

Broxbourne CE Primary School Newsletter

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

What a joyful and uplifting end to the week!

Congratulations to our wonderful EY1 children for their fantastic Class Assembly today. Standing up in front of an audience at just 3 or 4 years old takes a great deal of confidence, and every single child played their part beautifully. Their enthusiasm and joy were clear to see, and they sparkled! A special thank you to Mrs Forrester, Mrs Pedlar and Mrs Horner for their careful preparation, guidance, and encouragement – thank you also for attending today - your support made this special moment possible.

This week, Year 2 also had an exciting adventure as they visited Woodhall Estate for a range of engaging and hands-on workshops. The children were a credit to the school and thoroughly enjoyed learning in such an inspiring environment.

Today we were also pleased to welcome our School Effectiveness Advisor for a focussed discussion on our provision for pupils with additional needs. It was a valuable and affirming time, highlighting the depth of thought, care, and commitment our staff give to ensuring that all children – particularly those with the greatest need – are well supported and nurtured. We are blessed and grateful for the diligence, compassion, and professionalism shown by our staff each and every day.

This evening brings our much-anticipated PTA Quiz Night! Although our staff team may be a little lean in numbers this time, we remain hopeful that our professional credibility stays intact! Thank you to all who will be joining us – your support makes a real difference to our school community.

As we head into the weekend, we wish you all a time of rest, fun, and renewal.

“Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:11

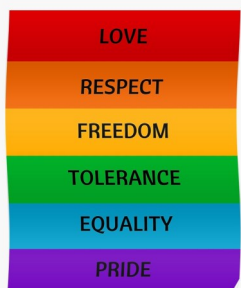
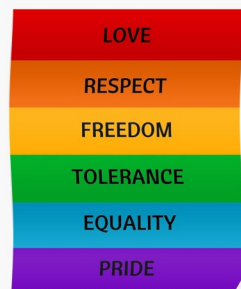
Best wishes Paul Miller

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NETBALL SUCCESS!

On Tuesday, our fantastic Year 5/6 Netball A and B teams took part in an exciting tournament at John Warner School. Both teams showed brilliant teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout every match – and it was wonderful to see them cheering each other on from the sidelines!

We're so proud to share that the A team finished in 5th place, and the B team achieved an amazing 3rd place – what a brilliant result!

Well done to all the girls – you represented our school beautifully, and we are very proud of you!



YEAR 5 **BURWELL HOUSE**

Please arrive at St Augustine's Church at 8.10am ready for a prompt departure.

Thank you.



MISS HAWTHORNE'S BIG CHOP FOR CHARITY!

We are so proud of Miss Hawthorne, who bravely had her hair cut *during assembly* this week — and by the children, no less! With plenty of excitement and a few nervous giggles, pupils took turns snipping sections of Miss Hawthorne's hair, all in support of a wonderful cause.

Her generous donation is going to the **Little Princess Trust**, a charity that provides real hair wigs to children and young people who have lost their hair due to cancer or other conditions.

What a brilliant way to lead by example and show kindness in action — well done, Miss Hawthorne!

If you are yet to donate, please click on the link below:

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





PTA SUMMER FAIR—NEXT SATURDAY!

Our Summer Fair is fast approaching, Saturday 28th June 1-4pm which we hope you are looking forward to. Thank you to those of you who have offered your time to be on a stall with your class groups, or have offered to set up/pack down we really appreciate it, many hands make light work. If you haven't yet volunteered to help, please contact your class rep.

The PTA have put together a Summer Fair brochure, see link below. This gives an overview of the fair and also contains lots of adverts for local businesses. Please take time to have a read, some of the adverts contain discounts which you might like to take advantage of!

We look forward to seeing you at the fair, and even sooner if you're coming to the Quiz Night this Friday. Tickets can still be bought on the PTA Hub for the quiz night, attendees don't have to be parents at the school, you can bring friends and family along too!



[2025-summer-fair-brochure.pdf](#)

Thank you,
Your PTA



ENTRANCE TO THE SCHOOL

We would like to kindly ask for your patience when pressing the bell by the gate to the entrance to the school. Our office can sometimes be quite busy, and on occasion, we might be on the telephone or away from our desks. This means it may take us a little longer to respond to the doorbell. Please do not ring the bell repeatedly.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.





Explorers Nerf Wars

Water Games Water Games

Multi - sports Multi - sports

Indoor Activities Indoor Activities

Tennis Activities Tennis Activities

Arts & Crafts Arts & Crafts

Themed Days Themed Days

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DATES:
WEEK 1: 21st July - 24th July
WEEK 2: 28th July - 31st July
WEEK 3: 4th August - 7th August
WEEK 4: 11th August - 14th August
WEEK 5: 18th August - 21st August

HALF DAY:
9am - 12:30pm

FULL DAY:
9am - 4pm

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8:30am

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform. Its colourful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and it offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS



YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

BE WARY OF ADVERTISING



Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pervasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE



YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED



YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.

AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION



There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'scientific' videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.

DATA COLLECTION RISK



While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS



YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.

SET TIME LIMITS



The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

CHECK WATCH HISTORY



YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.

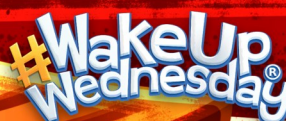
WATCH TOGETHER



It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced journalist with more than 10 years of experience covering the technology industry. Previously a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly is now a freelance journalist, editor, and copywriter. Her bylines include Forbes, TechRadar, Tes, The INQUIRER, The Metro, Uswitch, and WIRED.



Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/youtube-kids-2025>



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!

MESSAGES AND ARRANGEMENTS REMINDER

Please could we kindly ask all parents to ensure that any arrangements for your child, during or after school, are made **before** they arrive at school each morning. It is unreasonable to expect staff to interrupt teaching time to pass on last-minute messages or clarify whether your child wants to attend an after school club or head straight home.

Additionally, if your child is signed up for a club, they are expected to attend each week. We've had a number of children deciding at the last minute that they do not wish to take part, which causes unnecessary confusion and disruption when the club register is taken.

Thank you for helping us keep learning time focused and uninterrupted.

