

Broxbourne CE Primary School Newsletter



Summer Term Issue 5

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HEADTEACHER UPDATE

As we come to the end of another wonderful week at school, there is much to celebrate across our community.

Firstly, congratulations to our Year 6 children for the maturity, resilience and focus they have shown throughout SATs Week. The children have worked incredibly hard in preparation and approached each day with determination and positivity. We are extremely proud of all that they have achieved and reminded the children that they can do no more than their very best. Well done to you all.

I must also congratulate the entire school community on the fantastic achievements seen today during the 12th edition of the Broxbourne Todd Waldock Memorial Run. This event continues to be one of the highlights of the school year and it was wonderful to see so many families and supporters joining us for the morning. For those experiencing the event for the first time, we hope you enjoyed being part of our special school community.

To witness the encouragement, determination and joy shown by everybody taking part in the challenge of running a mile around the school grounds was truly inspiring. The spirit of support and respect demonstrated by the children and adults alike reflected the very best of our school values.

We would like to thank Reverend Quant for attending and supporting the school throughout the event, along with Linda Williams, Todd's mother, for once again joining us during the morning. Your continued support means a great deal to us.

Thank you also to everybody who has posted messages of encouragement and congratulations on the donation page. If you have not yet added your message or donation, there is still time to do so. Every contribution is greatly appreciated.

[Todd Waldock Memorial Run 2026 - Online Social Fundraising Donation Platform | Givey](#)

A special thank you goes to all members of our school community and to our PTA for helping to make the event such a success, particularly through providing refreshments and biscuits for our athletes afterwards. Great job, Broxbourne. We are very proud of you all.

'Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing'. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

As we look ahead to the final week of this half term, we thank everybody for their continued support and partnership. Before then, we wish all children and families a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes Paul Miller

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REMINDER: PTA RAINBOW HAMPER RAFFLE !

To help us create bright and beautiful raffle hampers, we're asking each class to bring in items in their assigned colour to make up colour Hampers. These will be the winning prizes for the Summer Raffle.

Ideas include snacks, drinks, pamper items, toys, books, food/drink or (all in date & unused/opened), or small gifts —anything fun and matching your colour!

All proceeds will go towards supporting the school.

CLASS COLOURS:

EY1 - Red
EY2 - Orange
Y1 - Yellow
Y2 - Green
Y3 - Blue
Y4 - Pink
Y5 - Purple
Y6 - Black

Thank you for helping us make this a success.

To celebrate our first Rainbow Raffle, all children who donate to the hamper are invited to come to school dressed in any colour of the rainbow on
Friday, 22nd May

EY2 PARENTS BREAKFAST

Tuesday, 14th July at 9.00am



TEAM TODD: SPIRIT IN EVERY STEP



RESPECT

Respect Equality Service Perseverance Excellence Compassion Trust



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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ONLINE GROOMING

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Online grooming is when someone builds a relationship with a child or young person online to gain their trust for the purpose of sexual abuse, exploitation, radicalisation, or criminal activity – such as county lines or financial scams. According to the NSPCC, police in the UK recorded over 7,000 offences involving sexual communication with a child in a single year – an increase of 89% since 2017/18.

STRANGERS USING FAKE IDENTITIES

Groomers often pose as children or teenagers online to build trust. They may create convincing fake profiles, share photos stolen from real people, or mimic the interests of the child. By pretending to be someone their age, they make conversations feel safe and relatable. Over time, they may ask for personal details, photos, or suggest meeting in person, exposing children to significant emotional and physical harm.

EXPLOITATION THROUGH GIFTS AND FLATTERY

To gain trust quickly, groomers often send gifts, gaming credits, or money. Alongside material offerings, they use excessive compliments, affection, and attention to create emotional dependency. These tactics make children feel valued and special, lowering their defences. Once trust is secured, groomers may escalate their requests, often asking for photos or private conversations, making the child feel pressured or indebted to continue.

