



PRIMARY WORD

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Events for week beginning 8th May 2023

Weekday	Time	Event	Venue	Taken By
KS2 SAT's Week				
Monday	School Closed - Bank Holiday			
Tuesday	12.15 - 13.15	YR4&5 Home Learning Club	Miss de Rossi's Class	Miss de Rossi
	15.30 - 16.15	YR6 Drama Club	Main Hall	Miss Bond / Miss Longley
	18.15 - 20.00	Taekwon-do	Main Hall	Mr Bonfield
Wednesday	08.30 - 08.50	Selected YR3 Reading Club	Library	Mrs Marsh
	12.15 - 12.35	YR4 Worship Team	KS1 Activity Area	Mrs Stiles
	12.50 - 14.00	Woodwind	Library	Miss Gunn
	15.30 - 16.30	Atomic Science Group 1	Miss Bradley's Classroom	Atomic Tom
Thursday	12.50 - 13.15	YR2 Choir	Mrs Walter's Classroom	Mrs Walter / Miss Fortnum
	15.30 - 16.15	KS2 Choir	Main Hall	Mrs Marsh/Mrs Varrier/Mrs Devereux
	15.30 - 16.30	Freestyle Dodgeball	Playground	Freestyle
	17.30 - 19.45	Taekwon-do	Main Hall	Mr Bonfield
Friday	08.40	Walking Bus	Library to School	Mrs Devereux / Miss Rigby
	08.30 - 08.50	Selected YR3 Reading Club	Library	Mrs Marsh
	12.45 - 15.00	Selected YR5&6 Swimming	The Mounts	Mrs Reynolds
	15.30 - 16.30	Freestyle Dodgeball	Field	Freestyle
Sunday	10.30 - 11.30	Brixworth Community Church - Informal Service	Main Hall	Rev Andy Lloyd Williams

Important Notices

Running Club - Please note, running club will not be on this coming Tuesday.



Parents of Year 3 Children

In year 4 your child will have the opportunity to go on the Residential trip to Beaumanor Hall. On **Wednesday 24th May at 6pm**, parents of current year 3 children are invited to attend an information evening regarding this trip. This will be held in the Main Hall. Children are not expected to attend this as they will have a meeting of their own during school time.

Music Lessons Next Week - Please be advised that guitar, violin and cello lessons will not take place next week due to year 6 SATs.



Instrumental Tuition - September 2023

In September, children currently in **Year 2** will be able to apply for violin, cello or guitar. **Years 3, 4 and 5** may apply for violin, cello, guitar or woodwind. The termly charge for lessons will be approximately £85.00 per term but this is subject to change. If your child is interested please email office50@brixworth.northants.sch.uk with your child's name, year group and what instrument they would like to play by Friday 19th May 2023.

PTA Tuck Shop

The PTA will be holding another Tuck Shop after school on **Friday 12th May**. It will be located outside within the **Bandstand**. They will be selling a selection of sweets, snacks and doughnuts to raise money for the school. They can accept both card and cash payments.





END OF KEY STAGE 2 NATIONAL CURRICULUM TESTS

Please remember that Year 6 pupils will be sitting the National Curriculum tests in English and Maths **next week**, **Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th May**. It is imperative that all Year 6 pupils are present for the tests during this week.



Year 4 Ascension Day

The **Year 4** pupils invite you to join them at **All Saints Church** on **Thursday 18th May at 10.30am** for their **Ascension Day Service**.

OFSTED Report

All parents should now be in receipt of the letter and the official OFSTED report that was sent out via ParentMail on Thursday 4th May. We are extremely pleased by the findings of the inspection and are happy to advise that Brixworth Primary School still remains with a grade 2 rating of 'Good'. We would like to thank you all as parents for your continued support, along with your children for their persistent good behavior and eagerness to learn.



We would like to say a big well done to Noah-Sachin for completing his fundraising challenge. He exceeded both his hoop target by scoring 209 hoops and his fundraising target by raising a huge £505 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Well done Noah-Sachin for your efforts and for supporting such a valuable cause.

