



PRIMARY WORD

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Events for week beginning 9th October 2023

Day	Time	Event	Venue	Taken By
Mon	15.30-16.30 15.45-18.15	Yr 1-4 Freestyle Soccer Parents Evening	School Field Allocated Classrooms	Freestyle Your Child's Teachers
Tue	<u>World Mental Health Day</u> <u>Bag2School Clothing Donations</u>			
	12.15-13.15	Home Learning Club	Miss de Rossi's Classroom	Miss de Rossi
	12.15-12.45	Beginners Recorder Club	Miss Duckworth's Classroom	Miss Duckworth
	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 16.30-19.00	Yr 3, 5/6 Guitar Parents Evening	Library Allocated Classrooms	Mr Smith Your Child's Teachers
Thurs	09.00-11.20 13.10-14.10 15.30-16.30 17.30-19.45	Yr 3/4 Guitar Woodwind Yr 1-4 Freestyle Dodgeball Taekwon-do	Library Library School Field Main Hall	Mr Smith Miss Retford Freestyle Mr Bonfield
Fri	09.00-10.20 12.30-15.00 15.30-16.30	Violin Selected YR5 Swimming YR3-6 Freestyle Dodgeball	Library The Mounts School Field	Mr Ebrahim Mrs Reynolds Freestyle
Sun	10.30-11.30	Brixworth Community Church - Informal Service	Main Hall	Rev Andy Lloyd Williams

Useful Information

Christmas Performances

Further to the notification on Primary Word on 22nd September I would like to clarify the Christmas Carol Service arrangements for the Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6) pupils.

Every child in Key Stage 2 will be participating in the service with each year group singing their own songs.

We will of course evaluate the success of the Christmas performances to inform our decisions for future years.

Year 5 and 6 Football / KS2 Choir

Please note both of the above clubs will not be running next week. They will commence again the following week.

Remembrance Service Change of Date

Please be advised that the date of the Year 5 Remembrance Service at All Saints Church has now changed to **Friday 10th November at 10.15am.**

School Photos - Reminder

Please place your order by **Tuesday 10th October** for your photos to be delivered to school free of charge. After this date there will be an additional delivery charge for postage to a home address.

Foundation Stage Phonics Evening

Thank you to all the parents who attended the phonics evening on Wednesday. We are sure the presentation will be a huge help in assisting your child with their phonics development. If you were unable to attend the meeting please see the following link on the website where the PowerPoint presentation can be found -

[Foundation Stage Phonics Evening 2023.pdf](#)

Assembly Theme Week Commencing 9th October 2023
Be the Best You Can Be Emotional Bee

Celebration Assembly

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



Academically

Belle N
 Jacob G
 Sophie C
 Amelie R
 Freddie B

Socially

Emilia C
 Summer A

Spiritually

Isla H



On Tuesday 10th October our children will be celebrating World Mental Health Day within their classes. As part of this we would like all children to come to school wearing an item of yellow clothing, so that we can raise awareness with the slogan '**Hello, Yellow!**'.

We would love to hear about anything you have done over the next week or so to promote good mental health! Please share photos or quotes on your google classroom. Some lovely activities could be:

- ◇ Create a 'self soothe' box
- ◇ Encourage simple acts of kindness and pass them on
- ◇ Use a picture story book to discuss character's feelings and practice making different faces
- ◇ As a family, choose some songs that makes you feel good and share them with each other
- ◇ Create a poster about how to find your 'inner calm'

Parents Evening Appointment Locations

All Parents Evening meetings will take place in the Key Stage 2 classrooms.

