

# Broxbourne CE Primary School Newsletter



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## HEADTEACHER UPDATE

As we approach the end of this term and celebrate the joyous season of Easter, we would like to extend our heartfelt wishes for a joyful and blessed Easter to all members of our school community. May the hope and renewal of this season bring peace and happiness to you and your family.

As we reflect on this week, we are proud to highlight the many successes and memorable moments that have taken place at our school.

**Mathletics Success** Congratulations to our intrepid Mathletes! We are so proud of your hard work and success using Mathletics this term. We hope you enjoyed the celebratory Le Café Mathématique breakfast as a well-deserved reward for your achievements. Keep up the great work as you continue to develop your skills in this vital area of learning!

**Cup Winners and Chess Club Success** Our cup winners for this term have demonstrated dedication and excellence in their respective fields. Well done to each one of you for your outstanding efforts. Similarly, our chess club award winners were also celebrated in Wednesday's assembly – your strategic thinking and perseverance are impressive. Thank you to Mr Carroll for running this club once more for the fourteenth year! True service in action and keep up the fantastic work!

**Rock Steady Concert** What a performance! Our Rock Steady concert once again 'rocked' the hall, and we want to congratulate all the children who were involved. We hope your eardrums have recovered from the excitement! It was an amazing display of musical talent, and we look forward to seeing what our young musicians will do next.

**Parents' Evenings** We trust that you found our recent Parents' Evenings informative and beneficial. Thank you for your continued support in working together with us to ensure the best outcomes for your children.

**Community Collective Easter Worship** It was wonderful to start our day at the Community Collective Easter Worship service yesterday, where we gathered as a school community to celebrate Easter. We hope all who joined us had a 'Happy Day!' It was a special time of reflection, song, and prayer and thank you for joining us.

As we break for the Easter holidays, we would like to leave you with a verse from the Bible:

*"The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!" – Luke 24:34*

May this Easter bring peace to your hearts and joy in your homes. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for the final third of the school year, filled with sunshine, vibrant events, and exciting opportunities for learning.

We wish you all a restful and joyful Easter break – happy Easter!!!

Best wishes,

Paul Miller

## *Dream, Believe and Achieve with God*

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**OUR SPRING CUP WINNERS—WELL DONE ALL!**



**MUSIC TUITION**

GUITAR—will be on a FRIDAY after Easter  
PIANO—starts again on Tuesday, 22nd April



**YEAR 5**

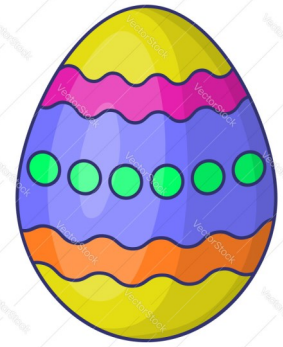
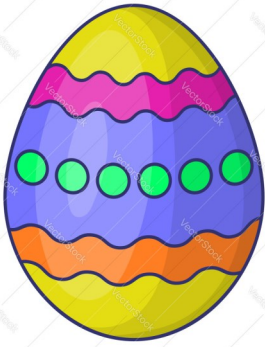
River Town Trip—Thursday, 24th April

## PTA—NAME A BUNNY COMPETITION!

Exciting news from the PTA! We are delighted to announce that the winner of our "Name a Bunny" competition is... **Ruby from EY1!**

A huge **congratulations** to Ruby, who correctly guessed that our adorable bunny's name is **Cupcake!** We had so many fantastic guesses, and we want to thank everyone who took part in the competition. It was wonderful to see so much excitement and enthusiasm for our fluffy friend.

Well done, Ruby, and well done to all our brilliant participants!



