



# 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 November 2024

Day	Time	Event	Venue	Taken By
Monday 11th	9.30-2.40pm 10.30-11am 3.30-4.30pm 3.30-4.30pm	<b>Anti-Bullying Week</b> Guitar YR5 Remembrance Service YR1-4 Freestyle Soccer YR3&4 Atomic Science	Small Hall All Saints Church School Field Mrs Buck's Classroom	Mr Smith Year 5 Teachers, Mr Tyler Freestyle Atomic Tom
Tuesday 12th	12.15-12.45pm 12.15-1.15pm 3.30-4.15pm 6.15-8pm	 <b>Odd Sock Day</b>  Home Learning Club Hotshots Basketball YR3/4 Athletics Taekwon-do	Miss Worster's Class Small Hall School Field Main Hall	Miss Worster/Miss de Rossi Hotshots Mrs Devereux Mr Bonfield
Wednesday 13th	12.15-1.15pm 12.15-12.45pm 1.55-2.55pm 3-6.30pm	Hotshots Basketball YR3/4 Chatty Café Woodwind KS2 New Age Kurling	Small Hall Mrs Varrier's Class Small Hall Sponne School	Hotshots Mrs Varrier Miss Retford Mrs Devereux, Miss Elfakir
Thursday 14th	9.30am-2.30pm 12.15-1.15pm 12.45-1.05pm 3.30-4.15pm 5.30-7.45pm	YR 5&6 7 aside Football Hotshots Basketball Year 2 Choir KS2 Choir Taekwon-do	Daventry Sports Park Small Hall Mrs Walters's Class Main Hall Main Hall	Mrs Reynolds, Mrs Pirie Hotshots Mrs Walter Mrs Marsh/Devereux/Varrier Mr Bonfield
Friday 15th	12.15-1.15pm 12.30-3.00pm 1.30-3.15pm	 <b>Children in Need 2024</b>  Hotshots Basketball Selected YR5 Swimming Violin	Small Hall The Mounts Small Room	Hotshots Mrs Pirie / Mrs Roy Mr Ebrahim
Sunday 17th	10.30-11.30am	Brixworth Community Church - Informal Service	Main Hall	Rev Andy Lloyd-Williams

### Year 5 Remembrance Service



Year 5 pupils will attend a Remembrance Service at **All Saints Church** on **Monday 11th November**.

The service will start at **10.30am** followed by the laying of a wreath and a prayer by the pupils on behalf of the school.

**Parents and members of the community are welcome to join.**

### School Photographs

Please be advised that the school photographs were sent home with your child this week. Please check your child's bag if you have not yet seen them.



### Odd Socks Day

Odd Socks Day is taking place on **Tuesday 12th November**. We would like to invite all children and adults to wear odd socks to school on this day to celebrate that we are all unique. As a school, we will be taking part in Anti-Bullying Week by discussing issues in assembly and class around bullying. The theme for this year is **Choose Respect** to empower everyone to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

### Bag2School Clothing Donations

The PTA would like to say a big thank you to all who brought in their donated items last term. A total of £127.50 was raised which will go towards various resources required throughout the school.



## **Children in Need - Friday 15th November 2024**

We will be supporting the BBC's Children in Need again this year and would like to invite everyone to have a **Children In Need Mufti Day** in exchange for a **MINIMUM** donation of £1.

Children can come in to school in the clothes of their choice or take inspiration from Pudsey and go for yellow and spotty outfits. Whatever they choose, wear something that will make their whole class smile! Please remember football kits are not permitted on non-uniform days and suitable shoes must be worn.

If you would like to donate any additional funds, you can do this by using the following link

donation link on the BBC's website:  
[Donate to BBC Children in Need](#)



### **Assembly Theme Week**

Commencing 11th November is **Anti-Bullying Week**  
**(Choose Respect)**

# **Celebration Assembly**

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



### **Academically**

Eliana M  
 Finley B  
 Zephyr M  
 Freddie H

### **Spiritually**

Myla H

### **Physically**

Florence W  
 Ophelia C

### **Socially**

Grace S  
 Luke C  
 Annie W



# Praise Letters

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

Rielle F, Loki G, Evelyn M, Gretel P,  
Margret-Rose N, Anais D, Mia S, Emma D,  
Leo A, Scarlett C, Tilly H, Edith C, Henry W, Finley C

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## Rugby Festival

On Wednesday, selected Year 3 & 4 children attended a Rugby Festival at Towcestrians Rugby Club. As always the children represented Brixworth Primary School wonderfully.

