



# SPRING NEWSLETTER 2025

## SO MUCH TO CELEBRATE AND BE PROUD OF

Another successful term is now drawing to a close and we are finally experiencing some nice weather. As always, the sun brings opportunities to be outdoors more often, and it has been lovely to see the boys enjoying outdoor activities and using the new equipment outside. Having said that, the weather hasn't stopped classes enjoying the great outdoors and I know there have been many trips to the many wonderful wildlife reserves and National Landscapes that we have on our doorstep.

There was another extremely successful ski trip, when 12 boys travelled to Les Menuires in France and had an awesome week on the slopes creating lasting memories. My thanks to the staff for spending time away from their families to create such an incredible experience.

The refurbishment of Ibstock House into 4 classrooms, offices and canteen has nearly been completed and we should be welcoming new students in early June. There have been some other projects completed such as the new staff car park and there will be alterations to the drive over Easter to create more room at the busiest times of the day. Students will also notice (hopefully), some improvements around the school that Martin and his team will be able to complete whilst we all enjoy our holiday!

I have just this week been reading reports and I have been genuinely inspired by the commitment and achievements of Bramfield boys over the term. We have a very broad and balanced curriculum here which focuses on personal growth as much as academic progress and to read how boys have grasped their opportunities to make the most of what we offer is extremely gratifying. Yesterday I had the pleasure of watching the talent show. It was super to see so many boys take on the challenge and to have the confidence to stand up in front of the rest of the school. The music acts in particular were a testament to the excellent work that happens on a daily basis in the music room.

Many boys also had an opportunity to go on the paintball trip this week. I'm not sure whether the staff or the boys enjoyed it the most!

I wish everyone a pleasant and peaceful break and hope to see you on the 22nd April for another successful term!

Ben Price



# A VISIT TO HALESWORTH FIRE STATION

Fir and Pine class went out to the fire station for one of our life skills lessons, the boys spent some time learning about the different equipment used and the different reasons why people may call the fire service, everyone had the chance to try on the uniform and use the hose. We finished the trip off by listening to the sirens which we all agreed were very loud when you are right next to the engine.



## ALL THINGS ART...

Gustav Klimt – Tree of Life

KS3 students studied the artist Gustav Klimt and his distinctive style and imagery. Looking closely at the way he uses patterns and extraordinary creative energy in his Art Nouveau style of painting.

The boys copied his expressive style to create their own 'Tree of Life' paintings using his impressive swirling patterns found in this piece, which are unique in Klimt's artwork.



'Dotty Circles' lesson with KS2 Olive class. The boys explored colour, layering, mark making, and shape by applying different layers of colour using felt pens, water, bingo dabbers, and the ends of cardboard tubes dipped in poster paint.

Andy Warhol – Pop Art

Andy Warhol, a pioneer of the Pop Art movement, was known for his bold, repetitive images and vibrant use of colour. By incorporating Warhol's signature style, like in his Pineapple print. KS2 students used apples dipped into printing ink onto brightly coloured papers. This can help children see how everyday objects—like apples—can be transformed into dynamic works of art.





# HALESWORTH IN BLOOM



This term, some students from Olive class have taken part in Halesworth in Bloom. Each Tuesday we have been out to different areas in Halesworth to help to maintain the plants and public gardens in the area. We enjoyed collecting up the fallen leaves to lay on the path to make it less slippery for people who were using the park. We also weeded and planted wild plant seeds in the road leading up to the station, which we are really looking forward to seeing bloom very soon.



## 3D DESIGN...



It has been an inspiring and productive term in the 3D Design workshop, with students showcasing their creativity and producing some quality work.

In Lower KS3, pupils have been exploring the world of superhero figures, researching various designs, and creating their own unique models. Using a hand-made metal armature and Mod Roc clay, pupils carefully crafted their designs and painted and varnished the finished article. The next step, will involve students designing bespoke commercial packaging, including vacuum-formed blister packaging, to present their models.

