



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 8th January 2024

Day	Time	Event	Venue	Taken By
Monday 8th		<u>School Reopens</u>		
	15.30-16.30	YR1-4 Freestyle Soccer	School Field	Freestyle
Tuesday 9th	18.15-20.00	Taekwon-do	Main Hall	Mr Bonfield
Wednesday 10th	09.00-11.00	YR3, 5/6 Guitar	Library	Mr Smith
Thursday 11th	09.00-11.20	YR3/4 Guitar	Library	Mr Smith
	09.00-11.30	YR4 Samba Drumming	Small Hall	YR4 Teachers
	12.45-13.05	Year 2 Choir	Mrs Walter's Classroom	Mrs Walter
	13.10-14.10	Woodwind	Library	Miss Retford
	15.30-16.30	YR1-4 Freestyle Dodgeball	School Playground	Freestyle
	17.30-19.45	Taekwon-do	Main Hall	Mr Bonfield
Friday 12th	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 Playground	Freestyle
Sunday 14th	10.30-11.30	Brixworth Community Church - Informal Service	Main Hall	Rev Andy Lloyd-Williams



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy New Year and Welcome Back

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and we look forward to welcoming all the children back hopefully refreshed and full of enthusiasm for the start of the new term.

Primary School Application Deadline

Please note the deadline to apply for a place at Primary School is **Monday 15th January**. If you haven't yet applied for a place please do so via the following link -

[Apply for a primary school place - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

Year 6 Parents SATs Evening

The end of Key Stage 2 National Curriculum tests (SATs) are undertaken during the week beginning Monday 13th May.

Following the successful use of SATs revision guides in previous years, we will be using them again this year. There is a meeting for parents on **Wednesday 17th January at 6.00pm** to discuss the KS2 tests and the importance of using the guides.

Please note this meeting is for parents only as the children will attend their own meeting during school time.



Next week, we will be issuing the children with a Bag2School donation bag.

If you have any good quality second hand clothing, shoes or accessories from your Christmas/New Year sort out, please feel free to donate them to the school in order to raise money for the PTA towards various resources required throughout school.

If you fill the Bag2School donation bag and still have additional items, please use your own bags.

We will be requesting that the donation bag(s) be returned to your child's classroom on **Monday 15th January**.

Please can we request that donations are not brought into school earlier than the date specified due to limited storage.

Assembly Theme Week Commencing 8th January 2024 School Vision & Spiritually Aware

Celebration Assembly

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



Socially

Amelia C
Max J

Academically

Harry B
Sophia S
Jenson B
Melania A
Vesper M
Voilet W

Emotionally

Ivy Y

Praise Letters

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

Luke D, Isla H, Rei D, Layla P, Evelyn C,
Aman S F, Kyla R, Maisie L, Alby B, Luke C,
Edward F, Stefan H, Elliot C, Cassie P, Eddie A



Teaching Assistant

**This position is 31.50 hours per week, 39 weeks of the year.
Salary £16600 pa**

We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic, caring and dedicated Teaching Assistant with good interpersonal skills to join our team from February 2024. You will work with our teachers to raise the learning and attainment of our pupils, promoting their independence, self-esteem and social inclusion.

It is a requirement of this post that you undertake Lunchtime Supervision.

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.
- 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 and a short-observed activity with a group of pupils.

Applications should be emailed to the school at: office50@brixworth.northants.sch.uk by **9.00 am on Friday 26th January**. Interviews will take place week commencing **29th January**.

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.



Spring Term Events

2024



January	4th	Thursday	Training Day	All
	5th	Friday	Training Day	All
	8th	Monday	School Re-Opens	
	17th	Wednesday	Year 6 Parents SATs Evening	
	26th	Friday	Young Voices	Choir
February	2nd	Friday	Candlemas All Saints Church 10.30am	Yr 2
	16th	Friday	School Closes for Half Term	All
	26th	Monday	School Re-Opens	All
March	4th	Monday	PTA Mothers Day Stall	All
	7th	Thursday	World Book Day	All
	7th - 12th	Thursday - Tuesday	Book Fair	
	15th	Friday	PTA Mufti Day	All
	18th	Monday	Parents Evening 3.45 - 6.15pm	All
	20th	Wednesday	Parents Evening 4.30 - 7.00pm	All
	22nd	Friday	PTA Easter Bingo	
	25th - 27th	Monday - Wednesday	Year 4 Residential - Beaumanor	Yr 4
	28th	Thursday	Easter Service - All Saints Church 10.30am	Yr 3
	28th	Thursday	School Closes for Easter Break	

The above are our planned diary dates for the academic year 2023/2024. It is possible that some dates may change to accommodate new or rearranged events. Any changes will be communicated via Primary Word.



