

# Broxbourne CE Primary School Newsletter



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## HEADTEACHER UPDATE

What an amazing week it has been at our school—one filled with sparkle, joy, and the warmth of our community. Broxbourne really is the gift that keeps giving and Christmas performances and activities have been plentiful, and we are sure you will agree that each and every one has been very special for all in attendance.

We would like to offer our sincere congratulations to every child for their outstanding contributions. Their enthusiasm and joy have shone through their performances and made these memorable occasions to be cherished. Our gratitude also goes to our wonderful staff whose care, creativity and dedication ensure that our children flourish and shine brightly.

Our Broxbourne children shone especially brightly this week:

- *In the enchanting Early Years Nativity performances of 'The Bossy King'*
- *In the energetic and spell-binding Year 1–6 Groovin' Christmas Extravaganza at St Augustine's Church*

Well done, Team Broxbourne! A marvellous and uplifting collective effort.

### **Thank You to Our PTA**

We are grateful to our PTA for their superb organisation and service at last Friday's Christmas Fair. Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, or contributed in any way. Thanks to your generosity and commitment, an impressive total of £3,727 was raised for our school—an amount that will make a real difference for our children.

Thank you also to the PTA for today's Gift Sale. This special event gives our children an opportunity to choose Christmas gifts for loved ones. It is always a delight to see our older pupils guiding the younger ones, helping with choices and budgets, and showing such kindness and responsibility.

### **Looking Ahead to Another Festive Week**

Next week brings more excitement as we approach the end of term:

***Dream, Believe and Achieve with God***



### **Santa Dash – Monday**

Information about kit, spare clothes, and a carrier bag for muddy items has been shared below. It is a brilliant, energetic start to the final week and always lifts the festive spirits!

### **Cups Assembly**

We will celebrate those children who have lived out our school values so beautifully this term and who have been selected to be awarded a cup.

### **Volunteer Helpers Assembly**

A moment to express our gratitude to the many volunteers whose support enriches our school life.

### **End of Term Service – Friday**

Please note the earlier start:

- *Registration at St Augustine's Church: 8:45am*
  - *Service begins: 9:00am*
- *School finishes at 1:00pm following afternoon registration. **Please ensure children are collected from school promptly at this time.***

### **A Season of Gratitude**

This Advent, we are thankful for the many joyful events that bring our school community together. We are especially grateful to the Mayor of Broxbourne, Reverend David, and Reverend Quant for their continued presence and support. Their involvement enriches our celebrations and strengthens the sense of community that we value so highly.

Wishing you all a peaceful and enjoyable weekend as we prepare for the final, festive week of term in our amazing school.

*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given... and he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*

**— Isaiah 9:6**

Before the final festive week of term, we hope you find time for some relaxation...

Best wishes Paul Miller



## GET READY FOR THE SANTA DASH!

MONDAY, 15TH DECEMBER

Our festive Santa Dash is back! Children will run short races in full Christmas gear—jumpers, hats, and festive fun. Distances vary by age:

- **Early Years:** ¼ mile
- **Years 1–2:** slightly longer
- **Years 3–4:** longer
- **Years 5–6:** just under a mile

Each finisher earns points for their house—the lowest total wins the title of Speediest Santa Dashers! Results will appear in next week's newsletter.

### Important:

- Attend school in full Santa Dash attire & trainers (or wellies!)
- Bring a carrier bag, socks, and change of shoes (it gets muddy!)
- After the dash: keep your Christmas jumper on, but change the lower half back to school uniform
- It's also Christmas Jumper Day, and £1 donation should be brought in, or paid online for The British Red Cross, so festive fun all around!





### **END OF TERM SERVICE**

Our End of Term Service will be held in St Augustine's Church on Friday, 19th December **at 8.45am**. As usual you are very welcome to join us for this service. If you are coming along to the church with a younger child, we request that they sit with you in the pews and are supervised, so that they do not disrupt the service in any way. We encourage parents to show respect for other people's opportunity to worship and to ensure everyone is able to fully enjoy the service. If your child is unable to sit quietly, please feel free to take them out of the main church and wait in the inner porch, until they are able to return. Thank you.

After the service, children will be walked back to school for the remainder of the morning. The school day will finish earlier than usual at 1pm (or at 12pm for EY1 children who do not stay for the afternoon).

**Reminder—No After School Club next Friday.**

### **THE MAYOR OF BROXBOURNE VISITS OUR CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION WINNERS!**

We were delighted to welcome the Mayor of Broxbourne this week to congratulate our Christmas Card Competition winners. In the photographs, the Mayor is pictured proudly standing with Dolly & Annabelle, each holding their beautifully designed festive cards. The children were thrilled to share their artwork, and the Mayor took time to speak with them about their creative ideas. It was a wonderful moment of celebration and a lovely start to the festive season!





### THE JUNGLE BOOK PANTOMIME

The children had a fantastic time watching The Jungle Book pantomime yesterday afternoon. It was full of energy, laughter and plenty of audience participation, and the children thoroughly enjoyed every moment. A big thank you to our PTA for generously funding this wonderful experience for the whole school. It was a real treat!



