



# 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 Monday 11th December 2023

Day	Time	Event	Venue	Taken By
Monday 11th	15.30-16.30	YR1-4 Freestyle Soccer	School Field	Freestyle
	15.30-16.30	YR3/4 Atomic Science Club	Mrs Elston's Classroom	Atomic Tom
Tuesday 12th	09.15-09.45	Foundation Stage Nativity	Main Hall	FS Teachers
	12.15-13.00	YR4/5 Home Learning Club	Miss de Rossi's Room	Miss de Rossi
	14.45-15.15	Foundation Stage Nativity	Main Hall	FS Teachers
	18.15-20.00	Taekwon-do	Main Hall	Mr Bonfield
Wednesday 13th	09.00-11.00	YR3, 5/6 Guitar	Library	Mr Smith
	09.15-10.00	KS1 Christmas Performance	Main Hall	KS1 Teachers
	14.45-15.30	KS1 Christmas Performance	Main Hall	KS1 Teachers
Thursday 14th	09.00-11.20	YR3/4 Guitar	Library	Mr Smith
	13.10-14.10	Woodwind	Library	Miss Retford
	15.30-16.30	YR1-4 Freestyle Dodgeball	Main Hall	Freestyle
	18.00-19.00	KS2 Carol Concert	School Playground	KS2 Teachers
	17.30-19.45	Taekwon-do	Main Hall	Mr Bonfield
Friday 15th	<b><u>Christmas Jumper Day</u></b>			
	09.00-10.20	Violin	Library	Mr Ebrahim
	12.15-12.45	Beginners Recorder Club	Miss Duckworth's Room	Miss Duckworth
	12.30-15.00	Selected YR5 Swimming	The Mounts	Mrs Reynolds
	15.30-16.30	YR3-6 Freestyle Dodgeball	School Field	Freestyle
Sunday 17th	10.30-11.30	Brixworth Community Church - Informal Service	Main Hall	Rev Andy Lloyd-Williams



### **Final Day Christmas Celebrations**

The children will be enjoying some Christmas activities on the last day of term therefore they are invited to wear their own clothes / party clothes. Please be advised that the clothing needs to be appropriate for both the school day and the weather. As with all non-uniform days football kits are not permitted to be worn. During the afternoon, classes will enjoy some snacks which have kindly been provided by the PTA.



### **Christmas Dinner**

If you wish for your child to have a Christmas meal, please remember to book by Midnight on **Wednesday 13th December** using the following link: [Login | Kingswood Catering](#)

### **Welcome Back**

We would like to welcome back Miss Stockbridge and Mrs Roberts. Both teachers are returning from maternity leave and are very much looking forward to teaching again.



### **Lost Property**

All Lost property will be placed outside, under the bandstand at the end of the school day on **Monday 11th December** should you wish to retrieve any missing items.



### **Christmas Jumper Day**

We are holding our Christmas Jumper Day next Friday (**15th December**).

We are inviting all children to wear a Christmas jumper, in support of Save the Children. To donate please use the following link - [Donate | Save the Children UK](#)



**Choir - Thursday 14th December**

Please note there will be no choir after school on Thursday due to the KS2 Carol Concert.

**Parent Governor Role**

If you wish to apply for the Parent Governor Role please complete the candidate form and return it to: [governors@brixworth.northants.sch.uk](mailto:governors@brixworth.northants.sch.uk) by **Friday 15th December**.

**Appropriate Clothing**

With the weather now substantially colder please can you ensure your child wears an appropriate coat and/or jumper to school and wears them during break and play times.

**Assembly Theme** Week Commencing 11th December 2023  
**Advent**

# Celebration Assembly

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

**Socially**

Maia S  
Cooper H

**Academically**

Annabelle A  
Alfie E  
Jamie D  
Brooklyn F  
Landon R  
Seb F  
Rei D

**Year 5 & 6 Sportshall Athletics**

Last week we went to an athletics competition for school. We all did four activities, two track events and two field events. Our team came first and we all tried so so hard. Well done to Brixworth.

- By Harvey R & Edie B, Year 5





## Eco Council News

On Monday afternoon, we went to the library with the other Eco councillors from KS2. We had been asked to make some Christmas tree decorations from recycled material and chose to make bells from used plastic yoghurt pots. We were very excited to put our finished bells and some candy canes onto the tree outside the library. They looked great!

Please stop to take a look if you are visiting Brixworth library.

Thank you for reading this.  
Ted and Macy  
Eco Councillors for Hawthorn class.



## Mercedes Rocket Competition Experience

A couple of weeks ago our Mercedes Competition winners, Mia and Imogen, got to visit the Mercedes factory and meet the British Astronaut Tim Peake. We had a tour of the factory and spoke to some of the engineers who work there. Then we got to meet Tim. He was lovely and chatted with Mia and Imogen about their winning rocket designs.

"We got to go to Mercedes as we won a rocket competition in our school. We went with Mrs Stiles. When we arrived we had a tour which was truly amazing! We got to see all the rooms that some of the staff have never even seen. It was an incredible experience. To make it more special we got to meet Tim Peake! He signed the drawings we had done. All the Mercedes people came in and we got to learn about his life. A few people got to ask him some questions. At the end we got a gift bag. In the gift bag was a signed book by Tim Peake, a t-shirt and a bottle. It was the best day of my life!"

