

Broxbourne CE Primary School Newsletter



Summer Term Issue 10

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HEADTEACHER UPDATE

We have had a joyful and action-packed penultimate week, full of celebrations, achievements and community spirit.

We began the week with an amazing Sports Day, and despite the unpredictable weather, the event was never in doubt! The day started with a brilliant Early Years Sports Day, which we hope many of you enjoyed. A huge thank you goes to Year 6 for their fantastic organisation of the activity carousel that children in Years 1 to 5 thoroughly enjoyed in the morning. Thank you also to all who came to spectate and to those who bravely joined in the parents' races – your enthusiasm helped make the day extra special. Thank you finally to our staff who principally organise the afternoon races and day overall: Mrs Roberts, Mrs Gallagher and Mrs Luckhurst – great job Broxbourne!

Congratulations to Blue Badgers, who were the overall winners of this year's Sports Day! We also celebrated our Sports Award recipients for this year:

Amerie and Sophia – Girls' Winner and Runner-Up
Charlie and Cooper – Boys' Winner and Runner-Up

We were delighted to welcome back Kristofer, Jack, Cece and Sienna, our previous award holders, who kindly returned to present these honours – thank you to each of you for helping us mark this occasion so meaningfully.

We are delighted to announce that we have once again achieved the Sports Mark Gold accreditation – a fantastic recognition of the high standard of physical education, sporting opportunity and activity across our school. It is possible that this may be upgraded further to Platinum in light of our sustained provision over many years – a wonderful testament to the commitment of staff and the enthusiasm of our children. Well done to all involved and particularly Miss Hawthorne, our PE Subject leader, and Mrs Davidson who is actively involved in ensuring our sporting offer is first rate.

This week was our Open Evening, where we had the chance to celebrate the year's successes, meet new teachers and enjoy our children's work. The self-portraits on display added a special touch to

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the evening – and we hope you enjoyed seeing them. A photo montage is included below for those who were unable to attend.

On Wednesday evening, it was a huge honour to be present at Reverend David's Licensing Service. It was a joyful and moving occasion, and we extend our heartfelt congratulations to him on this important step in his ministry.

Moving On Day was another highlight, as we welcomed our new families and children to the school. We hope you felt warmly received. Year 6 children had a wonderful day visiting their secondary schools – we hope it was a positive experience for all and gave a sense of the exciting journey ahead.

We were thrilled to receive our Year 6 SATs results, which were once more excellent and a real credit to the hard work, commitment and care shown by the children and all the staff who have supported them throughout their time at Broxbourne. Thank you and well done to all involved and congratulations to our Year 6 children on their commitment across this year and their schooling.

Well done to our Year 5 children on their thoroughly enjoyable Class Assembly today – a vibrant celebration of their learning and self-discovery across this year and packed with a great number of highlights. Whilst I was unable to see today's live, I did enjoy yesterday's rehearsal and the Greek God song and epic finale 'I Can Go The Distance' were particular highlights and I am sure caused more than one or two parents in attendance to well-up. Superb Year 5 and well done to each of you for the part you played. Well done also to Mrs Laing, Mrs Wood, Mrs Brislin and Mrs Cartwright for preparing and supporting our Year 5's so well.

Looking ahead, we are launching an exciting holiday competition to design a pilgrimage stamp for St Augustine's Church. More details will follow next week, but we are already looking forward to seeing our children's creativity in action.

A reminder that tomorrow is also the St Augustine's Church Summer Fair (11:00am-4:00pm), and we warmly encourage all families to attend. Our school choir will be opening the fair at 11:00am, and we thank those choir members who are able to attend, as well as Mr Turner for his support of this event.

As we move into the final week of term, there is still much to look forward to. Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school and for helping us to create a nurturing, inspiring and joyful place of learning for all our children.

We close this week with words from the Bible that remind us to cherish what we have and to look forward with hope:

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
1 Thessalonians 5:18

May your weekend prove restful and enjoyable.

Best wishes Paul Miller



GOLD SPORTS MARK AWARD – ANOTHER WIN FOR OUR SCHOOL!

We are thrilled to share that our school has once again been awarded the *Gold Sports Mark Award* in recognition of our outstanding contribution to sport and PE. This prestigious award celebrates our commitment to providing high-quality physical education, promoting a healthy lifestyle, and offering a wide range of sporting opportunities and competitions.

