

Broxbourne CE Primary School

Newsletter



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HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Congratulations to our Year 3 to 6 District Sports team for their excellent performance at Tuesday's event. Our children represented the school with great pride and achieved a fantastic fourth-place finish out of the ten schools competing, finishing just one point behind third place – very good for a single form entry school. This was a wonderful achievement and a reflection of the commitment, determination, and teamwork shown by all of our children involved.

We are delighted to celebrate two individual District Champions this year. Congratulations to Lara, who won the girls' ball throw, and to Victoria, who won the 80 metres flat race, both in Year 6.

There were many excellent performances from our children throughout the event, both individually and as part of our relay teams. A good number of our children reached finals and earned valuable points for the school. Every child involved, including our reserves, made an important contribution and played a valuable role in the team's success. Thank you to all of our children for their commitment over the term, attending practices and giving their best.

It has certainly been another warm week. Well done to all of our children and families for managing the warmer conditions. We know that the heat has made some days challenging, and we have been very impressed by the children's resilience, patience, and good humour. Next week is expected to be a little milder, which should make things more comfortable as we enjoy our final few days together.

There has been much to celebrate this week, particularly with our children sharing their wonderful talents in music. We must congratulate all of our guitarists and pianists who performed in our musical concert earlier in the week. It takes courage for children to perform in front of an audience, especially when it is their first opportunity to do so, and every child involved should feel very proud. Thank you to Mrs Cox and Mrs Jarvis for preparing our children and supporting them in developing their confidence and musical abilities. Everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed listening to our children perform.

Continuing our musical celebrations, well done to all of our band members in the three bands who performed at our Rock Steady concert on Monday. Playing as part of a band requires children to listen carefully, work together, follow timing, and support one another, all of which takes great skill. We would like to thank band leader Dan for once again working with our children and preparing them so well. It has been wonderful to see the progression of our children's musical journeys. Those children who have been involved for several years are clearly developing their skills in drums, keyboard, guitar, and singing, and it has been fantastic to see their confidence grow.

Dream, Believe and Achieve with God

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We hope that those families who were able to join us for Open Evening on Wednesday enjoyed their visit to our school. It was a celebration of the achievements of our children across the year and to see the wonderful learning that has taken place. It was also a chance to look around the school and see the progression that children make throughout their time with us. It was a pleasure to share the achievements of our children with their families.

Our Moving On Day on Thursday was another enjoyable and important experience. It gave our children the opportunity to spend time with their new teachers, visit their new classrooms, and begin to look ahead positively to the next stage of their learning journey. Our Year 6 children also spent the day in their respective secondary schools. We were delighted to hear that they enjoyed their time finding out about their new form tutors, meeting new classmates, and discovering more about the exciting opportunities that await them.

With only five days of the academic year remaining, there is still much to look forward to. Next week promises to be a very busy, emotional, and memorable week for our whole school community.

We begin the week with our traditional cricket match, where our staff team will face the challenge of playing against our talented Year 6 children. We have some excellent players among our children this year, the staff are not feeling especially confident about their chances!

On Tuesday, we look forward to our Cups and Volunteer Helpers' Assembly, where we will celebrate the achievements of our children and express our gratitude to those who have supported our school community throughout the year. Wednesday brings our Year 5 Class Assembly, giving our children the opportunity to share their learning, creativity, and achievements with their families. Thursday will be an emotional occasion as we celebrate our Year 6 children during their Leavers' Assembly, reflecting on their journey and the many memories they have created during their time with us. Finally, on Friday at 1:10pm at St Augustine's Church, we will gather together for our End of Year Service, giving us the opportunity to give thanks for the year, celebrate our children's achievements, and look ahead with hope.

An end of year attainment summary will have been brought home today by your child. As we approach the end of another wonderful academic year, we are immensely proud of all of our children. Each child has grown in confidence, developed new skills, overcome challenges, and contributed positively to our school family. We look forward to celebrating their achievements together and ending the year with joy, gratitude, and pride.

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? Isaiah 43:19

May all of our children continue to approach new opportunities with courage, confidence, kindness, and faith, knowing that each new chapter brings exciting possibilities for growth and discovery.

We hope your weekend is full of joy and England goals in equal measure before our final epic week of this school year!

Best wishes Paul Miller



DISTRICT SPORTS SUPERSTARS!



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 **Monday, 13th July**. The children should wear an item of clothing in their house colour!



GREAT BRITISH SUMMER SAVINGS

Families can enjoy more for less this summer thanks to the Government's **Great British Summer Savings** scheme, running until **1st September 2026**. Eligible children's meals in restaurants, family and children's tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts, exhibitions and many attractions are available at reduced prices as a result of a temporary VAT reduction. In addition, children aged **5–15** can travel **free on participating local bus services in England throughout August**.

Families can find participating attractions and offers near them by entering their postcode on the official Summer Savings website:

[Summer Savings Attraction Finder](#)



It's a Knockout

Sunday 12th July 2026

Join us for Teens Unite's infamous **It's a Knockout** event!

Expect giant inflatables, hysterical games and oversized props, as teams compete on the It's a Knockout assault course.

The day kicks off with our Junior course where kids aged 5 to 16 join us to be part of the action and tackle the inflatable assault course.