Assembly Theme Week Commencing 8th May 2023 **Jesus Across the World**

Celebration Assembly



Congratulations to the following children who have won awards for consistently upholding one or more of the school values.

Aspiration

Maya S
Harry H
Jack B
Millie O'G
Jamie D

Excellence

Benjamin R
Arthur C

Respect

Eloise G

Mr Tyler also received a celebration certificate for his efforts in running the London Marathon

The Song of the Week

This week was...

Paradise City & Live & Let Die by Guns N' Roses



Contacting Teachers

Please be advised that Mrs Burton's email was input incorrectly in last week's Primary Word. The below table has now been amended to reflect this.

Mrs Sparkes	Foundation	alison.sparkes@brixworth.org.uk
Mrs Nourish (Mon – Wed)	Foundation	stephanie.nourish@brixworth.org.uk
Mrs Partridge (Wed—Fri)		becky.partridge@brixworth.org.uk
Mrs Mistry	Foundation	kirsten.mistry@brixworth.org.uk
Mrs Casson (Mon - Tues)	Year 1	laura.casson@brixworth.org.uk
Mrs Pirie (Wed—Fri)		felicity.pirie@brixworth.org.uk
Miss Bradley	Year 1	hayley.bradley@brixworth.org.uk
Mrs Hancock (Tues, Wed)	Year 2	lianne.hancock@brixworth.org.uk
Mrs Stiles (Mon, Thurs, Fri)		kirsty.stiles@brixworth.org.uk
Miss Duckworth	Year 2	grace.duckworth@brixworth.org.uk
Mrs Willis (Mon - Wed)	Year 2	aimee.willis@brixworth.org.uk
Mrs Walter (Wed - Fri)		victoria.walter@brixworth.org.uk
Mrs Devereux	Year 3	helen.devereux@brixworth.org.uk
Mrs Elston	Year 3	alex.elston@brixworth.org.uk
Mrs Varrier	Year 3/4	abbie.varrier@brixworth.org.uk
Miss Worster	Year 4	adel.worster@brixworth.org.uk
Miss Rigby	Year 4	amelia.rigby@brixworth.org.uk
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Miss Fortnum	Year 5	beccy.fortnum@brixworth.org.uk
Miss Longley	Year 5	becky.longley@brixworth.org.uk
Miss Bond	Year 6	libby.bond@brixworth.org.uk
Mrs Reynolds	Year 6	heather.reynolds@brixworth.org.uk
Mrs Burton		susan.burton@brixworth.org.uk

Children's home school message books (elephant books) are a valuable source of communication between home and school. The books **should be brought into school daily** and children are encouraged to make a brief entry each time they read, noting the book, genre of text, and pages read. It would be helpful if you directed your child to hand this book to the teacher in the morning if you have written a message to us.

Coronation Celebrations



The children have had a wonderful morning celebrating the Kings Coronation. We will have more pictures to share with you next week but here is a snippet of some of the celebrations so far.



King's Coronation Bookmarks

We would like to say a big thank you to the PTA for providing celebratory bookmarks to each child to commemorate the King's Coronation.

We would further like to thank Brixworth Parish Council for their unexpected delivery of additional bookmarks. Each child will receive two bookmarks, one red and one blue, to take home at the end of the school day today.



Brixworth Centre Pre-School
 Brixworth Centre, Church Street

KINGS CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

SATURDAY 6TH MAY
11am-2pm
£20 per family of 4 or £5 a ticket to include

👑 *Coronation being shown live on a big screen*

Selection of traditional British
 🇬🇧 *carnival games and crafts* 🇬🇧

Afternoon Tea 🍵 Sweet cones 🍦

Disco Bouncy Castle, Giant bubble play and music

🍷 *Cash bar available with a selection of alcoholic and non alcoholic drinks*

Face Painting *Additional cost

Tickets available from Pre-School or via Ticketsource

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many devices which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

10 top tips for safely using SMARTWATCHES

Kids love gadgets, and smartwatches – available to buy from as little as £20 online – make a tempting gift. As with any type of mobile technology, though, smartwatches can pose risks to children unless they're used safely. Receiving unwanted calls, cyber-stalking and distracting a young person when they're crossing the road are all known risks associated with smartwatches. However, these devices can bring plenty of benefits for children and parents alike – so let's examine the pros and cons of smartwatches.

