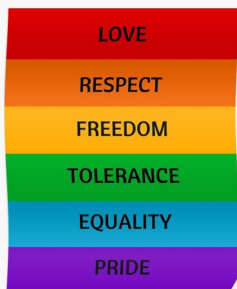
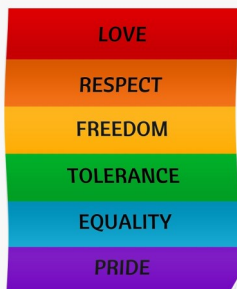
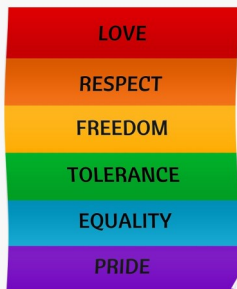


# Broxbourne CE Primary School Newsletter



Summer Term Issue 6

6th June 2025



## HEADTEACHER UPDATE

We hope this newsletter finds you well and refreshed after the half-term break. We are delighted to bring you a bumper edition this week, packed full of photographs that showcase the incredible spirit, commitment, and togetherness of our wonderful children and school community.

### Todd Waldock Memorial Run – Thank You!

We are thrilled to share with you a very special collection of photographs from our Broxbourne Todd Waldock Memorial Run, held just before half-term. These images beautifully capture the *amazing community spirit* that made the day so memorable. Thank you to all those who took part, cheered from the sidelines, pledged messages of good luck, and generously donated to our PTA.

Whether your child was in school that day or not, we warmly encourage you to post a message of congratulations to our runners via our online platform or class pages, and if you are able, contribute to the fundraising total in support of our PTA. Every message and donation makes a difference – thank you. The link is live for two more weeks and can be found here:

<https://www.givey.com/toddwaldockmemorialrun2025>

### Cricketing Success for Years 5 and 6

We are proud to report that both of our Year 5 and 6 cricket teams performed brilliantly at the District Cricket Festival held at Broxbourne Cricket Club on Friday.

Our B Team showed determination and skill, reaching the final of the Cup competition, narrowly missing out on the win to Wormley.

Meanwhile, our A Team competed in the Plate competition, making it all the way to the final – and winning it!

Throughout the day, the team spirit, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm shown by all players were a joy to behold. *Well done* to all who represented our school so well!

### Best Wishes to Year 6 – Ironbridge Residential

This week, our Year 6 pupils head off on their residential trip to Ironbridge, and we wish them all a fantastic and memorable week of learning, exploring, and growing together. We know you will support and look after one another, just as you do here at school.

A huge thank you to Miss Clifford, Miss Hawthorne and Mrs Roberts, whose time, care and dedication make this trip possible. We look forward to hearing all about your adventure on your return!

As always, thank you for your continued support and encouragement. We hope this weekend brings you all time for rest, family, and renewal as we journey through the final half-term of the school year.

Best wishes Paul Miller

***“Let all that you do be done in love.” – 1 Corinthians 16:14***

***Dream, Believe and Achieve with God***

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**YEAR 5 & 6 CRICKET FESTIVAL**



**SMITH'S SCHOOLWEAR**

Pop up uniform shop—Wednesday, 11th June at 8.00am



**YEAR 3**

Class Assembly  
Friday, 13th June at 10.00am



### **Poem 573 – Celebrating Life**

Our own Reverend Quant, who joined us on the final Friday before half-term and ran every race, also maintains a poetry site. He was inspired to write the following poem about this year's Todd Waldock Memorial Run! Thank you for your support Reverend Quant.

<http://odefortheday.art/2025/05/23/poem-573-celebrating-life/>

### **Poem 573 – Celebrating Life**

On your marks.... Go!  
So off we went, a drumming  
river flowing round  
the field in endless circles.

Some formed gentle eddies,  
whilst others became torrents,  
crashing waters surging  
forwards with urgency.

Let's run with zest the Head  
had said and so we did,  
with cheers and tears and joy,  
remembering why we ran.

We poured until our muscles  
ached and lungs were spent,  
then flung ourselves upon  
the shore in celebration.



*I joined a local primary school for their annual run to remember a former student who sadly passed away. As always the pupils and community were great.*

*(23.05.25)*

### **PTA QUIZ NIGHT – FRIDAY 20TH JUNE**

Get your thinking caps on and join us for a fun-filled **PTA Quiz Night** on **Friday 20th June** in the **School Hall**. Doors open at **7:45pm** for an **8:00pm** start.

