

Newsletter

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

28th Sep – Y5
Bikeability

5th Oct – Y3
Bikeability

7th Oct – individual
and sibling photos

31st Oct – Deadline
for secondary
school application

From Mr Dyer...

Children have been learning about democracy this week, and its importance as a British value. We will all be participating in a democratic election next week, when prospective Year 6 House Captains share their speeches with us. Please talk with your child about the importance of listening carefully to the speeches and voting for children they would like to see acting as our Brixington role models.

Home learning has started to be sent home. Listening to your children read, reading to them and supporting them with their other home learning tasks will make a huge difference to their progress. Home learning helps children revise and remember key knowledge and is a great way of keeping up with what your child is learning.

Understanding Government Assessments at Primary School

Throughout their time at primary school, children take part in a small number of national assessments set by the Government. These assessments help teachers understand how well children are progressing and identify any areas where additional support may be helpful. They also provide useful information for schools and parents about children's attainment over time.

At Brixington, we work hard to ensure that assessments are carried out in a calm, positive and supportive way. For most children, assessment is simply part of everyday school life and they are often unaware that they are taking part in something that is classed as a national assessment. Our priority is always that children feel confident, happy and able to do their best.

The main statutory assessments that children may take during primary school are:

- **Reception Baseline Assessment** during the first few weeks of school.
- **Phonics Screening Check** in Year 1.
- **Multiplication Tables Check** in Year 4.
- **Key Stage 2 SATs** in Year 6.

It is important to remember that no single assessment can ever capture everything that makes a child successful. Teachers use assessment information alongside their daily knowledge of pupils, classroom work and wider achievements to build a full picture of each child's progress.

Parents sometimes worry about tests, particularly SATs in Year 6. Please be reassured that our approach is always child-centred. We prepare pupils carefully, provide encouragement rather than pressure, and make sure that children understand that these assessments are simply an opportunity to show what they know. We are extremely proud of the effort, resilience and enthusiasm that Brixington children demonstrate every day, and those qualities matter just as much as any test result.

The Government produces a series of helpful parent guides explaining each assessment in more detail. If you would like to find out more, the following leaflets are available

- [Reception baseline assessment: information for parents - GOV.UK](#)
- [Phonics screening check: information for parents - GOV.UK](#)
- [Optional key stage 1 national curriculum tests: information for parents - GOV.UK](#)
- [Multiplication tables check: information for parents - GOV.UK](#)
- [Key stage 2 national curriculum tests and results: information for parents - GOV.UK](#)

Stars of the week!

Stars of the week mascots....



Willow Coby H		Oak Hayden C
1/2G Ava L	1/2H Esmee M	1/2R Josie A
3/4J Finn W	3/4K Charlie N	3/4P Jessy B
5/6B Oliver T	5/6E Sophia T	5/6WH Layla H

Willow Maisie G		Oak Eric W
1/2G Oliver K	1/2H Ella J	1/2R Layla D
3/4J Skyler W	3/4K Jack D	3/4P Emma N
5/6B George T	5/6E Asra G	5/6WH Oliver B

Willow Isla B		Oak Aurora F
1/2G Niamh L	1/2H Brooklyn MO	1/2R Aleksander K
3/4J Georgia M	3/4K Elijah F	3/4P Alfie G
5/6B Abigail G	5/6E Zachary K	5/6WH Jesse W

Willow Sofiya C		Oak Immy K
1/2G Ewan B	1/2H Bea T	1/2R Jasper G
3/4J Asna G	3/4K Esme R	3/4P Jasmine D
5/6B Casper O	5/6HE Leah H	5/6WH Maddie H

Values Cup
Winners!



Oak - Avery H

Y1/2 - Emilia H

Y3/4 - Maxwell P

5/6 - Freddie HT

Dear Parent/Carer

We are writing to let you know about some important changes to Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility that will start from **1 September 2026**.

What is changing?

From September, there will be two categories of Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility under the Universal Credit criteria:

Eligible targeted: this covers children in households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less. These children will attract pupil premium and other disadvantage funding for their schools. Other education entitlements, such as the holiday activities and food programme (HAF) and the 'extended rights' element of school travel assistance, will be based on targeted free school meals.

Eligible expanded: this covers children who are in households receiving Universal Credit with annual household earnings exceeding £7,400. Children will be entitled to free school meals only.

Both groups will receive free school meals.

Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM)

All children in **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** will continue to receive free school meals, regardless of income.

End of transitional protections

Temporary protections currently in place will **end at the end of the 2025–2026 school year**.