A special thank you goes to Miss Hawthorne, whose passion and dedication have truly shone this year. Her efforts have put sport in the spotlight, ensuring every child has had the chance to take part, compete, and thrive. Well done to all involved – **let's keep moving!**



END OF TERM SERVICE

Our End of Term Service will be held in St Augustine's Church on Friday, 18th July at 1.10pm. As usual you are very welcome to join us for this service. If you are coming along to the church with a younger child, we request that they sit with you in the pews and are supervised, so that they do not disrupt the service in any way. We encourage parents to show respect for other people's opportunity to worship and to ensure everyone is able to fully enjoy the service. If your child is unable to sit quietly, please feel free to take them out of the main church and wait in the inner porch, until they are able to return. Thank you.

If you are not able to attend the service, please collect your child/children via the side entrance of Church, at 1.45pm. Staff will be unable to admit parents/carers who arrive significantly after the service has begun. If your child normally has a sandwich lunch, please could they bring this in a recyclable bag on Friday, 18th July. Please note water bottles and book bags are NOT required on Friday. Thank you.

REMINDER— NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB on Friday 18th July

ROCKSTEADY CONCERT

Monday, 14th July at 2.00pm



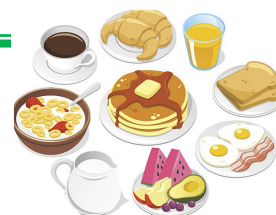
EY2 TEDDY BEAR'S PICNIC

Tuesday, 15th July at 9.30am



EY2 BREAKFAST

Thursday, 17th July at 9.00am



CUPS AND VOLUNTEER HELPERS ASSEMBLY

Thursday, 17th July at 10.00am



YEAR 6 LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY

Thursday, 17th July at 1.30pm



THE SPIRIT OF SPORTS DAY – IN PICTURES



GAME ON: SPORTS DAY HIGHLIGHTS



Thank you to Mr Shand for the amazing photographs!





Please send your child in with a named carrier bag for the children to bring home all their books and belongings this week.

Thank you.



PART-TIME CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH WORKER



Broxbourne URC Mill Lane EN10 7BQ

As a church family we are offering a flexible opportunity for someone with a love of God, children and church. We seek a motivated and enthusiastic Children's and Youth Worker, with the passion and ability to share the gospel with children and young people.

You would draw on your experience in working with children and young people in a church or community setting to help us to nurture and grow our existing work alongside our children's team volunteers.

We'd love to chat with you about creating a bespoke role that draws on your gifts.

The details:

16 hours a week – flexible, including some Sunday mornings and occasional mid-week and evening events. Three-year fixed-term, £16 per hour, 20 days paid leave, 8 days paid statutory holidays. Workplace pension scheme offered.

This post may suit someone seeking flexible, part-time hours, wishing to develop their skills or considering a change of career.

Interested?

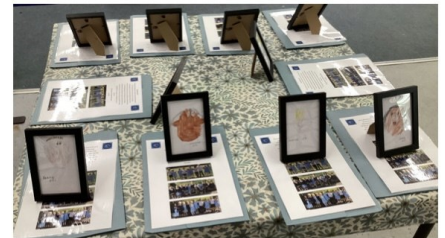
Apply for an application pack to our Pastorate Administrator, Mrs. Stepanka Moysey at urcnlvg@gmail.com

For informal inquiries, please contact the Revd Mark Robinson revdmarkr@gmail.com.

The closing date for applications is **noon on Monday 18th August**.

Interviews will be held in the week beginning 25th August.

KINGFISHER CREATIONS: SELF-PORTRAITS SUPPORTING CHARITY





ST AUGUSTINE'S SUMMER FAIR, SATURDAY 12TH JULY

Refreshments all day including Light Lunches and Cream Teas, live music, stalls including Cakes, Gifts, Bric-a-Brac and Plants . **All welcome!**

St. Augustine's Church

S U M M E R

FAIR

Saturday 12th July

11.00am – 4.00pm

St. Augustine's Church and Parish Centre,
Churchfields, Broxbourne

Live Music
*(incl. performances from Broxbourne Primary School
and Wormley Primary School Choirs),*

**Lunches, Raffle, Cream Teas,
Children's Activities and Crafts,
Stalls including; Bric-a-Brac, Plants,
Gifts, Bath & Beauty, Cake stall
plus many more**

Fundraising for the planned Church roof repairs
Please come and support us

HOUSE POINT LEADERS

This week's winners are.....