Upper KS3 students have focused on honing their isometric drawing skills alongside improving their woodworking techniques. They have developed proficiency in measuring and marking with precision and have practised wood finishing techniques. As part of their design stage, pupils researched existing toolbox designs before creating their own creative ideas, which they then brought to life through hands-on construction.

In KS4, as part of their 3D Design GCSE, students have delved into the work of renowned designers and artists, including Zaha Hadid, Rachel Whiteread, and Jean Nouvel. Drawing inspiration from their styles, students designed models, experimented with techniques used by these creatives and are now preparing to create finished animal habitats based on their research and findings.

It's been an exciting term full of exploration, skill development, and creativity. I'm looking forward to seeing how these projects continue to evolve next term.

Happy Easter, Paul T 😊





World Book Day 2025 was a big success at Bramfield House. Students and staff alike were at their creative best dressing up as their favourite fictional characters.



Most notably an extremely dedicated group of Oompa-Loompas, who definitely won the 'best dressed' accolade: 10/10 for effort!



It was brilliant to see students across the school – in Primary, Middle and Upper – engage in some reading throughout the day.

From interactive football quizzes to individuals reading crime thrillers, to classes studying some classic Literature texts in 'An Inspector Calls' and 'Of Mice and Men', a fine day was had by all with students and staff literally putting themselves in the shoes of their favourite characters. Furthermore, with the Summer weather potentially just around the corner, it'll be great to get some outdoor reading started up soon...'



## YEAR 11 - HILLTOP ADVENTURE



In January, our Year 11s attended a trip to Hilltop Outdoor Activity Centre in Thetford, with a one-night overnight stay. All eight of our boys engaged very well, having a fantastic time socialising with each other and building their confidence.

The trip provided an excellent opportunity for the boys to develop key skills such as teamwork, communication, and resilience. Through a range of challenging outdoor activities, they showed great courage and determination, supporting each other and strengthening their friendships.



It was inspiring to see the boys grow in confidence and independence, tackling physical and mental challenges with focus and creativity. The experience also helped them improve their problem-solving skills and encouraged patience and trust within the group.

We are incredibly proud of how well they represented the school and supported each other throughout the trip. This adventure has not only helped them build practical skills but also given them a sense of achievement and pride that we hope will stay with them in the future.

Well done to all our Year 11s for their fantastic effort and positive attitude!

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# OUTDOOR LEARNING

It has genuinely been another fantastic term for our Outdoor Learning! Despite the cold temperatures, frequent rain, and mud (and we do mean LOTS of mud!), the boys have embraced every challenge and opportunity to get outside, explore, play and learn in the fresh air.

Whether braving the elements or exploring new places, they're developing better social skills, teamwork, and growing a greater understanding of our beautiful corner of the world.

Here's a recap of all the exciting adventures we've had this term:

**TEAM**

**Fun**

## ORWELL COUNTRY PARK

We've already earmarked a return trip here when the weather warms up, as it's a really beautiful, serene place (despite being right beside the A14)! It is a stunning spot that combines history with nature.. The boys hiked through the park's woodlands, observing local wildlife and learning about erosion and the area's unique ecosystem. The day was filled with fun exploration, where teamwork came into play as the boys worked together to navigate back to the van, thanks to my awful sense of direction! The beauty of Orwell Country Park combines hills, farmland, beaches, a river, a brilliant rope swing and I hope it taught our boys the importance of conserving nature and the joy of being outdoors, far away from the screen.

Framlingham Castle: A Step Back in Time Next up, we ventured to the historic Framlingham Castle. As the rain poured down, we made our way around the castle's impressive grounds, uncovering stories of knights, battles, and medieval life. The boys explored the castle walls, learning about the strategic importance of the fortress and even trying their hand at imagining what life would have been like in the past. This experience was a wonderful blend of history and physical activity, proving that learning doesn't always happen in a classroom! We finished the trip with a visit to Simpsons Sweet store, where we enjoyed an amazing milkshake each!



Shingle Street: A Coastal Adventure On another outing, we headed to Shingle Street, where the boys were captivated by the rugged beauty of the coastline. As we walked along the shore, they learned about coastal erosion, geology, and the significance of the shingle banks. There was no shortage of questions from the boys about the forces of nature, tides, and the history of the area. This trip highlighted the importance of outdoor learning, offering a hands-on, engaging way to connect with the natural world.