On the 6th November, we went to Towcester Rugby Club for a competition. We played 5 games of tag rugby. We left at 11.15am and came back at 4pm. The competition was really fun. On the first game we lost 4-0 but we won quite a few of the other games. There were 26 teams in total at the competition.

**- By Noah B & Liv C**



# House Award

The end of last term ended with  
**Yellow House** being  
 awarded as the winning house for  
 that week with **32 Points!**  
 Well done yellow house.



## Early Years Foundation Stage

Please can we remind parents that the Early Years Outdoor Classroom has been selected by Tesco for the Stronger Starts programme. This means that 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.

Please do vote for us!

**Stronger Starts.**

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## PTA Wreath Making Workshop

The PTA will be holding two wreath making workshops on the following dates:

**Wednesday 27th November 7.30 – 9.00pm**

Which will be a traditional foam base wreath with a local florist. This will consist of a mixture of greenery, baubles, bows and trims which will all be available to customise your wreath.

**Cost: £45**

**Thursday 28th November 6.30 - 8.30pm.**

Which will be a tinsel wreath with a local florist. Colours can be chosen before the event (colour in image is just an example).

**Cost: £35**

Children welcome with parental supervision (suggested age 8+)

Includes welcome drink for the adult.

Location – the small hall.

Spaces are limited.

Bookings for both workshops can be made at our PTA events shop using the following link:

[Brixworth CEVC Primary School PTA](#)

If you have any questions please contact Sarah on:

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## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# FORTNITE

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### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Fortnite was launched back in 2017, but it remains massively popular – with more than 650 million active players. That's partially due to the competitive nature of its player-vs-player combat, its pop culture crossovers and its constantly shifting map. Significant updates are rolled out with each new version of the game – known as 'chapters' – and within these sit shorter 'seasons'.

### ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player offline mode in Fortnite: it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about (both in terms of connectivity and using up data), so you may find that dedicated young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

### IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – cosmetic 'skins', music tracks and LEGO items – which don't really impact on gameplay but can cost a significant amount. These items are bought with in-game currency, V-Bucks – earned through completing the Battle Pass (which also costs V-Bucks) and can also be purchased from the game's store for real money.

### POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from movies and TV shows like Family Guy and Avatar: The Last Airbender to comic book characters including Batman to other games such as Street Fighter. This means you could have children asking questions about the monster from Alien or Gerald from The Witcher a little sooner than you otherwise might have.

### CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

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Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. 'Crossplay' lets friends play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC – while the 'party chat' feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can, however, put youngsters at risk of hearing inappropriate language from older players in the heat of virtual combat.

### VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

At its core, there's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as fishing mini-games and dancing emotes. Machine guns, shotguns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, however, so discretion is advised.

### FREQUENT UPDATES

The game's developers release content in 'seasons' that usually run for around ten weeks. Each fresh update sees items added to the in-game store, changes to the environment's map and a different over-arching theme (such as 'medieval', 'pirates' or 'party'). These regular renewals help to hold players' interest – but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### MATCH GAMING TIMES

Younger players tend to play Fortnite with their friends. With that in mind, it could be worth speaking to the parents and carers of a child's social group and coordinating their gaming around certain times of day. Safety in numbers is obviously a factor here, but it will also help children feel that they're getting adequate opportunities to socialise with their friends online.

### SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

### USE UPDATES AS REWARDS

Fortnite's seasonal updates are free, but each also brings the option of a 'battle pass', unlocking exclusive rewards for playing the game and completing set challenges. The passes cost around £8 and are also available as part of larger bundles. The purchase of passes can be an effective reward to young Fortnite fans for good behaviour or academic performance, or as an incentive for completing chores like tidying their room.

### BE WARY OF SCAMS

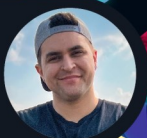
The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game: make sure any young player knows this.

### ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents and carers to do something fun with their child, while also making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A long-time gamer, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



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