Summer Term Events



April	15th	Monday	School Re-Opens	
	24th	Wednesday	Year 6 Residential Meeting for Parents	Yr 6 Parents
May			KS1 SATs will take place throughout May	
	6th	Monday	School Closed Bank Holiday	
	9th	Thursday	Ascension Day - All Saints Church 10.30am	Yr 4
	13th - 16th	Monday - Thursday	Year 6 SATs Week	Yr 6
	20th - 23rd	Monday - Thursday	Bikeability	Yr 6
	24th	Friday	School Closes for Half Term	All
June			Yr 4 Multiplication Tables Check will take place throughout June	
	3rd	Monday	School Re-Opens	All
	10th	W/C	Phonics Screening Check	Yr 1
	12th	Wednesday	FS to Yr1 Transitions Meeting	FS Parents
	13th	Thursday	PTA Fathers Day Stall	All
	14th	Friday	Summer Concert	
	18th	Tuesday	Yr 3 - 6 Sports Day	Yr 3 - 6
	19th	Wednesday	FS, Yr 1 - 2 Sports Day	FS, Yr1 & 2
	19th	Wednesday	FS New Parents Meeting	New FS Parents
	24th - 28th	Monday - Friday	Year 6 Residential Whitemoor Lakes	Yr 6
July	5th	Friday	PTA Mufti Day	All
	6th	Saturday	School Summer Fayre	
	9th	Tuesday PM	New class transition afternoon	
	10th	Wednesday AM	New class transition and Pre School	Yr 6
	12th	Friday	Annual Reports to Parents	All
	12th	Friday	Presentation Assembly	All
	16th	Tuesday	Yr 6 Parents Evening 3.45 -5.00pm	All
	17th	Wednesday	Yr 6 Leavers Party	Yr 6
	18th	Thursday	Yr 6 Leavers Service - All Saints Church 10.30am	Yr 6
	22nd	Monday	Year 6 Assemblies	Yr 6
	23rd	Tuesday	School Closes for Summer Break	All

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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 for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Top Tips for... MANAGING SCREEN TIME

According to the latest stats, people aged between 8 and 17 spend four hours on digital devices during an average day. Obviously, a new year is ideal for fresh starts and renewed efforts – so lots of families are trying to cut down their combined screen time right now, creating more moments to connect with each other and relying less on gadgets to have fun. Our top tips on reducing screen time are for everyone, so you can get your whole family involved in turning over a new leaf this year!

Buy Milk

GET OUT AND ABOUT

If the weather's decent, spend some time in the garden or go for a walk. Even a stroll to the local shop would do: the main thing is getting some fresh air and a break from your screen.

TRY A TIMED TRIAL

When you're taking a screen break to do a different activity or a chore, turn it into a game by setting yourself a timer. Can you complete your task before the alarm goes off?

GO DIGITAL DETOX

Challenge yourself and your family to take time off from screens, finding other things to do. You could start off with half a day, then build up to a full day or even an entire weekend.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let your family see you successfully managing your own screen time. You'll be showing them the way, and it might stop some of those grumbles when you do want to go online.

AGREE TECH-FREE ZONES

Nominate some spots at home where devices aren't allowed. Anywhere your family gathers together, like at the table or in the living room, could become a 'no phone zone'.

HOLD A SCREEN TIME AMNESTY

As a family, agree specific windows when it's OK to use devices. This should help everyone to balance time on phones or gaming with enjoying quality moments together.

BE MINDFUL OF TIME

Stay aware of how long you've been on your device for. Controlling how much time you spend in potentially stressful areas of the internet – like social media platforms – can also boost your wellbeing.

'PARK' PHONES OVERNIGHT

Set up an overnight charging station for everyone's devices – preferably away from bedrooms. That means less temptation for late-night scrolling.

SWITCH ON DND

Research shows that micro-distractions like message alerts and push notifications can chip away at our concentration levels. Put devices on 'do not disturb' until you're less busy.

TAKE A FAMILY TECH BREAK

Set aside certain times when the whole family puts their gadgets away and enjoys an activity together: playing a board game, going for a walk or just having a chat.

SOCIALISE WITHOUT SCREENS

When you're with friends, try not to automatically involve phones, TVs or other tech. Having company can be loads more fun if your attention isn't being split.

WIND DOWN PROPERLY

Try staying off phones, consoles, tablets and so on just before you go to sleep. Reading or just getting comfy in bed for a while can give you a much more restful night.

Meet Our Expert

Minds Ahead design and deliver the UK's only specialist postgraduate mental health qualifications. They also provide training and support to education organisations and local authorities – empowering school leaders and staff with the knowledge and tools to shape their settings into inclusive communities where the mental health of pupils and personnel is prioritised.



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