a caring environment, where all members of the school community feel that they can reach their full potential.

Dear All

The last couple of weeks at school have been very busy on the sporting front:

Yr 5/6 Football Vs Sampford Peverell: As part of the CVSA football league, our Y5/6 team took part in a match against Sampford Peverell. The children played fantastically well in a very close match. On conceeding the first goal, we stepped up to score an equalizer just before half time. The team pulled together over half-time and went on to win 2-1. Fantastic effort everyone!

KS1 and **KS2** Street Dance Tasters: This week both key stages had the opportunity to take part in a free street dance taster and meet Beth, the new instructor. Both sessions went well and the children had great fun exploring their expressions through movements and learning new dance routines. The clubs will be running before school after half term. If you wish to sign up to either KS1 or KS2, please visit https://family.premiereducation.com/courses/.

Time to celebrate! It was great to see the huge number of certificates received by the children who attend the KS1 and KS2 Gymnastics clubs. The children received certificates from the British Gymnastics Association ranging from Levels 7 to 9. Well done everyone!

We would like to thank Emma Plant for organising the Duchy Dash Fun Run last weekend. A big Well done to everyone who took part in the Fun Run. It was great to see so many running from both the school and community which made it such a lovely event. The PTFA would also like to thank all the parents and teachers who helped on the day and also 1st Bradninch Scouts for helping to marshall the run. Congratulations goes to Ben Westcott and ex-pupil, Jess Trevelyn, who were our first male and female to finish, with Jack Trevelyan hot on Ben's heels! A special mention to two of our youngest runners: Leo Fisher in Cook Class, who finished 15th and Ella Bridge in Drake Class who finished 10th. Ella has also raised an amazing amount of sponsorship! Please can all remaining sponsorship money be handed in to the school office by Tuesday, 22nd May.

I would like to wish you all a good half term and hopefully the sun will shine!

Alison Bourne

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Our fortnight in pictures...







The Duchy Dash

Yr 5/6 football vs Sampford Peverell

KS1 and KS2 Street Dance Tasters







KS1 and KS2 Gymnastics

Y6 v Teachers!

Reynolds art

Our Notice Board

Arrival in the Mornings

As a number of children are continuing to arrive before the playground is supervised by staff in the morning, the playground will not be open until 8.40am. The green gates will be opened at 8.40am by a member of staff who will then supervise the playground until the beginning of the school day. This will help keep our children as safe as possible. Thank you for your understanding.

KS1 Disco Arrangements

As the time of the KS1 disco is much earlier than before, arrangements are slightly different. If your child is attending the disco, please send the permission slip along with the money into school that morning. Your child's teacher will keep the children in the classroom and escort them into the hall for the disco. Children not attending the disco will be released as normal.

Parent Pay

Mrs Stanbury politely requests that parents keep their *Parent Pay* accounts in credit.

Thank you

Arts Week

Arts week is the week commencing 21st May. Children throughout the school will be making their own hardback book which will contain their own written and illustrated stories. You are invited to come into your child's classrooms on Friday, 25th May at 3.00 pm to listen to your child's story!

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Celebrations!



Stars of the Week			
Our stars for the last fortnight are:			
Foundation	Izzy & Piran		
Cook	Joe, Annabelle & Sophia		
Raleigh	Brodie & Noah		
Drake	Elliott G & Faith-Ella		
Acland	Jessica & Lily		
Reynolds	Thomas & Tansi		
Brunel	Daniel & Brunel Class		

Friendship Points			
Our current Friendship totals are:			
Holland	780		
Wales	830		
Italy	790		
South Africa	710		
New Zealand	740		
Japan	750		
Brazil	850		

Well done to all our Stars and Mathematicians as well as to Brazil Friendship Group!

Class Attendance Certificates: Cook & Brunel

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Diary Dates

Date	Event		
23 rd May	Cook Class assembly 3.00 pm		
25th May	3.00 pm -3.30pm: Come and read your child's story in their classroom!		
Half Term 28 th May - 1 st June			
6 th June	PTFA Meeting -7.30pm at The Castle Pub, Bradninch. All welcome!		
7 th June	PTFA Disco KS1 3.45 pm-4.30pm	PTFA Disco KS2 4.45 pm-5.45 pm	
8 th June	Music Festival in the school hall 2.15pm		
22 nd June	Science Morning - Parents invited (10.45 am)		
27 th June	Early Parents Evening 4 -6.00 pm Foundation Class		
28 th June	Late Parents Evening 6 - 8.00 pm Foundation Class		
6 th July	PTFA Summer Fayre 3.30 - 6.00pm		
9 th July	Foundation & KS1 afternoon performance		
10 th July	Foundation & KS2 evening performance		
11 th July	Sports Day		
12 th July	Brunel Class performance (one performance in the evening)		
13 th July	Transition Morning - all classes will be spending the morning meeting their new		
10th Tub	teacher for the next academic year		
19 th July	M and M Productions: A Little Princess		
24 th July	Reserve Sports Day		
25 th July	Leavers' (Yr6 only) assembly 9.30 am		
26 th July	Last day of the Summer Term		

TERM DATES for 2018/19

AUTUMN Term Commences on 5th September 2018 and Finishes on 20th December

Non-pupil Day Friday 19th October

Half Term 22nd - 26th October

SPRING Term Commences on 7th January 2019 and Finishes on 5th April 2019 Half Term 18th - 22nd February

SUMMER Term Commences on 24th April 2019 and Finishes on 24th July 2019
Non-Pupil Day Monday 3rd June 2019
Half Term 27th May - 31st May 2019