



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 30th September 2024

Day	Time	Event	Venue	Taken By
Year 6 Test Week				
Mon 30th	9.30-2.40pm 3.30-4.30pm	Guitar YR1-4 Freestyle Soccer	Small Hall School Field	Mr Smith Freestyle
Tues 1st	12.15-12.45pm 12.15-1.15pm 1.45-3pm 3.30-4.15pm 6.15-8pm 6.30pm	Home Learning Club Hotshots Basketball Notivate (Selected Children) YR3/4 Athletics Taekwon-do PTA Annual General Meeting	Miss Worster's Class Small Hall Small Hall School Field Main Hall Small Hall	Miss Worster/Miss de Rossi Hotshots John Bowman Mrs Devereux Mr Bonfield PTA
Wed 2nd	9.15-10.15am 12.15-1.15pm 1.55-2.55pm 6-7pm	Foundation Stage Parents Phonics Meeting Hotshots Basketball Woodwind Foundation Stage Parents Phonics Meeting	Small Hall Small Hall Small Hall Main Hall	FS Teachers Hotshots Miss Retford FS Teachers
Thurs 3rd	9.15am-5pm 12.15-12.45pm 12.15-1.15pm 12.45-1.05pm 3.30-4.15pm 5.30-7.45pm	Selected Choir Trip to Peterborough Cathedral YR3/4 Chatty Café Hotshots Basketball Year 2 Choir KS2 Choir Taekwon-do	Peterborough Cathedral Mrs Varrier's Class Small Hall Mrs Walters's Class Main Hall Main Hall	Mr Tyler Mrs Varrier Hotshots Mrs Walter Mrs Marsh/Devereux/Varrier Mr Bonfield
Fri 4th	12.15-1.15pm 12.30-3.00pm 2.30-3pm 1.30-3.15pm	Hotshots Basketball Selected YR5 Swimming PINS Coffee Afternoon Violin	Small Hall The Mounts Small Hall Meeting Room	Hotshots Mrs Pirie / Mrs Roy Mrs Marsh Mr Ebrahim
Sun 6th	10.30-11.30am	Brixworth Community Church - Informal Service	Main Hall	Rev Andy Lloyd-Williams

Essential Information - REMINDER

Please ensure the data collection form is returned by **Friday 4th October** even if the information remains the same.

For more clarification regarding our use of data please visit the Privacy Notice available on our website. Should any of your details change during the academic year please ensure you inform the school office so we can amend them accordingly.



PTA Annual General Meeting

The PTA will be holding their AGM on **Tuesday 1st October** in the **Small Hall**. Please feel free to join them as they discuss last year's events and plan for the year ahead.

Everyone Welcome!

Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Please arrive from 6.30pm ready for a 7pm start.

Foundation Tours for New Starters 2025

If you have a child who is due to start school next year or you know a parent who has, we still have spaces available for our tours on the following mornings:

Monday 14th October at 9.45am

Tuesday 15th October at 9.45am

Wednesday 20th November 9.45am

Please call the office on 01604 883900 to book your tour.



Bag2School Clothing Donations - Monday 7th October

The PTA are working with Bag2School again this term to raise money to help towards various resources needed throughout the school. A donation bag has been sent home with your child today.

If you wish to donate, please fill the bag and return to your child's classroom on **Monday 7th October.**

The donations can consist of any good quality, secondhand child or adult clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts or accessories.

If you fill the donation bag and have extra items please feel free to use your own bags. The more you donate, the more money we raise.

Amendments to Church Service Dates

Please note, there have been some amendments made to the Church Services dates list.