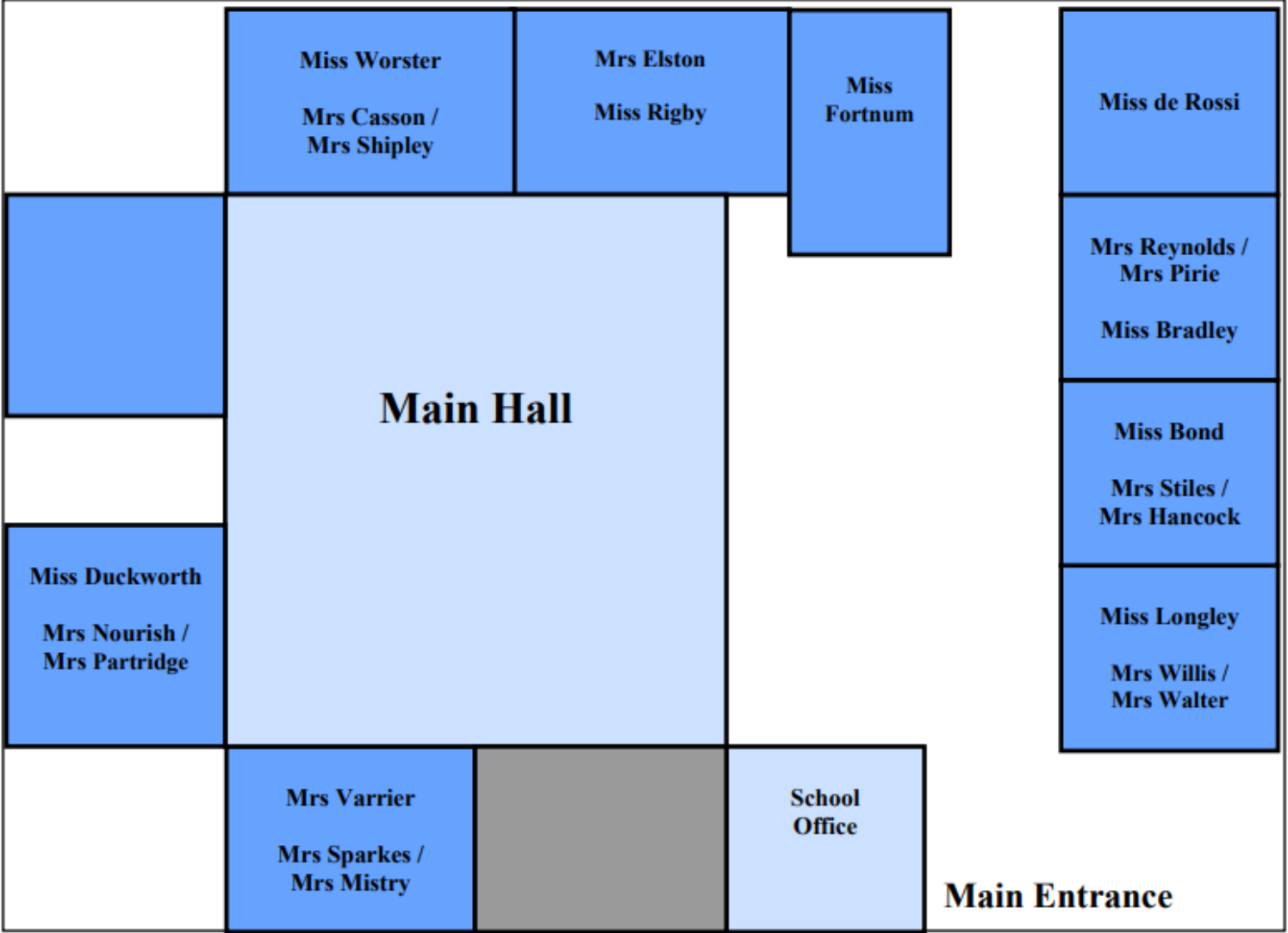
Below is a plan of the upper school and the classroom where each teacher will be based.

Access to and from the school will be via the main office door only.

Please note, there will be at least two teachers in each classroom.

Your child’s English and Maths books will be with the teacher who will give them to you should you wish to browse through them after your meeting. Please return them to the allocated box outside your child's classroom before leaving.

It is advised, where possible, not to bring your child/children with you but if you have no choice, please can you ensure they remain well behaved so as not to disturb other appointments. They will have to wait outside during your meeting therefore if you could provide a quiet activity for them to engage in this would be beneficial.



As a school we know the importance of supporting your child's health and wellbeing therefore, during Mondays Parents Evening, Mrs Marsh and Miss Norton (our pastoral support assistant) will be available to speak to in the main hall from 3.45 - 6.15pm should you wish to discuss any questions or concerns you have about your child.