**REMINDER: RECEPTION ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2026**  
**FOR CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN 01.09.2021—31.08.2022**

Please be aware that the deadline for Reception applications for the next academic year is 15th January 2026. **Parents will need to make an application by the closing date to ensure their application is considered as on-time.**

Parents should apply online at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) or alternatively if they cannot access the internet, they can request a printed version of the website information and application form from the Hertfordshire County Council Customer Service Centre by calling 0300 123 4043.



## **THE KINGFISHER COUNCIL MEET LEWIS COCKING MP!**

Today, our Kingfisher Council enjoyed a very interesting visit from Lewis Cocking MP. Mr Cocking spoke to the children about his role in parliament and explained how MPs debate and vote on important decisions that affect us all.

The children asked thoughtful questions and were fascinated to learn more about how our democracy works. It was a valuable and inspiring session for everyone involved. Thank you to Mr Harrison for arranging this visit.



## **BAGS!**

Please will all children bring a named carrier bag to school early next week to enable them to carry their work and belongings home.



## **ROCKSTEADY CONCERT**

Monday, 15th December



**CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE 2025!**

A snapshot of our fantastic Christmas performance—A Groovin' Christmas!





## IMPORTANT DATES!

Please also check our calendar on the school website for any amendments.

**Monday, 15th December—**

Christmas Jumper Day  
Santa Dash  
Rocksteady Concert



**Tuesday, 16th December—**

EYFS Christmas Parties & KS1 Christmas Party - uniform does not need to be worn.

**Wednesday, 17th December—**

Volunteer Helpers' Assembly  
Christmas Lunch  
KS2 Christmas Party - uniform does not need to be worn

**Thursday, 18th December—**

Cups Assembly  
Non uniform day for Blue Badgers (EY1-Year 6)



**Friday, 19th December—**

End of Term Service 8.45am

Please note your child does not need to wear uniform on their party day. If you wish to make a £1 donation, this will be for the Kingfisher Council's Chosen Charity-The British Red Cross. A payment will be available on the School Gateway. **Children should bring a bag of crisps and a carton of drink for their party.** Children should wear their uniform on all other days.



### MUSIC TUITION IN JANUARY

Piano will begin on Monday, 5th January  
Guitar will begin on Tuesday 6th January





## **REMINDER: KINGFISHER COUNCIL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

As part of our Christmas fundraising, Christmas raffle tickets are on sale. All children who buy a ticket will be entered for the chance to win one of two fantastic prizes — one for EYFS/KS1 and one for KS2, **with the raffle drawn during the last week of term.**

We are suggesting a £1 donation per ticket, with all proceeds going to The British Red Cross, our chosen charity. We hope every child will join in and help support this worthwhile cause.

Thank you.



## **THE BRIAN PICKARD 200 CLUB WINNERS!**

The Brian Pickard 200 Club winner for October is No. 63 Mrs Sweeney - parent of the school, the winner for November is No. 74 Mrs Francis—ex parent of the school and the winner for December is No. 110 Miss Bell—Member of Staff.

Many congratulations!

The next draw will be on Monday, 12th January.

New members are always welcome as are those whose subscription renewal is due. Annual subscription is only £12!

Please support the School in this way!

Please contact the office for details.



## **LOST PROPERTY**

We currently have lots of lost property in school. The lost property box will be available for you to look through at 8.30am on Tuesday, 16th December in the school hall. All items left after this occasion will be kept until the end of term and then discarded.

Many jumpers are unnamed, making reuniting them with their owner impossible! Please ensure all school uniform, coats, shoes and equipment (including snack boxes) is clearly named and is looked after.

Thank you.





## **REMINDER: CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

**WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER**

We're looking forward to Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, 17th December, when our kitchen team will be serving a delicious Christmas feast!

If your child normally brings a packed lunch but would like to join in the celebration, please order their meal via the School Gateway app.

**Unfortunately, we won't be able to provide spare meals on the day, so please make sure you place your order in good time. Please note that there will be no roll or jacket potato option on this date.**

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**CHRISTMAS LUNCH**  
Weds 17th December

**MAIN MENU**

Sliced Turkey Breast  
with Chipolata Sausage  
& Sage & Onion Stuffing  
& Gravy  
or  
Vegetable Wellington  
with Sage & Onion Stuffing  
& Gravy (v)  
or  
Plant Sausage & Gravy (Free From\*) (Ve)

**SERVED WITH**  
Roast Potatoes  
with a Choice of  
Seasonal Vegetables

**DESSERT**  
Choice of Christmas Dessert

Veg Wellington

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Menus are subject to change due to supplier stock availability. \* Free from the key 14 allergens and plant based/vegan

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](http://nationalcollege.com).

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TOY SCALPING, FAKES & SCAMS

Online scalping is when individuals or groups use automated software (bots) to bulk-buy high-demand items – such as gaming consoles, concert tickets, limited-edition trainers, or exclusive merchandise – with the intention of reselling them at vastly inflated prices. It's a fast-moving online trend that can frustrate young consumers and expose them to misleading practices or financial harm. As this unethical tactic grows, it's important to help children and young people understand how scalping works and how to navigate it responsibly.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### FINANCIAL PRESSURE AND MANIPULATION

Scalpers create artificial scarcity by buying up large quantities of stock before the public has a fair chance to purchase. This drives up demand and pushes prices to extreme levels. Young people may feel intense pressure to spend more than they can afford for fear of missing out entirely.

