

# Goodbye and Goodluck

## THE END OF AN INCREDIBLE YEAR...

Welcome to the final newsletter of the school year - and what a year it has been! From our incredible Ofsted and SIA reports, to our record-breaking pupil outcomes, I could not be prouder of everything our staff and pupils have achieved!

It has been wonderful to welcome so many new families into the Bradfield school community this year, both in our Reception class and all the children who have joined us in different year groups from other schools. We are looking forward to welcoming many more new families in September.

And of course, all our good news and joy is tinged with a bittersweet sadness, as we bid a very fond farewell to our year 6 children.

Our Year 6's have been such an incredible embodiment of our school values, especially this year, when they have stepped up as role models in their leadership roles, from Head Boy and Head Girl to our Play Leaders and House Captains - they have each made our school a happier place to be.

This week we also say goodbye to some much-loved members of staff - Mrs Hinckley, Mrs Peters, Mrs Moss and Miss Anderson. I thank them all for their contributions to our school and would like to wish them the very best for their next adventures.

Finally, I would like to thank you, our Bradfield community of parents, carers, grandparents and volunteers. Thank you so much for your ongoing support, kind words and encouragement. I wish you and your children the most enjoyable summer and I look forward to seeing you all in September.

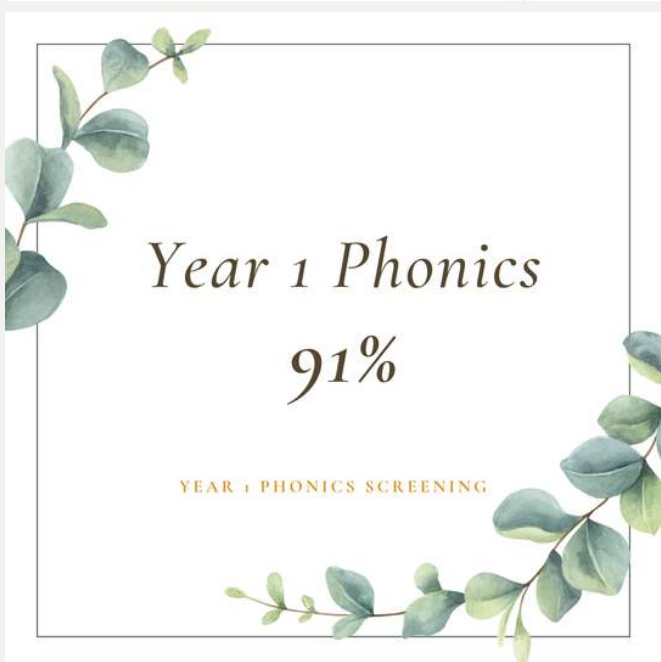
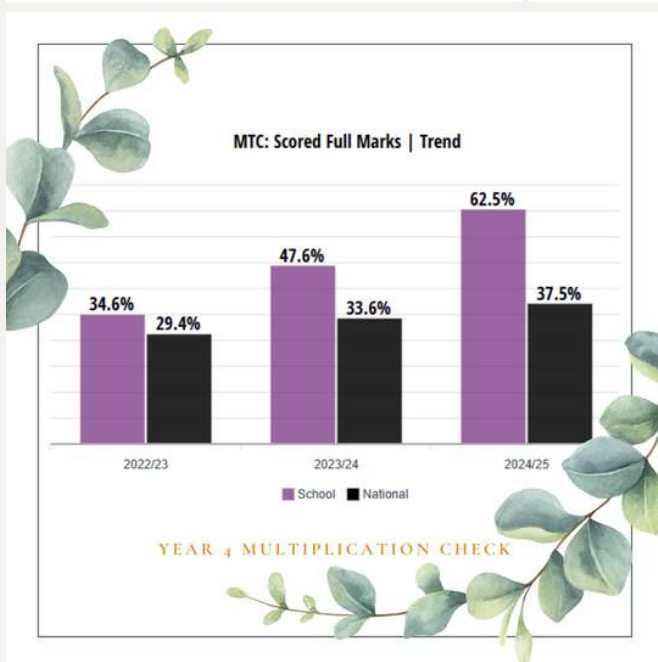
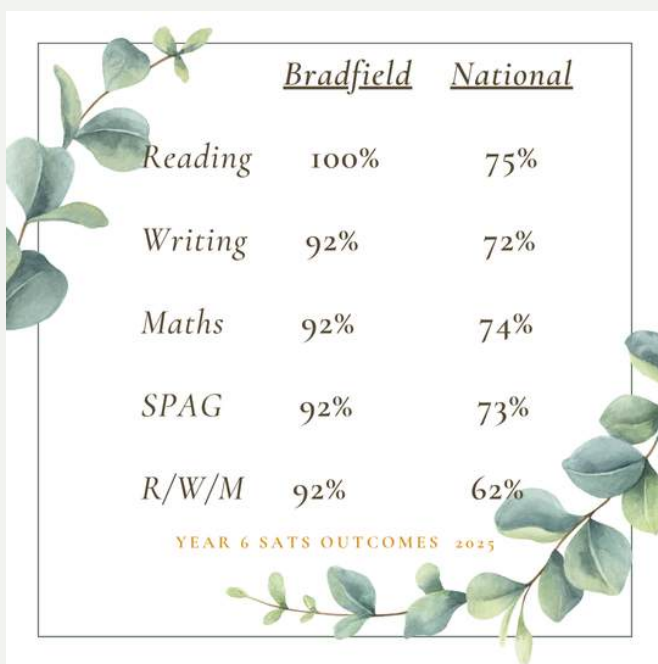
*Miss Davies*



