



# PRIMARY WORD

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## Events for week beginning 5th June 2023

Weekday	Time	Event	Venue	Taken By
Monday	<b><u>Teachers Training Day</u></b>			
Tuesday	<b><u>School Re-opens to Pupils</u></b>			
	12.15 - 13.15	YR4&5 Home Learning Club	Miss de Rossi's Class	Miss de Rossi
	15.30 - 16.15	YR6 Drama Club	Main Hall	Miss Bond / Miss Longley
	15.30 - 16.30	Running Club	School Field	Mrs Devereux / Miss Rigby
	18.15 - 20.00	Taekwon-do	Main Hall	Mr Bonfield
Wednesday	08.30 - 17.00	YR3/4 Zoo Trip	Twycross Zoo	YR3/4 Teachers
	08.10 - 15.00	YR5/6 Girls Rugby	Northampton Saints	Mrs Devereux / Mr Tyler
	12.15 - 12.35	YR4 Worship Team	KS1 Activity Area	Mrs Stiles
	13.30 - 14.30	Selected YR6 Dental Survey	Small Hall	Community Dental Service
	13.30 - 14.00	Miss Bradley's Class Village Walk	Brixworth	Miss Bradley
	13.20 - 14.30	Woodwind	Library	Miss Gunn
	15.30 - 16.30	Atomic Science Group 2	Miss Bradley's Classroom	Atomic Tom
	18.00 - 18.45	Foundation Stage to YR1 Transition Meeting	Main Hall	Year 1 Teachers
Thursday	09.00 - 12.40	Guitar	Library	Mr Smith
	09.00 - 15.30	YR6 Mental Health Workshop	Small Hall	MHST
	10.30 - 16.15	YR3/4, YR5/6 Quaddkids Athletics	Daventry Sports Park	Mrs Devereux / Mrs Pinches
	12.50 - 13.15	YR2 Choir	Mrs Walter's Classroom	Mrs Walter / Miss Fortnum
	15.30 - 16.15	KS2 & YR2 Choir	Main Hall	Mrs Marsh/Mrs Varrier/Mrs Devereux
	15.30 - 16.30	Freestyle Dodgeball	Playground	Freestyle
	17.30 - 19.45	Taekwon-do	Main Hall	Mr Bonfield
Friday	08.40	Walking Bus	Brixworth Library to School	Mrs Devereux / Miss Rigby
	09.00 - 10.20	Violin & Cello	Library	Mr Ebrahim
	12.45 - 15.00	Selected YR5&6 Swimming	The Mounts	Mrs Reynolds
	15.30 - 16.30	Freestyle Dodgeball	Field	Freestyle
Sunday	10.30 - 11.30	Brixworth Community Church - Informal Service	Main Hall	Rev Andy Lloyd Williams

## Important Notices

### Sports Day 2023

Sports Day will take place on the following dates for each phase :

Monday 12th June - Year 5 and 6 - 9.30am - 12pm

Tuesday 13th June - Year 3 and 4 - 9.30am - 12pm

Wednesday 14th June - Year 1 and 2 - 1.30pm - 3.15pm

Thursday 15th June - Foundation Stage - 2pm - 3.15pm

Further details to follow after half term.

### Parents of Foundation Stage Children

You are invited to a Foundation Stage to Year 1 transition meeting on **Wednesday 7th June at 6pm.**  
**This will be in the Main Hall.**

During this evening we will be outlining the provisions we are putting in place to ease the transition from Foundation Stage to Key Stage 1. There will be an opportunity to discuss or raise any questions you may have.

**Water Bottles** - Please can you ensure your child has a plastic water bottle in school and not glass due to Health and Safety reasons.

# Ascension Day

Year 4 visited All Saints Church last Thursday for their Ascension Day service. The children performed a drama about the events that happened during Ascension day and wrote lovely letters. They also performed a song in Makaton. They were brilliant!



On Thursday 18th May all of the year 4s at Brixworth Primary School went to their Ascension Day at All Saints Church. All of the year 4 classes got to perform an act. Before that we sang the hymn 'Give me oil in my lamp' and then Reverend Andy gave a little speech. After, everyone had performed we sang 'Shine Jesus Shine' in Makaton. Then when we had finished our song, Reverend David said a prayer and then started talking about Family Fun on Saturday 20th May. After that we walked back to school.

- By Jessica P and Storey dR

On Thursday 18th May the year 4s went to All Saints Church. At 10.30am we sang 'Give me oil in my lamp' and after that Miss Worster's class did their play, then Mrs Varrier's and lastly Miss Rigby's. We sang our last hymn Shine Jesus Shine. Soon it was the end and Reverend David did the closing prayer and we walked back to school.

