

Broxbourne CE Primary School Newsletter

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

A Huge Well Done to Year 6!

We are so proud of our wonderful Year 6 pupils for their positive, calm, and mature approach to KS2 SATs week. They tackled each paper with determination and a smile, and—perhaps most importantly—showed great kindness and support towards one another throughout. It was heartening to see such camaraderie and resilience.

A special thank you goes to Miss Clifford, Mrs Roberts, and Mrs Wood for their exceptional preparation and care in the lead-up to this week. Their support, encouragement, and even early-morning toast sessions have helped ensure our pupils felt ready and reassured each day.

Year 6—you worked incredibly hard and you deserve every success. Well done to each of you!

The Broxbourne Todd Waldock Memorial Run

A week today marks the 11th edition of *The Broxbourne Todd Waldock Memorial Run*—a truly special event in our school calendar. We warmly invite you to support the morning by attending, sharing messages of encouragement, or making a donation.

This event is a celebration of community spirit, togetherness, and remembrance, and it always brings out the very best in our school. We hope for sunshine, smiles, and a memorable morning for all involved.

Sporting Spirit in Full Swing

With the summer term in full flow, we are excited to see our pupils getting active in preparation for upcoming sporting events. Cricket and District Sports practices are well underway, and our Year 5 and 6 girls are looking forward to competing in the Girls' Football Tournament next week. Keep practising hard—*good luck* to all our athletes!

A Note from Paris...

This week's newsletter comes to you from the Olympic Canoe Slalom course in Paris, where I've had the joy of watching Team GB—and my own daughter—compete in the European Championships. It is a proud and poignant reminder of the lasting impact of school sport. Her love for physical activity was ignited in her formative years, during her time in primary school, through the fun and opportunities provided in PE and beyond.

Wishing all our families a peaceful and pleasant weekend. We look forward to all the excitement of the final week of the half term and all that it brings.