- **By Mia B and Imogen F**







# Christmas Performances

Parents/guardians should enter the school through the doors at the POD entrance for the Nativity and KS1 performances.

## Foundation Stage Nativity - Tuesday 12th December at 9.15am & 2.45pm

Tickets have not been issued for the foundation stage nativity but seats will need to be booked. A Parentmail was sent home this week in order to reserve your seats. You will be able to access this until 9am on Monday.

## Year 1 & 2 Performance - Wednesday 13th December at 9.15am & 2.45pm

Tickets were sent home for these performances on Wednesday 29th November. Two tickets were issued per family for both performances. Tickets will need to be produced upon entry.



## Key Stage 2 (Years 3 - 6) Carol Concert

Please enter the school via the main school pupil entrance on Froxhill Crescent (not the office) and drop your child to their classroom between 5.40-5.45pm. Children **MUST** arrive on time.

Children have been invited to wear a Christmas jumper but they will also need to wrap up warm.

Parents will then progress to the school playground. Refreshments will be available in exchange for a small donation.

Children will be seated in a designated area on the playground in their class groups. We estimate the concert should last for around an hour. Once the carol concert has finished your child will return with their teacher to their classroom. Please make your way to your child's classroom to collect them from there.

If your child is in Mrs Varrier's or Miss Duckworth's class please collect them from the staff car park. You can access this by using the door at the top of the ramp near the pod.

**All pupils MUST be collected from their classroom as no pupil will be allowed to walk home alone.**



The PTA will be selling raffle tickets prior to each performance at 40p per ticket or £2 per strip. Proceeds from the raffle will go towards the PTA school fund.

In order to safeguard all pupils we must insist that no digital images taken at these performances are uploaded to on-line media or social network sites.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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

I Shot The Sherriff  
by Bob Marley



**BRIXWORTH**  
COMMUNITY CHURCH

*Following Jesus Together*

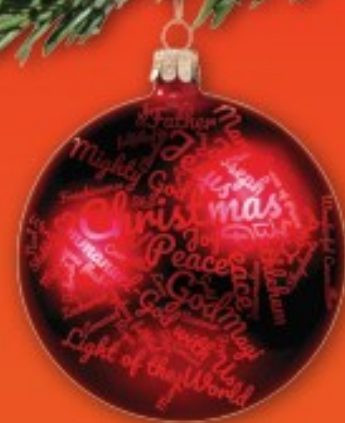
## BRIXWORTH OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

Sunday 17th December 4 p.m.

Come and join us as we celebrate and act out the Christmas story. We hold it outside the Library and Community Centre.

Hot mince pies and hot chocolate served **FREE** after the Nativity. Spratton Road will be closed during the event.

P.S If the weather is inclement we will be holding the Nativity at the school at the same time.




## CHRISTMAS DAY AT BRIXWORTH COMMUNITY CHURCH

Be sure of getting your Christmas Day off to the best start! Service starts at 10:30am, and finishes at 11:15am. We celebrate together the birth of Jesus with carols, short message and an opportunity for the children to show off their presents.

All are welcome.

Contact Andy Lloyd-Williams 07958 604961

 **YouTube** @Brixworthcommunitychurch

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What you need to know about...

# MUSIC STREAMING APPS & SITES

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## What are they? 'Music Streaming Apps & Sites'

Music streaming apps allow people to listen to music on their devices. It gives users access to millions of songs and artists from around the world. Popular music streaming apps and sites include Spotify, Soundcloud, Apple music, Amazon Prime and Deezer. Music streaming allows children to listen to songs from around the world in a much easier and cheaper way. This enables them to showcase their talent which would have been very hard to do many years back.

## Know the Risks

### Explicit content

Explicit content is everywhere online, including in popular music. Children can easily access songs on Spotify, for example, that may have explicit or inappropriate language not suitable for children. It is also easy to erase searches so you can't see what a child has been listening to.

### Adult themed podcasts

Many music streaming apps also offer the ability to listen to podcasts which can vary across any kind of topic, from business and health to comedy and relationships. Again, children could be exposed to content which is more adult themed or contains age-inappropriate language.

### Chatting to strangers

Some music apps, like Playlist, want to make music a more social experience by finding others who share the same musical tastes and will allow users to join group chats where they listen to a playlist together in real time. This could open up your child to talking to strangers online.

## Safety Tips

### Use child friendly apps

Many music streaming services are made just for children. For instance, the Spotify kids app provides parents with control over what their children listen to and all the content is family friendly and fun for children to explore.

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### Turn off explicit content

Most of the major music streaming apps will provide the option to turn off explicit material to make sure the music is completely clean. Some services even offer an option to lock the content censoring settings with a password, so your child can't switch it back.

### Implement privacy controls

Check the privacy setting of your child's app. Ensure that whichever app or site they choose to stream music, the settings are set to be private. This way they can only share the music they are listening too with friends and family and can't engage in conversation with strangers.

## Offering Support

### Explore apps yourself

If your child insists on wanting to use a music streaming app then be part of the journey with them. Take the time to understand which apps they prefer to use and why they want to use it. Find out how to use the app yourself and understand what they could be exposed to and how to ensure they get the most of it in a safe manner.

### Regularly check-in

Have regular conversations with your child about what they are listening to and how they are feeling. If they do hear explicit music or content that makes them feel uncomfortable, let them know that they can always talk to you and discuss what they've heard and what it means.

## Our Expert Parven Kaur



Parven Kaur is social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks; a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.