Thornham Walks: A Journey into the Wild The weather didn't stop us from heading to Thornham Walks, a magical place that's perfect for our budding explorers. With over 100 acres of woodland, our boys had the opportunity to participate in activities like tree identification and wildlife spotting. By the end of the trip, not only had the boys built their knowledge of local flora and fauna, but they had also worked together to cross boggy mud patches. Thornham Walks proved to be the perfect setting to immerse in nature while also being able to do some really important stuff like hide 'n seek and kick post!

I understand that, as a parent, we feel that learning should happen in a classroom, but countless research has shown just how important the role of outdoor learning is – and how this has huge impact on learning back in school. Each of these experiences has not only helped the boys connect with their surroundings but also provided an opportunity for personal growth.

It's wonderful that the boys are gaining so much from these experiences while having fun and forming lasting memories. Here's to many more mud-filled, screen-free adventures ahead!

As this term comes to a close, we are excited to continue our outdoor learning journey and look forward to even more adventures in the future. We can't wait to see what next term has in store! Thank you for your continued support. Ria



**Teamwork**

# PHOTOGRAPHY

The GCSE Photography group went to Illuminate Studios in Ipswich where they had a workshop with the studio owner, Mikaela, who showed them how to make 'chemigrams' and 'photograms'. Their chemigrams involved placing chemicals onto photopaper in interesting ways and developing them to create different patterns, shapes and textures. The photograms involved using the enlargers in the darkroom to expose light onto different objects on photopaper to create interesting contrasting images. The boys had a great time experimenting and challenging their artistic abilities to create some really lovely images!



## SOCIAL SKILLS

This term, Sycamore class have been working hard on developing their social skills. This has emphasised the importance and benefits of working as a team. We have completed different activities such as trying to fit teams on a piece of paper, completing quizzes together and trusting our peers to direct us when blindfolded, to name a few. The class have been able to develop key communication skills to enable them to complete the challenges effectively whilst recognising one another's strengths. Great work Sycamore class!



## BRAMFIELD BOY - IN THE COMMUNITY

One of our Bramfield Boy's this term has been focusing on helping in the community. The boys have been litter picking at Dunwich beach, cleaning shop fronts in Halesworth and visiting residential homes. We are incredibly proud of how they have represented the school whilst out and about and the boys have all said how good it has felt to do something for other people.



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# SPREADING SMILES AND LAUGHTER

For PSHE / Life Skills the boys have been visiting a local care home. Every Monday the boys spend time talking, playing games, colouring and reading to the residents. The boys have been absolutely amazing. It has greatly helped their social skills and understanding and the delight of the residents when we turn up is evident by the smiles we receive every week. I couldn't be prouder of them all and the wonderful effort they are putting into the local community. They have certainly done you as parents, the class and the school proud. Well done Sapling Class!



## WHAT'S HAPPENING DOWN THE FARM?

Spring has arrived down at the farm. The planters around the farm are full of spring flowers, all planted by the boys and are being well looked after!



The boys have been planting seeds all term and we have tomatoes, cucumbers, chillies and peppers all growing in the poly tunnel. We also have a very good crop of lettuce growing, nearly ready to harvest.



The baby Guinea Pigs are all grown up now and love being held, fed and cuddled by all the boys.





# CAREERS...

Students Shine at Norfolk Showground Careers Fair: Exploring Opportunities with Local Businesses, Employers, and Education Providers

On the 5th and 6th of March upper school pupils had the exciting opportunity to attend the highly anticipated Careers Fair at the Norfolk Showground. The event was a vibrant gathering, designed to connect students with local businesses, employers, apprenticeship providers and further education opportunities. The fair provided a unique platform for students to explore a wide range of career paths, seek advice from industry professionals and learn more about the various pathways available to them.

The Norfolk Showground event was buzzing with excitement as hundreds of students ventured through rows of booths and displays. Local businesses ranging from healthcare to technology, engineering and construction to public services, they all showcased their job openings, apprenticeship programs and future career opportunities. Employers took the time to discuss what they look for in prospective employees, offering valuable insights into the world of work.



