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# Broom Barns News



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## 20120

### School events and Important Dates

New dates added in **Red**.

### Spring Term 2020

Mon 10th February 2020,	Night Owls Visit Broom Barns
9:15am - 11:45am	
Tue 11th February 2020	Leanimals Mobile Zoo Visiting
Wed 12th February 2020	Year 6 – Setpoint Solar Power Workshop
Thu 13th February 2020	Airbus Trip for Year 1 and Year 3
Fri 14th February 2020	Airbus Trip for Year 5
Mon 17th February 2020	Half Term
- Fri 21st February 2020	
Mon 2nd March 2020 -	Continuing interest applications open for
Mon 9th March 2020,	Secondary
Mon 2nd March 2020,	National allocation day for Secondary
Mon 16th March 2020,	Last date to accept the place offered for
	Secondary
Mon 23rd March 2020 -	First continuing interest run for Secondary
Fri 27th March 2020,	
Fri 27th March 2020,	Reception Assembly
2:45pm - 3:15pm	
Thurs 26th March 2020,	FOBBS Easter Disco
5:00pm - 6:30pm	
Fri 3rd April 2020	Nursery Closed
Fri 3rd April 2020,	End of Term
1:30pm	

Please visit our website for further dates up  
to July 2021!

**Online Payments through the  
Schoolgateway App are available  
for :**

Wrap breakfast  
Swimming  
Sports Clubs  
Y6 End of Term Events

#### **Cash only for:**

Nursery, Reception & Y1 for the  
Gingerbread Man

### Attendance winners for last term

Charlie (Y1) Ruby (R) Oscar (Y2)  
Sofia (Y3)  
Caleb (Y4) Abbie (Y5)  
Harris (Y6)

Well done to you all

## Broombarns1

Follow us on Instagram to get reminders.



If you would like to follow us on Instagram,  
please let us know your username before you  
request to follow us. We will not accept a  
request from unknown people or children  
under the age of 13.

## New

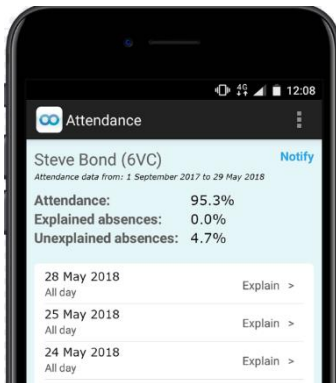
SchoolGateway/SchoolComms has some  
new attendance features.

If a child does not register in school, and we do  
not have a reason for the non-attendance, the  
child will be record as an (N = no reason) in the  
register. The school office will send a text asking  
for a reason for the child's absence. If there is  
no response from a parent within 24hrs, they  
will see an alert of unexplained absence on the  
SchoolGateway app. If we do not receive a  
response to this, we will send a letter home at  
the end of the week. We continuously monitor all  
absences and if a child has 15  
unauthorized/unexplained sessions, the local  
authority attendance officer will be informed.  
Please see the user guide on the next page for  
this and other features.

## New - Attendance in SchoolComms/SchoolGateway



In your Schoolgateway app you will now see your child's percentage of attendance and any unexplained absences.



If you have unexplained absences, please click into the attendance section. The new window will show any absences that you have not explained yet.

Please click the 'Explain' button and write the reason.

The school will then deal with your message and record the absence.

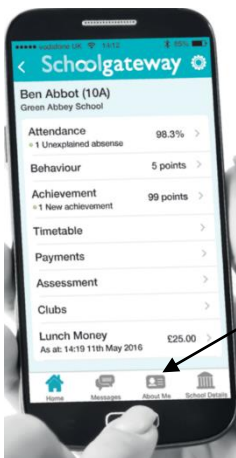
Our staff will update this within 24 hours (term time only) which will show in the app.

Please note you can now record all absences and advise of future medical appointments in this section. Please continue to provide the office with proof of a text, letter or appointment card for all medical appointments

### **IMPORTANT**

Exceptional absences must still be requested via the online forms <https://form.jotformeu.com/90446339551359>

## **NEW – About Me in Schoolcomms/Schoolgateway**



Take a look at the updated About Me section in the app.

You are now able to update your contact details and view any medical conditions we have for your child.

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If you have taken, the Pupil Premium eligibility questionnaire, we will receive a message informing us that you may be entitled to claim. In this instance, we will invite you to make a claim via [hertsdirect.org](https://www.hertsdirect.org)

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**6-week group for parents / carers**

**Wednesday 12.45pm – 14.45pm**

**29 January & 5, 12, 26 February & 4, 11 March 2020**

**Bringing Up Confident Children for  
Parents / Carers of Children with ASD & ADHD**

**The Oak Suite  
Peartree Spring Primary School,  
Hydean Way, Stevenage, SG2 9GG**

**Contact Louise on  
01707 247 032 / 01163 666087 to book a place**

**Parents/ Carers can book direct on this number**

**Professionals - please send completed referral  
forms via HertsFX to [louisev@familylives.org.uk](mailto:louisev@familylives.org.uk)**

**Please note this group is available to Parents/ Carers of children within Hertfordshire including the DSPL2. Stevenage, Aston, Benington, Datchworth, Gravely, Knebworth, Walkern**



Stevenage Cycle Hub

# Bikeability at Half Term

Let us help your child develop the skills and confidence to ride on the road.

**We are running a 4-day Level 1&2 Bikeability course during the February half term holiday**

- When:** Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020
- Where:** Stevenage Cycle Hub, Fairlands Valley Park, Six Hills Way, Stevenage SG2 0BL
- Time:** 9:30 am – 11:30 am
- Ages:** Year 5 or above (9 years or older)
- Cost:** £28 per child in advance

The course will be led by National Standards Bikeability instructors who work for Herts County Council Cycle Training Team

## Want to find out more?

Contact Andy by email: [info@stevenagecyclehubs.org.uk](mailto:info@stevenagecyclehubs.org.uk)

**Tel: 07379 229318** or pop into the Cycle Hub for a chat.

 @StevenageCycleHub

 [www.stevenagecyclehubs.org.uk](http://www.stevenagecyclehubs.org.uk)



# SETTING UP A DEVICE SAFELY FOR KIDS

## YOUTUBE

SETTINGS →  
TICK SAFE SEARCH FILTERING  
→ TICK STRICT

## TURN OFF IN APP PURCHASES

SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS  
TURN OFF IN APP PURCHASES (NOT GREEN)

## DISABLE SAFARI BROWSER (IF YOU DON'T WANT THEM SEARCHING ANYTHING)

SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS  
ALLOWED CONTENT

## MAKE ITUNES SAFE

(TO KEEP DEVICES SEPARATE WHERE YOUR ITUNES  
ACCOUNT HAS BEEN CONNECTED TO)

ITUNES ON YOUR COMPUTER → EDIT → PREFERENCES  
DECIDE WHICH SHOWS AND RATINGS ARE ← PARENTAL  
APPROPRIATE FOR THIS DEVICE  
AND OTHER DEVICES.

## SAFARI

SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS  
SET IT UP THE WAY YOU WANT IT AND APPROPRIATE  
FOR YOUR CHILDREN

## DISALLOW UPLOADING OR DELETING OF APPS

SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS  
INSTALLING APPS OR DELETING APPS

## GUIDED ACCESS

(FOR KIDS TO STAY WITHIN AN APP, TO AVOID GOING TO OTHER APPS AND WEBSITES)

SETTINGS → GENERAL → RESTRICTIONS  
→ SCROLL DOWN TO LEARNING ← ACCESSIBILITY  
→ GUIDED ACCESS → TOGGLE ON