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!



LOOKING FOR FREE RAINY DAY ACTIVITIES FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS?

Are you starting to think of ways to keep children entertained over the summer holidays? We know it can be difficult to think of ways to get the kids moving, especially on rainy days! Our expert team are here to help.

We run Beezee Families, a FREE healthy lifestyle programme that our family nutritionists deliver across Hertfordshire during term time. However, families can access our Beezee Academy online all year round, whatever the weather!

Our programmes are available in-person and online to support families to build healthy habits around food and physical activity. [Visit our website for more details.](#) Also, we are running a FREE online Masterclass on 30th July 6pm – 7pm [FREE Feeding the family on a budget masterclass - Free Healthy Lifestyle Services | Hertfordshire.](#)

Beezee
by maximus

Ready to unlock the secrets of healthy eating on a budget?

Date: Wednesday 30 July Time: 6pm-7pm

Join us for a FREE one-hour workshop to get practical tips from our nutritionists. During your time with us you can:

- Discover low-cost healthy swaps
- Understand the importance of meal planning
- Get tips to stick to your shopping list and budget
- Learn about different cooking methods
- Ask questions and get free resources!

Secure your FREE spot today

[@ BZBinfo@maximusuk.co.uk](mailto:BZBinfo@maximusuk.co.uk)

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Beezee FAMILIES Hertfordshire

Looking for free rainy day activities?

The summer holidays are just around the corner and while we're hoping for more sunshine, you never know. Looking for ways to get the kids moving more and using screens less? We're here to help! Check out our rainy day activities.

Our FREE healthy lifestyle programme, Beezee Families, can help you get moving, find tasty recipes, and have fun no matter the weather!

Scan the code to sign up today
...or click here to get started
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Get a FREE summer activity pack <small>Find out more on our website</small>	Make an indoor obstacle course 	Have a dance party
Host an indoor picnic 	Play sink or float <small>Find a see-through container, fill with water and get experimenting!</small>	Try a new healthy recipe
Write a play and perform it 	Go on a puddle walk <small>Don't forget the wellies!</small>	

*Our courses are designed for families with children aged 5 and up.

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 AI-ENABLED SCAMS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Artificial intelligence (AI) is quickly becoming a widely used tool, with lots of positive applications being discussed and developed. Sadly, however, as with most technology tools, there are those who will seek to use it for malicious and dishonest practices, with children and other vulnerable groups particularly at risk.

PHISHING EMAILS: BETTER & QUICKER

Phishing scams – emails designed to trick people into handing over login details or money – are not new, and do not rely on AI; however, AI has made them far more dangerous. Criminals can now generate highly convincing emails at speed, mimicking an organisation's tone, branding and language with ease. This makes phishing attempts harder to spot, especially for young people who may not yet know what to look out for.

ONLINE MARKETPLACE FRAUD

Online marketplaces are now a common way to buy and sell everything, from second-hand clothes to cars. Criminals are exploiting this by using AI to enhance or completely fake product photos and videos, and pressure buyers into paying deposits or full amounts upfront. These tactics are becoming more advanced, making it vital to pause, check, and verify the sale before parting with any money.

VOICE IMPERSONATION

AI can now realistically impersonate a person's voice when given a small sample of someone's speech patterns. This is especially concerning where voice has been enabled as an alternative to password-based logins. One such example was the use of AI deepfake audio as part of a fake kidnapping scam: the criminals used an AI voice clone of a 15-year-old to convince her parents she had been kidnapped and elicit a ransom.

EMPLOYMENT SCAMS

Using AI, criminals can create fake online profiles that seem completely real. These synthetic identities can chat with young people about fake job offers, asking for money to secure a visa or paperwork. In 2025, The Guardian reported a scam targeting young people with promises of quick cash, posing as TikTok staff.

INFLUENCER & INVESTMENT SCAMS

AI tools now make it easy to manipulate video and audio, with technology available that can generate entirely fake content using the likeness of celebrities or influencers. Criminals are using this to create convincing videos of well-known figures promoting fake products or services, which young people can be particularly susceptible to. Cryptocurrency scams are a common tactic, luring people into investing in schemes that do not exist. Once payment is made, the criminal simply disappears with the money.

