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DATES For future dates for events, Insets and term dates please visit our school website:

<https://broombarns.herts.sch.uk/>

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| Thu 1st February 2024, 12:00pm - 10:30pm | Young Voices at the O2 Arena |
| Mon 5th February 2024 - Fri 9th February 2024 | National Story Telling Week |
| Fri 9th February 2024, 2:45pm - 3:15pm | Year 3 Assembly |
| Wed 14th February 2024, 2:30pm - 3:30pm | Book Look |
| Thu 15th February 2024, 2:30pm - 3:30pm | Book Look |
| Fri 16th February 2024 | Inset Day – School Closed |
| Mon 19th February 2024 - Fri 23rd February | Half Term – School Closed |
| Fri 8th March 2024, 2:45pm - 3:15pm | Year 1 Assembly |
| Fri 22nd March 2024, 2:45pm - 3:15pm | Reception Assembly |
| Tue 26th March 2024, 1:30pm - 3:00pm | Year 3 Swimming Lessons End |
| Wed 27th March 2024, 5:00pm - 6:30pm | Easter Disco (Broom Barns Children only) |
| Thu 28th March 2024 | Last Day of Term – Children finish at normal time |
| Thu 28th March 2024 | School Reports Go Out Electronically |
| Fri 29th March 2024 | Bank Holiday |
| Fri 29th March 2024 - Fri 12th April 2024 | Easter Break |

School Reports - NEW



This year, pupil school reports will be sent out on your Arbor App. You will receive a message on Arbor when the report has been loaded to the system.

To view the report you will need to go to: the 'Quick Actions' section, then 'Report Cards' section. Click on the report to open/download.

Abstaining from food and drink for religious reasons.

Please inform us in advance on our online forms, thank you.

Broom Barns Website > under the Parents tab > Forms page > form number 10.

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Have you booked your child's dinners for the month?



<https://app.schoolgrid.co.uk/>

Wednesday 14th February 2.30pm for Y1 and Y2 Book Look and Thursday 15th February at 2.30pm Y3 to Y6 Book Look



We would like to invite all of our Year 1 to Year 6 parents to join their children for a 'Book Look'.

A Book Look gives you an opportunity to look through your child's books with them in the hall and discuss their achievements. We will be showcasing books from the library as well.

We will be holding a disco for the children of Broom Barns School in classes Reception to Year 6, on 27th March 5pm to 6.30pm. This is for children only.

Tickets are £2 per child and on sale through your Arbor App (**School Shop section**) - only 1 ticket can be purchased for each child, under their own name, in Arbor.



There will be refreshments for sale and stalls selling small items. Most children bring £2 - £5 please ensure this is in a named purse/envelope. Children are responsible for looking after their own money.

Children will be supervised by staff.

Please note that all children must be collected by a known adult at 6.30pm.



EASTER RAFFLE – TWO CHANCES TO WIN

We will also be running an Easter raffle. Tickets are £1 per strip and will be on sale in each class and via the Arbor App.

1. The 'Class Easter Raffle' will be drawn first - an Easter egg in each class to be won.
2. Once each class raffle winner has been drawn, all tickets sold will be entered into a whole school draw for a grand prize.

Do you receive Arbor notifications for messages?

If you use the Parent App, you have the option to enable in-app messages. This allows us to send information to parents within the Parent App.

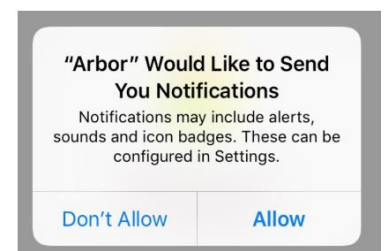
Parents can enable push notifications when installing the Parent App on their phone, which means they'll be notified when they've been sent a new in-app message (whether they're logged in or not).

Sometimes, parents may stop receiving push notifications to their phones. Even though they may have enabled push notifications on their phones, iOS devices occasionally block push notifications if the phone is receiving a lot of them.

If you do stop receiving messages, complete the below steps to enable them again:

1. Close the Parent App (make sure that it's not running at the background - see [this video](#) on how to do this)
2. Go to your settings and switch OFF push notifications for the Parent App.
3. Restart your phone.
4. Go to the settings and switch ON push notification for the Parent App.
5. Restart your phone again.
6. You should then be able to receive push notifications again.

If after all the steps above have been completed and push notifications are still not appearing, uninstall the Parent App from the device and install it again. When installing the second time, make sure that you agree to receive push notifications from the app.



REMINDER - WALK YOUR WHEELS



For the safety of other pupils and adults please remind your child they must walk their scooter/cycle/balance bike from the school gates when on school grounds.

