



Important Dates:

Date	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
September		
Fri 25th	Whole school	2.15pm - FOEBS coffee & cake in the church followed by the 3pm - Family celebration assembly in the hall - all welcome to attend.
Mon 28th	Ladybirds and Bumblebees	3pm - Parent/Carer curriculum information session in your child's class.
Weds 30th	Y3/4 Boys	4.30-5.30pm – football festival at Hugh Sexey's
October		
Thurs 1st	School CENSUS Dragonfly class	Free school lunch for all children including Pre-School 3pm - Parent/Carer curriculum information session in your child's class.
Mon 12th	Open Afternoon	2.30-3.30pm
Weds 14th	Open Morning	9.00-10.00am
Mon 19th	Whole school	3.30-4.30pm - FOEBS school disco in the hall with DJ Stephenson – details to follow
Tues 20th	Whole school	9.15am – Harvest service in the church – donations for the Highbridge Food Bank.
Fri 23rd	Inset Day	School closed then half term follows.
Mon 26th to Fri 30th	3-9 yrs. old	Holiday club being held at East Brent- details to follow.
November		
Weds 4th	All	First day back after half term

FOEBS are running their Coffee and Cake tomorrow in the church before the celebration assembly. Please come along and support if you can however for those who can't there will be cake on sale after school. You can pay either by cash or card.

Football Festival at Hugh Sexey's 30th September- places have been allocated. Mr Scriven will be there to support the teams from East Brent and Lymsham. Mr Stephenson will be running the school football club next Weds for those who usually attend and who are not going.

Census Day Lunch – Next Thursday is census day and our caters are doing a special menu. This will be available FREE to all school and pre-school children as well so if you are thinking about trying hot meals for your child this would be a good opportunity to trial them. The menu online is in the process of being changed SO DO NOT ORDER FOR Thursday until you see the following choices showing otherwise your order will be cancelled. It will show the following free meals:

- Chicken Nuggets
- Pizza
- Veggie Fingers

Any problems please let the office staff know.

Useful Information

Further information can be found on our website: www.eastbrentcofeacademy.co.uk

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

Our Christian Value this term
'Peace'

Safeguarding

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

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

Current Job Vacancies within WLT

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

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office@eastbrentcofeacademy.co.uk

Attendance Roundup

Ladybird class: 99.4%

Bumblebee class: 98.8%

Dragonfly class: 97.7%

Whole School: 98.4%



Gate: From next Monday, can parents of children in Reception drop their children off at the gate and encourage them to walk to the back steps of Ladybirds. All other children should also be walking to their class from the gate. Messages for teachers can be left with the person who is on the gate or email the school office. Many thanks for your support.



School photos: Find the QR Card in your child's school bag.

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Browse your child's photos

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My Child at School- We keep hearing from parents about issues regarding receiving emails. You may find the following useful. We also have a number of parents who's email address is incorrect as they are being returned as undelivered.

Common Reasons You Aren't Receiving Emails

- **Push Notifications Take Priority:** If you have the MCAS app installed on your phone and push notifications enabled, the system sends alerts directly through the app rather than via email to save messaging credits.
- **Incorrect or Missing Email Address:** If the email address on your contact record at the school does not match the one tied to your MCAS account, or is left blank, messages will fail to send. [[1](#)]
- **App Notification Settings Turned Off:** Your phone's system settings may be blocking alerts from the MCAS app.
- **Spam or Junk Folders:** Automated emails from Bromcom can sometimes land in your email provider's junk/spam folder.

How to Fix It

- **Check the MCAS App:** Open the app and check your **Messages** tab directly, as notifications appear there even if an email is not triggered.
- **Check Device Settings:** Go to your phone's **Settings > Notifications**, find **MyChildAtSchool / MCAS**, and make sure notifications are fully allowed. If notifications were previously declined, try uninstalling and reinstalling the app.
- **Check Spam/Junk:** Search your email inbox for messages from Bromcom or your school.
- **Contact Your School:** If your email address has changed or needs updating, **you cannot change it yourself**—you must contact your school's data or admin team so they can update your official contact record in the Bromcom system.

