

# Broxbourne CE Primary School Newsletter



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## HEADTEACHER UPDATE

We are all enjoying the spring term, especially with the welcome sunshine this week. It has been particularly delightful seeing our children zooming around the school grounds and them enjoying the new orienteering course. It is great witnessing such active learning in action, benefitting our children's wellbeing, physical activity levels and with our children clearly engaged and enthused.

I would like to thank our PTA for being simply amazing. The Mothers' and Significant Others gift sale, alongside last week's disco, were incredibly well supported and raised a fantastic sum of just over £2,000. This is a remarkable achievement. A vibrant and active PTA is so important within our school, not only for the opportunities and enrichment it brings our children, but also for the strong sense of community it helps create.

Looking ahead next year, we warmly encourage further involvement with the PTA. Mrs Osborne is coming to the end of her term of office as Chair, and she has been an absolute superstar. We are now looking at regrouping and recruitment of a new chair. There are many wonderful people who will help and support you in this role, so please do consider stepping forward so that we may continue flourishing as a fantastic school community.

It was a joy attending Hoddesdon Library on Tuesday evening for the Rotary Essay Club competition, now in its 31st year, themed "*What I want to be when I grow up.*" Our selected entries were from Fleur, Summer, and Corey. Congratulations to all three of you for representing our school so proudly. A special congratulations goes to Corey, who was selected as the overall winner for our school. Corey hopes to become a dentist, Fleur an artist, and Summer a play therapist. We are very proud of you all.

Our run of sporting success continues this week with our netball teams. The A team achieved a commendable fifth place in the district tournament. They faced two very strong teams in the group stage, which prevented progression to the semi-finals, but they went on and won their fifth and sixth place play-off. Very well done to all who represented the school.

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

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Our B team achieved an outstanding success by becoming district champions. They went all the way and won the event, which is absolutely superb. Competing as a single form entry school against larger schools is always a challenge, but our children demonstrated that we can be mighty. They were a credit in terms of performance and conduct. Thank you to Mrs Alcock for her coaching this year, and to Miss Hawthorne and Mrs Davidson for supporting the team at the event.

On Tuesday, we focused on science during our review day. Our School Effectiveness Advisor worked closely with Mrs Laing and myself, observing teaching, reviewing books, and speaking with our children. It was wonderful seeing such enthusiasm for science, and ambitious risk taking with learning from our staff and children. The children spoke with confidence and passion, demonstrating strong knowledge and understanding. Vocabulary was a particular strength, alongside the high quality of work evident in books. Very well done to our subject leader, Mrs Laing, for her leadership and the positive impact this has on the science experience for our children.

We are now halfway through our parents' evenings. We hope that Thursday's appointments were informative and useful. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity not only for discussion around your child's progress, but also for enjoying the wider school environment and displays. We look forward to welcoming more of you next Tuesday for the second set of appointments.

As we approach the end of the Spring Term, we are all looking forward to the Easter break in a week's time. Please do join us in celebrating Easter at our end of term Easter service next Friday morning. Please ensure your children are registered at church next Friday at 8:45am, ready for a 9:00am service start. The service itself will conclude at 9:30am, and it would be wonderful if all families are able to join us. We look forward to seeing you there. Please do note that school closes at 1:00pm next Friday with collection from school at this time. There is no After-School Club provision on this day.

As we reflect on the meaning of Easter, we are reminded of the message of hope and renewal:

*"He is not here; He has risen, just as He said."* Matthew 28:6

May this message inspire and uplift us all across this period.

With best wishes,

Paul Miller

### **REMINDER: PARENTS' EVENING**

Don't forget parents' evening on Tuesday, 24th March from 4.30-7.30pm. Only children from Year 6 are invited to these appointments, **we are unable to accommodate children from other year groups or siblings under school age** at these meetings or at the school.

Thank you.



## **ANOTHER SPORTING SUCCESS FOR BROXBOURNE CE PRIMARY WITH OUR NETBALL TEAMS!**

Our B team won their group and are pictured proudly with their gold medals and team cup. Our A team finished 5th out of 8 teams, facing two very tough matches at the end.

Well done to all the players for their excellent sportsmanship and teamwork!



## **REMINDER: SCHOOL FUND 2025 / 2026**

Every year we offer the option of paying your School Fund contributions in two instalments, the first being at the beginning of the Autumn term and the second instalment was due **February 2026**.