Electric Scooters – Hertfordshire Police Message

An e-scooter seized by Neighbourhood officer

Please remember - if you ride an e-scooter through the public streets of Hertfordshire, you are breaking the law.

E-scooters can only be used on private land with the landowner's permission.

Many parents may be unaware of the legislation and are buying these scooters for their children thinking they are harmless fun. However, these vehicles can be very dangerous and many people across the country have been injured because of collisions involving e-scooters.

If you are caught riding one on a public highway, pavement, or cycle lane it could be seized by the police and you could also be reported for driving offences, which would lead to significant penalty points and a fine.

If you are a parent letting your child ride these in public, you will be the one found responsible and in turn this could affect your own driving licence.

Please only reply if you have information that the sender has asked for by tapping on this email address: wlo@herts.pnn.police.uk. If you want to discuss anything else or report a crime, please refer to the Police Contact Advice below.

ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER.



SNAPCHAT'S NEW AI CHATBOT AND ITS IMPACT ON YOUNG PEOPLE

Snapchat has introduced a new Artificial Intelligence (AI) chatbot called "My AI" designed to help users with various tasks through their messaging section in the Snapchat app.

While this new feature can be helpful, there are some potential risks to young people who use this feature. In [this article](#), [Childnet](#) explores the latest AI chatbot on Snapchat and its potential impact on young people.

What do I need to know about ChatGPT? [Childnet's guide for parents and carers](#)

ChatGPT is an artificial intelligence chatbot which can be found online. Similarly to a robotic customer service often found on the corner of a website or app, ChatGPT generates content and answers based on a user's question.

[This article](#) discusses why it's important for parents and carers to talk with young people about how to use ChatGPT in an educational and safe way.



UNDERSTANDING AND RESPONDING TO ONLINE CHALLENGES

When a viral challenge is reported in the news or on social media, it can be difficult to establish the facts, risks, and what you need to do to protect the young people in your care.

iNEQE Safeguarding Group has published [an article](#) to explain what you need to know and how to respond to online challenges. The good news is that most online challenges will burn out and lose popularity!

'While these challenges often die out in a short space of time, it's vital that those with children and young people in their care understand what these challenges are, and how to respond accordingly.'

SWIGGLE-CHILD FRIENDLY SEARCH ENGINE

This is an **ad-free search engine** designed specifically for young children taking their first steps on the internet.

'Powered by Google Custom Search, the results are filtered using Google SafeSearch and educational resources prioritised. We also filter the search terms to check that Swiggle is not being used to search for inappropriate content.'

REPORT REMOVE

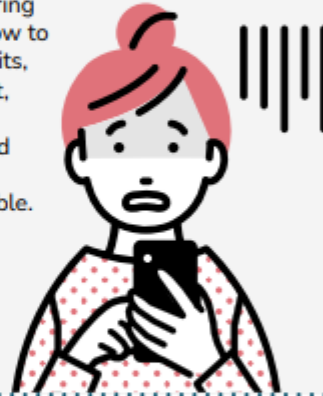
Report Remove has been designed to help young people under 18 in the UK to confidentially report sexual images and videos of themselves and remove them from the internet. The Report Remove tool can be used by any young person under 18 to report a nude image or video of themselves that has appeared online. The IWF (Internet Watch Foundation) will then review this content and work to have it removed if it breaks the law.

SETTING PARENTAL CONTROLS

The **UK Safer Internet Centre** has published a **guide** for parents on using parental controls to keep your child safe. Parental controls are designed to help protect children from inappropriate content online, such as pornography, age restricted apps, or other adult content. These controls can be used in various ways, for example to help ensure that children access only age-appropriate content, to set usage times, to monitor activity, or to help prevent in-app purchases.

Childnet has also published information and key advice on parental controls for parents and carers.

Free practical guides from **Internet Matters** will show you how to set up parental controls on various platforms and provide help with many filtering options, including how to set time and age limits, block certain content, lock settings with a password or PIN, and activate restricted modes where available.



REPORTING ONLINE GROOMING AND SEXUAL ABUSE

If you're worried that your child is being **groomed** online or **sexually exploited** you should **report your concerns to CEOP**.

CEOP is part of the National Crime Agency and can investigate what is happening – with the assurance that the safety and wellbeing of your child is paramount at all times.

It is not always easy to spot the signs of online grooming and sexual exploitation so if you have any concern at all about someone your child is in contact with, you should get in touch right away.

You should always report if your child is or has been in contact with someone who is:

- Chatting online to your child about sex
- Asking them to do sexual things on webcam
- Asking to meet up if they've only met them online
- Requesting sexual pictures
- Forcing them into sexual activity
- Making them feel unsafe

You can make a report to CEOP using the **CEOP Safety Centre**.

If you are concerned that your child is in immediate danger, call 999.