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Welcome to the last newsletter of the academic year! What a year it has been!

Our wonderful year 6 children leave today and we will miss them all! This morning they produced an amazing leavers assembly for their parents and although it was sad to know this was their last day at Bruche we were all so proud of them! It was so pleasing to watch how confident and articulate they all were. I'm sure you will all join me in wishing them the very best of luck at their high schools.

I promised you last week that I would share some year 6 SAT's data with you. The headline data is below. 100% of children achieved Age related expectations in reading (NA=73%), in writing (NA=71%), maths (NA=73%) and spelling punctuation and grammar (NA=72%).

All pupils	
Pupils achieving Age Related Expectations (ARE) in Reading, Writing and Maths combined (NA 59%)	100%
Pupils achieving Greater Depth in Reading, Writing and Maths combined	16%
Average scaled score in Reading	109.41
Average scaled score in Maths	110.75
Average scaled score in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (SPAG)	110.41
Average of scaled scores in Reading and Maths	110.08
Average of scaled scores in Reading, Maths and SPAG	110.19

NA = National Average

Scores of 110 or above indicate a child is working at greater depth in that subject. As you can see for the third year in a row every child leaves Bruche well above national expectations for their age. Outcomes like this really do confirm our personal development of every child is outstanding!

The Bruche staff have asked that I pass on their thanks for their wonderful end of year presents, it is very kind of you all.

All that's left now is to say thank you for all of your support this year and I hope you all have a great summer break! See you all on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023!

Best wishes

Mr Jones

***We are taking part in the Reading Plus Summer Challenge!***

**For our Current Y3, Y4 and Y5**

Reading Solutions UK, the home of Reading Plus, is challenging all students to read for pleasure as much as possible during the school holidays. The challenge is a great opportunity for your child to enhance their reading skills and confidence and prevent the summer reading dip. There are three prizes to be won based on Reading Plus data. The class that completes the most green Reading Plus comprehensions will have double length Golden Time the first week back.

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***School Meals: Price Increase***

Please be advised that the cost of a school meal is set to rise from £2.40 to **£2.60** from September 2023, resulting in an overall weekly increase of £1 per child.

This is the first price increase in school meals since 2019 as the council has prioritised supporting families in these times of hardship. Where possible, the council will continue to subsidise services where it can and are looking at support for those families that are struggling but are not eligible for free school meals. Further information on this will be shared in the new academic year.

The three weekly rolling menu detailing each day's main course and dessert, with the additional daily offer of a vegetarian option and jacket potato will remain in place. The school meals service will continue to provide a high-quality service that delivers healthy, nutritious meals, caters for all allergens and dietary requirements, and is served in a safe environment on our school premises. We will continue to offer theme days, treat lunches and inviting families to join children for special lunches through the year.

***School Uniform Pop Up Shop, We Need Your Donations!***

Coming in September 2024, Our School Uniform Pop Up Shop aims to provide a convenient and cost-effective solution for families and stop clothes ending up in landfills. Our goal is to reduce our carbon footprint as much as possible.

If you have any school uniforms no longer needed, we encourage you to donate them to the school. In return you can come and shop in our pop-up shop, with a donation towards school funds.

To donate your school uniforms, you can drop them off at our designated collection box outside reception (inside if it's raining)

We hope to have a pop-up shop at the end of each term - so lots of time to donate and buy! Any questions please email [brucheprimarypta@gmail.com](mailto:brucheprimarypta@gmail.com). If anyone would like to help set up or donate some time to help us please get in touch!

Thank you, The PTA

All uniform and PE kit accepted

# PTA UNIFORM DONATION DRIVE

Let's help stop landfill waste by donating used uniform for our Pop Up Shop!



**Box at Reception**



**Drop off and Pick up**



### Special Mentions

**Nursery – Nursery Class:** I would like to congratulate all of the children in Nursery for their achievements this year. Myself, and the rest of the staff in Early Years could not be more proud of the individual progress of each and every child.

**Reception** – All of Reception for a great year!

**Year 1 – Austin Turnbull:** For super sitting and listening.

**Year 2** – All of Year 2 for a wonderful final week!

**Year 3** - All children for a fantastic year!

**Year 4 – Oliver Mills:** For his hard work in his writing

**Year 5** - The entire class for a fab year! I will miss you.

**Year 6** – All of Year 6 for an amazing year!

### Early Years News

What an enjoyable last week it has been. You have been a fantastic class and we could not be more proud of each and every one of you for all your achievements over the past year. What a journey it has been and we wish you so much luck as you progress into Reception Class. We are all looking forward to hearing about all the wonderful things you do. Have a lovely summer and well done to each and every one of you!

