



# PRIMARY WORD

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## Events for week beginning 18th September 2023

| Day                                   | Time                 | Event   | Venue                 | Taken By                             |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|---|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>New Foundation Stage Full Time</b> |                      |   |                       |                                      |
| Mon                                   | 09.00-10.00          | Tea and Tissues                               | Small Hall            | PTA & New FS Parents                 |
|                                       | 15.30-16.30          | YR1-4 Freestyle Soccer                        | School Field          | Freestyle                            |
| Tue                                   | 12.15-13.15          | Home Learning Club                            | Miss de Rossi's Class | Miss deRossi                         |
|                                       | 13.45-15.00          | Notivate (Selected Children)                  | Small Hall            | John Bowman                          |
|                                       | 18.15-20.00          | Taekwon-do                                    | Main Hall             | Mr Bonfield                          |
| Wed                                   | 09.00-11.00          | YR3, 5&6 Guitar                               | Library               | Mr Smith                             |
| Thurs                                 | <b>School Photos</b> |   |                       |                                      |
|                                       | 09.00-11.20          | YR3&4 Guitar                                  | Library               | Mr Smith                             |
|                                       | 13.10-14.10          | Woodwind                                      | Library               | Miss Retford                         |
|                                       | 15.30-16.15          | KS2 Choir                                     | Main Hall             | Mrs Varrier, Mrs Marsh, Mrs Devereux |
|                                       | 15.30-16.30          | YR1-4 Freestyle Dodgeball                     | School Field          | Freestyle                            |
|                                       | 17.30-19.45          | Taekwon-do                                    | Main Hall             | Mr Bonfield                          |
| Fri                                   | 09.00-10.20          | Violin  | Library               | Mr Ebrahim                           |
|                                       | 12.30-15.00          | Selected YR5 Swimming                         | The Mounts            | Mrs Reynolds                         |
|                                       | 15.30-16.30          | YR3-6 Freestyle Dodgeball                     | School Field          | Freestyle                            |
| Sun                                   | 10.30-11.30          | Brixworth Community Church - Informal Service | Main Hall             | Rev Andy Lloyd Williams              |

## Reminders

### School Photographs



The photographer will be in school on **Thursday 21st September**. The intention is that all pupils, including sibling groups, will be photographed and proofs will be sent out to parents without obligation to order.



### Flu Vaccine Monday 2nd October 2023

The Flu Vaccination is taking place on the above date for all children. An online registration form has been sent home this week via ParentMail.

It is essential if you would like your child to have the flu vaccine that you submit the form online by **9am on Wednesday 27th September**. After this time the online form will close and no applications can be made after this date. If you do not submit a form your child will not be offered the vaccination in school.

For further information please visit [www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)

The Importance of Primary School Attendance

We would like to clarify the school’s and indeed the national expectations in terms of attendance at primary school. Often we can see 90% attendance and feel that 90% sounds pretty good, however it is not.

The gradings for school attendance are:

- 97% - 100% - Excellent to Good
- 95% – 97% - Acceptable
- 90% - 95% - Poor
- Below 90% - A child with persistent absence and a cause for concern.

If a child has 90% attendance at the end of the year they will have missed **19 days** of learning or **over 100 hours** of lesson time. It is so important for your child’s education and future that they are in school.

We fully understand if a child is ill and feels unwell they need to be off school and we will always try to support them with this, however over the last year an increasing number of parents, at Brixworth and nationally are taking children out of school for holidays. Headteachers are not allowed to authorise absence for holidays unless there are really exceptional circumstances.

The Local Authority can and do fine you for taking your child on holiday during term time without exceptional reason. An initial fixed penalty notice of £60 is issued to each parent for each child. So a two parent family with two children would be fined £240.

These fines would be issued:

- When a pupil has a minimum of 10 school sessions recorded as unauthorised in a 6 school week period; (a school day is two sessions - morning and afternoon) or
- When a pupil has a series of unauthorised absences leading to irregular attendance

We also recognise the increase in cost of taking holidays during school holiday periods, however taking them out of school in term time will impact their education and we ask that you give full this consideration before taking them out of school.

