



**Important Dates:**

Date	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
<b>January</b>		
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	Whole school inc. Pre-School.	2.30pm Christingle service in St. Mary's Church – All welcome to attend.
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup>	Dragonfly	1.00pm - Swimming starting at Kings for 5 weeks.
<b>February</b>		
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	Reception	PM- NHS Vision screening – opt out letters have been sent home.

**Swimming:** This year we will be swimming for 5 weeks per class. Instead of a half an hour lesson they will be an hour long. Dragonfly class start theirs next Thursday (5<sup>th</sup>) and finish on the 12<sup>th</sup> February. Please remember to pack swimming kit to include swim shorts or costume (no bikinis), goggles and a hair band for long hair to be tied up. Swimming hats are given out by Kings Fitness and Leisure. Reception children will join with Bumblebee class and start their lessons on Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Lunches:** Remember to order your child's school lunch by midnight every Tuesday for the following week's lunches.

**School Admissions:** If your child is due to start school in Reception or move to Middle school for Year 5 then you need to apply for a place with your local authority. For Somerset applications please visit the following link below. If you live outside of Somerset then please apply to North Somerset by visiting the link below. **The deadline for applications is Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January.**

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/apply-to-start-school-for-the-first-time/#How%20to%20apply>

**If you live in North Somerset, you apply via their applications process but you can list your choice of schools as in East Brent or Hugh Sexey Middle school if they are in Somerset.**

<https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/school-admissions/apply-school-place/applying-school-place>

**FOEBS:** thank you to everyone for your huge support of our PTA. Your support this year so far not including the Christmas fayre which we reported in December includes the following;

- November disco £169.15
- East Brent Church Fayre £34.72
- Christmas Shopping £470.00
- Christmas sweet treats £22.50
- Harvest Home late donation £26.50

**Useful Information**

Further information can be found on our website: [www.eastbrentcofeacademy.co.uk](http://www.eastbrentcofeacademy.co.uk)

**Our values**  
**'Peace, Endurance, Aspiration, Respect, Love & Service'**

**Our Christian Value this term**  
**'Hope - Aspiration'**

**Safeguarding**

Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. If you are worried about a child, please email

[office@eastbrentcofeacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@eastbrentcofeacademy.co.uk)

Designated Safeguarding Lead:  
Katie Whiting

**Reporting Absence**

If your child is feeling unwell, please contact the school office on 01278 760490 or email using the school email address: -

[office@eastbrentcofeacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@eastbrentcofeacademy.co.uk)

**Current Job Vacancies within WLT**

Please visit the Wessex Learning Trust website for all current vacancies [HERE](#)

East Brent CofE Academy  
Church Road, East Brent  
Somerset, TA9 4HZ

**Main Office:** 01278 760490

**Email:**

[office@eastbrentcofeacademy.co.uk](mailto:office@eastbrentcofeacademy.co.uk)

**Attendance Round up**

**Ladybird Class: 97.3%**

**Bumblebee Class: 96.5%**

**Dragonfly Class: 96.2%**

**Whole School: 96.5%**



## Stay Safe Online:

I am writing to inform you that I have recently published a new guide, [What I wish my parents or carers knew: A guide for parents on managing children's digital lives](#). (Ctrl + click the underlined link)

Supporting children's safety is a shared responsibility between families, schools and wider society. For parents and carers, this responsibility has become increasingly complex as children's lives are now deeply intertwined with the digital world. Many parents face difficult decisions about how to balance protecting children from online harm with enabling access to spaces that are now central to learning, socialising and play.

As parents, carers, and educators, our job must begin and end with our children's care and safety. It's what they expect and what they want from you. As one young person told me: "Don't be afraid to be firm... If you are worried [that] your child is seeing harmful content and you don't know what they're watching and it's affecting the behaviour, just take it that you know best – they don't."

I hope this guide will be a useful resource for your school community, and I encourage you to share it with staff and parents where appropriate.

Yours sincerely,

Dame Rachel de Souza

Children's Commissioner



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