# School News...

## RECORD-BREAKING OUTCOMES

This year has been an incredible one for our staff and pupils, who not only secured an exceptional Ofsted inspection, but went on to achieve some of the school's highest ever pupil outcomes, including in the KS2 SATs and the Year 4 Multiplication Check. According to early National data, we rank in the top 1% of schools nationally for Reading (at both expected and greater depth standard) and in the top 2% for combined expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths. Additionally, we rank in the top 5% for writing, top 10% for maths, top 9% for the Year 4 MTC and top 12% for EYFS. We couldn't be more proud of our pupils!



# *In School This Term...*

## ARMSTRONG (EYFS)

This term, we had some very exciting moments linked to our topic People Who Help Us. The children were thrilled to meet real-life heroes – the police and fire services – and had such thoughtful questions and observations. We also welcomed a very special visitor: a tortoise! This helped bring our learning about habitats to life and sparked so much curiosity and discussion.

We explored the topic Who I Am and Where Do I Belong. It was such a special time for the children to reflect on their own identities, families, and communities. One of the highlights was creating a video all about who we want to be when we grow up – the children's ideas were inspiring, thoughtful, and often very entertaining!

Throughout the year, the children have worked incredibly hard, shown kindness, built friendships, and developed a genuine love of learning. From mastering new sounds in phonics to exploring numbers, creating imaginative artwork, and developing confidence in speaking and sharing their ideas – they have achieved so much.



