



# 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 13th January 2025

Day	Time	Event	Venue	Taken By
Monday 13th	9.30am-2.40pm 3.30-4.30pm	Guitar YRs 1-4 Freestyle Soccer	Small Hall School Field	Mr Smith Freestyle
Tuesday 14th	12.15-12.45pm 12.15-1.15pm 5.30-7.45pm	Home Learning Club Hotshots Basketball Taekwon-do	Miss Worster's Class Small Hall Main Hall	Miss Worster/Miss de Rossi Hotshots Mr Bonfield
Wednesday 15th	8.00-8.45am 12.15-12.45pm 12.15-1.15pm 1.55-2.55pm	YRs 1-2 Gymnastics Club YRs 3&4 Chatty Cafe Hotshots Basketball Woodwind	Small Hall Mrs Varrier's Class Small Hall Small Hall	GLK Gymnastics Mrs Varrier Hotshots Miss Retford
Thursday 16th	8-8.45am 12.15-1.15pm 12.45-1.05pm 3.30-4.30pm 5.30-7.45pm	YRs 3-6 Gymnastics Club Hotshots Basketball YR2 Choir KS2 Choir Taekwon-do	Small Hall Small Hall Mrs Walter's Class Main Hall Main Hall	GLK Gymnastics Hotshots Mrs Walter Mrs Marsh/Devereux/Varrier Mr Bonfield
Friday 17th	9.30-11.10am 12.15-1.15pm 12.30-3pm	Violin Hotshots Basketball Selected YR5 Swimming	Small Hall Small Hall The Mounts	Mr Ebrahim Hotshots Mrs Buck / Mrs Roy
Sunday 19th	10.30-11.30am	Brixworth Community Church - Informal Service	Main Hall	Rev Andy Lloyd-Williams

happy new year

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. We have enjoyed welcoming all the children back this week, refreshed and full of enthusiasm for the start of our new term.

## Global Citizens

As part of our school worship focus this half term, and linked to one of our curriculum drivers, we are looking at our children being 'Global Citizens'.

This gives the children the opportunity to consider how they fit into the wider world; how we can all try to live together; look after each other and the world around us.

As part of this work, I wanted to highlight that although we are all at a village school in Northamptonshire many of us have links to other parts of the world. If your child was born in or has close family living in a country outside the UK it would be lovely to recognise and celebrate it as part of a world map of 'Our Links to the World'.

If you are happy to send in any photos or information that we can put on display it would be very much appreciated. Please send them in with your child for them to hand it to their class teacher. We don't have lots of room, therefore only basic information is needed.

Many Thanks

Neil Tyler

## Assembly Theme Week Commencing 13th January is Christianity around the World

### Primary School Application Deadline

Please note the deadline to apply for a place at Primary School is **Wednesday 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 Year 6 SATs evening will be held on **Wednesday 22nd January at 6pm**. The aim of this meeting is to discuss the KS2 SATs tests and the importance of using the revision guides.

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

### KS2 Choir - 4.30pm Collection

Please can we request that all pupils who attend the KS2 choir on a Thursday afternoon stay until 4.30pm instead of 4.15pm from next week. This is for additional practise up until the Young Voices performance. After Young Voices the normal collection time of 4.15pm will resume.



This week the children have taken part in a very exciting activity. Arthur Gillette is a resident of Brixworth and will be celebrating his **106th** birthday this Saturday and the children have spent time making him some beautiful birthday cards to put a smile on his face on this very special day. Happy Birthday Arthur, we hope you have a wonderful day, from everyone here at Brixworth Primary School.



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## Competition Time

**SCHOOL CENSUS  
THURSDAY 16TH JANUARY**

To help your child/ren's school with their Census we are holding a competition on Thursday 16th January 2025

Simply order a meal for that day for your child and they will be entered into a draw to have a chance of winning a cook book.

To order go to [www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk](http://www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk) and log in to your account to order.

All winners will receive an email after the draw.

Draw will take place on Friday 17th January and winners will be notified by Tuesday 21st January





# Spring Term Topics

Topics are designed to engage the children with a memorable experience bringing their learning alive. For further information regarding the areas covered please visit the school website.

