

Broughton Community Schools

Newsletter



Friday 14th November 2025

Dear parents and carers,

This feels like my first newsletter in a long time and a lot has happened in school since I last wrote to parents and families. Firstly, I would like to touch on Broughton's Got Talent. What a spectacle and what unbelievable talent we have at Broughton Schools. To all the acts who entered, whether this was at the qualifying stage or in the final event, I applaud you - you are far braver than I would ever have been at your age. A special mention to the winners, Felicity and Methmi, for their brilliant singing and piano playing - a real showcase of brilliant talent!

Last week we also had a special visitor in school to listen to some Year 6 pupils speak about sustainability and environmental issues in Broughton and the wider area. Mrs Laura Kyrke-Smith, the MP for Aylesbury, was so impressed with how the children had collated and presented their findings and how confident they were in presenting in front of the whole class and herself. Well done Year 6.

I would also like to say a huge well done to those children who put themselves forward for the role of Primary Minister across the schools. All children from Years 2 to 6 voted last week for three candidates, Cierra, Fatima and Maisie. All three delivered excellent speeches and presentations to both schools - they are a real credit to you as parents and a credit to the schools as well. Ultimately, we live in a democracy and there can only be one Primary Minister, like there is in our country. Congratulations to Maisie who won the vote with 245 votes (out of 362) - both Fatima and Cierra will join Maisie as Deputy Primary Ministers and will act in Maisie's absence. They will both play vital roles in the Pupil Parliament at Broughton Schools. Well done to all three of you - you are an inspiration to others for sure.

Talking about Year 6 brings me on to some other special news. I am delighted to share that Miss Claudia Hawes is expecting the birth of her first child in March of next year. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Miss Hawes - the children will already be made aware today in class. We will shortly be looking at covering Miss Hawes in her absence however we have some options that we are considering too but will be in touch with parents in the near future about any updates.

Let's move on to the younger year groups as it can't be all about Year 6. This week we had well over 70 adults come and look round the Infant School as prospective parents for next year. I have to say all of the children, especially our Reception children, were just brilliant. Polite, friendly and inquisitive - some even showing the parents the different areas in and outside the classroom - they were just a delight and we had so many positive comments about how lovely the children were. Well done children and parents!

I will leave it there for this week but I hope you have a lovely weekend and see you all next week.
Mr Charlie Reed

Important notices

Reading support session for parents/carers

On Thursday 15th January 2026 at 2:00pm, we are holding an information session for the parents/carers of children in Reception to 6. This will take place in the Junior School hall. During the session we will aim to support you to help your child with their reading at home. Please look out for an online form asking you if you are planning to attend. This invite will also give you the opportunity to suggest what it would be useful for us to cover during the session.



Forest School

Remembrance Day Tree

Thank you to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 for creating such a beautiful remembrance tree in Forest School.

Clothing

As part of the schools Ready Respect Safe ethos students will need to have warm and waterproof clothing ready for Forest School and outside playtimes.

If your child has come home wearing spare clothes from school, please return these items once they are washed.

Donations

If anyone has a junior school size coat that's no longer needed then Forest School would love to use them as spares. These can be dropped off to their class teacher or the office.

Many thanks from Mrs Steward

Breakfast and After School Club Booking Forms are now live on the Wrap Around Care page of the school website for booking the first half term after Christmas. Here is the link to that page <https://www.broughtoncommunityschools.com/wrap-around-care/> Bookings close on 12th December

Dates for your diary

Infant School dates

Mon 24th Nov - Year 2 Trip to Roald Dahl Museum
Friday 28th Nov - PTFA Winter Warmer
Wed 3rd Dec - Zoolab Visit Reception
Wed 3rd Dec - Open classrooms (3:15 – 3:40pm)
Tue 9th Dec - Reception Christmas concert 9.30am
Tue 9th Dec - Yr 1&2 Christmas Performance 2.15pm
Wed 10th Dec - Yr 1&2 Christmas Performance
9.30am
Fri 12th Dec - Christmas Dinner Day
Wed - 17th Dec - Waterside Theatre Panto
Friday 19th Dec - Break up for Christmas holidays