Holdenby House

Last week, Years 5 and 6 enjoyed a trip to **Holdenby House** for a WW2 Evacuee experience where they learnt about rationing and preparing food of the time. They also learnt about air raid precautions, first aid and clothes rationing. Many of the children dressed up as an evacuee to complement the experience.

They all thoroughly enjoyed the day.

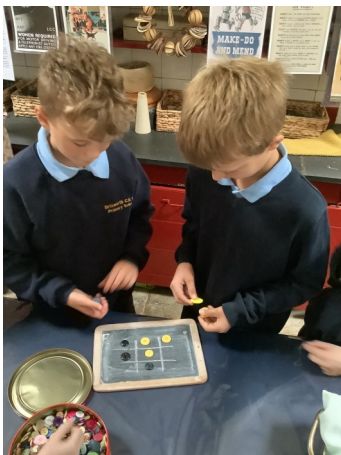


My trip was very fun. When we got there we went into an air raid shelter and experienced some scary sounds. There was also a point where the lights got turned off and there was a lot of screaming. After the lights got turned back on we left the air raid shelter and we went into a building where they did some chopping, grating and peeling. If there were any scraps left from the peeling, we would put them in a bucket where they would be fed to the pigs.

When we finished, we washed our hands and went to the next activity which was knitting! Knitting was one of my favourite parts of the day. It was not just knitting, we also sorted buttons with colour differences.

After knitting was over, we had lunch and played Chinese whispers. We also sang a song that we had learnt on Tuesday. Finally, we got on the bus and got a sticker.

— **By Kameron M**



Today we went to Holdenby House. We started our day by getting into groups, then my group went into the kitchen first. We got taught about things like rations and why they are important. Then everyone got a part to play in the kitchen. I helped with cutting the food. Next, we went to the air raid shelter. They told us the importance of them and then played sounds of sirens and bombs and also turned the lights out!

The last thing we did was go to the bedroom where we learnt a bit more about the blitz. Then we were taken to a different room where we had the choice to organise buttons, make pom poms or knit something.

Eventually, the day sadly ended. I learnt lots of new things and also had lot of fun.

- **By Opa K**



Platinum School Games Award

We are pleased to announce that Brixworth Primary School have achieved the Platinum School Games Mark award for our commitment and engagement in the School Games. Receiving Gold for the past 4 years meant that Brixworth was eligible to achieve Platinum. Brixworth Primary has demonstrated the impact and meaningful difference PE and sport can have on every one of its pupils. Platinum is the highest award level the school can achieve, providing and engaging our pupils in high quality School Games opportunities. We can proudly say we are an 'actively engaged school'.



Bag2School Clothing Donations Day - REMINDER

If you are donating any clothing or accessories please return the donation bag (and any extra bags) to your child's classroom on **Tuesday 10th October**.

Remember, the more you donate, the more money we raise for new school resources!

Well Done

We would like to congratulate Jessie Austin in year 4 who took part in the Open Platform Irish Dancing Federation (OPIDF) on Saturday 30th September.



It was a huge event, held at Leas Cliff Hall in Folkestone. Jessie finished 7th in her age category in the Beginners Preliminary World Championship and achieved a podium place.

Well done Jessie, what a brilliant achievement.

Harvest Service - Thursday 19th October 2023

Year 1 children will be going to **All Saints Church** in Brixworth on the morning of **Thursday 19th October** to celebrate Harvest.

The remaining year groups will celebrate Harvest in the school hall.

We plan to distribute harvest gifts to senior citizens in the village or to any family who may benefit from such a gift. If you would like to make a contribution please can you kindly ensure that your donation is in a form suitable for use by a Senior Citizen. Made up boxes/baskets are most welcome as are individual items that we can then make up into boxes at school.

(Please avoid large, perishable items, and check use by dates of food donated.)

Donations should be taken to your child's classroom by Thursday 19th October.

Year 6 children, supervised by members of staff, will then deliver the donations to the individuals concerned on **Friday 20th October**.

Using information from yourselves and the Wardens of the Senior Citizens' establishments in the village, we have compiled a list of persons to receive your harvest donations.

Further additions and amendments to the list may be made by contacting the school office. Please note this year we would also welcome details of any families who may benefit from a harvest parcel.