Holiday Club- This will run at East Brent. Children from East Brent and Lympsham school/Pre-school have been given priority to book before the booking goes live in 7 days to everyone. Please see attached flyer.

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NATIONAL POETRY DAY MENU 2026

Theme:

WONDER

Take a bite of wonder and let
your imagination soar!

CHOOSE YOUR WONDER FEAST

WONDER
NUGGETS



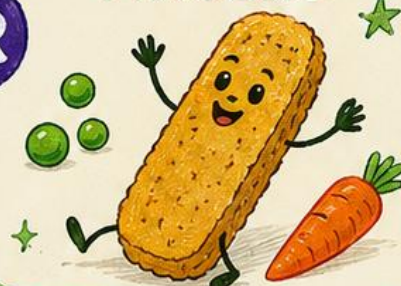
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MAGICAL
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PIZZA SLICE



OR

VEGGIE
ADVENTURE
FINGERS



SERVED WITH



GOLDEN
TREASURE CHIPS



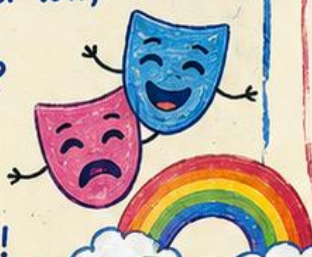
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BEANSTALK
MAGIC BEANS



POETRY DAY RHYME

Wonder high, wonder low,
Where will your
imagination go?
Crunch and munch,
enjoy your meal,
Then discover how
poems make you feel!



SWEET WONDER TREAT

CHOCOLATE
KRISPIE
STAR CAKE



NATIONAL POETRY DAY 2026 -
EXPLORE, IMAGINE, WONDER!

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

YOUTUBE

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Almost anyone with an internet connection knows about YouTube. The Google-owned platform allows users to upload and share videos globally, making it a readily accessible resource with free content on almost any topic. However, with over 20 million videos uploaded each day, not all material is suitable for younger audiences.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed across multiple device types, even without an account. While some videos are marked as 'age restricted', this relies on uploader honesty and automated moderation, meaning children and young people may still encounter unsuitable content if these measures aren't taken.



TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

Popular trends and challenges can be entertaining and widely shared. While many are harmless, some can be risky or harmful if copied. For example, the 'salt and ice challenge' has caused injuries when imitated.



EXPOSURE TO EXTREME CONTENT

The platform's algorithm often promotes content that attracts high engagement, which can sometimes include videos containing extreme viewpoints, misinformation, or risky behaviour. As children and young people watch more of this content, similar videos are likely to be recommended by YouTube's algorithm, therefore reinforcing the exposure.



CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

YouTube includes social features such as comments and direct messaging. This means young users can interact with people they don't know, potentially exposing them to inappropriate language, cyberbullying, or unwanted contact. Young content creators may be especially vulnerable.



SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos based on what a user has previously watched. While this can enhance the experience, it may also encourage binge-watching and excessive screen time, particularly when Autoplay is enabled. Without an account, users are shown trending videos, which are not always age appropriate.



SHORT-FORM CONTENT IMPACT

YouTube Shorts – short, fast-paced videos – are designed for continuous viewing. This style of content can be highly engaging but may also contribute to increased screen time and difficulties with maintaining focus over longer periods.



Advice for Parents & Educators

CONSIDER YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids can help reduce young users' exposure to unsuitable content by filtering videos into age groups, such as preschool, younger, and older children. However, as moderation is automated, it should be used alongside active supervision.



USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Google Family Link allows adults to filter content, monitor usage, and manage younger users' screen time. Supervised Accounts offer a gradual step up from YouTube Kids, enabling children to explore the platform with appropriate safeguards.



CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

If a child in your care uploads content, consider setting videos to Private or Unlisted so they are only shared with trusted viewers. Disabling comments can also help reduce unwanted interaction from strangers.



WATCH TOGETHER

Spending time watching YouTube with the children and young people in your care can help you understand what they enjoy and guide your conversations about content. Tools like Downtime in Family Link can also help limit unsupervised viewing.



Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for publications including Wired, TechRadar, Tom's Guide, The Evening Standard and The New Statesman.



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