Junior School dates

Mon 17th & Tues 18th Nov – Tours of the Junior school
for the parents of children currently in Year 2
Friday 28th Nov - PTFA Winter Warmer
Mon 17th Nov - Yr 3 trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum
Wed 26th Nov - Yr 4 Viking Workshop
Fri 12th Dec - Christmas Dinner Day
Wed 17th Dec - Waterside Theatre Panto
Friday 19th Dec - Break up for Christmas holidays

Infant School Certificates

Our school value for this half term is kindness.

Reception

07.11.25

Ziyad - for always helping others in the classroom with their coats and shoes.

Ezzy- for looking after his friends when they are hurt.

14.11.25

Chau- for showing kindness to others and helping and guiding them in the classroom.

Maisie- for being a kind and caring member of the class

Other certificates:

Bronze award- Barnaby

Year 1

07.11.25

Jacob - for being kind to friends and having a great first week back.

Macey - for being a kind and caring member of the class.

14.11.25

Abu - for being a kind classmate and helping others when they needed guidance on a task.

Aisha - always helping others, being kind and a great friend.

Other certificates:

Bronze reader - Aarav, Henrietta, Amira, Oattie, Henry, Sophia, Mika

Handwriting - Oscar, Luca, Eliza, Tanaiya

Year 2

07.11.25

Isabelle - for always showing kindness and compassion towards others when they need it.

Oscar - for always being kind, caring and thoughtful towards others.

14.11.25

Joshua - for always being a kind and considerate member of the class.

Aleha - being kind to everyone, lovely manners too.

Other certificates:

Bronze reader (50) - Aadhav, Alfie, Rayan. Joshua, Lewis, Bhuvan, Arthur, Edith & Katie

Handwriting - Max, Samuel, Katie, Louie.

11 Club: Harrison, Indu, Arthur, Jessica, Faizan. 22 Club: Tommy, Liliana, Onsi, Ralph 33 Club: Alfie.

Class Attendance Award

Week 1 - Kingfisher Class - 99.1%

Week 2 - Rhino Class - 99.3%

TEAM POINTS LEADERBOARD	
1st	Yellow
2nd	Green
3rd	Blue
4th	Red

Junior School Certificates

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Year 3

07.11.25

Mylo - for showing kindness when his friend was upset.

Emily B- For being kind and helping a friend with their Maths.

14.11.25

Harry- For being kind and helping others with their classwork and making sure they have a person to play with.

Ivy - For always showing kindness to others.

Other certificates:

Bronze team points - Safiya, William, Haider, Sofia, Zainab, Sienna

44 Club - Roman 55 Club - Yoel Emily, Khadijah 88- Isa

Year 4

07.11.25

Fatimah - For showing kindness by offering to help with jobs in the classroom.

Selena - for welcoming our new classmate and being a great friend to her.

14.11.25

Euan - For showing kindness towards others and always a positive attitude towards his learning.

Elizabeth - for always being kind to everyone all the time.

Other certificates:

Reading Bronze - Chloe, Hudson, Joyshaanaa, Oscar, Aminah Silver - Khuzaimah

Sliver team points - Fiyin, Ariadne, Oliver, Theo

55 club- Ella 66 club- Ariadne, Jack 99 club- Tanya

Year 5

07.11.25

Laura - for doing everything with a positive attitude - a fantastic role model for others

Finley - for showing kindness to everyone, especially to Miss Wright and myself by always offering to help around the classroom.

14.11.25

Kiara - for always showing kindness to everyone making her a super role model

Myla - For fully embracing anti bullying week and World Kindness Day

Other certificates:

77 club- Alfie 99 club - Sophia Bronze club - Anaya, Levii

Reader of the week - Sofia - for writing a great review about 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe'

Reader of the week - Sophia - for writing a selection of great book reviews

Bronze team points - FINley

Year 6

07.11.25

Santino - for treating members of our class with kindness and respect.