Autumn Term Topics

Topics are designed to engage the children with a memorable experience at the start, having a marvellous middle and ending with a fabulous finish. For further information regarding the areas covered please visit the school website. Below are this terms topics for each phase:

| Year Group  | Topic         | Link to website  |
|-------------|---------------|--|
| Foundation  | Marvellous Me | <a href="#">Brixworth CEVC Primary School - Foundation Stage</a> |
| Years 1 & 2 | London        | <a href="#">Brixworth CEVC Primary School - Year 1 &amp; 2</a>   |
| Years 3 & 4 | Rainforests   | <a href="#">Brixworth CEVC Primary School - Year 3 &amp; 4</a>   |
| Years 5 & 6 | World War II  | <a href="#">Brixworth CEVC Primary School - Year 5 &amp; 6</a>   |



# Wow Start



## Year 1 & 2 Wow Start

On Friday 8th September, Years 1 and 2 had a very special visit from a double decker bus for the Autumn topic – London. They learnt about how London buses worked and how to use tickets to travel. They were given their own ticket for their journey around Brixworth and off they went!



We went on a big red bus, it was really exciting! We got to punch a ticket and it made a "DING". Elder class made a giant red bus. The day was really fun!

- **By Matthew R, Year 2**

## Year 3 & 4 Wow Start

On Monday 11th September Year 3 and 4 took part in a virtual reality experience to introduce the new topic of Rainforests in the Autumn Term. This was an amazing experience for the children as they saw the beauty of the rainforest through the technology of virtual reality.

Yesterday morning we went to the small hall and to my surprise there were VR headsets galore! When I put the headset on I saw a scary tarantula going up a tree. Then a jaguar, it was huge! After that we saw a three toed sloth climbing a tree. After that we saw a monkey that was so cute. I screamed with excitement. After that we saw deforestation. Every 5 seconds a whole football pitch size is destroyed. Finally, we saw some lions. It scared me because Amelie's hair touched me and I thought it was the lions mane. - **By James B, Year 4**



Yesterday morning was amazing because we had our VR experience. It was awesome except when we saw the tarantula and I was a bit scared. I loved the sloth, he was so cute! The monkeys were very confused then they saw us. The leaf cutter ants were tiny scuttling around. Then we saw a jaguar. He was just walking around like we weren't there. I felt sad when we saw the deforestation part and I felt like I had to do something about it. I loved my virtual reality experience. - **By Seren E, Year 3**

## **Pupil Premium and Free School Meals**

### **Foundation Stage, Year 1 or Year 2**

Every child in Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2 is entitled to a school meal as part of the government's universal infant free school meals scheme. However, the school may be eligible for additional funding if you receive any of the following benefits:

1. Income Support
2. Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
3. Child Tax Credit Only (with income up to £16,190) with no element of Working Tax Credit
4. National Asylum Seekers Support
5. Guarantee Element of the State Pension Credit
6. Employment and Support Allowance
7. Universal Credit (Income Related)

In order for the school to access this funding you will need to complete a short application form. This can be done online at [Apply for free school meals - WNC - Introduction - Online form \(achieveservice.com\)](https://www.achieveservice.com) and select "Pupil Premium." You will be advised immediately if your claim is successful. Please let school know the reference number for your successful claim.

### **Year 3 to 6**

If you are in receipt of any of the above benefits you can claim for Free School Meals and Pupil Premium. Please use the link above and select "My child is in year 3 or above" and then "Apply for Free School Meals." Once your claim has been validated please contact the school with the reference number for your successful claim and we will support you in ordering your children's meals.

### **Adopted Children**

Pupil Premium is additional money for schools to support raising the attainment for their most vulnerable pupils including those who have been adopted from care. In order for school to receive their funding, children need to be recorded as eligible on the school census. We are not necessarily aware that a child has been adopted and therefore encourage parents and guardians to present this information to us. As is the case for all sensitive information this will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

Should you have any questions or need support in applying for Free School Meals and/or Pupil Premium please contact Sharon Marsh, Inclusion Manager on 01604 883900.