AVOID CHEAP OPTIONS

A quick search online yields a torrent of cheap smartwatches for kids, costing as little as £20. It's wise to avoid this bargain basement tech: it tends to deliver a poor experience with inferior battery life, and it's hard to have faith in the software's safety. There have been cases of smartwatches being hacked to track or contact children; stick to known brands who have a reputation to protect.

CONTROL CALLING

Many smartwatches have the facility to make or take calls. As with a phone, you may want to restrict who your child can call – or be called by. On Apple Watches, you can select trusted contacts who are allowed to ring your child, while other watches' controls vary hugely. Some need to connect to a linked phone for calls, so you may be able to block unknown contacts via that device instead.

BEWARE HIDDEN COSTS

For a smartwatch to allow calls independently (that is, without being connected to a phone via Bluetooth), it will need its own mobile data plan. This might take the form of a tiny SIM card that you slot into the watch – or an eSIM, where the physical card is replaced by software settings. Either way, this will incur an additional monthly cost that you'll need to factor into any buying decision.

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Apple Watches aren't cheap, but they do offer superb safety features – allowing parents to control calls, messages and emails on the device, as well as a location tracking system that can send alerts if kids wander beyond pre-set boundaries. Their SOS function enables children to contact emergency services instantly if they're in trouble, which simultaneously also alerts parents and carers.

MAKE THEM COOL FOR SCHOOL

Some schools have banned smartwatches, as pupils have been using them as substitute phones. If your child's school does permit them, some devices can be set to prevent distractions in class. For example, Apple's Schooltime feature turns their watches into ordinary time-keeping devices during school hours. The display changes in this mode, showing teachers that it isn't being used for other purposes.

Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 23 years, working for titles such as the Sunday Times, Which?, PC Pro and Computeractive. He's appeared regularly as a technology pundit on television and radio, including on BBC Newsnight, Radio 5 Live and the ITV News at Ten. He has two children and writes regularly about internet safety issues.



TRACK ITS LOCATION

Both Apple and Android devices have apps which allow you to track a smartwatch's location. They can also initiate an audio alert – avoiding those cushion-hurling panics when a treasured device can't be found at home. If you're planning to track your child's location via their watch, make them aware of that in advance. You could even make it a condition of them getting the watch in the first place.

THINK 'SAFETY FIRST'

Smartwatches are often worth hundreds of pounds, which can make young people wearing one a target for thieves. Advise your child to keep the watch hidden in public (when possible) and not to resist if muggers demand their watch. If you manage to track a stolen device, pass that information to the police; location data isn't always accurate, so you could end up wrongly accusing someone.

STORE MEDICAL INFO

Devices including the Samsung Galaxy Watch and Apple Watch can store the owner's medical details (such as their blood group and any pre-existing medical conditions), potentially giving emergency services access to vital information in a crisis. These devices also have 'hard fall' detection, which sends a text message to selected contacts along with a map showing the wearer's location.

USE THEM AS MOTIVATION

If you're worried your child's spending too much time slumped on the sofa staring at screens, smartwatches are great fitness trackers and can be a powerful incentive to get moving. Some devices will alert the wearer if they've been inactive for a long time and encourage them to do some exercise. Many watches record the user's daily step count and measure other health metrics.

BE MINDFUL OF BEDTIME

Many smartwatches offer sleep tracking, which some (usually older) children use to justify wearing them to bed. However, that also presents a temptation to message friends or check social media late at night, even if their phone is downstairs. Unless there's a valid reason not to, you could encourage your child to remove the watch in the evenings and ensure the charger stays in a different room.

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