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NEWSLETTER 3



Headteacher
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24th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Reminder for Y6 Parents and Carers: Secondary School Admissions 2026

Please be aware that the deadline for applications to secondary and upper schools is fast approaching. Parents will need to make an application online or on paper by the closing date of **Friday 31st October 2025**. We would, however, recommend that parents complete it by Friday 24th October, so that if there are any queries, they can be dealt with by the Admissions Team ahead of the deadline.

Parents should apply online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Any applications received after **Friday 31st October 2025** will be considered as 'LATE' applications and are considered after all of the on time applications.

Reading Passport Successes!

Congratulations to the ninety-eight children who have completed reading passports this half-term. A new record! Keep reading!

Harvest Donations

Thank you to everyone for your kind donations which were sent to the Broxbourne Foodbank and very gratefully received.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

After half-term, from the 3rd of November until the 11th of November we will be 'selling' poppies in your child's class. This year, as well as the traditional poppies, the Royal British Legion has provided the school with some extra items to sell (reflective poppies and wristbands). The recommended donation for the items is as follows: Paper poppy 50p; reflective poppies £1 and wristbands £2. The poppies are 'sold' in class and are not available via the school office.

Broxbourne Council Activities over the October Half Term:

Kidz Klub: An Ofsted-registered holiday playscheme for children aged 4 to 12. The scheme, which runs during the October half-term, is based at The John Warner Sports Centre in Hoddesdon and offers a variety of activities, including sports, arts and crafts, swimming, and roller-skating.

Fit and Fed: A free programme of Halloween-themed activities for young people aged 8 to 16 who are in receipt of free school meals or whose families are "feeling the pinch". For booking and further information, please email community@broxbourne.gov.uk, pre-booking is essential.

- **Location:** Isabella House.
- **Dates:** October 27–31, 2025.
- **Activities:** Pumpkin carving, arts and crafts, games, and a hot lunch.



Creative Crafters: A free, eco-friendly craft event for children aged 8 to 11.

- **Location:** Wormley Community Centre
- **Date:** Tuesday, October 28, 2025.
- **Booking:** Email andrea@thegifted.org.uk.

Family Activity Day at Lowewood Museum: As part of the *Broxbourne At War* exhibition, the museum is hosting a free activity day for families.

- **Date:** Wednesday, October 29, 2025.

Pumpkin Patch Trail: Dress up in your best Halloween costume and follow a trail around the shops in Waltham Cross to claim a free pumpkin.

- **Location:** Waltham Cross shops.
- **Date:** Thursday, October 30, 2025.

Learn 2 Ride Cycling Camp: A cycling camp for beginner riders.

- **Location:** Cheshunt Park.
- **Dates:** October 28–29, 2025.

Hertfordshire Zoo:

- **Mega Dino Bricks:** This new event features 18 incredible brick-built dinosaurs, including a towering T-Rex. It runs from October 24 to November 2, 2025.
- **Dinos After Dark:** A night-time event featuring over 40 animatronic dinosaurs, Halloween entertainment, UV puppet shows, and face painting.
 - **Date:** Friday, October 31, 2025.

Fire Safety

With the forthcoming Hallowe'en and Bonfire nights ahead, please see the attached information Newsletter from the Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service

School Dates for your diary

Half term – Week beginning 27th October

Occasional Day – School closed, Friday 28th November

INSET Day – School Closed, Monday 1st December

Flu Vaccination catch-up session – Monday 8th December

Christmas Market – Friday 12th December

Wishing our whole school community a restful and safe half-term holiday.

*Yours sincerely,
Mr G. Gaidoni,
Headteacher*



East Herts & Broxbourne

Quarterly Schools Newsletter



Halloween and Fancy Dress

Do you know the dangers around Halloween costumes catching alight? It is good to know the likelihood can be avoided with a few simple steps.

Advice for parents

- Check that all Halloween and fancy-dress costumes you buy carry a CE or UKCA mark on the label.
- All Halloween and fancy-dress outfits should always be kept away from fire, lit candles, and all other naked flames.
- Do not carry pumpkins with lit candles inside, consider using battery-operated candles instead.
- Children should always be supervised by a suitable adult.
- Homemade fancy dress costumes or those not tested to the same flammability standards may ignite easily and burn quicker.
- Ensure children can be seen in the dark. Think about wearing something reflective such as a reflective strip, and carry a torch.

[Fire Chiefs urge care and caution with children's costumes \(nationalfirechiefs.org.uk\)](http://nationalfirechiefs.org.uk)

Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service





Fireworks

Firework displays at home can be great fun, but it is important they are used safely. Children tend to get hurt rather than adults so you must keep them safe!

Sparklers can get almost 5 times hotter than cooking oil and should not be given to a child under 5.

- Always buy fireworks from a reputable shop and ensure they conform to British Standards – check they have BS7114 written on the box.
- Do not buy them from an unlicensed market stall or anywhere you are not sure about.
- The public can buy and set off most fireworks that fall under categories 1 to 3.
- Always read the instructions carefully.
- Ensure you have plenty of room to set them off.
- Make sure there is only one person in charge of the fireworks.
- Don't drink any alcohol until they have all been set off.
- Never return to an unlit firework, it could still be live.
- Make sure you extinguish all embers before going to bed.
- Consider going to an organised event instead.



NFCC and BBA urge families to think twice about home firework displays.

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Carbon Monoxide

As we approach the colder months, we all look to putting the heating on again. It is vital that you service and maintain your boiler once a year. It will prolong the life of your boiler and may protect you from harmful carbon monoxide gases.

If you have a carbon monoxide detector installed at home, it will alert you to a leak immediately.

You should test it once a week where possible. If your detector sounds you should:

- Stop using all appliances and evacuate the property immediately (try to stay calm and avoid raising your heart rate.)
- Call the National Gas Emergency Service number on 0800 111 999 to report the incident or the Health and Safety Executive (HSE) Gas Safety Advice Line on 0800 300 363.
- Not go back into the property (wait for advice from the emergency services.
- Get immediate medical help.

[Carbon monoxide: general information - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

Did you know?

- Carbon monoxide does not have a smell.
- It is known as a silent killer.
- It is highly poisonous and is a flammable gas.
- Home boilers that are installed incorrectly, and the use of BBQs and portable generators inside homes can produce carbon monoxide.
- A brief exposure to small amounts of carbon monoxide may cause headache, flushing, nausea, dizziness, vertigo, muscle pain or personality changes.
- Exposure to higher amounts may cause movement problems, weakness, confusion, lung and heart problems, loss of consciousness and death.

If you need any further information or advice on any of these topics, please feel free to call our friendly staff at your local station:

- **Hertford Fire Station**
01992 507611
Hertford.fire@hertfordshire.gov.uk
- **Cheshunt Fire Station**
01992 901900
Cheshunt.fire@hertfordshire.gov.uk
- **Bishops Stortford Fire Station**
01279 696800
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