Foundation Stage Christingle Service
- Friday 13th December at 10.30am

Year 2 Candlemas Service
- Friday 31st January at 10.30am

Year 4 Ascension Day Service
- Friday 23rd May at 10.30am

Year 4 Residential Meeting Presentation

For the Year 4 parents who were unable to attend the meeting on Wednesday regarding the Beaumanor Hall Residential, please find a link to the presentation on our website -

[Brixworth CEVC Primary School - Year 3 & 4 \(brixworthprimary.org.uk\)](http://brixworthprimary.org.uk)



Dogs are wonderful companions and pets, however, some children and adults are not comfortable near them and can be quite worried by their presence. ***Dogs must not be brought onto the school grounds at any time and they should not be tied to surrounding fences as many children are then placed in a position of having to walk past.***

Assembly Theme Week

Commencing 30th September is **Be The Best That You Can Be - Physical Bee**

Celebration Assembly

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



Academically

Louie B
Toby N
Sophia S
Louie M
Polly C
Isabel N
Mason R

House Award

As you may remember, last year we started a house system and every child and adult in the school is in one of five houses. This year we have started awarding a house trophy each week to one of these five houses. Children get points for their house by showing our school values, **kindness, service, forgiveness, truth, courage, thankfulness, peace and love**. Each week we collect the house points from all the classes and the winning house is awarded the House Trophy in Celebration Assembly through one of the five House Captains. Last week was our first week and **Green House** was the winning house.



Parents Evening

We will be holding our autumn term parent evenings on the following dates and times:

Monday 14th October between 3.45pm - 6.15pm
Wednesday 16th October between 4.00pm - 6.30pm

An appointment will need to be booked via ParentMail.

A 10 minute appointment slot will be available to book from **7am on Tuesday 1st October** The system only allows for 1 slot per child. If this presents an issue please contact the class teacher.

The meeting with teachers will be an opportunity to discuss how your child is settling in to their new class and to voice any achievements or concerns you may have.

The school aims to achieve 100% attendance at parent's evenings and it is hoped that every parent will take the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher.

Please ensure you make an appointment for each of your children who attend the school.

Early Years Foundation Stage

We are delighted to say that our Early Years Outdoor Classroom has been selected by Tesco for the Stronger Starts programme. This means that from the beginning of October until the beginning of January, every time you shop at one of the following stores, you will be given a token which you can then use in-store to vote for us. Please support us if you shop with Tesco at one of these locations:

Kingsley Park, Northampton Link Rd, Buckton Fields, Spinney Hill, Weston Favell, Limehurst Square Duston and Duston Alsace Park.

During January the votes will be counted and money will be provided towards improving our Early Years Outdoor Area.

Stronger Starts

In partnership with



Please do vote for us!

WANTED!

Early Years are in need of some more waterproof clothing for the mud kitchen. If you have any waterproof trousers, waterproof coats or puddle suits aged 4-9 years (they will need to fit over the children's uniform) that your child has outgrown, we would really appreciate them! Please give to the office or the Early Years Team. Thank you!

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:

- Universal Credit (Income related)
- Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or income-based Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying)

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)

Select "Pupil Premium" and you will be advised immediately if your claim is successful. Please let the 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.



West Northamptonshire Council



Apply for a school place

Is your child's 4th birthday on or before **31 August 2025**?

It's time to apply for a Reception place

 Application Deadline: **15 January 2025**



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 2024**



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Light Party Children's Club

Thursday 31st October

9:30am - 12:30pm

At Brixworth Primary School, Foxhill Crescent NN6 9BD



Brixworth Community Church are running a free morning club of fun, games and craft at the school for primary aged children.

Pick up your registration form at the Olive Branch Coffee Shop in the Library and Community Centre on Spratton Road or from Dynamites Childrens Group.

For further information contact Mark on 07917 573784



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NEW

5-Week Tennis Programme



Mini Red

Suitable for Ages 5-8

Wednesday 4-5pm
Saturday 10-11am



Mini Orange/Green

Suitable for ages 9-12

Wednesday 5-6pm
Saturday 11-12pm

Juniors

Suitable for ages 12+
Saturday 12-1pm

Information...

This programme is located at Roade Tennis Club.

These courses are just £40 for 5 weeks of expert coaching. A great way to introduce your child to tennis!



To sign up...

Contact

hello@northamptontenniscoaching.co.uk



The Song of the Week this week is..