**Mrs Wallace**

Hello all!

I can't believe that this is the last newsletter for the year. What a year we've had this year! The children have blown us away with their incredible attitude towards learning and their ability to grow and learn as individuals. I wish all of the children in Reception the very best in the future and I am sure that everyone will make excellent progress in Year 1 and beyond.

I've heard that the children had a wonderful transition day on Monday. They all enjoyed getting to know where everything is in their new classroom and also having the opportunity to ask their new teacher Miss Lewis questions about Year 1.

I am very proud of all of you! Keep shining and being you!

Have a wonderful summer and take care.

**Miss Bostock**

### **Key Stage 1 News**

This week we have met our new teacher Miss Kerrigan and teaching assistant Miss Gooch. We had lots of fun with an underwater theme running through the day.

We have been doing lots of transition activities, thinking about all the learning and fun we have had in year 1 and how we the children are feeling about moving into year 2. We have discussed any worries that the children have and all the things they are excited about for the move. We have read the colour Monster to help the children understand emotions and drawn our own monster to show how we feel.

All the children have been fabulous this year and we all wish you a lovely summer.

**Miss Emery**

Year 2 have really enjoyed spending lots of time with Miss Conway this week and completed a range of activities to get ready for Year 3. The children spent all day on Monday in Year 3 and came back to class so excited, positive and ready to start their new class! The children had so much fun watching Year 6 perform their leavers production on Thursday and it was wonderful to see them supportive! We have spent lots of time reflecting on our year together and celebrated wow moments, our favourite topics and anything we have found tricky. We discussed how much perseverance we have developed and how many challenges we have overcome! It has been a pleasure working with Year 2 this year and they have been a joy to work with every day! Have a wonderful summer and we will see you in September.

**Miss Lewis**

### **Key Stage 2 News**

Busy week preparing for next year in Year 3! All the children spend the day with their new Year 4 teacher on Monday, Mrs Shone and had a fantastic day getting to know her and Mrs Jones better!

We created a poster all about Egypt and the children presented their posters to the rest of the class. After this, we watched the Prince of Egypt.

We investigated and experimented using some magnets and the children had great fun creating some enquiry questions.

We also looked at different types of measures in maths and explored converting ml to L and g to kg.

We enjoyed the year 6 production on Thursday and had a fabulous last week with each other.

I am going to miss all my lovely children but wish them all the best of luck in year 4!

**Miss Conway**

This week in Year 4 we have had great fun having our swimming lessons in the pool.

We have had an amazing time completing our DT project this week. We have thought about what properties a good torch needs. We then thought about what would make a good casing and what components we need. We then made switches ourselves and tried them out before designing our own torch. We then put it all together to make our own torches.

We ended the week by watching the fantastic Year 6 performance.

I wish all the children a fantastic summer holidays and hope they have great fun. I shall miss them all a lot and wish them all the very best for Y5.

**Mrs Shone**

Wow! Can't believe it is summer already! Have an amazing summer!!!

This week we got to meet our new teacher and spent the day getting to know Mr Gould and Mrs Blackledge. Year 6 will soon be upon us!

We've had loads of fun. We were challenged with breaking into a locked box. Using our knowledge of Roman numerals, coordinates, movies, spellings and maps we completed challenges to unlock each lock and break into a mystery box! Inside was a movie ticket, popcorn and chocolates for a movie afternoon.

We completed our maths topics for the year and looked at area and perimeter as well as timetables and units of time.

For our science topic, we made lava lamps! All we needed was vegetable oil, water mixed with food colouring and an effervescent tablet. We were amazed when the oil and water did not mix and even more excited when the bubbles started forming!

We also got the pleasure to watch Year 6's leavers assembly and sign their shirts as we wish them luck in high school.

**Miss Ratcliffe**

Year 6 have been busily preparing for their production on Friday. We hope that parents and carers can attend on Friday - the children will be displaying a vast variety of talent and I am sure you will not be disappointed.

We have also completed Bikeright and have had swimming lessons in our portable pool, finishing with a pool party on the final day.

