

Broxbourne CE Primary School Newsletter

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

It has been a full and engaging week with plenty to celebrate and share across different year groups and activities. Below is a round-up of what has been happening in school and what we are looking forward to in the coming days.

EY2 Trip to Mountfitchet Castle

Our EY2 children enjoyed a successful trip to Mountfitchet Castle earlier in the week. Thankfully, the weather was on our side, and the children had a valuable opportunity to explore the historical site in person. Thank you very much to all the staff and parent helpers who supported the visit and made the day possible.

Sporting News: Netball and Football

Congratulations to our Year 3 and 4 netballers who represented the school in the District Tournament today. Their effort and sportsmanship were evident throughout, and they looked smart in their new kit. The team finished 2nd place and worked well together across the matches.

Our footballers also put in a solid performance, finishing 2nd and 3rd respectively. Thank you to Mrs Davidson, Miss Hawthorne and Mr Hancock for their work in preparing the teams and providing these opportunities for the children to develop their skills and confidence through sport.

Author Visit – Su Murley

We are pleased to be welcoming back former pupil and children's author Su Murley on Wednesday afternoon. Su will be reading from her books and speaking with the children about her journey as an author. Her latest book, 'Shirley Murley and Clever Trevor', was published on 25th April and is therefore literally hot off the press.

Children will have the chance to purchase signed copies of Su's books at the end of the day. Order forms have been emailed to families today. It will be a meaningful opportunity for the children to hear from someone who once sat in the very same classrooms.

VE Day 80th Anniversary – Next Thursday

Next Thursday we will mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day in school. Children have been working on artwork and reflections in preparation for the occasion, and we are proud that some of this work will be on display at St Lawrence's Church next weekend. Please do visit if you are able.

Children are invited to wear red, white and blue on the day. Mrs O'Dowd has planned a thoughtful programme of activities, including learning the song 'I'll Remember' on Tuesday, which will be sung together during our special Collective Worship on Thursday.

We hope that everyone enjoys the upcoming Bank Holiday weekend and finds time to rest and recharge. Let us also hope for a strong showing from Bradford City as they take on Fleetwood!

Best wishes Paul Miller

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OUR SUPERSTAR FOOTBALL AND NETBALL PLAYERS





YEAR 1

TRIP TO SHEPRETH WILDLIFE PARK

Please ensure you arrive at St Augustine's Church at 8.40am, ready for a prompt 8.45am departure.

Thank you.



THE BRIAN PICKARD 200 CLUB

The Brian Pickard 200 Club winner for March is No. 78 Miss Ahmed, parent of a child in EY and the winner for April is No. 69 Mrs Davidson, Member of Staff.

Many congratulations!

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

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.

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!



DATE CHANGE—THE BROXBOURNE TODD WALDOCK MEMORIAL RUN **NOW 23rd MAY**

We are hugely excited that on Friday 23rd May it is once more time for The Todd Waldock Memorial Run. Todd was a wonderful young man who sadly passed away following a brave battle with leukaemia across several years. Upon his passing, the school's annual fun run was named in his memory.

This will be our eleventh year of this special event and it is always one of the highlights of the year. The camaraderie, energy, and encouragement evident across the morning as each class take on the challenge of running a mile (a little less for little legs!) within the school grounds is our school community at its best. In taking on this challenge, our children epitomise the values and determination that Todd himself showed in his life.

We really hope you can join us on the 23rd May for our 9:10am opening address, prayer and whole school warm-up before each class gets underway. Todd's Mum, Linda, will be joining us once more to share in the joy of the event. Wear your trainers, as EY1, EY2 and Y1 parents are encouraged to run with your child. You've got this Broxbourne – enjoy taking on the challenge!

The money raised from this event will be added to the amount already raised by the PTA to finally be able to replace all the computers in the Computing Suite! The sum involved for this project is considerable and all donations are gratefully received to help make this a reality and thereby improve the school for our children.

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](#)



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](https://www.nationalcollege.com).

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SAFETY ON THE ROAD

Traffic-related incidents are a significant risk for young pedestrians and cyclists, so understanding road safety is crucial for children's wellbeing. While all road users share responsibility for keeping one another safe, this guide offers strategies for empowering young people to navigate the roads confidently and responsibly.

1 TAKE PRACTICE JOURNEYS

Making 'practice' journeys with children is a great way to help them stay safe, thereby modelling responsible behaviours and having road safety conversations as they prepare to travel independently. Add hazard perception activities like spotting electric vehicles – which may have a green number plate – and point out how quiet they are. Children learn by watching others; remind them that their peers might not always be the best role models.

2 BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN

Visibility is lower during darker winter days, and drivers need to take extra care to look out for pedestrians. Wearing bright and reflective clothing can help make children more visible to drivers near roads. In poor daylight conditions, encourage children to wear light, bright or fluorescent clothing. When it's dark, wear reflective clothing or materials such as a reflective armband or jacket.

3 EYES UP

Encourage children to look up and keep their eyes on the road. Teach them to constantly watch for traffic and practise double-checking the road before crossing – looking right, left and then right again.

4 LIMIT DISTRACTIONS

Where possible, devices like phones should be kept away from children while out and about near roads. If they're carrying devices, these should be put away until they've reached their destination. Children must also avoid playing with toys or being distracted by friends. If a friend wants to show them something funny on their phone, there'll be time for that once they've safely arrived.