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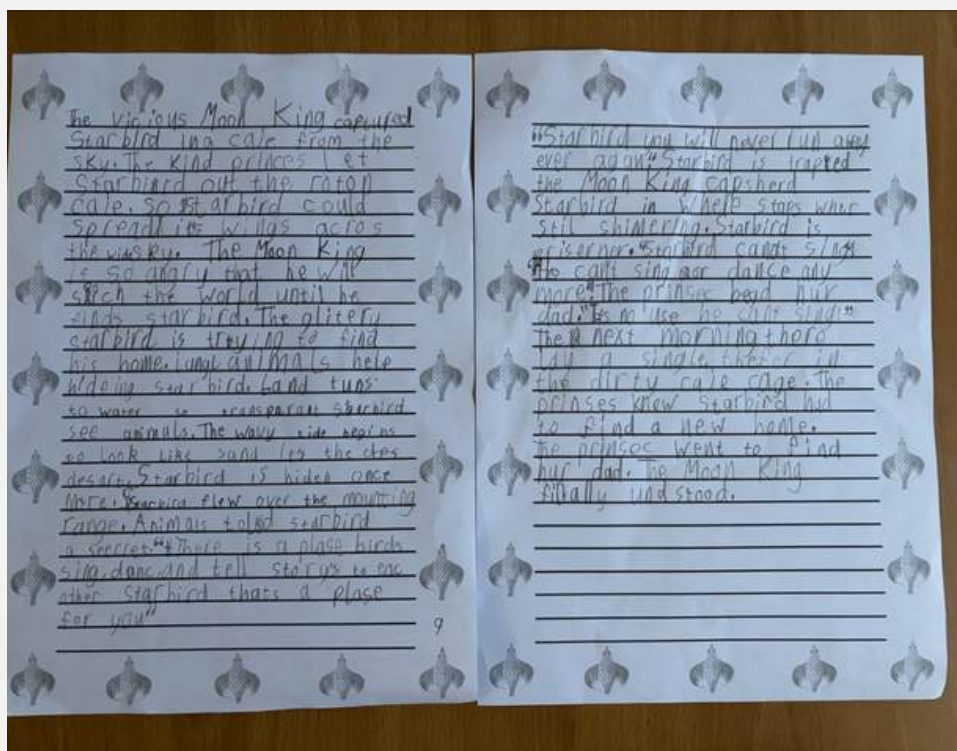
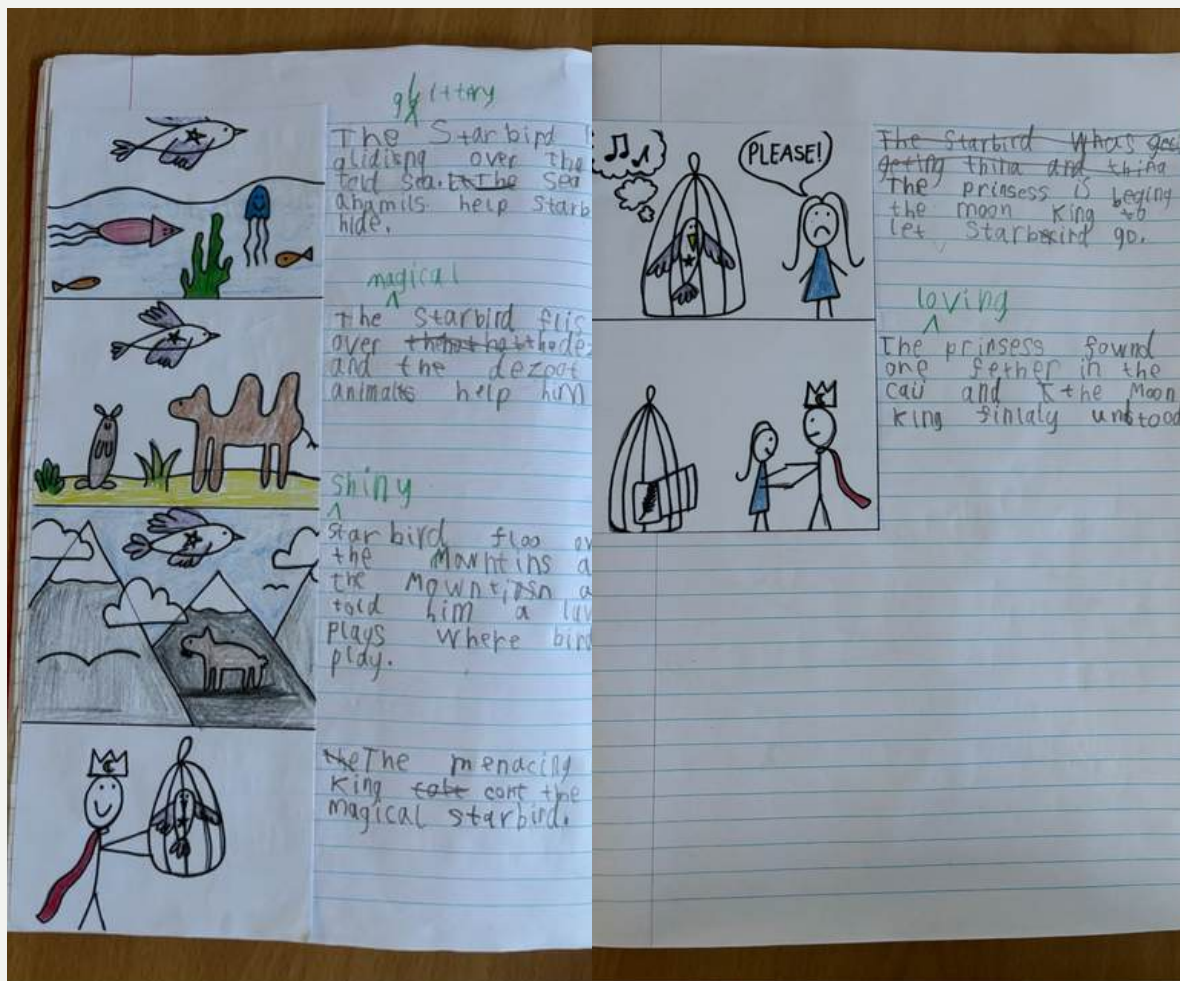
## ANNING (Y1)