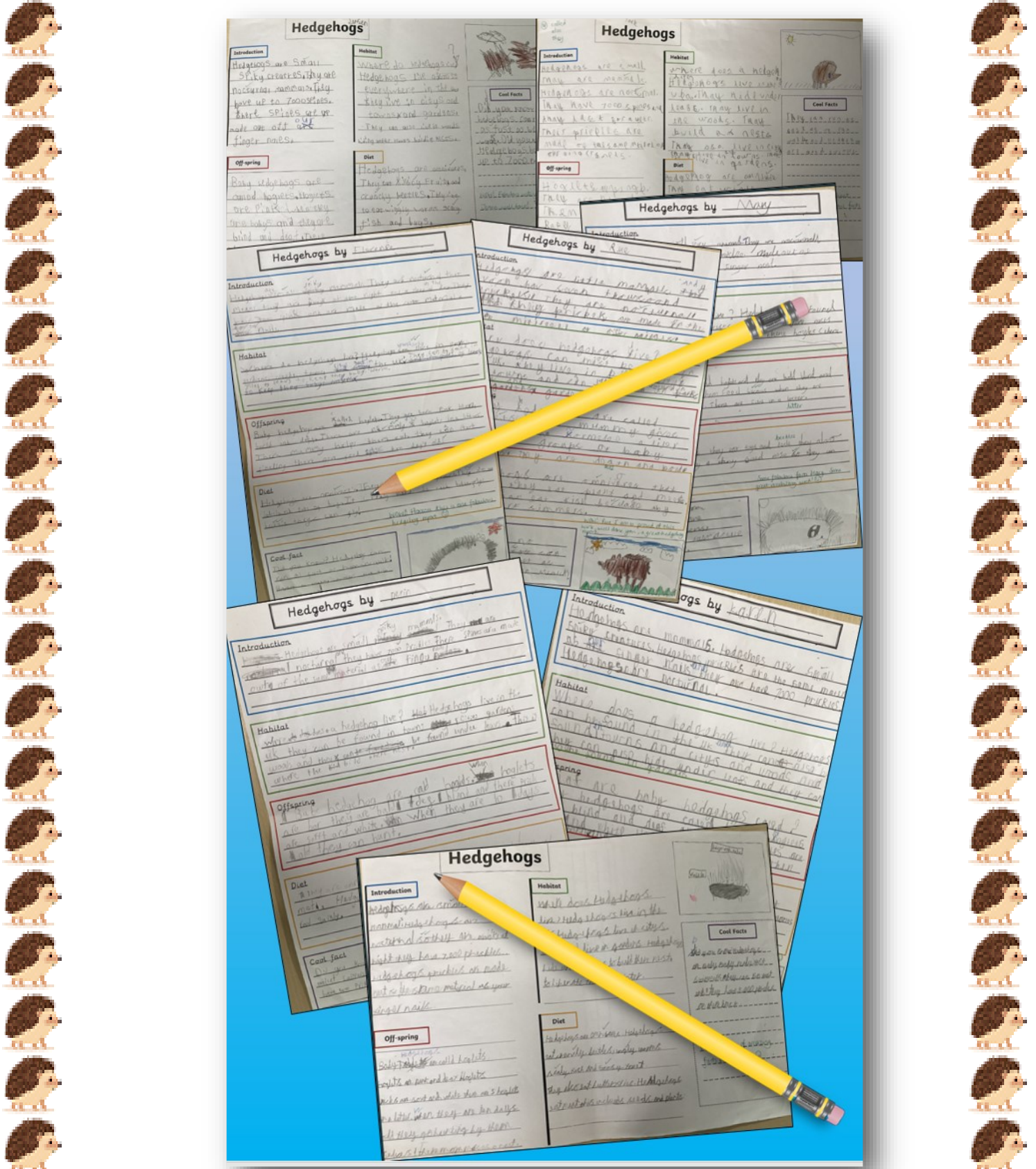
## OUR LUCKY KINGFISHER COUNCIL EASTER RAFFLE WINNERS!

Daisy—Year 3 and Theo—Year 2





Well done to our Year 1 children who have produced some amazing writing all about hedgehogs. Check out the quality of their writing here!!!





## **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY THIS EASTER HOLIDAY**

Contact: [libraries.centenary@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:libraries.centenary@hertfordshire.gov.uk)

Pākiki Theatre presents 'The Big Herts Hero Hunt!', an interactive theatre show, exploring Hertfordshire's wonderful heritage. Details of the show:

[https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives/events-and-things-to-do/find-a-library-event.aspx?searchKeywords=Hero&page=1&resultsPerPage=10&view=list&distance=0&wh en=0&nocache=.](https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/libraries-and-archives/events-and-things-to-do/find-a-library-event.aspx?searchKeywords=Hero&page=1&resultsPerPage=10&view=list&distance=0&wh en=0&nocache=)

The show will introduce suffragist Louisa Puller, racing driver Lewis Hamilton, scientist Alfred Russell Wallace, writer and illustrator Beatrix Potter, well-being pioneer Ebenezer Howard and daredevil Dolly Shepherd!