ROMANCE SCAMS & SEXTORTION

AI chat bots can now mimic real conversations, often accompanied with realistic fake photos and videos, which makes it easier for criminals to build trust with young people – among other things, this can lead to fraud or sextortion. In 2024, the NCA's CEOP Safety Centre received 380 reports of sextortion. Alarmingly, in the first five months alone, police received an average of 117 monthly reports involving under-18s, showing how serious and targeted this threat has become.

Advice for Parents & Educators

THINK CRITICALLY

The key to addressing the increasing growth of AI-enabled scams is to think critically and show caution. Inform children that if something is too good to be true, then it probably is. Encourage them to stop and carefully consider what they are seeing and reading before taking any action. For example, if a social media post expresses urgency, proceed with caution; if content seems unusual, even from a known person, it may be that their account has been hacked.

USE TRUSTWORTHY SITES AND SERVICES

Online marketplaces are useful when buying and selling items; however, where possible, encourage children to use reputable companies and their online shopping sites. These companies are likely to have more sophisticated cyber-security safeguards in place, underpinned by consumer legislation, enabling them to control how products and services are displayed and traded on their sites.

SEEK TO VERIFY

Criminals may breach an influencer's account or spread misinformation and fake content; however, their approach will generally be limited to a single account, site or service. Where possible, show children how to verify information to check its legitimacy before proceeding. Small actions, such as phoning the person who is the subject of a suspicious email, or checking content via an individual or company website or social media sites can make the difference. The greater the risk, the more effort we should expend to confirm whether the information presented is true or false.

REPORT IT

As the sophistication of scams increases, the likelihood of being tricked by them also increases, especially when not paying attention or acting quickly. It is important that young people know how to report incidents as they happen. Show children how to report their concerns to the social media site, Action Fraud, banks, and other individuals or organisations linked or involved. If you are unsure of the most effective reporting channel, contact Action Fraud.

Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at Millfield, a large independent boarding school in Somerset, as well as a member of the Digital Futures Group, Vice Chair of the ISC Digital Advisory Group and an Association of Network Managers in Education (ANME) Ambassador.





THE ESSEX FIRE MUSEUM

The Essex Fire Museum is open every Tuesday and Thursday over the school holiday. We don't have enough volunteers to run family fun days each week (with different stands and activities) but families are welcome to attend and have a look at the artefacts we have on site. This might suit some people who prefer a quieter environment. Entrance to the museum is always free but we would still like people to message us before coming, just so we can keep the main station informed of numbers. Our contact is: museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

We have three family fun days coming up at the Museum also. These will need to be booked via Eventbrite:

Sunday 27 th July 2025	Essex Fire Museum Open Day Tickets, Sun 27 Jul 2025 at 10:30 Eventbrite
Tuesday 19 th August 2025	Essex Fire Museum Open Day Tickets, Tue 19 Aug 2025 at 10:30 Eventbrite
Sunday 31 st August 2025	Essex Fire Museum Open Day Tickets, Sun 31 Aug 2025 at 10:30 Eventbrite

There will be opportunities for families to get involved in history trails around the museum, spot hazards in our fire safety room, partake in craft activities and a sit on our fire engines (and squirt water).

The museum is free entry (but visits are by appointment only as we are on the site of an operational fire station).

Suggested last admissions are 2.30pm. This is just so that people have enough time to experience everything on site.

Essex Fire Museum Open Days

2025



**Tuesday 19th & Sunday 31st
August**

10:30AM To 4:00PM

**Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays
RM17 5QS**

Book Now →





LOST PROPERTY

We currently have lots of lost property in school. The lost property box will be available for you to look through at 8.30am on Tuesday, 15th July in the school hall. All items left after this occasion will be kept until the end of term and then discarded.

Many jumpers are unnamed, making reuniting them with their owner impossible! Please ensure all school uniform, coats, shoes and equipment (including snack boxes) is clearly named and is looked after.

Thank you.



SCHOOL WATER BOTTLES

A reminder that all children should be using our school water bottles during the day. These have been designed to fit safely and neatly in classroom trays and are easy for children to use. School bottles can be purchased from the school office for £1.85.

Please do not send your child in with a different kind of bottle.

Thank you for your support.

BIRTHDAY BOOK THANK YOU

Naraekele—EY2—A Scientist Like Me

Joseph—Year 5—Unbelievable Football

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.