We had a fantastic trip to Kew Gardens this term, linked to our science topic on plants. The children loved exploring the gardens, spotting unusual plants, and seeing their classroom learning come to life!

As part of our RE learning about Judaism and Shabbat, we had a wonderful time making our own challah bread. The children loved getting hands-on and learning about this special tradition. We all think they turned out pretty well!



# In School This Term...



## ANNING CONT...

This term, we also enjoyed retelling the beautiful story 'Starbird' by Sharon King-Chai. The children worked so hard on their writing, using rich language and their imaginations to bring the story to life in their own words. I'm so proud of their creativity and progress!

# *In School This Term...*

## NIGHTINGALE (Y2)

In History, this term Nightingale Class learned about how Basildon Park has supported the local area through history and were fascinated by the house on our school visit. They particularly enjoyed the Shell Room, as well as learning how in the war, the statues were used as target practice for the army training camp.



# *In School This Term...*

## EARHART (Y3)

As a culmination to our Geography topic this term, Year 3 went on a meticulously planned trip- by Mrs Hinckley- to Reading to investigate its transport links and to discover the attributes which make it such a thriving city. Our day began with a quick trip on the train into Reading station. We took the opportunity to note the transport links which radiate from the station: buses, airport coach links and taxis. We explored The Abbey, Forbury Gardens and studied the evolving shops inside The Oracle. We managed to visit the old prison, undertake a traffic survey, and spot the Banksy escaping prisoner. We even managed to enjoy an ice-cream with our picnic lunch under The Bandstand in Forbury Gardens. It was a hugely successful trip with many smiles had along the way.



# *In School This Term...*

## ROWLING (Y4)

We are so proud of the children's efforts in mastering their times tables this year. Their determination, resilience, and enthusiasm have truly paid off performing so well in their Multiplication Tables Check, and it's been wonderful to see their confidence in maths grow. One of the highlights of our summer term was the Year 4 Swingball Tournament! The competition was fierce, the sportsmanship was outstanding, and the final match was an epic battle between Flynn and Alex. After a nail-biting finish, we're thrilled to announce that Alex is our Swingball Champion 2025! Well done to all who took part—you made it such a fun and exciting event. We had so much fun learning the ukulele this term. Although our lessons were sadly cut short, the children showed great musical talent and enthusiasm. We'd like to send our best wishes to Ian, our ukulele teacher, and hope he has a speedy recovery. We're so grateful for the joy he brought to our music sessions.