Students Welcome Siemens Engineering for a Morning of Innovation and Problem-Solving

## SIEMENS

On the 13th March pupils were thrilled to welcome Siemens Engineering for an exciting and insightful morning dedicated to the world of engineering. This special event not only introduced students to the cutting-edge work done by one of the world's leading engineering companies, but also kicked off a thrilling engineering competition aimed at inspiring young minds to think creatively and solve real-world problems.

The day began with an inspiring presentation by representatives from Siemens Engineering who shared their expertise, experience and passion for innovation in the field of engineering. Pupils were introduced to various engineering roles and given a glimpse into the future of technology and its impact on industries.

Following the presentation, came the launch of the Siemens Engineering Competition. This competition asked students to identify a problem in their daily lives or local community and come up with an innovative engineering solution to address it. The goal was to encourage students to apply their creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills to real-world challenges—just like engineers do every day. The competition will run for some weeks and winners will be announced during Term 3.





## AIR AMBULANCE VISIT

We had the Air Ambulance visit primary where a volunteer gave the boys a great insight into the charity and the importance of the work they do. The boys learnt about the areas East Anglia air ambulance cover, the resources available to them, how much it costs to run, the types of incidents they attend and the vehicles they have. There was a mini memory challenge set which all classes achieved. Finally the boys also learnt CPR and how to use a defibrillator- a great life skill to have!



## SPORTS EVENTS

Boys from Primary took part in a sports afternoon in Bramfield Boy options time playing Bocca and Kurling games against Bramfield Primary School.



Bobby from Elm went with Tommy to visit Bramfield Primary School to join in P.E. and help deliver a Cricket lesson. Bobby helped demonstrate throwing, catching, fielding & batting skills to class 3/4 of Bramfield Primary School.



Boys from Primary took part in a swimming gala against Bramfield Primary School. The Boys raced in head-to-head races competing Freestyle and Backstroke races.







## ECO NEWS



This term we have continued to work towards improving our knowledge and understanding of climate action and what we can do to make a difference at home, at school and in the world at large.

2025 is a year where climate education becomes a real focus for schools in the UK. All schools will have a climate action plan and look to become carbon neutral and increase biodiversity and build a connection with nature. We are progressing well on our journey to achieve this and continue to take part in activities which support this.

Recycling is still going well. All food waste continues to be composted, bread wrappings, biscuit wrappings, batteries and toner cartridges are sent away to be recycled. We have also started recycling pens at school too.

At school we have taken part in World Wildlife Day where we completed activities about wildlife and what can be done to support them and increase their numbers for future generations.

We learnt about recycling on Global Recycling Day and are currently taking part in the Great British School Clean where we have pledged to pick up 10 bags of rubbish.

Boys have taken part in the Big Schools Birdwatch and many are now keen bird watchers going out and about in the local area. We continue to see increasing numbers of birds on the site, including a flock of Redwing and recently a Song Thrush has been spotted.

In February we welcomed local farmers to the school for our farming day. James and Laura Porter from Porters Farm brought in their John Deere tractor so that boys could learn all about farming and best of all sit inside. Boys also enjoyed handling crops that they brought in to show, such as wheat, barley and oil seed rape. Boys were amazed to hear that the tractor would cost £200,000 new and the back tyres alone would cost £10,000 to replace. They were also interested to find out that driving the tractor was like playing a computer game using a joystick to control the tractor. Finally Discussion were had around where our food comes from and what needs to be done to produce this.







## VISIT TO COLCHESTER ZOO



Elm class visited Colchester zoo as part of our Science learning around endangered animals. We really enjoyed getting up close to all of the animals, exploring their habitats and diets, all boys asked lots of amazing questions. We were lucky enough to see so many animals and our highlights of the zoo included feeding the lorikeet birds boys and staff faced some new fears around holding birds on our arms, even our heads! We then got to observe tigers trying to escape their enclosure, elephants being fed, and the sea lion tunnel with swimming sealions above us and finding out lots of facts about how the zoo helps animals that are endangered.

