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NEWSLETTER 3



Headteacher
Mr G. Gaidoni

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy half-term we have had already, with several exciting workshops and trips. A little reminder that on the 20th of November the PTFA have organised a spectacular Light Show. Doors will open at 5pm with the light show starting at 6.30pm.

Reminder for Y6 Parents and Carers: Secondary School Admissions 2027

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 **31st October 2026**. We would, however, recommend that parents complete it by Friday 23rd 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 **31st October 2026** will be considered as 'LATE' applications and are considered after all of the on-time applications.

PROUD Awards!

Congratulations to the following children who all received a PROUD award this half-term:

Alba, Anaya, Belle, Bilge, Daisy, Ella, Emilia, Frankie, Freya, Helen, Jack, James, Luna, Margot, Mia, Olivia, Rosie, Taylor, Teddy and Trey.

Reading Passport Successes!

Congratulations to the one-hundred-and-sixteen 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

We will be 'selling' poppies at school until the 11th of November. 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 is £1. Poppies are 'sold' in class and are not available via the school office.

Hertfordshire Council's fifty cost-effective activities for families this October half-term

Please visit: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/about-the-council/news/news-archive/fifty-thrifty-october-2026> for details.



Broxbourne Council Activities over the October Half Term:

- Waltham Cross Funfair: Enjoy four days of funfair rides and game stalls.
 - Dates: October 24 – October 27, 2026
- Archaeology Days at Lowewood Museum: A hands-on archaeology adventure featuring a family archaeology dig, clay pot making, Roman dress-up, and arts and crafts for all ages.
 - Dates: October 29 – October 30, 2026
 - Venue: Lowewood Museum

Parking at Betjeman Close (Independent Living Scheme parking)

We have received a number of reports from residents and staff that parents are regularly using the scheme's private car park during school drop-off and collection times. This car park is private land and is reserved for residents, visitors and authorised personnel only.

Unfortunately, the continued use of the car park by non-authorised vehicles is causing significant problems. Vehicles are frequently blocking access routes, making it difficult for carers, contractors and other essential services to enter and leave the scheme in a timely manner. More concerningly, there have been occasions where access for emergency services could have been delayed due to the obstruction caused by parked vehicles. The scheme is home to elderly residents, many of whom rely on regular care and support. Understandably, these ongoing issues are causing distress and concern within the community, particularly where residents fear that emergency access may be compromised.

Please show consideration to our neighbours. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Staff Car Park

It is dangerous for children to walk through the staff car park. Please use the designated pedestrian paths. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

Fire Safety

With the forthcoming Hallowe'en and Bonfire nights ahead, please see the attached information from Mark Collins (Chief Inspector, Hertfordshire Constabulary).

School Dates for your diary

PTFA Little Recyclers Clothes Collection – 22nd October

Half term – Week beginning 26th October

PTFA – Own Clothes Day (Non-uniform Day, Colour Item Donation) – 13th November

PTFA Outdoor Lights Spectacular – 20th November

Flu Vaccination catch-up session – Thursday 26th November

Occasional Day – School closed, Friday 27th November

PTFA – Christmas Disco, Wednesday 16th December

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

*Yours sincerely,
Mr G. Gaidoni,
Headteacher*





Working Together for a Safe and Happy Halloween



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As Halloween approaches, **Hertfordshire Constabulary** is working closely with **Broxbourne Community Safety Partnership** and **Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service** as part of the Community Safety Partnership to ensure that everyone in our community can enjoy the festivities safely and peacefully.

Halloween is a fun and exciting time of year for many families. However, for some residents, particularly elderly or vulnerable members of our community unexpected knocks at the door, loud noises, and groups gathering can cause a great deal of anxiety, distress, or intimidation.

To keep our neighbourhoods safe and inclusive, we are asking all residents, parents, and young people to follow our **"Be a Good Neighbour"** guidance this year:



For Trick-or-Treaters and Parents

- **Respect the Signs:** Only knock on doors where you see clear signs that visitors are welcome, such as Halloween decorations. If a home is displaying a **"No Trick or Treaters"** sign, please respect their privacy and move on without knocking.
- **Stay Safe and Visible:** Young children must always be accompanied by an adult. Stick to well-lit areas, wear bright colours, and carry a torch.
- **Keep It Friendly:** Pranks that cause damage, alarm, or distress are illegal and constitute anti-social behaviour. Local police and partners will be patrolling key areas and will deal with any intentional disruption or criminal damage robustly.
- **Know Where Your Children Are:** If your older children are going out with friends, please speak to them about respect, community safety, and what boundaries you expect them to keep.





For Householders

- **Unexpected Callers:** You are under no obligation to open your door if you feel unsure or uncomfortable. Use your spyhole or door chain, and keep your door locked.
- **No trick or treating:** You can find further information or download a no trick or treating please poster from the Herts Police website [Halloween and Bonfire Night | Hertfordshire Constabulary](#)
- **Look Out for Each Other:** If you have an elderly or vulnerable neighbour, consider checking in on them ahead of Halloween night to ensure they feel safe and have a plan.



What We Are Doing

The Community Safety Partnership will be deploying **increased high-visibility patrols** across the neighbourhood during the Halloween period to act as a reassuring presence and immediately tackle any anti-social behaviour. Local businesses have also been asked to monitor and restrict the sale of items like eggs, flour, and fireworks to unaccompanied youths.



How to Contact Us

- To report non-emergency anti-social behaviour, please use our online reporting tools [Report | Hertfordshire Constabulary](#) or call **101**.
- Halloween is one of the busiest nights of the year for emergency services. Please reserve the **999** line strictly for situations where a crime is in progress, property is in immediate danger, or there is a threat to life.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us make this an enjoyable, safe, and respectful season for the entire community.