On reflection of the year, both Mrs Blackledge and I will be incredibly sad to see the children leave us. They have had a tremendous year and their outcomes have been outstanding.

Thank you for all your support - without this collaboration, such brilliant attainment would not be possible.

Have a wonderful Summer!

**Mr Gould**

Thank you all so much for the support you have given us this year. We have had another year of pioneering innovation within PE and we continue to be ahead of the curve for best practice in PE. Swimming has been a great success for Reception to Year 6 with over 75 hours worth of swimming lessons and a huge increase in our children's confidence and proficiency in the water. Have a lovely summer and we will see you in September.

**Mr Cooney**



## BRUCHE PRIMARY SCHOOL

### Term Dates 2023-2024

	<b>Closing Date</b>	<b>Opening Date</b>
Autumn 2024		06.09.23
Autumn Half Term	20.10.23	06.11.23
Christmas 2023	20.12.23	03.01.24
Spring Half Term 2024	09.02.24	19.02.24
Easter	28.03.24	08.04.24
Bank Holidays (Good Friday and Easter Monday)	29.03.24 and 01.04.24	
Bank Holiday (May Day)	06.05.24	
Summer Half Term	24.05.24	03.06.2024
Summer 2024	18.07.24	(TBC)

### **INSET** (Training days for staff – children not in school)

<b>INSET 1</b>	04.09.23
<b>INSET 2</b>	05.09.23
<b>INSET 3</b>	28.06.24
<b>INSET 4</b>	19.07.24
<b>INSET 5</b>	22.07.24

<b>Holiday Dates</b>	
October Half Term	23.10.23 – 03.11.23
Christmas Holiday	21.12.23 – 3.01.24
February Half Term	12.02.24 – 16.02.24
Easter Holiday	01.03.24 – 05.04.24
May Half Term (Whit)	27.05.24 – 31.05.24
Summer Holiday	19.07.24- TBC



**Music is a compulsory and important part of the National Curriculum. The national curriculum for music aims to ensure that all pupils: perform, listen to, review and evaluate music.**

From September 2022 Early Notes Music Education will be able to offer support to students with small group and one to one instrumental tuition for the following...

**Ukulele** For KS1 & KS2 students

**Guitar** For KS2 students

**Keyboard** For KS1 & KS2 students (**all students will learn to read notation**)

**Flute** For KS2 students (**all students will learn to read notation**)

**Recorder (all ranges)** For KS2 students (**all students will learn to read notation**)

**Violin** For KS2 students (**all students will learn to read notation**)

**Drum Kit** For KS1 & KS2 students

Tuition prices start from £65 for 12 sessions, all lessons are held within school during lesson time. The 12 sessions will usually fit into a school term and lessons will be carried over should a term be less than 12 weeks.

For further information about Early Notes Music, details about specific instrumental lessons or to enroll for September, you can do this direct via our website

[www.earlynotesmusic.education](http://www.earlynotesmusic.education)





## Warrington Schoolwear

### Uniform Price List

Sweatshirt Jumper V-Neck (badged)	£10.50
Sweatshirt Cardigan (badged)	£11.00
Tie	Elastic £3.50      Long £3.99
Book Bag (badged)	£5.99
PE Bag (badged)	£3.99
PE T-Shirt (badged)	£5.00

We also stock basic Schoolwear items such as:

Skirts, Pinafore, Boys Trousers, Shirts/Blouses, PE Shorts, PE Pumps and School Socks

**Available to purchase in store at:**

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**50-54 Buttermarket Street**

**Warrington**

**WA1 2NN**

**Tel: 01925 576868**

**OR Shop online: [Alphaschoolwear.com](http://Alphaschoolwear.com)**

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# OPEN WATER: DON'T TAKE THE RISK



Swimming in or playing near rivers and canals may seem like a great idea, particularly on a warm day, but it could all end in tragedy. **DON'T take the risk.**

**THE WATER IS COLD...**  
...even on very warm days, rivers and canals contain water barely above 10 degrees. Sudden immersion can lead to cold water shock, which can cause gasping and intake of water.  
**This can be deadly in a matter of seconds.**



**DID YOU KNOW?**  
Even the narrowest of rivers can be considerably deep. Rivers are subject to strong flow and **hidden currents** which can trouble even the strongest of swimmers.