*The audience will help our Hero Hunters discover these people and their legacy using clues, a map, problem solving, drama, fun facts, and time travel, working as a team to uncover the future heroes of Hertfordshire! Most suited for children aged 6+ and their families.*

*All in attendance must have a ticket.*



## **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!



## **MISS HAWTHORNE'S HAIR-RAISING CHALLENGE FOR CHARITY!**

Exciting news! Miss Hawthorne has set a fantastic challenge to support the **Princess Trust**, and she needs your help! If she reaches her fundraising goal, she has promised to let the children **cut her hair—live in assembly!**

The **Princess Trust** is a wonderful charity that provides real hair wigs to children and young people who have lost their hair due to illness. By supporting this cause, we can help bring smiles and confidence to those in need.

Every donation counts, and we would love for as many families as possible to get involved. Let's work together to make this happen—and to see Miss Hawthorne get an unforgettable new look!

To make a donation, Miss Hawthorne will have a donation pot in class for any loose change. Otherwise, please click on the link below

[Lily Hawthorne is fundraising for Little Princess Trust](#)

Let's make this a fundraising event to remember!



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

# INSTAGRAM

AGE RESTRICTION  
**13+**

Instagram remains one of the world's most popular social media platforms, especially among teens – with around 70% of 13 to 17-year-olds using it. Owned by Meta, Instagram allows users to share photos and videos, create interactive 'stories', broadcast live, send private messages and follow others. With regular updates and new features, it's essential for parents and educators to stay informed about how children are using the app – and what the risks are.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### EXCESSIVE SCREEN TIME

Instagram's design encourages prolonged use through endless scrolling of trending content and generating a fear of missing out (FOMO). Children can quickly lose track of time browsing posts from friends, influencers, and strangers, which may disrupt their day-to-day activities.

#### AI CHATBOT CONCERNS

Meta's AI, which is available on Instagram, allows users to chat with an in-app chatbot. While often helpful, it can blur boundaries for young users, who may ask for or read content that is inappropriate or see it as a real friend or confidant. Privacy issues also arise, as conversations may not be as secure or private as children assume.

#### RISKS OF GOING LIVE

The livestream feature allows real-time broadcasting to followers – or anyone, if the account is public. This increases the chance of unwanted contact from strangers and pressure to act in ways that gain attention, including engaging in inappropriate behaviour. Viewers may also post offensive or harmful comments during live sessions.

#### THREADS INTEGRATION

Threads is Instagram's sister app for public, text-based conversations. Posts from Threads appear in users' Instagram feeds and can lead children to view, share, and comment on public conversations with strangers. The content may not always be age-appropriate and can be misleading or false.

#### SCHEDULED MESSAGING

Instagram's newer ability to schedule direct messages means that children could receive messages late at night or early in the morning. This can disrupt their sleep or keep them preoccupied before the school day even begins.

#### EXCLUSION AND LOW SELF-WORTH

Feeling left out online can have a real emotional impact. Being left out of photos, receiving fewer likes, being unfollowed, or being ignored in chats and comments can leave children feeling excluded, which often hurts as much as in real life. There is a risk this can lead to reduced self-esteem and a sense of not belonging.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

#### USE INSTAGRAM'S SUPERVISION TOOLS

Instagram's built-in Family Centre lets parents monitor how much time their child spends on the app. Specialised 'teen accounts' are private by default and offer controls on who can message them. Make sure that children use their real age when registering their account to ensure they have these protections.

#### OPEN UP THE CONVERSATION

Talk regularly to the children in your care about what they enjoy on Instagram – and what makes them uncomfortable. Encourage honest chats about filters, body image, and online approval. Reassure them that they don't need to edit their appearance or chase 'likes' to feel valued.