Below are this terms topics for each phase:

Year Group	Topic	Link to website
Foundation	Amazing Animals	<a href="https://www.brixworthprimary.org.uk/foundation-stage">https://www.brixworthprimary.org.uk/foundation-stage</a>
Years 1 & 2	Toy Story	<a href="https://www.brixworthprimary.org.uk/key-stage-1">https://www.brixworthprimary.org.uk/key-stage-1</a>
Years 3 & 4	The Victorians	<a href="https://www.brixworthprimary.org.uk/lower-key-stage-2">https://www.brixworthprimary.org.uk/lower-key-stage-2</a>
Years 5 & 6	Anglo Saxons & The Netherlands	<a href="https://www.brixworthprimary.org.uk/year-5-6">https://www.brixworthprimary.org.uk/year-5-6</a>

## KS1 Spring Topic - Toy Story

On Wednesday, the Key Stage 1 children had a fantastic day to launch our new topic 'Toy Story'. They spent the day sharing their favourite toys, thinking about their own adventure if they were 'Lost in the Toy Museum' and making their very own Forky, from Toy Story.



# Spring Term Dates

## 2025

<b><u>January</u></b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Training Day</b>	<b>All</b>
	<b>7th</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Training Day</b>	<b>All</b>
	<b>8th</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>School Re-Opens</b>	<b>All</b>
	20th	Monday	Governing Board Meeting	Governors
	22nd	Wednesday	Year 6 Parents SATs Evening 6pm	YR6 Parents
	31st	Friday	Candlemas All Saints Church 10.30am	Yr2
	31st	Friday	Young Voices - bp pulse LIVE, (formerly Resorts World Arena)	Choir
<b><u>February</u></b>	<b>14th</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>School Closes</b>	<b>All</b>
	<b>24th</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>School Re-Opens</b>	<b>All</b>
	28th	Friday	PTA Race Night	PTA
<b><u>March</u></b>	6th	Thursday	World Book Day	All
	6th-11th	Thursday-Tuesday	Book Fair	
	17th	Monday	Governing Board Meeting	Governors
	18th-20th	Tuesday-Thursday	Year 4 Residential - Beaumanor	YR4
	24th	Monday	Parents Evening 3.45 - 6.15pm	All
	25th	Tuesday	Mothers Day Stall	PTA/All
	26th	Wednesday	Parents Evening 4.00 - 6.30pm	All
<b><u>April</u></b>	3rd	Thursday	Easter Service-All Saints Church 10.30am	YR3
	4th	Friday	PTA Mufti Day	PTA/All
	4th	Friday	PTA Easter Bingo	PTA
	<b>4th</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>School Closes</b>	<b>All</b>

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# Summer Term Dates

## 2025

<b><u>April</u></b>	<b>22nd</b> 30th	<b>Tuesday</b> Wednesday	<b>School Re-Opens</b> YR6 Residential Meeting for Parents	<b>All</b> YR6 Parents
<b><u>May</u></b>	<b>5th</b> 12th-15th 12th 19th 23rd <b>23rd</b> 24th	<b>Monday</b> Monday-Thursday Monday Monday Friday <b>Friday</b> Saturday	<b>School Closed Bank Holiday</b> YR6 SATs Week Governing Board Meeting School Group Photos Ascension Day-All Saints Church 10.30am <b>School Closes</b> PTA Colour Run	<b>All</b> YR6 Governors All YR4 <b>All</b> PTA
<b><u>June</u></b>		YR4 Multiplication Tables Check will take place throughout June		
	<b>2nd</b> 2th-5th 9th 9th 11th  13th 17th 18th 18th  23rd-27th	<b>Monday</b> Monday-Thursday WK Commencing Monday Wednesday  Friday Tuesday Wednesday Wednesday  Monday-Friday	<b>School Re-Opens</b> Bikeability Phonics Screening Check PTA Fathers Day Stall Foundation Stage to YR1 Transitions Meeting for Parents Summer Concert YR3-6 Sports Day FS, YR1-2 Sports Day September Starters Parents Meeting 6pm  YR6 Residential Whitemoor Lakes	<b>All</b> YR6 YR1 PTA/All FS Parents  YR3-6 FS, YR1&2 New FS Parents YR6
<b><u>July</u></b>	1st 2nd 4th 4th  8th 9th 11th 11th 12th 14th 15th 16th 17th  21st <b>22nd</b>	Tuesday Wednesday Friday Friday  Tuesday PM Wednesday AM Friday Friday Saturday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday  Monday <b>Tuesday</b>	Reserve YR3-6 Sports Day Reserve FS, YR1-2 Sports Day Reserve Summer Concert PTA Mufti Day/Donations for Summer Fayre New Class/Pre School Transition Afternoon New Class/Pre School Transition Morning YR6 Presentation/Awards Assembly Annual Reports to Parents PTA School Summer Fayre Governing Board Meeting Parents Evening 3.45 -5.00pm YR6 Leavers Party 5.15pm YR6 Leavers Service-All Saints Church 10.30am Year 6 Drama Performances AM & PM <b>School Closes</b>	YR3-6 FS,YR1&2  PTA/All  All All YR6/Teachers All PTA/All Governors All YR6 YR6/Parents  YR6/Parents <b>All</b>