In the afternoon, it's time for the adults to take on the challenge!

Spectators welcome! Come along to the day and enjoy a selection of stalls, BBQ, games and attractions.

With your support, Teens Unite can improve the lives of more teenagers and young adults living with, and beyond, cancer.

📍 Wormley Playing Fields,
EN10 7QE

🕒 Ages 5-8 - 10am
Ages 8-16 - 11am
Adults - 1pm

£ Junior - £15
Adult - £35

To sign up, or for further information:

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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.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

TECH-FREE SUMMER FOR TEENS

For many 11- to 16-year-olds, summer can quickly become screen heavy, especially when socialising, entertainment, and downtime all happen via their devices. Encouraging a tech-free summer isn't about banning technology altogether, but about helping young people rediscover friendship, creativity, independence, and the great outdoors. The NHS recommends that young people aged 5 to 18 aim for an average of at least 60 minutes of physical activity each day across the week.

1 BUILD OUTDOOR CHOICE



Teens are more likely to engage when they feel they have a level of control. Create a simple 'summer outdoors menu' with options such as cycling to a favourite café, playing rounders, visiting a skatepark, dog walking, photography walks, geocaching, or helping around the garden. Parents and educators can then ask young people to choose two or three activities each week that interest them.

2 PREPARE THE KIT

Small barriers can stop teenagers going outside, especially if they feel uncomfortable, too hot, or unprepared. Keep a grab bag with sun cream, water, snacks, plasters, a cap, period products, and a lightweight waterproof. During hot weather, plan shade, water breaks, and calmer activities, as vigorous exercise is not advised on very hot days.

3 TRY MICRO-ADVENTURES



Outdoor activities don't need to be expensive or complicated. A micro-adventure could be as simple as watching the sunrise, walking to a local viewpoint, making breakfast outside, visiting a new green space, or planning a bus journey to a nearby nature trail. Encourage teens to plan the route, snacks, and timings themselves to help build their independence.

4 LINK TO REAL INTERESTS



A young person who dislikes sport may still enjoy being outside if the activity connects with something they already care about. Link outdoor time to music, art, animals, fashion, cooking, photography, or social interaction. Ideas include sketching in a park, making a nature playlist, filming a wildlife vlog script, or designing posters for a community garden.

5 CREATE SOCIAL PULL



For many teenagers, friends are the strongest motivator in various areas of life. Parents can invite one or two friends on walks, picnics, or garden games, while schools can promote lunchtime leagues, outdoor clubs, or summer meet-ups linked to existing interests. Make these activities feel social rather than supervised, with adults nearby for safety but not dominating the experience.

6 MAKE TRAVEL ACTIVE



Active travel is a practical way to build outdoor time into everyday routines. Encourage young people to walk, cycle, or scooter short journeys where it's safe to do so, such as to school, the library, a friend's house, or a sports club. Educators could run a summer 'active miles' challenge, with pupils logging their journeys completed on foot or by pedal.

7 USE PHONE-FREE CHALLENGES



Rather than simply saying, "Put your phone away", turn time spent offline into a shared challenge. Try a two-hour, phone-free park visit, a family evening walk, or a tutor-group challenge where pupils track their screen-free outdoor hours and share what they've been doing. You could all agree to keep devices in a box, bag, or classroom drawer, and allow for check-in time afterwards.

8 OFFER REAL RESPONSIBILITY



Teens often respond well when outdoor activities feel purposeful. Give them the responsibility for setting up a garden get-together, planning a picnic budget, leading a warm-up routine, mapping a walking route, or organising outdoor equipment. Schools could ask pupils to design an outdoor wellbeing trail, manage a sports rota, or support younger pupils during activity sessions.

9 REPLACE, DON'T REMOVE



If screens are taken away without an appealing alternative, young people may see outdoor time as a punishment. Replace gaming sessions with football drills, dance practice, basketball shots, treasure hunts, or card games outside. Replace screen scrolling with a 'boredom box' containing items like chalk, a frisbee, skipping ropes, playing cards, seed packets, or a disposable-style camera.

10 CELEBRATE SMALL WINS



Not every teenager will suddenly love the outdoors, so recognise their gradual progress. Celebrate a 20-minute walk, an hour at the park, a phone-free picnic lunch, or choosing to cycle instead of being driven around. Parents and educators can use praise, certificates, group displays, or simple shared reflection to show that outdoor effort matters.

Meet Our Expert

The National College provides expert-led training and resources to support schools, trusts and education settings worldwide. Its guidance helps parents and educators understand the issues affecting children and young people today, covering topics such as safeguarding, wellbeing, digital safety, and healthy development.



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After School Tennis

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- Reception - Year 3
- Thurs 15:00 - 15:45
- 10 Sept - 10 Dec
- Book your place now at www.btatenniscoaching.com/schools



BIRTHDAY BOOK THANK YOU

Naraekele—Stories for the Holidays & The Turtle Who Turned the Tide

Mrs Draper—Early Years Staff—Commotion in the Ocean

REMINDER: Birthday books should be new and age appropriate for the year your child is currently in.

We hope you all had a lovely day!

If you wish to donate a birthday book, please send in via your child and we will put in the library for everyone to enjoy. Thank you.