- By Edie B & Imogen F



## YR6 Transition Workshop

Today, Leah from the Lighthouse Trust came and told us all about secondary school. In the morning we learnt about how to cope with the pressure of secondary school. Leah said that we shouldn't panic about starting secondary school and gave us ways to handle our anxieties around starting. We talked about change and independence and played games to reflect our thoughts. Then, in the afternoon, the class got split in half to do another activity. This activity was all about reflection and feeling calm. There were so many different activities to do. There was play-dough that we made ourselves and best friend activities to do. My favourite activity was making friendship bracelets with my best friend Grace. I really enjoyed this experience and loved all the activities.

- By Grace T





## Mental Health Week

Miss Rigby's class spent the afternoon learning about mental health and anxiety for last week's mental health week. They tried to come up with ways on how to calm themselves and others down when they begin to feel overwhelmed. Some strategies they tried were balloon breathing, finger breathing, imagining a calm place with music and guided meditation. The children had lots of brilliant ideas on their 'happy places' and will try and use them in the future.



### Assembly Theme Week Commencing 5th June 2023 Trinity

# Celebration Assembly

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



#### Aspiration

Harry W  
Jessie A  
Harry L  
Harry H  
Archie S

#### Inclusion

Kameron M

#### Excellence

All of Year 6  
Maya H  
Rocco P  
Summer D

# Upcoming PTA Events



## Father's Day Stall 2023 Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June



The PTA have been very busy organising and are pleased to announce that they are holding a Father's Day stall on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June**.

They have sourced some lovely gifts which range from £1 up to £10 and all the children will be given the opportunity to purchase a gift for their loved one.

If you would like your child to take part and buy a gift for someone special, please send their money in an envelope marked with their name together with a carrier bag, also marked with their name - this means they can carry home their gifts safely!



## Brixworth Primary School Summer Fair Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July 12 – 2pm

We are pleased to confirm that Brixworth PTA are holding their annual Summer Fair on **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July** and planning is well underway.

**Raffle Prizes** – are you a local business who would like to promote yourself within the school community? (No matter how big or small it all adds up) Please contact us to discuss and help us to make the best fair ever!

**Helpers** – An event such as this requires a bit of planning and work beforehand. The PTA are always happy to welcome new members who would like to get involved in fundraising for the school. Don't worry if you have never done anything like this before, we are a friendly bunch and although we have been running for a number of years, we are still learning too, and would love to welcome new members!

**Stall Holders** – We usually have a number of stall holders selling a variety of items at the fair. If you, or someone you know, would like to have a stall at the fair, please contact us.

**Donations** – Nearer the event we will be asking for donations for Bottle Tombola, General Tombola, Sweeties, Soft Toy Tombola, Cakes and New Toys. So please start having a look through those cupboards for anything you can spare! We will let you know through Primary Word the dates for these donations to arrive at school, so keep your eyes peeled!

Thank you for your help and support!

The PTA Team

Contact: [brixworthprimarypta@gmail.com](mailto:brixworthprimarypta@gmail.com)



## Brixworth Cricket Club and Brixworth Primary PTA 23rd June 2023



On Friday 23rd June, Brixworth Cricket Club are hosting a children's disco at their venue and have generously arranged for Brixworth Primary to have a number of tickets to sell.

All monies raised from these ticket sales will go towards fundraising for the school!

Doors open at 6.30 for a 7.15 start with plans for it to finish around 9.30ish.

With a Disco, Bar, BBQ plus more - it's set to be a fun night!

Tickets will be priced at £2.50 per person and will be available using our online portal the week commencing 5th June. A notice of the exact date and time will be sent via ParentMail prior to the sale going live.

Please note All children must be accompanied by an adult and all attendees must have a ticket.

Wristbands will be allocated to allow entry to the event.

Please note that the school do not have access to the PTA online sales and therefore any queries should be directed to [brixworthprimarypta@gmail.com](mailto:brixworthprimarypta@gmail.com).

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**Code: FINAL23**

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### MID-DAY SUPERVISOR VACANCY

We have a vacancy in school for a Midday Supervisor.

