



# PRIMARY WORD

*We should be the best we can be for we are all God's Masterpiece*

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## Events for week beginning 27th November 2023

Day	Time	Event	Venue	Taken By
Monday 27th	15.30-16.30	YR1-4 Freestyle Soccer	School Field	Freestyle
	15.30-16.30	YR3/4 Atomic Science Club	Mrs Elston's Room	Atomic Tom
	15.30-16.15	Athletics Practice	Main Hall	Mrs Devereux
Tuesday 28th	12.15-13.00	YR4/5 Home Learning Club	Miss de Rossi's Room	Miss de Rossi
	12.15-12.45	Beginners Recorder Club	Miss Duckworth's Room	Miss Duckworth
	15.30-16.30	YR5&6 Football	School Field	Mrs Reynolds
	18.15-20.00	Taekwon-do	Main Hall	Mr Bonfield
Wednesday 29th	09.00-11.00	YR3, 5/6 Guitar	Library	Mr Smith
	19.30-21.30	PTA Wreath Making	Small Hall	PTA
<b>PTA Christmas Stall</b>				
Thursday 30th	09.00-11.20	YR3/4 Guitar	Library	Mr Smith
	12.50-16.00	YR5/6 Athletics	Daventry	Mrs Devereux
	13.10-14.10	Woodwind	Library	Miss Retford
	15.30-16.15	KS2 Choir	Main Hall	Mrs Marsh/Varrier/Devereux
	15.30-16.30	YR1-4 Freestyle Dodgeball	School Field	Freestyle
	17.30-19.45	Taekwon-do	Main Hall	Mr Bonfield
	18.30-20.30	PTA Wreath Making	Small Hall	PTA
Friday 1st	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
Sunday 3rd	10.30-11.30	Brixworth Community Church - Informal Service	Main Hall	Rev Andy Lloyd-Williams

### PTA Christmas Stall

Please remember that if you would like your child to purchase a gift from the Christmas Stall on Thursday please send their money in an envelope marked with their name together with a carrier bag so that they can carry their items home safely.

### Christmas Dinner

If you would like your child to have a Christmas meal on Tuesday 19th December (KS2) or Wednesday 20th December (FS & KS1), please ensure you place your order by

**Midnight on Wednesday 13th December** using the following link:

[Login | Kingswood Catering](#)



### Children in Need 2023

We would like to say thank you for all of the donations received for Children in Need last week. We raised £439.48



### School Parking



### **NO PARKING**

Can we remind all parents again to be mindful when dropping off or picking up children from school. It has been brought to our attention that many people are parking in the numbered visitor parking spaces in Highfield Close and driving in a dangerous manner in the car parks within that area. Please be advised that you do not have permission to park in the visitor bays as these are for residents only.

## Assembly Theme Week Commencing 27th November 2023

### Love

# Celebration Assembly

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



### Academically

William N  
Libby O  
Nya T  
Kam M  
Gene P  
Alice M

### Socially

Bethany H  
Etta R

### Spiritually

Harry H

## Praise Letters

Congratulations to the following children for receiving a praise letter from their teacher:

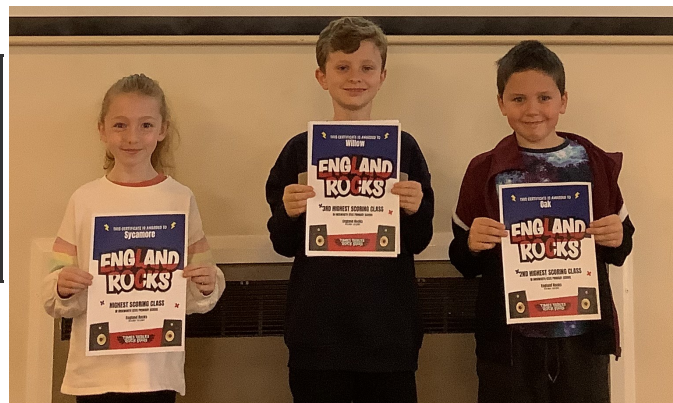
Chloe T, Clara W, Kaeden-James S, Harry M, Tilly U,  
Gretel P, Penny S, Joshua Y, Erin G, Alfie L, Lillia MB, Vienna D, Molly K,  
Caden W, Ava-Grace H



