

Braintree Museum Holiday Club Newsletter

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Top news

- **This Christmas, we welcomed 89 children!**
- **We tried Salt Liquorice from Finland - 100% of children and staff did not like it!**
- **Active Essex visited us with Christmas Stockings!**

Winter Break 2025

This Christmas, our themes included: 'Our World - Finland!', 'Merry Christmas Eve Eve!', 'Extinction!' and 'Happy New Year!'. The most popular day was Christmas, we created a water bowl for Rudolph, made Christmas cards and partied the afternoon away with musical bumps, karaoke and other party games! We even tried a bit of Limbo!



FINLAND INSPIRED ART

Fun Activities

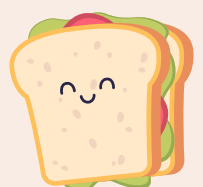
For 'Our World - Finland' we learnt all about the different food, customs and environment in Finland. There are 187,000 lakes in Finland! We tasted rye bread with lingonberry jam and salt liquorice. We loved the jam but hated the salt liquorice!

We partied all day with games, visiting the museum and a disco for Christmas Eve Eve before all excitedly going home for Christmas. Our last 'Extinction!' day explored the importance of hibernation so we created animal dens and a hibernating bear picture. Finally, for 'New Year's Eve Eve' we created party crowns, loom band bracelets and had another party!

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Making Our Own Lunch?

Something Scrummy, our cafe, had a very well deserved break over Christmas which meant we got to make our own lunch. Children had the choice of hot soup or a sandwiches they made themselves. We made a lot of sandwiches and a lot of mess but we enjoyed the challenge of making it on our own.





Silly Faces in the Museum!

Hamper Collection!



Wrapping Paper Challenges!





**Ralphie Harvey,
showing off his award!**

Ralphie Harvey - Move With Us Champion!

Ralphie Harvey has been awarded Move With Us Champion by Active Essex ! His thoughtful actions and compassion towards others has been recognised by other clubs and visitors and he was nominated winner of his category. Ralphie very kindly brought in his award to show everyone and told us all about the ceremony, the interesting people he met and the pizza dinner! We are all so proud of Ralphie's achievement and you can read more about it below.

[Essex Activity Awards 2025 - Active Essex](#)

This February, we will be helping the museum with the Silver End Dolls Project. In 1934, Silver End Women's Institute created 47 dolls of historic figures from Essex as part of an art competition. They won the competition but sadly only 6 dolls remain! To celebrate the 100 year anniversary of Silver End being built, we are recreating the lost dolls. The Holiday Club will be making John Ray on Wednesday of half term!

Silver End Dolls Project!



Coming Up!

February Half Term:

Bookings go live on Monday 19th January, 12pm. Please book with Bethany via email!

- Tuesday 17th February - Chinese New Year!
- Wednesday 18th February - Natural History!
- Thursday 19th February- Art Deco and Beyond!
- Friday 20th February - Pokemon!

Our new exhibit, 'Art Deco and Beyond' opens on Saturday 17th February. Come and find out about innovation and design in Braintree throughout the 1920s and 1930s!

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