### EXPLOITATION OF FANDOMS

Scalping often targets popular releases with strong fan bases, knowing that loyal followers are emotionally invested. Children and young people may place huge value on owning certain items linked to their favourite artists, sports teams or games, making them more likely to accept unfair prices or questionable sellers.

### ACCESSING UNSAFE WEBSITES

In the rush to secure rare items, young people might click through to unverified sellers, online marketplaces with little consumer protection, or even sites designed specifically to harvest personal and financial data. This can expose them to fraud, malware, and identity theft.

### NORMALISING UNETHICAL BEHAVIOUR

Some influencers and online communities present scalping as a clever money-making scheme rather than an exploitative one. This can normalise dishonest behaviour and blur the line between legitimate business and opportunistic profiteering for younger audiences.

### RISK OF SCAMS OR COUNTERFEIT GOODS

Not every high-priced resale is legitimate. Fraudulent sellers may take payment for goods they never send, or ship counterfeit versions of branded items. In some cases, the product may look authentic in photos but turn out to be of poor quality or completely different from what was advertised.

### REINFORCING INEQUALITY

Scalping makes already expensive items even less accessible, particularly for lower-income families. Children may feel excluded from trends or shared experiences with friends if their family cannot meet the inflated prices, which can lead to feelings of isolation and disappointment.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### TALK ABOUT ONLINE FAIRNESS

Use scalping as an opportunity to discuss fairness, consumer ethics, and how some people exploit markets for profit. Encouraging children to think critically about whether they truly need an item – and at what cost – can help them make more considered decisions.

### ENCOURAGE PATIENCE OVER IMPULSE

Teach young people to wait for official restocks or future releases instead of paying over the odds. Many products come back into circulation, and patience can save significant amounts of money while reducing the likelihood of falling victim to scams.

### SUPPORT INFORMED PURCHASING

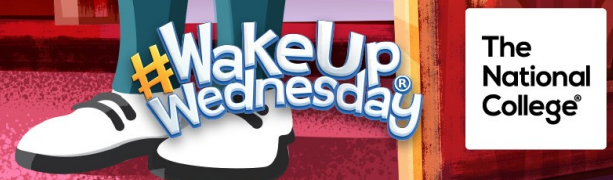
Show children how to check seller credentials, read independent reviews, and verify whether a site is secure before making any payment. Knowing how to spot red flags, such as unrealistic promises or missing contact details, can prevent costly mistakes.

### SET SPENDING BOUNDARIES

Establish clear rules for online spending, including limits on prepaid cards, gaming gift cards, and online wallets. Discuss the real-world value of money spent on digital or collector's items so children understand the long-term impact of their purchases.

### Meet Our Expert

Home to the world's largest CPD library for educators, The National College has transformed the way education establishments go about developing their workforces and managing compliance. Our three memberships help all phases and types of setting raise standards, save time, reduce risk, and build a culture of improvement.



Source: See full reference list on guide page at



## **FREE COURSES TO SUPPORT POSITIVE FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS**

Disagreements are a natural part of family life, and the way we handle them can make a big difference to our wellbeing and to our children. Hertfordshire is offering a range of **free** online and group-based courses designed to help parents strengthen communication, manage change and work together more effectively.

### **Group Courses (6 weeks):**

- **Stronger Relationships** – For co-parents living together or apart, focusing on managing stress and improving communication.
- **Parenting When Separated** – Supporting separated parents with the emotional impact of separation and positive co-parenting.
- **Co-Parenting with Care** – For parents of neurodiverse children, offering guidance and consistent co-parenting strategies.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

- Wednesdays, 4 February–18 March 2026, 9:30–11:30am
  - Thursdays, 5 February–19 March 2026, 7–9pm

### **Online Self-Paced Courses:**

OnePlusOne also provides three free digital programmes:

**Arguing Better** – For all parenting journeys

- **Me, You and Baby Too** – For new parents

**Getting It Right for Children** – For all co-parents

These can be completed independently or with support from your local Family Centre or School Partnership. Simply register for a free OnePlusOne account to get started.

For full details and to register, visit

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/relationshipsupport](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/relationshipsupport).

## **HOUSE POINT LEADERS**

This week's winners are.....

*Red Squirrels*



**REMINDER:** The House that wins the House Cup for the greatest number of weeks each term will enjoy a non-uniform day in the final week of term.

The children should wear an item of clothing in their house colour!

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Monday, 15th December

£1 donation to The British Red Cross can be brought into school, or paid online.

Thank you.



## FREE HEALTHY LIFESTYLE PROGRAMMES FOR FAMILIES AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Healthy habits don't need a new year to get started - we have tips and recipes to share with you now!

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Sign up to one of our free healthy lifestyle services today to kickstart your health goals for 2026 and beyond.

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