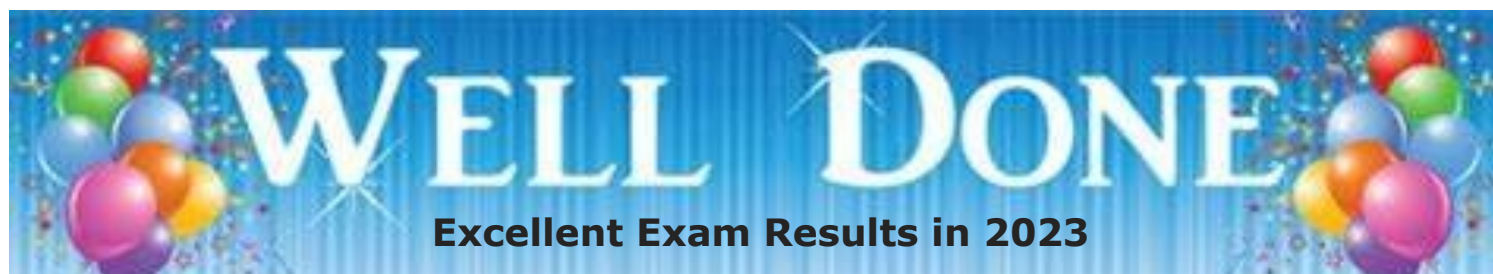
Last week, Key Stage 2 classes all took part in the TT Rockstars competition, England Rocks. Children have been really motivated by this and they have been logging on to earn their class points. The results were:

1st	Sycamore Class	Mrs Reynolds/Mrs Pirie	1321
2nd	Oak Class	Miss Worster	1153
3rd	Willow Class	Miss Bond	607

In addition to this the children with the highest overall scores were: Niamh D, Oliver M and Anthony B. Well done!







The school's comparative academic performance data has come through this term from the Department of Education. It is so pleasing that all of our data; from Early Years Foundation Stage, through Year One Phonics and Key Stage One data; right up to all elements in Key Stage Two, are all above national and local average performance levels, with a very high proportion being 'significantly' above both local and national figures.

Most pleasing is our Key Stage Two data. It confirmed that the children from Brixworth reached levels in their Reading, Writing and Math's attainment that puts Brixworth in the top 10% of all schools nationally. The number of children reaching age expectation in all three areas was 20% above both local and national averages, a fantastic achievement.

A big congratulations needs to go to last year's Year Six pupils and all the staff across the school.

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## **District Cross Country**



On Wednesday 22nd November 8 year 4, 5 and 6 children went to Courteenhall Estate near Roade to compete in the District Cross Country Competition where they represented our school. All of the children did their very best and were a real asset to the school with their determination and attitude towards their race. It was a cold day and the course was very muddy due to the recent weather so there were a few slips and slides but every one of the children ran their best and we are exceptionally proud of them.

A special mention to Max H who came second, Elsie R who came 3rd and Zephyr M who came 4th, in their respective races.





## PTA Christmas Cake Design Competition 2023

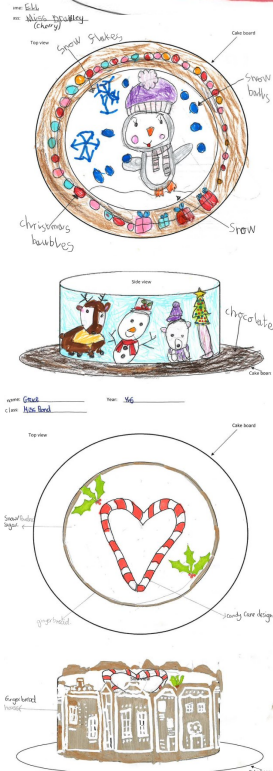


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Discover your dream cake...

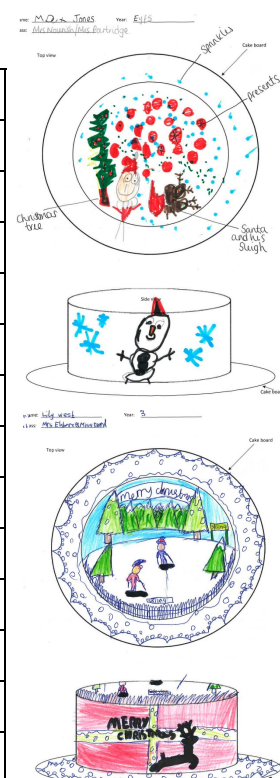
Thank you to all who entered this years Cake Competition. It was such a tough decision deciding on a winner as all the entries were amazing!

We awarded a winner and runner up for each year group, then an overall winner was chosen from the winners of each year group.

Congratulations to **Elsie W in year 1**, who will have her design made into a cake.



Foundation Winner	Max J
Foundation Runner Up	Everly M
Year 1 Winner	Elsie W
Year 1 Runner Up	Ella C
Year 2 Winner	Freddie E
Year 2 Runner Up	Elizabeth H
Year 3 Winner	Lily W
Year 3 Runner Up	Max B
Year 4 Winner	Edward R
Year 4 Runner Up	Eliza G
Year 5 Winner	Summer D
Year 5 Runner Up	Sophie C
Year 6 Winner	Grace G
Year 6 Runners Up	Florence P & Rosie B



You may also notice that there are two runner ups in year 6 as the cake designer loved both designs so much and couldn't choose between them so decided to offer an additional place.