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## ELIZABETH (Y5)

We have had a brilliant end to our year in Elizabeth class, in geography we have been learning about North America and the different biomes which can be found there, we even had a go at making our own biomes in a box. In DT we designed and made our own spaghetti bolognese sauce, including our own product label which fit the design criteria. We also had an exciting and interesting trip to the Science Museum in London where we looked round some of the exhibits, including finding out about our amazing bodies and brains as well as the energy revolution. We also watched the Wonder Show and Rocket Show, where we were able to see science in action! Finally, we have been working extremely hard on the Year 5/6 production of Oliver with a Twist, having lots of fun learning the songs and getting stuck into acting on stage!



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## LUTHER-KING JR (Y6)

It has been a super successful and enjoyable term for Year 6 - from smashing their SATs with record-breaking results, to roller coasters at Chessington and conquering fears at Avon Tyrell!

Thank you, Year 6, for a fantastic production of Oliver too! You have made us all so proud!



# School News

## STAFFING UPDATE

This term we say goodbye to some much loved members of the Bradfield team.

Mrs Hinkley is leaving to begin her well-deserved retirement and I would like to thank her sincerely for her service and dedication to the children here at Bradfield. Mrs Hinkley has always gone above and beyond in her role and I wish her every happiness for the future.

Mrs Peters, whose one year contract comes to an end this summer, will be taking up a post in the Learning Support department at a local independent school. Mrs Peters has been a wonderful part of our school community, bringing learning to life for the children. I wish her success in her new role - they are very lucky to have her!

We say a fond farewell to Mrs Moss, who has also come to the end of her contract here at Bradfield. Mrs Moss has been a fantastic asset to our school, covering PPA across the year groups and fully immersing herself in the wider life of the school. She will be taking up a specialist SEN teacher post in September and I wish her the very best for her new role.

Finally, we say a fond farewell to Miss Anderson, who will be taking up a 1:1 role support role in a local independent school. Miss Anderson has been a much loved member of our team and I would like to thank her for impacting on the wellbeing and education of so many of our children, and particularly for her crucial role in the success of our Nurture class last academic year. I wish her much happiness for the future.

## RECRUITMENT

I am delighted to say that, following a rigorous recruitment process, we are now fully staffed for the new academic year.

I look forward to welcoming Mrs Herrington as our new Year 1 teacher, as well as our new Assistant Teachers, Mrs Wilson and Mrs James (Year R), Mrs Paluszkiewicz - aka 'Mrs P' (Year 1) and Mrs Pace (Year 6).

# Bradfield Awards

## AWARDS

Many congratulations to all our award winners and nominees!



READING AWARD



PHONICS CUP



KS1 MATHS AWARD



KS1 WRITING AWARD



SPORTS AWARD



KS2 MATHS AWARD

# Bradfield Awards

## KS2 WRITING AWARD



## HEADTEACHER AWARD



## VALUES CUP



## SHAKESPEARE RECITAL FINALISTS AND WINNEERS



# ANGIE GARLAND SUNSHINE AWARD

As many of you will know, the Angie Garland Sunshine Award is our way of honouring the memory of Angie, our beloved friend and colleague, by remembering and continuing her legacy of kindness, generosity and good humour.



The award is given to one child each year, along with £20 to use to spread some sunshine and make the world a happier place. Whether donated to charity, used for a small enterprise project or something else deserving of Angie's name, we ask the winner to complete a spread in the special scrapbook, writing drawing or using photographs to show how the money was used in Angie's name.

We are delighted to have awarded this to Millie this year, who we know will make the very best of this opportunity to continue Angie's legacy of kindness and spread a little sunshine. Below, you can also read last year winner, Poppy's, entry in the book.