GROUP CHATS AS HIDDEN PATHWAYS

Unmonitored group chats on platforms like WhatsApp or Discord provide a cover for groomers. They can watch how children interact, identify those who seem vulnerable, and then move conversations into private messaging. This transition makes detection difficult for trusted adults. The seemingly harmless group setting often masks the presence of predators, giving children a false sense of security.

THE RISE OF SEXTORTION

Sextortion involves pressuring children into sharing explicit content, then blackmailing them for more. Offenders may claim to have hacked a child's device, threaten to share images with friends or family, or demand money. Many victims remain silent out of fear and shame. This growing crime is particularly dangerous because children often feel trapped, believing there's no safe way to escape the situation.

GAMING PLATFORMS AS GROOMING GATEWAYS

Games like Roblox, Fortnite, or Call of Duty, which include live chat features, are frequent targets for groomers. Conversations often begin casually during gameplay and can become manipulative over time. Groomers may offer in-game gifts, credits, or exclusive add-ons to build rapport. Children using headsets or private chat features are especially at risk, as conversations are harder for adults to monitor.

CRIMINAL & RADICALISATION RISKS

Grooming is not always sexual. Some offenders manipulate children into criminal activities such as drug running or online fraud. Others attempt to radicalise young people with extreme ideologies. Groomers often use fear, money, shame, or promises of belonging to control their victims. These forms of exploitation can be just as harmful as sexual grooming, and often leave lasting psychological and social consequences.

Advice for Parents & Educators

KEEP CONVERSATIONS REGULAR

Rather than having one "big talk" about online safety, weave conversations into everyday life. Ask questions about children's online friendships and interests. Share real-life examples to make discussions relatable and encourage honesty instead of secrecy. When children feel comfortable discussing their digital lives, they are far more likely to share concerns or admit when something feels wrong, reducing the chance of risky interactions going unnoticed.

CREATE A "TELL ME" CULTURE

Children often keep silent because they fear being punished or losing access to their devices. Reassure them that coming forward with concerns won't get them into trouble. Emphasise that you are there to help, not judge. Creating a safe, open environment encourages children to speak up if something feels wrong, and helps to ensure they don't suffer in silence when facing potential grooming risks.

UNDERSTAND THE PLATFORMS CHILDREN USE

Take time to learn about the apps, games, and social platforms children are on. Familiarise yourself with privacy settings, parental controls, and group chat features. Use resources like The National College guides or conduct quick searches to stay updated. By understanding how these platforms operate, you'll be better equipped to set boundaries, guide safe use, and notice any unusual or concerning online behaviour early.

STAY ALERT TO WARNING SIGNS

Be attentive to both behavioural and digital red flags. Sudden secrecy, mood swings, or new online contacts may signal a problem. Watch for unexplained gifts, new social media profiles, or changes in sleep patterns. Increased anxiety or reluctance to attend school can also be indicators. Regularly checking in and showing interest in those whom they communicate with online help prevent small issues from escalating into serious risks.

Meet Our Expert

Staffordshire Police is dedicated to keeping people safe and tackling crime across both the physical and digital world. The force continues to strengthen its digital investigation and safeguarding capabilities to protect children and vulnerable people online, working in partnership with local, regional and national organisations, schools, and the wider community.



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BUSY FINGERS, BRILLIANT CREATIONS

We have been delighted to see the wonderful creativity taking place with Miss Bell and the children recently. Here they are pictured enjoying finger knitting, French knitting, and pom-pom making activities!

The children have shown fantastic enthusiasm, patience, and creativity while learning these new skills, and the results have been fabulous. A huge thank you to Miss Bell for inspiring the children and helping to create such a fun and engaging experience for everyone involved.



YEAR 1 CLASS ASSEMBLY

Friday, 22nd May at 10am

HOUSE POINT LEADERS

Last week's winners were.....

Yellow Foxes



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!



KIDS CAMP

Where kids have fun play and explore

Price

£35 per day
(£95 for all 3 days)

10% Sibling discount
Limited availability



Location

Broxbourne CE Primary School
Mill Ln, Broxbourne
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Dates

Tuesday 26th - Thursday 28th May

9:30am-3:30pm

*Early drop off and
Late pick up available*