## Thank you Brixworth Bulletin!

This year we are working to develop our Early Years Outdoor Classroom to make it an even better place for the children to grow, learn and explore! We were very fortunate to receive a grant from the Brixworth Bulletin to be used for a vegetable garden area. We have been able to purchase planters, compost, seed trays, shovels, gardening gloves and a wheelbarrow which will be perfect when the spring comes to start growing! Hopefully we will be eating some delicious carrots, peas, lettuces, radishes, beans and beetroots next year. In addition to this, we also got some balance stones and a tray with stand - perfect for all year round! Thank you Brixworth Bulletin! Mrs Mistry and the EYFS Team



# Christmas Performances

As we approach the Christmas season, we are beginning to get excited about this year's Christmas performances and celebrations.

As you may recall, this year we will still be having our Foundation Stage Nativity and our Key Stage One Christmas play but our Key Stage Two children, from Years 3 to 6, will all be coming together to have a Nativity Carol Service.

The Foundation Stage Nativity will have two performances, on **Tuesday 12th December at 9.15 am and 2.45 pm**

We do not issue tickets for these performances but it would be useful if we knew how many people to expect for each performance so we will be sending out a form via parent mail shortly so you can let us know which performance you will be attending.

The Key Stage One Christmas play will also have two performances on **Wednesday 13th December at 9.15am and 2.45pm.**

As previously advised this is a combined production with both Year One and Two children, so we do have to slightly limit the numbers of adults attending. Two tickets per family will be issued for both performances. If you are unable to use the tickets please feel free to pass them on to other family members or other parents who may be able to use them. Tickets will be issued next week.

The Key Stage Two carol concert will take place on **Thursday 14th December at 6pm.** Each year group will have readings, a short tableaux and carols to sing. The event will be held, weather permitting in the playground and therefore will not require tickets. We hope as many members of our school family and community can join us as possible. There is an expectation that all Key Stage Two children attend. If we are rained off on the Thursday we do have a reserve date of Monday 18th December, again at 6.00pm.



## PTA Christmas Fair and Santa's Grotto

### 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023 12pm-2pm

Our Christmas fair plans are well under way. We have been making chimneys, wrapping presents, and paving Candy Cane Lane ready for you all.

Tickets for the fair are now on sale via the PTA-Events page. All attendees of school age and above will need a ticket, you can also pay on the day.

Santa's Grotto tickets will go on sale Monday 27<sup>th</sup> at 8.00am, there is limited availability so please book if you wish for your child to visit the grotto.

The ticket link for the fair is as follows:

[Brixworth CEVC Primary School PTA \(pta-events.co.uk\)](https://pta-events.co.uk)

For Santa's Grotto, the link will be sent via Parent Mail

**ENTRY TO THE FAIR WILL ONLY BE VIA THE ENTRANCE BEHIND THE LIBRARY**



### Cinderella

Summer in year 4 is performing in the Christmas Pantomime Cinderella, at The Castle Theatre in Wellingborough on the following dates and times:

5th December 10.00am  
 7th December 6.30pm  
 9th December 2.30pm  
 14th December 10.00am  
 16th December 2.30pm  
 20th December 2.30pm  
 23rd December 2.30pm  
 24th December 5.30pm  
 29th December 2.30pm  
 30th December 6.30pm

### The Song of the Week This Week Is..

Here Comes  
 The Sun  
 by  
 The Beatles



## Higher Level Teaching Assistant Vacancy

**This position is 31.50 hours per week, 39 weeks of the year.  
Salary £26421 FTE (Actual £19262 pa)**

We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic, caring and dedicated Higher Level Teaching Assistant, with experience of Key Stage Two, to join our team from January 2024. You will work with our teachers to raise the learning and attainment of our pupils, promoting their independence, self-esteem and social inclusion.

The successful candidate will:

- ◇ Have the safety and wellbeing of our children at the centre of all they do
- ◇ Have a commitment to supporting children
- ◇ Show empathy and compassion to the social, emotional and mental wellbeing of all our children
- ◇ To complement the teachers' delivery of the national curriculum and contribute to the development of other support staff, pupils and school policies and strategies.
- ◇ To undertake specified timetabled teaching duties and supervise whole classes during short-term absences of teachers, including PPA.
- ◇ To provide support for pupils, the teacher and the school in order to raise standards of achievement for all pupils by utilising advanced levels of knowledge and skills when assisting with planning, monitoring, assessing and managing classes, and to encourage pupils to become independent learners.
- ◇ Support the school's Christian Ethos and work towards our vision of every member of our school family being the best they can be.