Best wishes Paul Miller

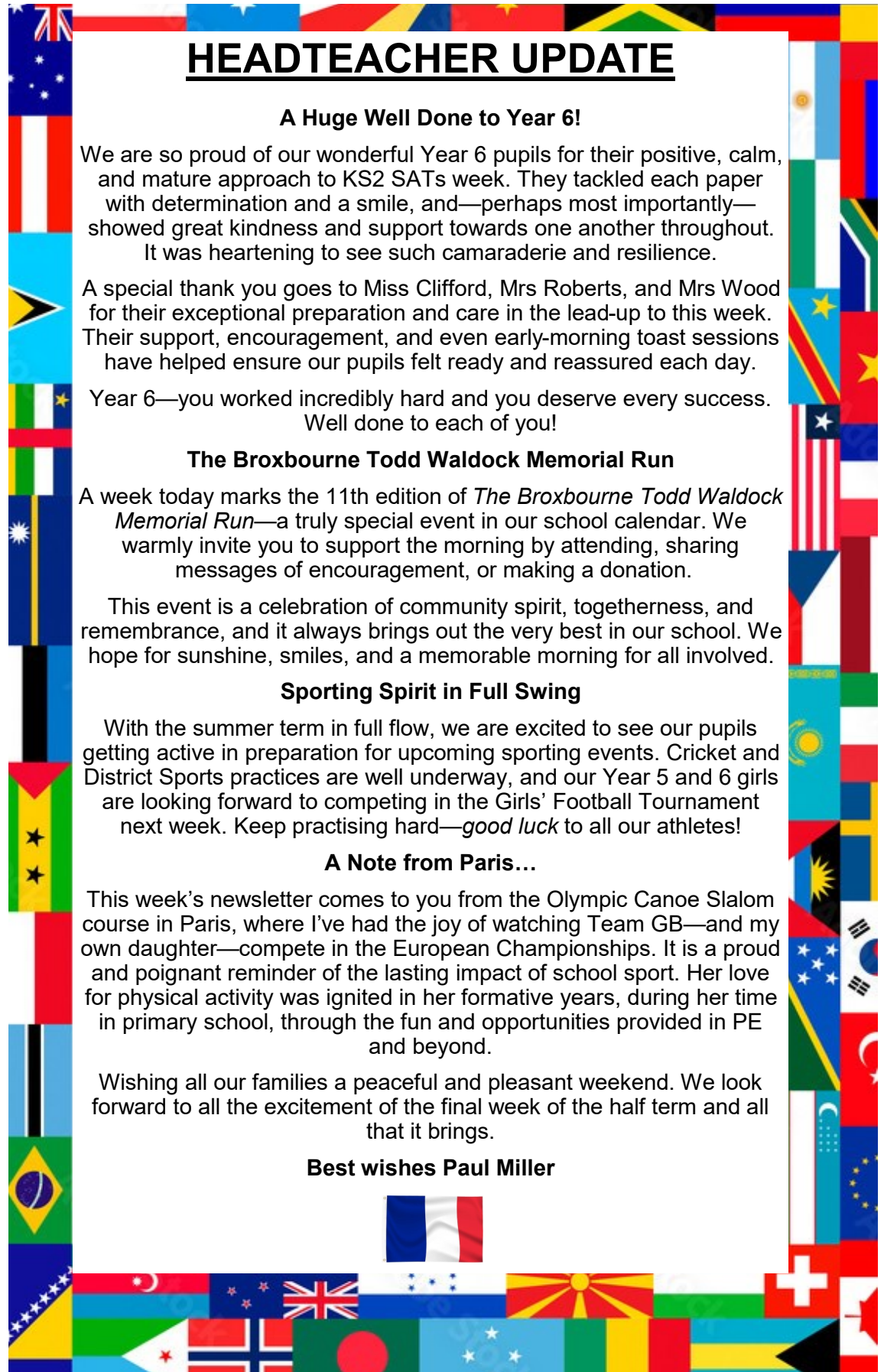


Dream, Believe and Achieve with God



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REMINDER: THE BROXBOURNE TODD WALDOCK MEMORIAL RUN

23rd MAY 2025

Please do share the link here with family and friends and post this on your social media and select Gift Aid when pledging your donation and supportive message, since this will boost the amount donated without additional cost to yourself.

Donation link: [Todd Waldock Memorial Run 2025 - Online Social Fundraising Donation Platform | Givey](#)



EARLY YEARS UPDATE!

What a great Assembly EY2 produced last week. With just 3 days to practise (I forgot there was a Bank Holiday), the children were amazing! They remembered their lines, spoke loudly so that everyone could hear them, smiled and sang their hearts out! As a team we are immensely proud of them! When you consider these are children who are 4 and 5 years old and they stood up beautifully delivering their part of the Assembly, sharing their learning with the rest of the school and their grown ups!

Well done EY2 - from all your proud teachers!!



HOUSE POINT LEADERS

This week's winners are.....

Green Hedgehogs



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!



CELEBRATING CREATIVITY: VE COMPETITION WINNERS SHOWCASED AT ST LAWRENCE'S CHURCH

Last weekend, St Lawrence's Church was transformed into a vibrant gallery space as it hosted a special exhibition featuring our entries from the recent VE (Victory in Europe) Art Competition.

The competition invited artists of all ages to reflect on the themes of peace, remembrance, and hope through visual art. The winning artworks, now proudly on display, captured these sentiments in powerful and imaginative ways—ranging from poignant portraits to symbolic landscapes.

Visitors praised the high standard of the entries and the emotional depth behind many of the pieces. Photographs of the winning artwork are captured below.

The church's serene atmosphere provided the perfect backdrop for this moving tribute to history and artistic expression. Congratulations to all the winners and participants who made the event such a memorable success.

Great Artwork Award

Matilda Yr6

Anaiya Yr3

3rd Place

Xander EY1

2nd Place

Tami Yr5

1st Place

Matteo Yr 6





YEAR 3

FAITH TOUR—Wednesday, 21st May

Please arrive at the church by 8am.

Ensure you have checked the letter carefully for dress and lunch restrictions and other important details.

Thank you.



NON UNIFORM DAY FOR CULTURAL CELEBRATION WEEK

On **MONDAY 19th MAY**, we will be inviting children and school staff to dress in either traditional dress of a culture, faith, country or ethnicity with which they identify or in the colours of a flag with which they identify. Please note: on this occasion, sporting shirts of a nation (e.g country shirts such as Brazil, Spain, England etc NOT club team kits such as Chelsea, Real Madrid or Arsenal!) may be worn but we ask that team colours or logos are avoided.