14.11.25

Cierra - for showing kindness and taking great care of her friend during a time of need.

Josh - for showing kindness every single day to his peers and all adults around the school

Other certificates:

55 club - Ama

88 club - Ester

99 club - Osas

Reader of the week - Evie-Rose

Bronze team points - Thea, Tatenda, Adam

Silver team points - Olivia

Class Attendance Award

Week 1 - Turtle Class - 99.3%

Week 2 - Turtle Class - 98.7%

Times tables Rock Stars Champions

Class of the week - Week 1 - Year 5 Panda

Player of the week - Week 1 - Chloe - Year 4 Turtle

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1st	RED
2nd	YELLOW
3rd	BLUE
4th	GREEN

Headteacher Award

JJ, Alfie and Ali - for their excellent presentation, persevering through the challenges and working excellently as a team - we are very proud of you!

What's been happening in Year 1?

As part of our Geography fieldwork we have been exploring the question ...

What type of litter is a problem in our school?

We conducted a litter pick on the school playgrounds and sorted the litter that we found into three groups. We would like to share our findings with you.

Food waste

Although we did find a little bit of food waste like banana skins and orange peel we concluded that food waste was not a big problem. Despite this we should put our food waste in the designated bin.



Packaging

We did find lots of packaging on the school grounds like crisp packets and sweet wrappers. The children would like to remind you to please put your rubbish in the bins provided as littering is harmful to the environment.

Equipment

We found lots of equipment that had been broken or not put away after play time. It is everyone's responsibility to look after our school. Please help to show our school values of responsibility and kindness to keep our school grounds safe and tidy.



Find out what's happening in Year 4 in a fortnight's time!

Ensuring every child THRIVES

Polling Day at Broughton!

On Friday 7th November children in Year 2-6 voted for who they would like to appoint as Primary Minister. They listened to speeches, then cast their votes at our very own polling station in the junior library.



POLLING STATION



Children were required to register themselves and cast their vote privately in one of our voting booths.

The children enjoyed the experience and learnt a lot about the democratic process of voting.



A very big thank you to the Year 6 children who helped out.

Find out more about who our Pupil Parliament members are and what they have been up to in a couple of weeks time!

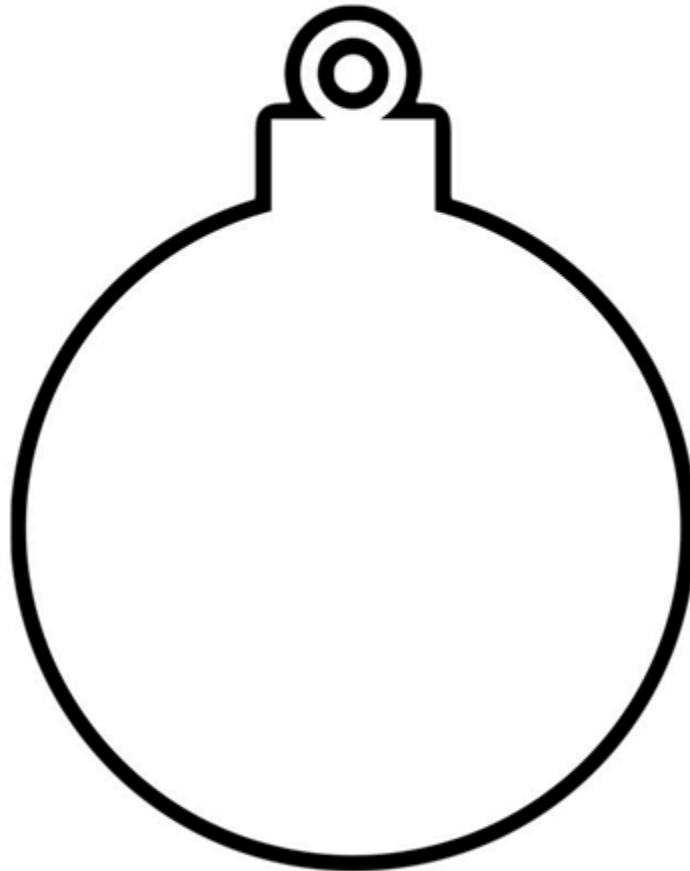


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Bauble COMPETITION

Design a Christmas Bauble Colouring competition.
Hand this into our office by 12th December 2025.