## **Midday Supervisors - Help Required**

Over the summer holiday the school has had three of our Midday Supervisors leave their roles to move on to other full time jobs outside the school. It is great that they are furthering their careers, however this does leave us very short handed at lunchtime. We can, and we are covering this with other staff but it does then take learning support staff out of classrooms for sometime each day.

If you or someone you know could work two or three lunchtimes each week it would be such a big help for the school. The hours are 11.45 until 1.30. The Kingswood kitchen staff prepare and serve all the food, the Midday Supervisor role involves engaging with all the children and supporting them with their food and drink over the lunch hour plus setting up the tables and clearing down after they have finished.

If you do know anyone who may be interested and can help the school in the role please ask them to contact the school office for a full information pack.



It's that time of year where we hold our annual AGM. Everyone is more than welcome, cheese and wine will be served, should that sway anyone!

This is an opportunity for us all to get together to discuss what we have done this past year and what we plan to do going forward (All whilst enjoying a glass or two of vino and cheese).

Date: Wednesday 4th October 2023

Time: 7pm for 7.30pm start

Location: Brixworth Primary School

This is also a good opportunity to explain how the PTA works. According to our constitution, we have 3 levels to the PTA.

The core committee, which is:

Chairperson - Lenette Warren (Me!)

Vice Chairperson - Sarah Dobson

Treasurer - Amy Payne

Secretary - Rachel Rogers.

Then we have a general committee. These are members who want to actively help in the planning and organisation of the PTA. We have a WhatsApp group where we chat about events, the day to day running of the PTA etc.

Finally, we have PTA Members, these are members who are happy to bake the occasional batch of cookies, fold some raffle tickets or answer a call for help at an event.

Should you wish to be added to any of these or want any more information then please drop me an email.

I look forward to seeing you there! (don't forget there is cheese!)

Lenette Warren

PTA Chairperson

[brixworthprimarypta@gmail.com](mailto:brixworthprimarypta@gmail.com)

## The School's Dress Code

As a school we always encourage the wearing of school uniform.

Uniform embroidered with the Brixworth logo can be ordered on line at [Home - Brigade Clothing, LTD](#). However, we are very conscious as a school that uniform costs are high and as such, we do not insist that the children wear clothing with the school logo. Most supermarkets sell the coloured uniform at much lower prices. As long as their uniform is in school colours this will be fine.

### The uniform is:

**Girls** - Navy blue school sweatshirt or cardigan, white or blue polo shirt, navy blue or grey skirt, pinafore or trousers.

**Boys** - Navy blue school sweatshirt, white or blue polo shirt, grey or black trousers.

**Boys and girls must wear dark shoes.**

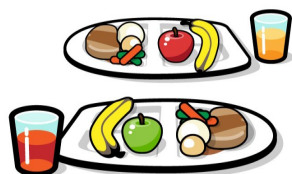
### For PE lessons pupils need:

Plain white or blue t-shirt, plain black or blue shorts or jogging bottoms, plimsolls and a pair of trainers for outdoor lessons. The kit is in keeping with the school's colours. As above, the PE kit can also be ordered through Brigade.

Children must not wear any jewellery, including earrings for PE. Hair must also be tied back.

We would also ask that children do not wear hoodies to school, even in Brixworth colours.

## Foundation Stage Lunch



New Foundation Stage children have been provided with a lunch until Friday 29th September. Thereafter, if you would like your child to have a lunch provided by Kingswood Catering you will need to order your meals via their website, [www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk](http://www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk).

Please make sure you have ordered your child's meals for the week commencing 2nd October by **Wednesday 27th September**.