The hours of employment are  
**1 hour 45 minutes per day**  
**Monday - Friday**

(8 hours 45 minutes per week)

**38 weeks of the year** (term time only)

Salary £4060

### The Song of the Week This week is...

Feeling Good  
by  
Michael Bublé





# Half Term Activities

## Half-Term Holiday @ Brixworth Library

Activity	Ages	Date	Times
Construction Club	0-12	Sat 27 May	10:00-13:00
		Mon 29 May	CLOSED
Ambulance Craft	0-12	Tue 30 May	12:00-16:00
Explore a Story	0-5	Tue 30 May	14:00-14:30
Rhyme Time (Bookings)	0-5	Wed 31 May	9:30-10:00
Rhyme Time	0-5	Wed 31 May	10:30-11:00
Police Car Craft	0-12	Wed 31 May	12:00-16:00
Under Ones Fun	0-1	Thu 1 Jun	10:30-12:00
Lifeboat Craft	0-12	Thu 1 Jun	12:00-16:00
Pre-School Play	0-5	Fri 2 Jun	10:00-11:00
Fire Engine Craft	0-12	Fri 2 Jun	12:00-16:00
Leftover Crafts	0-12	Sat 3 Jun	10:00-13:00
Emergency Services Day*	0-12	Sat 3 Jun	11:00-13:00

drop-in | free or 50p (donation) | \*Carpark closed for emergency vehicles

LibraryPlus

## Emergency Services Day Brixworth Library



**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 11am-1pm**

We will be joined by our Local PCSO team, First Responders and, as long as there are no emergencies, Brixworth Fire Station with an engine!

Drop in throughout the morning, no booking required.  
Crafts inside the library.

Please be aware that there will be limited customer parking in the library car park to fit in the various emergency vehicles.



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# SUMMER FETE

**Sat 17th June  
2PM - 4:30PM**

**Free Entry**



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 [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about INFLUENCERS

In today's digital age, social media influencers play an increasingly significant role in shaping the opinions, interests and behaviours of our children. While many of these individuals can have a positive effect, influencer culture can also present certain risks – such as encouraging consumerism, affecting self-esteem and blurring trustworthiness. To help ensure a safe online environment for young people, it's vital to maintain open communication, set sensible boundaries, promote a healthy self-image and teach digital media literacy. Our guide delves deeper into all of these.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### HEIGHTENED CONSUMERISM

A major way that influencers make money is through brand partnerships and sponsored content. As a result, children who follow them may be exposed to a steady stream of advertising: this can lead to materialistic attitudes, unrealistic expectations and an increased desire to have the latest products. Many influencers have built huge brand empires around their large, impressionable following.

### THE SOFT SELL

Some influencers aren't always transparent about the motivations behind their posts, blurring the lines between genuine recommendations and paid-for promotions – and young people sometimes find it difficult to distinguish authentic content from advertising. Many major social platforms have taken steps to make sponsored content and ads easier to identify, but it remains an area of concern.

### PRIVACY CONCERNS

Inspired by their favourite influencers, children may start sharing more of their own lives online – which could reveal personal information or details about their daily routine. This openness can put them at risk of cyberbullying or even predatory behaviour. This is exacerbated by live streaming, which gives young people no time to consider the potential consequences of saying too much.

### UNDERMINING SELF-ESTEEM

Many influencers share images and videos of themselves and their activities, which are often painstakingly curated and edited to present an idealised version of their life. Children who follow these influencers may develop distorted expectations about body image and the concept of beauty, which can potentially lead to negative self-esteem and even mental health issues.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### KEEP TALKING

Chat to your child about the content they consume on social media and the influencers that they like. Encourage them to think critically about what they see and hear online, and listen to any concerns they might have. Maintaining this line of open, honest communication can help your child to make informed decisions about which individuals they follow and what content they engage with.

### SET SOME BOUNDARIES

Agree age-appropriate boundaries for your child's social media use, including time limits and privacy settings (the two major operating systems on mobile devices, Android and iOS, have these controls baked in). Try to keep an eye on your child's online activity and discuss it regularly with them – including reminding them of the potential risks that can arise from following influencers.

### SUPPORT A HEALTHY SELF-IMAGE

Reinforce your child's awareness that real life isn't usually as picture perfect as it may appear on social media – and how some content (particularly that of influencers) is often curated, staged or edited to look more glamorous. If possible, highlight examples of other influencers who share authentic, relatable material which acknowledges their imperfections and struggles as well.

### PROMOTE MEDIA LITERACY

Talk to your child about the concepts of sponsored content, advertising and potential influencer bias. Teach them to critically evaluate the information they're presented with online and to consider the possible reasons behind content creation. This can help young people develop the skills to make healthier decisions about the influencers they choose to follow and the content they consume.

## Meet Our Expert

A former director of digital learning and currently a deputy headmaster and DSL, Brendan O'Keefe's experience and expertise gives him a clear insight into how modern digital systems impact the experience of children, staff and parents – and which strategies help to ensure that the online world remains a useful educational tool rather than a minefield of risks.



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