**We are extremely grateful to all those parents who regularly contribute to the Fund as by doing so you are making a significant difference to the quality and range of resources we are able to purchase for the children.**

Contributions can now be made online via the Gateway app or via the link on the Parents tab of the school website:

[Online Payments | Broxbourne CE Primary School  
\(broxbourne-pri.herts.sch.uk\)](https://broxbourne-pri.herts.sch.uk)

Payment made online must be made separately for each child.

Thank you for your support.





## **PARENT GOVERNOR INTRODUCTION**



*I am delighted to introduce myself as the new Parent Governor at our school. As a parent within the school community, I am passionate about supporting the continued success, wellbeing, and opportunities of all our pupils.*

*I have two children at the school, one in Year 4 and one in Year 2, so am connected to the school community and the experiences of our pupils and families.*

*Being a Parent Governor allows me to represent the views of families while working alongside the governing body and school leadership to help shape the strategic direction of the school. My focus is to ensure that every child receives the best possible education in a safe, inclusive, and inspiring environment.*

*I strongly believe that a successful school is built on a partnership between staff, pupils, and families. I look forward to listening to the perspectives of other parents and carers, celebrating the many achievements of our school, and contributing to its ongoing development.*

*If you see me around the school, please feel free to say hello. I am always happy to hear your thoughts and ideas.*

*I am excited to be part of the governing body and to support the school in continuing to thrive.*

**DAVID HARRISON**



## **KINGFISHER COUNCIL EASTER RAFFLE**

To celebrate Easter, we will be holding a special Easter Raffle for children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2.

Tickets will cost £1 each, and all money raised will go to our chosen charity, the British Red Cross.

Children will be able to purchase raffle tickets in school at breaktime or alternatively you can buy tickets online.

The raffle draw will take place on **Wednesday 25th March**.

Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

*Happy Easter*



### **YEAR 4**

### **HARRY POTTER TRIP**

Thursday, 26th March

Meet at the church promptly at 8.45am





## REMINDER: WEAR A HAT DAY

WEDNESDAY, 25TH MARCH

We are pleased to be supporting **Wear a Hat Day** at school. Children are invited to come to school wearing a hat of any shape, size or style. If they would like to get creative, they are also very welcome to make their own hat at home – for example an Easter bonnet or another imaginative design.

If you would like to make a donation to Brain Tumour Research, please see the link below:

[Donate now](#)





# Happy Easter!

25th of March



### MAIN MENU

Spring Roast Chicken  
Served with Sage  
& Onion Stuffing  
& Gravy  
or  
Shepherdess Pie (Ve)  
or  
Veggie Bangers  
& Gravy (Free From\*)

### SERVED WITH

New Potatoes  
Honey Roasted Vegetables  
Steamed Cabbage

### DESSERT

Carrot Cake  
or  
Shortbread

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



ROCKSTEADY CONCERT  
Monday, 23rd March



**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.

**HOUSE POINT WINNERS**

This term's winners are.....

*Blue Badgers*



**CONGRATULATIONS!** Blue Badgers are the House Cup winners this term! They can enjoy a non-uniform day on **Tuesday, 24th March.** The children should wear an item of clothing in their house colour!



## **ROTARY CLUB ESSAY FINALISTS**

Congratulations to Corey, our Rotary Club winner, for his magnificent essay, which is now on display at Hoddesdon Library.

Well done also to our other finalists, Summer and Fleur, whose excellent work is featured in the display alongside Corey's.



## **CHORISTERS CONCERT AT**

### **ST ALBANS CATHEDRAL**

**Thursday, 26th March**

Please ensure your child has a packed lunch with them to eat before the concert. For further details, please see the original letter sent.

Thank you.





## **LOTS OF SOCKS DAY**

Today (20th March), our school was filled with colour, creativity and an important message as children proudly wore their boldest, brightest, most eye-catching mismatched socks.

This simple but powerful gesture was our way of celebrating and supporting the Down syndrome community. By wearing our vibrant socks, we were helping to raise awareness and spark conversations, showing that differences should be recognised, respected and celebrated.

Well done to everyone for taking part so brilliantly and helping to spread such a positive message.



## **END OF TERM SERVICE**

Our End of Term Service will be held in St Augustine's Church on Friday, 27th March **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.

### **Arrangements for EY1 children**

EY1 children who have siblings in EY2 – Year 6 are invited to attend with their family. As no EY1 staff will be present at this service, EY1 children will remain the responsibility of the family member attending the service and they will need to walk their child to nursery once the service has finished. EY1 children attending Breakfast Club will be walked to the EY unit with a member of staff.