#### SET BOUNDARIES FOR THREADS AND AI

Parental controls on Instagram also apply to Threads. These allow parents to monitor time spent in the app, check follower lists and adjust exposure to sensitive content. Discuss AI features, too, therefore helping children understand that chatbots aren't real people and should be used with care.

#### BE MEDIA-SAVVY WITH INFLUENCERS

Parents should follow a few of the influencers their child watches, so they can better understand the content they're seeing. Use this as a springboard to talk about the difference between genuine recommendations and paid promotions – and how online personalities can shape opinions and behaviour.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.





## **PTA FUNDRAISING SUCCESS – £2,500 RAISED THIS TERM!**

We're thrilled to share that thanks to the incredible support of our school community, the PTA has raised an amazing **£2,500** this term!

This fantastic total comes from a variety of fun and successful events, including the **MSO gift sale, PTA disco, coffee morning, uniform sales, Guess the Bunny competition, and our ever-popular donut sale!**

Every penny raised goes towards enriching the school experience for our children, funding exciting new resources, activities, and improvements. We couldn't have done it without you—thank you to everyone who attended, donated, and volunteered!

Stay tuned for more upcoming events next term, and as always, we welcome any new ideas or extra helping hands. Let's keep making a difference together!

**Your PTA Team**



## **Colour Run**

**Sunday 11th May 2025**

### **Join us for Teens Unite's Colour Run!**

As you race through the colourful 2.5k, you'll be showered with vibrant bursts of colour powder. The colours will leave you covered in a rainbow of fun and create a memorable experience for all!

This is a challenge that everyone can take part in - whether you walk, jog or run, everyone feels a sense of achievement and has the opportunity to make a difference.

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

 Hertingfordbury, SG14 2LX

 10am

 Adults - £10  
Children - £7  
Family - £30  
(2 adults, 2 children)

To sign up, or for further information:

T: 01992 440091

W: [www.teensunite.org/events](http://www.teensunite.org/events)

E: [events@teensunite.org](mailto:events@teensunite.org)

Scan the QR code!





**▲ SPACES ARE RUNNING OUT ▲**

One week to go until our half term camps start at Broxbourne Sports Club & Hertford Tennis Club and we can't wait for all the new activities we've got planned!!

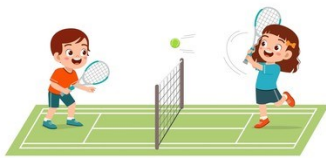
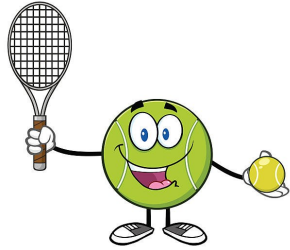
Our action-packed camps are the perfect way for your kids to spend their half term, they will enjoy lots of activities, games and Easter fun while making friends along the way!

**Check out what's in store:**

**BROXBOURNE MULTI-SPORTS CAMP:**

- Tennis
- Football
- Basketball
- Squash
- Dodgeball
- Arts & Crafts
- Easter Egg Hunts
- Easter Themed Games

& SO MUCH MORE !!!



**Ages 4-14yrs**

**Easter Multi-Sport Camps**

7th April - 10th April | Half Day: 9am - 12:30pm  
 14th April - 17th April | Full Day: 9am - 4pm

\*Biking Discounts / Early drop-off & Late pick up available\*

Broxbourne Sports Club, Mill Lane Close, EN10 7BA

[www.btatenniscoaching.com/camps](http://www.btatenniscoaching.com/camps)

[Broxbourne Multi-Sports Camp](#)

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Half Day: 9am - 12:30pm

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\*Early Drop-Off & Late Pick-Up available\*

**Book now!**

[BTA Tennis Coaching](#)

**OUR CHESS CHAMPIONS!**



**THANK YOU!**

Thank you to Mr Taylor for coming in and providing some amazing golf sessions for Year 1 and 2 this half term. New skills have been learnt through fun and exciting games and challenges. Thank you very much!



**OUR CHAMPION MATHLETES ENJOYING LE CAFÉ MATHEMATIQUE**



**BIRTHDAY BOOK THANK YOU**

Jake— Year 2—Football is for Everyone

Mrs Cowan—Parent of the School —It's a No-Money Day

Mr Cowan—Parent of the School—Where Magic Grows

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

We hope you both 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.