We even managed to get a ride on the train around the zoo and listen to a zoo keeper tell us all about his job and what he does. We then enjoyed our picnic lunch and a play in the adventure playground!

We all enjoyed an amazing day out, well done Elm class.



## NEEDHAM MARKET FC



A group of middle school boys had a great evening watching Needham Market vs Curzon Ashton. They started their evening with tea at school and then enjoyed an evening full of football and laughter!



## WELLBEING...

The school have embarked on a national well being award. In September we will be having a final verification visit which will enable us to revolutionise the way we support both our students and staff. The wellbeing committee continue to meet on a regular basis ensuring the staff and student voice is heard.



TALK & LISTEN,  
BE THERE,  
FEEL CONNECTED



DO WHAT YOU CAN,  
ENJOY WHAT YOU DO,  
MOVE YOUR MOOD



REMEMBER  
THE SIMPLE  
THINGS THAT  
GIVE YOU JOY



EMBRACE NEW  
EXPERIENCES,  
SEE OPPORTUNITIES,  
SURPRISE YOURSELF



Your time,  
your words,  
your presence





# JOE DIX FOUNDATION VISIT

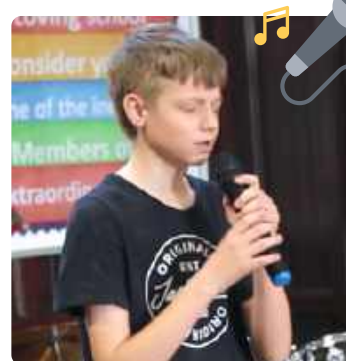


JOE DIX FOUNDATION

Middle and Upper school took part in a workshop delivered by The Joe Dix Foundation. The session involved educating the students of the dangers of Child Criminal Exploitation, knife crime and gang culture in the UK. All students engaged well and asked some very good questions! Well done boys!  
[joedixfoundation.co.uk](http://joedixfoundation.co.uk)



Bramfield's Got Talent was a showcase of the incredible skills and talents of the boys in our school. The energy and excitement in the air was amazing as each performer took to the stage, wowing the audience with their creativity and passion. This event not only highlighted the individual talents of our boys but also fostered a sense of friendship and support among the boys. .





## COMIC RELIEF- RED NOSE DAY



We had lots of fun on Red Nose Day. There was a cake sale, space hopper race and then also a whole school gunge for Leigh, Zahra, Adam and Sam! This brought lots of fun, laughter and slime!

We raised a grand total of. £202.65



## VISIT TO LONDON



On Thursday 27th February, Holly Class made the journey to London, in order to bring their knowledge of the history of the city, which they've been studying in their humanities lessons, to life.

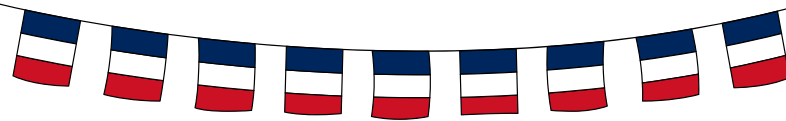
We began our day with a journey in the school vans to Basildon train station. After savouring the sights of Basildon town, we began our train journey into the city centre. After we disembarked at Fenchurch Street Station, we passed a statue dedicated to Samuel Pepys, whose diary provided Tim and other historians with knowledge of the Great Fire of London, which they in turn have passed on to students (Thanks Samuel!).

After we waved Mr Pepys goodbye, we encountered the main attraction, the Tower of London! Upon entry, the boys enjoyed a delicious packed lunch whilst looking out over the river Thames, and we had a great view of Tower Bridge. We then progressed into the Tower itself, where we were greeted by Poppy the raven. In the White Tower the boys got to see some armour, a Britney (of) Spears, and a Norman toilet- although, to Tilly's surprise, there was no medieval pipe attached to it. The boys then got the opportunity to see the King's Guard and the Crown Jewels!