1st 2nd and 3rd Prizes. The winner's school will also receive book vouchers.



NAME: Age: School:

Parent/Guardian Contact Name and Number:

Please confirm if you give consent to use a presentation photo via social media YES [] No []

We use social media as part of our marketing campaign and a presentation photo of the winner. No use of you child's names will be mentioned as part of this marketing. We will also be gaining consent from the winning school to use any photography. Presentation to the winner if successful will be arranged at a convenient time at the school.

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Please provide a nut free packed lunch.

Activities

- ARTS AND CRAFTS
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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about WHATSAPP



WhatsApp is a free messaging service owned by Meta which allows users to send text and voice messages, make video calls, share multimedia – such as images, videos, documents and polls – and have group chats. WhatsApp messages are encrypted, meaning only the sender and the recipient can view what is sent. While this privacy may sound attractive on paper, this app comes with several associated risks that must be considered – especially for younger users.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

GROUP CHATS

Group chats let friends talk together but can pose problems for young users. They might feel excluded – like discovering events they weren't invited to. Hurtful comments can also escalate quickly, as more people join in, amplifying the impact through a wider audience.

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it attractive to scammers. Tactics include impersonating a child in an 'emergency' to request money, or triggering a login code, then pretending to be WhatsApp and asking for it – giving them access to private messages and personal data.

CHANNELS

'Channels' let users follow topics anonymously, interacting only through polls or emoji reactions. However, fake channels can mimic real ones, spreading misinformation, hate speech, or phishing for personal data. WhatsApp may also collect and share channel-following info with third parties, raising privacy issues.

DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

Disappearing messages help share sensitive info, but young people may wrongly assume they're fully private. Senders can opt for their message to vanish after 24 hours, 7 days, or 90 days – or for media, after one view. However, recipients can still save them by bookmarking or taking screenshots, reducing their privacy.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's simplicity makes sharing news quick – accurate or not. To help curb misinformation, messages forwarded over five times now show a 'Forwarded many times' label with a double arrow. This alerts users that the message isn't original and may be unreliable.

CHAT LOCK

The new 'Chat lock' feature lets users store specific messages in a separate passcode- or biometrically-protected folder. While useful for privacy, it could be misused by younger users to hide conversations or content they know parents and educators might find inappropriate, including age-restricted material.

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature helps friends meet up or parents check a child's route home. However, anyone in a child's group chats can track their location, potentially revealing their home address or regular travel patterns to strangers.

AI INTEGRATION

Meta AI on WhatsApp poses risks to children, including exposure to misinformation, inappropriate content, and data privacy issues. AI responses may be inaccurate, and kids might share personal information unknowingly. It can also hinder critical thinking by offering ready-made answers.

Advice for Parents & Educators

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage children to treat unexpected messages with caution. Get them to consider, for example, whether it sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

THINK BEFORE SHARING

Help children understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content sent to one user to then be shared more widely, and even publicly on social media. Encourage them to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change a child's WhatsApp settings to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval. To do this, go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups'. You can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...'. Additionally, if the child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Have a conversation with youngsters about how they're using WhatsApp, emphasising that it's for their own safety. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of messages that are in there, who they're with and why they have been hidden. Also, if a young user has sent any 'view once' content, discuss their reasons for using this feature.

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.



Source: See full reference list on guide page at <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/whatsapp-2025>



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