5 SLOW DOWN

Discuss the importance of waiting instead of crossing immediately. It can be tricky to judge the speed of traffic and spot obstacles that could cause a trip or a fall. For safety, children must stop and think before they get to the kerb and should always walk – not run – when crossing the road. They should avoid crossing until they're certain they have plenty of time. Even if traffic seems a long way off, it could still be approaching very quickly.

6 STOP BEFORE THE KERB

Teach children to stop before reaching the kerb – not right at the edge of it. Halting before they get to the kerb allows them to see if anything's coming, whereas getting too close to traffic is dangerous. If there's no pavement, children should stand back from the road's edge but ensure they can still see approaching traffic.

7 CROSS SAFELY

Children should always find a safe spot to cross the road, prioritising zebra crossings or pelican crossings, footbridges and subways. Find a place where they can see traffic coming from both directions. Avoid crossing near junctions, bends in the road, or obstacles that block their view, instead moving to somewhere they can see and be seen. Remind them to use their eyes and ears together when checking the road, as sometimes they can hear traffic before they can see it. Looking and listening while crossing helps them quickly spot traffic, including cyclists and motorcyclists driving between other vehicles.

8 PARKED VEHICLES

Crossing between parked vehicles is very dangerous. Teach children to use extra caution if crossing in this way, and, ideally, avoid it altogether. They should use the outside edge of a vehicle as if it were the kerb, waiting and checking for traffic before moving. They should ensure vehicles aren't about to move, by looking for drivers in the vehicles and listening for engines running – but remember that electric vehicles may move off silently. They should always make sure there is a gap between any parked vehicles on the other side, so they can reach the pavement.

9 REVERSING VEHICLES

Children must never cross behind a reversing vehicle – it's extremely dangerous. Remind them to look for white reversing lights and listen out for warning sounds. Can they hear the engine sound or a radio playing inside the vehicle?

10 WAIT FOR THE BUS TO LEAVE

When getting off a bus, children must wait for it to leave before crossing so they can have a clear view of the road in both directions. This also allows them to see and be seen by other road users. Crossing near large vehicles is particularly dangerous and should be avoided.

Meet Our Expert

THINK! is a year-round national campaign that aims to encourage safe road behaviours – whether we're driving, cycling, horse riding or walking – with the aim of reducing the number of people killed and injured on the UK's roads each year. Find out more at: <https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>





EMPOWERING PARENTS TO HELP CHILDREN THRIVE



Bounce Forward, in collaboration with the Harry Kane Foundation, are gifting a series of six online sessions that equip parents with the knowledge and tools to foster mental resilience and emotional wellbeing for themselves and their children.

What we'll cover

- How the brain works, the link between thoughts, feelings and behaviour
- Nurturing optimism and thinking flexibly to overcome adversity
- Helping children gain more control over how they feel and behave
- Developing empathy
- How to connect meaningfully
- Enabling a growth mindset and focusing on strengths

17,000+ parents highly rate this programme

"It was so amazing, I looked forward to the sessions each week, learnt a lot of mind blowing information, that I have applied to my life and have seen improvements! Wish there was more sessions, so sad that it has ended! I have loved learning about my strengths, the ABCs, process praise, the growth mind set, being aware of my gremlins, it has been wonderful learning, and these sessions have been apart of my self care! Thank you ever so much!"

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Harry Kane Foundation is a restricted fund under the auspices of Prism the GRV Fund (Reg. charity number: 1099482)

ABSENCE REQUEST

We would request term time holidays are avoided and your child's attendance in school is prioritised. In exceptional circumstances, a request for Leave of Absence Form should be completed which is available in the school office. This should be submitted two weeks prior to any need for leave of absence. Term time holidays will not be authorised. We would expect that all non-emergency medical appointments are taken outside of school hours, or during the school holidays.

Thank you for your understanding and support in prioritising your child's attendance at school.



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Join our **FREE**, 12-week healthy lifestyle programme to help your family build habits around food and physical activity. Our in-person group sessions start on:

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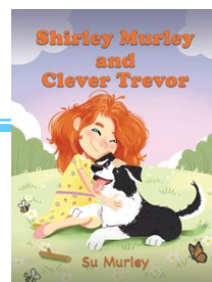
EXCITING AUTHOR VISIT – SU MURLEY AT OUR SCHOOL!

We're thrilled to announce that **Su Murley**, a talented local author, will be visiting our school on **Wednesday, 7th May** for a special day of storytelling and inspiration!

Su will begin her visit with our **Early Years** students, sharing her love of books and engaging young minds with a fun, age-appropriate session. Later in the day, she will join **Years 1–6** in the school hall for an interactive talk, where students will get the chance to hear about her journey as an author, learn what inspires her stories, and ask questions of their own.

To make the day even more special, Su will be holding a **book signing and sale after school in the hall**. This is a fantastic opportunity for children and families to purchase one of her books and have it personally signed by the author herself! If you wish to preorder, a form will be emailed out this afternoon.

We're looking forward to an inspiring day that celebrates reading, creativity, and the joy of storytelling. We hope to see you there!



BIRTHDAY BOOK THANK YOU

Emmy—EY2—The Dragon with the Blazing Bottom & There's a Snake in my School

Asher—Year 1—The Fairytale Hairdresser

Nathaniel—Year 1—I Hate Love Books

Noah—Year 5—The Football Boy Wonder

Mrs Mills—Member of Staff—The Artic Fox, The Boy who made Monsters & The Starling's Song

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!