In return, we can offer you a great team of professionals, children and a supportive school community. We will provide you with excellent opportunities to develop professionally. The selection process will consist of an interview with members of the senior leadership team, a short observed activity with a group of pupils and an interview with the school council.

Applications should be emailed to the school at: [office50@brixworth.northants.sch.uk](mailto:office50@brixworth.northants.sch.uk) by 9.00 am on Friday 8th December. Interviews will take place week commencing 11th December.

We are committed to safeguarding in our school and promoting the welfare of all our children and adults in our community and we expect all members of our staff to share this commitment.

For more information about our wonderful school, please look at our website: <https://www.brixworthprimary.org.uk/>

We recommend candidates phone the school and arrange for an informal visit with the Headteacher.

Application packs can be downloaded from our school website.



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 issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## Top Tips for Safer Online Shopping on

# BLACK FRIDAY AND CYBER MONDAY

Black Friday and Cyber Monday have become established as two of the year's biggest shopping events, giving consumers the opportunity to snap up a stash of stunning bargains. While this is generally good news, of course, the resultant retail frenzy can lead to people dropping their guard – especially online. In previous years, a seasonal surge in cyber-crime has seen schemes such as phishing emails and credit card scams being unleashed on unwary buyers. Our guide has some essential pointers on keeping your details – and your money – safe while you shop.

### ENSURE A SITE'S SECURE

Before inputting sensitive information (like your card details) into a website, check that the site's secure. The key thing is to look for a padlock symbol in the address bar and check that the URL begins with "https://" – the "s" indicates that the web address has been encrypted with an SSL certificate. Without that, any data entered on the site could be intercepted by criminal third parties.

### TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS

If a deal seems too good to be true, then it probably is. Be especially wary if a site offering unbelievable discounts doesn't look professional (for example, if it's covered with pop-up adverts or it looks particularly outdated) – this often serves as a red flag that the seller might not be entirely trustworthy. Minimise risk by sticking with well-known, reputable retailers instead.

### REVIEW BANK STATEMENTS

Even if you've followed all our tips, it's probably worth checking your next bank statement for any unusual transactions. Criminals know that on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, lots of people make numerous purchases online; they're hoping that any stolen money will get lost in the crowd of other transactions. If you see a payment or payee you can't identify, raise it with your bank straight away.

### BEWARE OF SUSPICIOUS EMAILS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday often bring a significant spike in phishing emails, as criminals use the events' sense of urgency as cover for stealing personal information. Even if they look legitimate, be wary of emails requiring you to do something unusual or suspicious: providing your personal details in exchange for access to last-minute deals, for example, or clicking on a link to an unfamiliar site.

### CHECK IT'S THE REAL DEAL

It's not just cybercriminals you need to be wary of. Research has shown that some online retailers increase the price of certain items in the weeks before Black Friday and Cyber Monday – enabling them to then advertise "discounts" (which, in reality, have simply restored the cost to normal levels). Use an online price comparison tool to verify whether these "reductions" truly equate to a saving.

### MINIMISE MICROTRANSACTIONS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday promotions extend to digital items as well as physical ones. Some gaming companies will offer discounts on in-app and in-game microtransactions such as loot boxes. If you're concerned about how much your child might spend on these upgrades, you can restrict their ability to make purchases (via their device's settings) or remove any linked payment methods.

### SET STURDY PASSWORDS

A strong, unique password is one of the most straightforward ways to protect yourself from cyber-crime. As most of us have multiple online shopping accounts, it can be tempting to use the same password for them all – but this puts your personal data at greater risk. You could try using a password manager to create a different, robust password for each online retailer that you visit.

### DITCH THE DEBIT CARD

Where possible, it's safest to shop online with a credit card (as opposed to a debit card) because it offers additional protection. If a purchase is made fraudulently on your credit card, there's a fair chance of your bank reimbursing you. Should criminals obtain your debit card details, however, they could empty your account in moments – and it can be difficult to recover your money.

### RESIST THE INFLUENCE

Recommendations from social media influencers are another thing to remain vigilant for on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. While many of these will be legitimate, remember that influencers are often paid to promote products – and to publicise deals that aren't quite as amazing as they might seem. Don't feel pressured into buying purely on their advice; look at everything with a critical eye.

### TAKE CARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media scammers are more active on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, as they know people are hunting for deals online. These scammers tend to concentrate on platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, posting malicious links that can compromise shoppers' personal details. Other scammers, meanwhile, falsely advertise products in an attempt to trick users out of their hard-earned cash.

### Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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