**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.**

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 ONLINE TRENDS ENCOURAGING VIOLENCE

7 out of 10 teens report seeing violent content on social media, with over half of that content featuring fights involving young people. Most don't 'seek' it but are shown it through social media feeds or messaging groups. 91% of young people involved in violence have seen violent social media content. Viral trends, challenges, or 'wars' that are spread online risk encouraging violence offline, while real-world incidents may also be recorded and promoted online.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### ALGORITHMIC EXPOSURE

Social media platforms are designed to keep users engaged, meaning dramatic or extreme content can spread widely and quickly. Algorithms often recommend content that reflects users' past interactions. As a result, young people may see more violent material if they have viewed, commented on, or shared it before. Repeated exposure can make violent content appear frequently in their feeds without them fully understanding why.

### WEAPONS AND CRIMINAL RISK

Teens exposed to high levels of real-world violence on social media sometimes report feeling an increased need to carry a weapon for 'self-protection'; however, carrying a weapon increases the risk of victimisation (harm and injury by others) for young people. In addition, carrying a weapon is a serious offence that can lead to police arrest and a criminal record.

### SHARING VIOLENT CONTENT

Encouraging or assisting an offence is a crime in the UK, including via social media, and can lead to arrest. This means sharing, forwarding, or reposting violent content carries a risk for young people too. Showing examples of content to a trusted adult is appropriate, but young people should take care not to further spread violent material by posting it online or sharing it within large messaging groups.

### FEAR, ANXIETY, AND MARGINALISATION

Research shows young people's emotional wellbeing can be negatively impacted by repeated exposure to violent online content, especially when it depicts 'real-world' violence (as opposed to fictional depictions in games or films). Posts featuring weapons, threats, attacks, and fights – or content that appears to glamorise gang activity – can increase feelings of anxiety or fear among young people. Material that encourages violence targeting people because of their identity, such as their nationality or religion, can also create disproportionate harm for children belonging to those groups.

### AVOIDANCE AND ISOLATION

Real-world violence on social media can increase young people's belief that their local communities – or the 'outside world' more generally – are unsafe places. This can result in avoidant and isolating behaviours, which may negatively affect their wellbeing. As well as feeling fearful of others, teens also report feeling judged for spending time together in large groups, which may affect their social interactions and leisure time.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### STAY INFORMED

Stay alert for updates from police, schools, or local authorities, and follow the advice provided. Be cautious about unofficial accounts, fake content, and misinformation, which can spread quickly online or in chat groups. Ensure you get accurate information from trusted sources and encourage young people to do the same. Remind them never to share violent content online and to speak to a trusted adult instead.

### DISCUSS SOCIAL MEDIA

Encourage young people to talk about the content they see online and the effect it can have. This can be an opportunity to discuss topics such as misinformation, AI-generated material, the attention economy, and algorithms, helping them understand how and why extreme content can spread online. Explore tools available to block, report, and remove harmful content, and signpost where to get support and advice, such as [reportharmfulcontent.com](http://reportharmfulcontent.com).

### TALK CRIME AND SAFETY

In most of the UK, the age of criminal responsibility is 10 (12 in Scotland). This means there can be serious criminal consequences for carrying a weapon, taking part in violence, or filming or sharing violent content. Discuss the law with young people alongside practical safety strategies. Ask questions such as: "What could you do if you feel unsafe?" Work together on action plans and remind them they can contact a trusted adult or the police if they witness or experience violence.

### ENCOURAGE POSITIVE ACTION

Focus on strengthening young people's positive experiences both online and within their local communities. Discuss strategies to reduce negative social media effects, such as time limits, unfollowing certain accounts, or taking breaks from apps. Encourage offline activities such as spending time with friends, visiting local places, and taking part in hobbies that bring them joy, purpose, and connection. Remind them they can seek support with any concerns at any time via [childline.org.uk](http://childline.org.uk).

### Meet Our Expert

Dr. Holly Powell-Jones is the founder of Online Media Law UK and a leading UK expert in media law, online safety, and young people. Her PhD investigates youth understandings of criminal and legal risks in a digital context. She works in schools to provide award-winning education on the criminal, legal, and ethical considerations of rapidly advancing technologies.



See full [reference list](#) on our website



**SWIM ACADEMY**  
Haileybury

**Easter Holiday Swim Clinics**  
**Wednesday 1st April & Thursday 2nd April**

9 am Adult Beginner	9.30 am Breaststroke Clinic (Stage 3+)
10 am Butterfly Clinic (Stage 4+)	10.30 am Diving Clinic (Stage 4+)

**Easter Holiday Crash Courses**  
**Tuesday 7th - Friday 10th April**

9 am Pre School (3-5 yrs)	9.30 am Stage 1
10 am Stage 2	10.30 am Stage 3

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