This means from September 2026:

- All families will need to meet the **current eligibility rules**
- Some children who currently receive free meals **may no longer qualify**

Checking eligibility

The Local Authority will review **all existing** Free School Meal claims before the new school year.

You do not need to reapply as long as your information is already held by the Local Authority.

The Local Authority may contact you if any further information is needed to confirm your child's eligibility

It is very important that:

- you provide any additional information requested
- Do not assume your child will continue to receive FSM without confirmation

How often eligibility is checked

From now on:

- Eligibility will usually be checked once a year
- Once your child is confirmed eligible, they will not be reassessed during the school year

What you need to do

- ✓ Look out for updates from us or the Local Authority
- ✓ Respond promptly if asked to provide information

Further information

We will share more updates, guidance, and answers to common questions as soon as they are available.

For any further information please contact the freeschoolmeals@devon.gov.uk

Healthy, Nut Free Lunches Please!

A healthy lunch helps your child stay focused, active and ready to learn.

Please help us by packing nut free lunches for your child.



Healthy lunch ideas:

- ✓ Fruit and vegetables
- ✓ Wholegrain bread, rice or pasta
- ✓ Protein such as cheese, egg, meat, fish or beans
- ✓ Yoghurts and dairy foods
- ✓ Water or a healthy drink



Provides energy for the day



Supports concentration and learning



Helps keep all children safe



Builds healthy habits for the future

Thank you for your support!

Get
involved



BRIXINGTON
Primary Academy

Support
our school



PTFA

AGM Meeting

Come along and see what
the PTFA is all about!



Thursday 9th October



7pm



Brixington Primary Academy's
Lower Site Studio

We'd love to see you there!



Family Fun

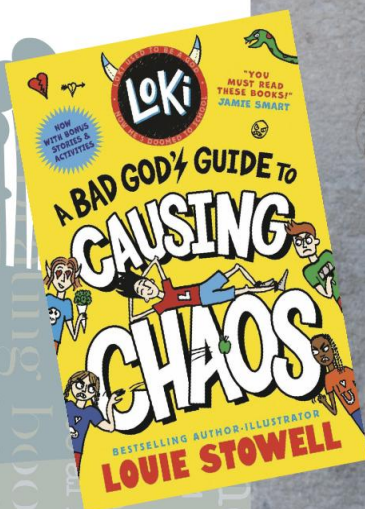
SAT 26 - SUN 27 SEPT 2026

AT



CELEBRATING BOOKS BY THE SEA

Talks, workshops, craft and stories - A whole world of family fun!



Sat
26th

LOUIE STOWELL

**LOKI: A BAD GOD'S GUIDE
TO CAUSING CHAOS**

ST PETER'S CHURCH
10am-11am | TICKETS £4 ONLINE

Calling all mischief-makers! Bestselling author and Norse myth superfan **Louie Stowell** comes to Budleigh to share her hit Loki series. Dive into a world of chaos and fun with live drawing, quizzes and plenty of wild Norse myth facts.

budlitfest.org.uk

1:1 DRUM KIT LESSONS

with Sam Pritchard
at school.

Whether your child is a complete beginner or already has some experience, these fun and engaging lessons are a great way to develop musical skills, confidence and creativity.

Book a 1:1 taster lesson for just

£5!



To book a taster lesson or find out more, please email:

spdrumtuition@hotmail.com



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26.10.2026 - 30.10.2026

**ST PETER'S PREP SCHOOL,
LYMPSTONE, EXMOUTH**

8:15AM - 5:15PM

AGES 3 - 12

**6+ ACTIVITIES EVERYDAY
INCL. NERF WARS, GLOW
SPORTS, ARTS AND
CRAFTS, DODGEBALL,
FOOTBALL, INFLATABLES
AND MORE.**

SWIMMING TUES - THURS



EXMOUTH RUGBY

FOOTBALL CLUB



U10S

PLAY RUGBY

MAKE FRIENDS
BE PART OF OUR CLUB



YEAR 5
AT PRIMARY SCHOOL



TRAINING
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS
5.45PM



GAMES
SUNDAYS
AT 10AM

**ALL ABILITIES
WELCOME!**



TEAMWORK
TOGETHER
WE ACHIEVE



RESPECT
FOR EACH OTHER
ON & OFF THE PITCH



ENJOYMENT
HAVE FUN
LOVE THE GAME



DISCIPLINE
FOCUS • EFFORT
COMMITMENT



SPORTSMANSHIP
PLAY FAIR
SHOW CLASS



FOR MORE INFORMATION MESSAGE

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