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At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com).

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about JUSTALK KIDS

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

JustTalk Kids is a child's version of the JustTalk app – a highly popular social networking platform – designed for users up to 13 years of age, allowing them to video call, message and participate in group chats. While adults can link their own JustTalk account to their child's and make use of parental controls, it's important to understand the risks associated with the app.

### SUBSCRIPTION FOR PREMIUM ACCESS

While JustTalk Kids is free, there's the option to subscribe to a kids' premium account or a premium family account. At a cost, this feature allows children to have access to more fun features such as games they can play with others in a call; exclusive stickers; a badge denoting them as a premium subscriber; and exclusive ringtones and themes.

### RESISTANCE TO CONTROLS

JustTalk Kids endeavours to allow children the sense of having a chat-based app while allowing parents to set controls (within the app or from their own adult JustTalk account). The basis behind this is positive; however, some children are challenging their parents by refusing to use JustTalk Kids, preferring to use the adult version without any restrictions in place.

### KNOWING THE PARENT PASSCODE

After downloading JustTalk Kids, parents can set a passcode which users must enter to add contacts. The parental controls help to manage which content can be viewed and who children can add as a contact: this then allows children to chat with friends in a controlled environment. However, prospective contacts don't have to know a specific username. In theory, someone could type in a random name and then add them as a friend.

### POTENTIAL DATA LEAKS

JustTalk and JustTalk Kids claim to be secure and encrypted, going so far as to state that even the developers themselves won't access your data. However, a security lapse in 2022 highlighted that messages were not in fact encrypted – leading to concerns around the security of the app and the transparency of the development team.

### CYBERBULLYING

Online chats can provide a sense of anonymity, leading some users to post things which they wouldn't normally say in person. Combined with the option of group chats, there's a risk that young people might join in with this kind of behaviour, escalating it further and potentially turning what should be a fun experience into something deeply negative.

### TOO MUCH SCREENTIME

A report by the UK Parliament Education Committee highlighted a 52% increase in children's screen time between 2020 and 2022 – as well as finding that 25% of children used their smartphones in a manner consistent with screen addiction. Introducing children to social networking apps when they're too young can lead to bad digital habits and a reliance on technology from an early age.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### JUSTIFY THE CONTROLS

If parents allow their child to use JustTalk Kids, they should explain that they're putting parental controls in place to make the app safer. Make sure the child knows not to put their full name on the account and doesn't use a photo of themselves as their profile picture. This type of open discussion will help to ensure that a child is aware of the app's potential risks and knows how to reduce them.

### TALK ABOUT ONLINE FRIENDSHIPS

Young children could be excited to use this app. However, highlight that they must do so in a positive, respectful and responsible manner. While it can be easy to get caught up in a group chat, it's important to talk to others politely and call out any unpleasant behaviour. Discuss the importance of limiting their contacts to people they know in real life and use parental controls to enforce this.

### DOS AND DON'TS OF SHARING

Some children might not understand the potential dangers of oversharing online. Set clear guidelines around what *is* and *isn't* safe to share on the internet, and discuss the concept of a digital footprint. Children need to understand that the things they say and share online can never be completely erased. Even if they delete it themselves, it can be saved and distributed by others.

### ENCOURAGE OPEN COMMUNICATION

Apps like JustTalk can sometimes lend themselves to bullying behaviours. Parents should monitor what their child is sending and receiving, check in with them regularly and encourage them to share their feelings (both positive and negative) at home. Remind them that they can block a contact if someone is treating them disrespectfully.

### Meet Our Expert

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



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