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SUMMER FAIR 2025

28th June, 1-4pm

INFLATABLES
BBQ
DJ
BAR
GAMES
RAFFLES



SHOPPING STALLS
GLITTER TATTOOS
+ MORE

MILL LANE, BROXBOURNE, EN10 7AY
EVERYONE WELCOME + DONATION ON ENTRY

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 MINECRAFT



Still the best-selling game of all time, Minecraft is a bastion of creativity and community, with hundreds of millions of players building and crafting in its almost endless world. The popularity of Minecraft among gamers of all ages means it's important to remain informed about the game, including how to play it safely and whether it's suitable for the children in your care. That's why we've created this guide explaining the risks associated with Minecraft and how to ensure a purely enjoyable gaming experience.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCARY ELEMENTS

While Minecraft can be seen as a kind of 'digital LEGO', certain game modes include creatures accompanied by eerie sound effects. These can be a bit too frightening for some younger players, potentially leading to distressing in-game combat and other encounters – although the combat is quite basic and free from any real depiction of violence.

GRIEFING

Some players in Minecraft take pleasure in deliberately damaging or destroying another person's creations. This behaviour, known as 'griefing', is a form of bullying – it intentionally ruins someone else's experience by erasing hours of their work and forcing them to start over. Many public servers regard griefing as a serious offence and often ban those who engage in it.

ADDICTIVENESS

Minecraft's focus on creativity means that, as with any creative endeavour, it can be easy to get carried away. If your child is finding it difficult to manage their time because they're drawn in by Minecraft's gameplay loop of resource gathering and building elaborate projects, it could have a knock-on effect on their social interactions and schoolwork.

PUBLIC SERVERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

With public servers being so easily accessible in Minecraft, it's highly likely that children will end up chatting with strangers through the in-game text chat. Some servers even place an emphasis on social interaction, actively encouraging communication between players. While there's nothing inherently wrong with this, it does carry certain risks. In addition to the concerns around speaking with strangers online, players who host their own servers may have their IP addresses exposed, posing a further security concern.

ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

Minecraft is available as a free trial on a variety of devices; however, the full game requires a one-off purchase, which is typically around £15. After that, players have the option to buy additional cosmetic upgrades or subscribe to Minecraft Realms. Realms is an entirely optional subscription service that allows users to run their own private server to play with friends. Without proper supervision, younger players may end up making unintended or excessive purchases.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Selecting Creative or Peaceful mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is far lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of enemies and creatures attacking you or damaging your building.

HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for children to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given its address and password. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – ban anyone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft. Hosting a private server, however, will cost a monthly fee.

TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone will make contact with a stranger online. Talking to children about online safety, therefore, is essential – as is having a plan for dealing with any hostile or difficult people. It's important that a child knows never to tell a stranger about themselves online and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

Much of Minecraft's early stages can be an exercise in frustration for players who don't know where to start. Thankfully, there's a wealth of material online and in video format to help you learn the basics. Just be mindful that some of this content may not be appropriate for children, so you should consider watching it yourself first.


PLAY MINECRAFT WITH YOUR CHILD

As a creative building tool, Minecraft makes it great fun for children to team up and construct vast buildings accompanied by imaginative landscapes, much like working with LEGO or model kits. Playing in a game mode that includes enemies can encourage critical thinking and teamwork; however, you should consider which game mode is appropriate for the child in your care.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Gaming Editor at the Daily Star, and has worked in games media for more than 6 years. A long-time gaming enthusiast, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety for children of all ages.





JUST OVER 2 WEEKS UNTIL OUR MAY HALF TERM CAMPS

Our half term camps start in just over 2 weeks at Broxbourne Sports Club & Hertford Tennis Club and we can't wait for all the activities we've got planned!!

Our action-packed camps are the perfect way for your kids to spend their half term, with a wide variety of games and activities for kids of all ages, all while making friends along the way!!

Check out what's in store:

BROXBOURNE MULTI-SPORTS CAMP:

- Tennis
- Football
- Basketball
- Squash
- Dodgeball
- Arts & Crafts
- Gymnastics
- Rounders

& SO MUCH MORE !!!



BROXBOURNE SPORTS CLUB **BTA TENNIS COACHING**

MAY HALF TERM MULTI-SPORTS CAMPS

BOOK NOW

AGES: 4-14YRS

TUES 27TH - THURS 29TH

FULL DAY : 9AM-4PM
HALF DAY: 9AM - 12:30PM

BROXBOURNE SPORTS CLUB
MILL LANE CLOSE, EN10 7BA

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Broxbourne Multi-Sports Camp
Broxbourne Sports Club, Mill Lane Close, EN10 7BA

Half Day: 9am - 12:30pm
Full Day: 9am - 4pm
Early Drop-Off available

BIRTHDAY BOOK THANK YOU

Amelie—EY1—We All Belong

Otis—Year 1—Wildlife Crossings, Protecting Animal Pathways around the World

Alex—Year 2—Together

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!