## Tea (or coffee) & Tissues

*The PTA would like to invite all new foundation parents and carers to Tea & Tissues.*

*This is an opportunity to meet the other parents and carers with children in foundation whilst enjoying a cuppa and a biscuit whilst your little one is enjoying their first full day at school.*

*After drop-off, head round to the black gate in the car park where a PTA member will show you into the small hall.*

*We hope to see you there x*



*Monday 18th September at 9am*



# School Vacancies

## Breakfast Club Assistant

We have a vacancy in school for a Breakfast Club Assistant. You need to be caring and dedicated to assist in providing and delivering a healthy breakfast and safe play environment to promote a good start to the school day.

The hours of employment are  
**7.30am - 9.00am**  
**Monday - Friday**  
 (7 hours 30 minutes per week)

38 weeks of the year (term time only)  
 Salary £3480

Closing date: Monday 25th September

To apply please download the application form from the school website or contact the school office for an application pack.

## Mid-day Supervisor

We have a vacancy in school for a Midday Supervisor.

The hours of employment are  
**1 hour 45 minutes per day**  
**Monday - Friday**  
 (8 hours 45 minutes per week)

38 weeks of the year (term time only)  
 Salary £4060

We will consider the option of selected days for this if you can not commit to all 5 days.

Closing date: Monday 25th September

Closing date: To apply please download the application form from the school website or contact the school office for an application pack.

**The Song of the Week**  
**This week is...**

**Green Green Grass**  
**by**  
**George Ezra**



# Brixworth C.E.V.C Primary School Foundation Stage 2024



We are holding school tours on the following mornings:

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 9.45am**

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 9.45am**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 at 9.45am**

Tours must be booked in advance. Please call the school office to book your tour.

We look forward to meeting you

Brixworth C.E.V.C. Primary School,  
Froxhill Crescent, Brixworth. NN6 9BG.

**Telephone: 01604 883900**

**[www.brixworthprimary.org.uk](http://www.brixworthprimary.org.uk)**



West Northamptonshire Council

## Apply for a school place

Is your child's 4th birthday on or before **31 August 2024**?



### It's time to apply for a Reception place

 Application Deadline: **15 January 2024**



[www.westnorthants.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/school-admissions)



West Northamptonshire Council

## Is your child currently in Year 6?




### Apply for Year 7 at Secondary school

 Application Deadline: **31 October 2023**



[www.westnorthants.gov.uk/school-admissions](http://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/school-admissions)

# SUPERHERO DAY

## MY TEACHER MY HERO


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**VEGETARIAN**  
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## TIME FOR US ALL

Drop in at Brixworth Community Hall

**21<sup>st</sup> September at 12:00 – 1:30pm**

**SEN Support Group**

**All welcome**

**Carers welcome and kids too**

**Free tea / coffee or juice**

**Feel free to pop in and meet the team**

Brixworth SEN Support Group

In touch with Northamptonshire Carers



Helping everyone become tennis heroes!



# OPEN DAY



book here

- Kings Park Tennis Centre, NN3 6LL ●
- Saturday 30th September ●
- 9am - 5pm ●
- Tennis & Flag Football ●

To book a place please visit  
[www.northamptontenniscoaching.co.uk](http://www.northamptontenniscoaching.co.uk)



## Tennis Coaching Schedule:

- 12pm to 12:45pm - 4 to 7 year olds ●
- 12:45 to 1:30pm - 8 to 11 year olds ●
- 1:30 to 2:15pm - 12 to 17 year olds ●
- 2:15 to 3pm - Adult Beginners ●
- 3 to 3:45pm - Adult Club Players ●

(limited places on these sessions!)

## What else is on:

- Ex GB pro Exhibition match (4-5pm)
- Serve speed gun
- Ball machine
- Beat The Coach
- Flag Football Coaching Sessions
- Free Play 9am till 12pm



SCAN ME

book here



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**Brixworth Primary School**

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Roade Primary School  
Hartwell Road  
Roade  
NN7 2NT

**Brixworth Venue**  
Brixworth CEVC School  
Froxhill Crescent  
Brixworth  
Northampton NN6 9BG

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