Teams can have up to **8 players**, so gather your friends and come along for an evening of trivia, laughs, and a bit of friendly competition!

Entry is **£7 per team member (payable via the PTA hub)**, which includes entrance and corkage, so feel free to **bring your own drinks and snacks**.

We'd love to see as many of you there as possible – all proceeds go to support the school. Book your team's place via the PTA Hub soon!

<http://www.pta-events.co.uk/broxbourneprimary>





**FEET IN MOTION, HEARTS UNITED – THE TODD WALDOCK MEMORIAL RUN**







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## PTA REMINDERS!



### \*\*\* Non-Uniform Day – Friday 20th June \*\*\*

In return for wearing non-uniform, we're asking children to **bring a bottle – any bottle!** (IN DATE & UNOPENED)

These donations will be used for the **Bottle Tombola** at the Summer Fair – the better the bottles, the better the tombola!

Please hand bottles to your child's teacher – **alcohol should be taken straight to the office.**

We are not offering a donation option on the PTA Hub for this one, as we're really hoping for **actual bottle donations** this time. Thank you for your support!



### \*\*\*\* Parents' Quiz Night – Friday 20th June \*\*\*



### \*\*\* PTA Coffee Morning & Uniform Sale Wednesday 9th July at 9am \*\*\*

### \*\*\* Saturday 28th June Summer Fair 1-4pm \*\*\*





## **SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SEND PUPILS**

Hudnall Park is a versatile multi-purpose venue set in 85 acres of beautiful parkland eight miles from Hemel Hempstead in the west of Hertfordshire.

We offer tailor-made programmes of activities designed to develop young people's social, emotional and physical skills in a safe and supportive environment.

Information for parents & carers about the activities available: Archery - Thursday, 31st July and 7th August 10am – 12pm Learn archery techniques and compete in fun games! Using the outdoor archery range you will have the chance to be coached in the technique of shooting arrows safely using a recurve bow.

Throughout the session you will be helped to shoot with increasing accuracy. Games and competition between groups of small teams will be used to make the session fun and enjoyable.

The session will have a maximum of 8 young people. Challenge Course - Thursday, 31st July and 7th August 1pm – 3pm Tackle a woodland balance course with your team.

Fun physical challenges await! We will engage you in a variety of fun exercises working through challenges including problem solving, climbing, jumping and crawling to the finish line.

Young people will be fully supported to navigate the challenge course. Go Wild Explorers - Wednesday 30th July and 6th August 10 am – 12pm Discover and explore nature in the wilderness of Hudnall Park!

These are inspiring and fun sessions that take place in our beautiful woodland. Activities may include, shelter building, natural arts and crafts, learning how to build and light a campfire, roasting marshmallows and hot chocolate.

We will also explore the woodland and look at the different habitats and wildlife that have visited our woods and film that has been captured on our trail cameras.

Don't miss out on these fantastic opportunities! Sign up now and let the adventure begin!

Contact for further details at: Telephone: 01442 454345 E-mail at:

[hudnall.park@hertfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:hudnall.park@hertfordshire.gov.uk) Hudnall Park, Hudnall Common, Little Gaddesden, Berkhamsted, Herts HP4 1QN

Online booking: <https://www.servicesforyoungpeople.org/hudnall-park/free-summer-activities-for-young-people-with-send/>





## PARENTING AND RELATIONSHIP COURSES

Hertfordshire County Council is very excited to be able to offer two free online courses to parents and carers of children aged 0 to 18.

### **Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities course online**

This 6 week course covers:

- Understanding and managing behaviour.
- Enhancing children's self-esteem.
- Emotions and empathy.
- What to expect for the age of your child.

There are sessions available in the evenings and daytimes

[Sign up for Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities](#)

### **Stronger Relationships online**

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- Managing disagreements between co-parents
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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 EMOJIS

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Emojis are more than playful expressions – they form a fast-evolving digital language that many adults struggle to decode. For young people, this ‘secret code’ is central to how they communicate identity, humour and emotions. With over 5 billion emojis sent daily on Facebook Messenger alone, understanding these symbols is key to engaging meaningfully with digital youth.

### GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

An emoji like 👍 (thumbs up emoji) might seem friendly to adults, but teens often interpret it as sarcastic or passive-aggressive. These differing interpretations can create confusion or unintended tension in cross-generational conversations.

### SHIELDING BULLYING OR PEER PRESSURE

When embedded in emojis, mean-spirited jokes or exclusionary language can fly under the radar. Terms like ‘mid’ or ‘delulu’ may seem harmless, but they can be used to undermine peers in subtle ways.

### RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Emoji meanings can change overnight. A person standing emoji (👤) once signified awkwardness but might now be repurposed for something entirely different. This ever-changing lexicon can leave adults in the dark and young people vulnerable to misunderstanding or misuse.

### MASKING DISTRESS OR HARM

Some emojis are used to discreetly signal troubling behaviours. For instance, 🍂 (falling leaves emoji) or 💊 (pill emoji) might suggest drug use, while 🌵 (wilted flower emoji) could hint at emotional struggles. Such usage can obscure serious issues, making them harder for trusted adults to detect.

### NORMALISING RISKY BEHAVIOURS

Emojis can make harmful actions seem light-hearted or fashionable. Strings like 🔥🍷 (fire + ‘woozy’ face + pill emojis) may appear humorous but can reference partying, intoxication or dangerous challenges, which might otherwise raise red flags.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### LEARN THE LINGO

Stay updated with emoji trends and definitions using resources like [emojipedia.org](http://emojipedia.org) or Urban Dictionary. Knowing current meanings builds confidence when engaging with young people and helps spot potential concerns early.

### CREATE SAFE SPACES FOR DISCUSSION

Encourage casual chats about emojis, online slang, memes, or social media trends. Showing interest without judgement reassures young people that they can talk about their digital world openly and safely.

### ASK, DON'T ASSUME

Approach unfamiliar emojis with curiosity rather than suspicion. A light-hearted “What does 🍷 (juice box emoji) mean these days?” can open conversation and show that you respect their knowledge.

### PRIORITISE TRUST OVER SURVEILLANCE

While parental controls and monitoring tools can be useful, emotional safety matters most. Be someone children and young people feel they can come to – not just someone who’s watching them.

## EMOJI CHEAT SHEET - The following slang terms and emojis are some common examples – please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list.

### COMMON EMOJIS:

- 🤡 (Clown face) Foolishness or clowning around
- 🙄 (Cold face) Cool, stylish or ruthless
- 😘 (Hot face) Intense attraction or excitement
- 🤨 (Moai) Stone-faced, unbothered
- 👑 (Crown) ‘Slaying’, as in doing great
- 🙏 (Pleading face) Over-affectionate or ‘simping’
- 👁️ (Eyes) Watching drama unfold
- 🐐 (Goat) Greatest of all time (G.O.A.T.)
- 👉 (Nails) Confidence, sassiness, or indifference
- 🚩 (Triangular flag) Red flag; a warning sign about someone’s behaviour

### POTENTIALLY CONCERNING EMOJIS

- 🍷 (Ear of corn) Slang for pornography (avoids censorship algorithms)
- ❄️ (Snowflake, snowman, snow cloud) Can symbolise cocaine
- 🗝️ (Key, lying face) Related to cocaine use
- 🍂 (Falling leaves, herb, maple leaf) Can symbolise cannabis
- 💊 (Pill) May reference drug use or prescription misuse
- 🌵 (Wilted flower) Often used to convey emotional struggle or sadness
- 🐍 (Snake) Can represent betrayal or being ‘two-faced’
- 🔫 (Water pistol) Sometimes used to reference violence or self-harm
- ⚠️ (Warning) Used to emphasise drama, threats or emotional turmoil
- 🍜 (Steaming bowl) Refers to nudes (‘noods’ is an abbreviation of noodles)

### Meet Our Expert

Keith Broni is a globally renowned emoji expert and the Editor in Chief of [emojipedia.org](http://emojipedia.org), the world’s number one emoji resource. He has an MSc in Business Psychology from University College London and an MBA from Quantic School of Business and Technology.





## HOUSE POINT LEADERS

This week's winners are.....

Blue Badgers



**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!

## BIRTHDAY BOOK THANK YOU

Elijah—Year 2—Out of the Blue

Mrs Horner—EYFS Member of Staff—Opposites, What's the Opposite, Every Star Shines Differently, The Journey Home & Emma Jane's Aeroplane

**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!