Sk8er Boi
By
Avril Lavigne



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

INSTAGRAM



Instagram is a highly popular social media platform with over 2 billion active monthly users. The app is continuously updating and adding new features to meet the wishes of its audience, allowing them to upload images and videos to their Instagram feed, create interactive 'stories', go live, exchange private messages or explore and follow other accounts that catch their eye.

follow

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ADDICTION

Many social media platforms, Instagram included, are designed to keep us engaged on them for as long as possible. They encourage scrolling often and scrolling more in case we miss something important – in essence, a fear of missing out. On Instagram, young people can lose track of time when aimlessly scrolling and watching videos posted by friends, acquaintances, influencers and possibly strangers.

UNREALISTIC IDEALS

Children sometimes compare themselves to what they see online: how they look, how they dress, and the way their life is going in comparison to others on social media. However, most people only share the positives about their lives online and many use filters when sharing pictures of themselves. A constant comparison with unrealistic ideals can lead to insecurity over one's own appearance and lifestyle.

GOING LIVE

Livestreaming on Instagram allows users to connect with friends and followers in real time. Risks increase if the account is public, because that means anyone can watch the broadcast, which could result in further contact from strangers. Additional dangers of going live include an impulse to act inappropriately to draw more viewers, as well as being exposed to harmful content or offensive language.

INFLUENCER CULTURE

Social media influencers are sometimes paid thousands of pounds to promote products, services, apps and more. When celebrities or influencers post such content, it often says 'paid partnership' above the post. In April 2024, Ofcom found that over a quarter of children (27%) believed in influencer marketing, accepting their endorsement of products wholeheartedly. So it's perfectly possible for young people to be taken in by this kind of content.

PRODUCT TAGGING

Product tags allow users to tag a product or business in their post. This tag will take viewers directly to the product detail page on the shop where the item can be purchased. Children may also be encouraged by influencers to purchase products that they advertise.

EXCLUSION & OSTRACISM

Youngsters are highly sensitive to feeling excluded, which comes in many forms: not receiving as many 'likes' as expected; not being tagged in a friend's photo; being unfriended; not receiving a comment on their post or a reply to a message they sent. Being excluded online hurts just as much as offline. Young people have reported lower moods and self-esteem when excluded in this way, feeling as if they don't belong and aren't valued.

Advice for Parents & Educators

AVOID GOING PUBLIC

If a young user wants to share their clothing style, make up or similar and use product tagging to show off the items in their post, they may be tempted to change their settings to public. This leaves their profile visible to everyone, which carries the risk of strangers getting in touch with them. Set a child's account to private and explain the importance of keeping it this way.

HAVE AN OPEN DIALOGUE

Talk to children about the positives and negatives of social media, including the risks involved and how they can view or create content safely with family and friends. Explain how safety settings will ensure only followers can view them, and why this is so important. Also, if you find a child continuously uses filters on their photos, ask them why and impress on them that they don't need it.

MANAGE LIKE COUNTS

Due to the potential impact on mental wellbeing, Instagram allows users to hide the total likes on their posts, to prevent people from obsessing over that number in the corner. Users can hide like counts on all the posts in their feed as well as on their own posts. This means others can't see how many likes a person gets. This can be done by going into Settings > Notifications > Posts > Likes > Off.

USE MODERATORS

Instagram Live has implemented a mechanic called 'Moderators', meaning that creators can assign a moderator and give them the power to report comments, remove viewers and remove the ability for certain viewers to comment at all. Consider this if a child in your care wants to go live on the platform. It's also recommended to keep devices in communal spaces so you're aware if a child does go live or watch a livestream.

FOLLOW INFLUENCERS

Following influencers will allow you to monitor what they're sharing as well as being able to discuss anything which you deem inappropriate. Talk to children about who they follow and help them to develop critical thinking skills about what the influencer is trying to do. For example, encourage the child to ask themselves if an influencer is trying to sell them a product when they make a video endorsing it.

BALANCE YOUR TIME

Instagram has a built-in activity dashboard that lets you control how much time is spent on the app. Make sure children sign in to the platform with the correct age, as Instagram's 'Teen Accounts' afford much more control for parents and carers over how long they can use the app each day. Talk with young users about how much time they spend on Instagram and work together to set a healthy time limit.

Meet Our Expert

Dr. Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at BCyberAware. She has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety workshops and policies for schools in Australia and the UK. Claire has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