We then walked to the monument to the Great Fire of London, which the boys had learned about in their history lessons. After this, we took a short journey from Monument Station to Embankment on the tube; once off the underground we walked to see Elizabeth Tower (aka Big Ben) and the Houses of Parliament. To top off our journey through the capital, we walked through St James' Park to Buckingham Palace. We took the tube back to Fenchurch Street Station, hopped on the train back to Basildon, and then began our drive back homewards. The boys finally enjoyed a well-deserved dinner from McDonalds after walking a hefty 17,000 steps and climbing 28 flights of stairs!







## SKI TRIP TO LES MENUIRES

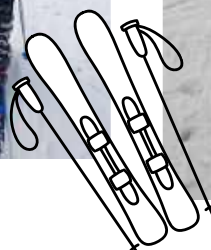
In the early hours of the morning, the group of students departed the school, filled with excitement for the adventure ahead. After making our way to Gatwick Airport, we boarded a short flight to Chambéry. From there, a private coach took us on the scenic journey to the beautiful resort of Les Menuires.

Upon arrival at the hotel, Skilt, which would be our home for the week, the boys were immediately fitted for their skis and boots, ready to start their skiing adventure. Sunday marked the first day on the slopes, where the boys met their three instructors who would guide them through the week. Each day consisted of two hours of lessons in the morning and two hours in the evening, ensuring plenty of time to learn and improve. Throughout the week, the progress made by all the pupils was remarkable. Many of the boys had never been skiing before, and for some, this was their first time away from home. However, every student made great strides in their skills, showing dedication and perseverance as they navigated the slopes.

The weather during the week provided a true alpine experience. We saw everything from snow showers to bright sunshine and varying visibility, which made for a dynamic skiing environment. Despite the fluctuating conditions, the overall skiing conditions were excellent, with fresh snow and good visibility at key moments, allowing the boys to really make the most of their time on the slopes.

The trip was not just about skiing, though. The instructors and hotel staff commented regularly on the politeness and excellent behaviour of the boys throughout the week. They were a credit to the school, demonstrating maturity and respect at every opportunity. Beyond skiing, the boys learned valuable life skills, including teamwork, independence, and resilience.

Overall, the trip to Les Menuires was a huge success, offering not only a fun and challenging experience on the slopes but also an opportunity for personal growth. We are incredibly proud of how our students represented the school and how much they achieved throughout the week.







# PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) EASTER HOLIDAYS 2025

[moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free)



## **BURGER KING**

From Monday 7th - Sunday 20th April 2025, Kids Eat Free with every adult meal, via the app.

## **BILLS**

Kids eat free Mondays - Fridays, from Monday 7th - Friday 25th April 2025.

## **FARMHOUSE INNS**

2 kids eat FREE with one paying adult, Monday 7th - Friday 25th of April. Sign Up Required

## **TGI FRIDAYS**

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

## **ZIZZI**

Sunday 6th - Sunday 27th April 2025 kids eat free with every adult main. (excludes Saturdays)

## **CAFE EIGHTY NINE @ THE RANGE**

Kids eat free Sat 5th April - Mon 21st April 2025

## **YO! SUSHI**

Kids eat free all day (monday - friday) during all school holidays, when dining with an adult

## **SIZZLING PUBS**

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids eat for £1.

## **ASDA**

Kids eat for £1 every, with no adult spend.

## **TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN**

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

## **GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS**

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day

## **WHITBREAD INNS**

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

## **BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE**

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

## **IKEA**

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

## **PREZZO**

Kids receive a free, 3 course kids meal, everyday at Prezzo between 31st March - 27th April 2025

## **COCONUT TREE**

One child (under 10) eats free every day, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April 2025

## **PIZZA HUT**

Kids eat free buffet from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April, after 3pm daily with a £10 spend

## **PRETO**

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

## **SAINSBURYS CAFES**

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

## **BELLA ITALIA**

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays

## **MORRISONS**

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

## **LAS IGUANAS**

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

## **TABLE TABLE**

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult!

## **PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM**

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

## **HUNGRY HORSE**

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

## **THE REAL GREEK**

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

## **SA BRAINS PUBS**

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

## **FUTURE INNS**

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.