**WHAT LIES BENEATH?**  
**The water is untreated and can make you ill.**  
Canals and rivers contain pollutants, sewage and often unseen underwater obstructions and snag hazards.  
Debris under the water such as shopping trolleys, broken glass and cans can cause **injury or trap** you.



Remember, there are no lifeguards to help you at your local river, lake, canal or dam.



Rivers can be very difficult to climb out of, especially with steep or slimy banks. **Stay clear of rivers with steep or unguarded banks.**



**IN AN EMERGENCY...NEVER** enter the water to try and help a person or animal. You could get into difficulty yourself. Instead, dial 999 and use any water rescue equipment that is available.

**If you fall into the water unexpectedly, fight your instinct to thrash around. Instead, lean back, extend your arms and legs & float.**



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# BEACH SAFETY: KNOW THE DANGERS

## MUD AND QUICKSAND

Large areas of the coast can have mud and quicksand which can cause you to get trapped and risk drowning.



### REDUCE THE RISK

Check tide times

Follow warning sign advice

Avoid crossing estuaries and mud where there can be hidden channels or fast water

If trapped, **sit back and spread your weight evenly across the surface**

Stop others from trying to help you as they may get stuck

Call **999** immediately and ask for the **Coastguard**



DO NOT USE INFLATABLES



Strong currents can sweep inflatables and people out to sea

## FOLLOW THE FLAGS



There are lifeguards in the area. Swim between the two flags.



Do not enter the water. There could be unseen dangers such as currents.



No swimming in this area. There may be non-powered watercraft such as surfboards, kayaks, etc. in this area.

## IF YOU SEE SOMEONE STRUGGLING:



**CALL 999**  
**TELL** the struggling person to float on their back  
**THROW** them something that floats

**TOP TIP**  
ALWAYS GO TO A BEACH WITH A LIFEGUARD



Interested in becoming a  
**TRUSTEE** or **SCHOOL**  
**GOVERNOR**



We are looking for governors to join our multi-academy trust.

For further information, please contact our Trust Governance Co-ordinator

**Ashley Babbs**

**email - [ababbs@wpat.uk](mailto:ababbs@wpat.uk) or tel - 01925 202256**





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## SCHOOL-AGED FLU IMMUNISATION COMMUNITY CLINIC SESSIONS

### ABOUT THE TEAM

The School-Aged Immunisation Team deliver the routine national immunisation programme to school-aged children within Warrington and Halton.

The team is made up of professionals who are highly skilled and experienced in giving vaccinations.

### WHO CAN ATTEND COMMUNITY CLINICS?

- Children who have missed their vaccination in school
- Children who are home educated
- Children who want their parent to be present when they have their vaccination
- Children who need to have the flu injection rather than the flu nasal spray

### BOOKING AN APPOINTMENT

If you need further support, advice or would like to book your child in for an appointment to one of the community clinic sessions, please contact us.



## ▶ ClickView Parent Info Guide



### How can ClickView support your child's learning?

ClickView provides teachers and students access to thousands of interactive videos and related resources to support learning and teaching. All ClickView produced content is developed with subject experts, ensuring it's age appropriate and curriculum-aligned.



#### High-quality resources for learning

ClickView provides a library of video content explicitly aligned to the curriculum. Students and teachers can confidently access high-quality video resources that have been purpose-made, or educationally curated from a selection of pay-TV or Freeview programmes.



#### Engaging and interactive

Teachers can find, edit and share relevant educational videos with students, including interactive learning tasks, through which teachers can monitor each student's understanding. Students can upload and share their work with teachers and other students to demonstrate their learning.



#### Access videos anytime, anywhere

Teaching staff can share clips with students to view at home so they can use class time for quality discussions, higher-order thinking and problem-solving.



#### Safe and age-appropriate

ClickView resources feature content classifications to help ensure students are accessing age-appropriate materials.

### Get started with ClickView at home

1. Go to [online.clickview.co.uk](https://online.clickview.co.uk) on any browser or download the ClickView app.



2. Sign in using your child's school login details.

3. Browse over thousands of educational videos.



At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# W APP

AGE RESTRICTION  
**12+**

on the App Store;  
'Everyone' on Google Play

Developed in Germany, this social networking app is called 'W App' in the Apple Store and Google Play but is also branded as 'Slay' in some territories. Aimed primarily at teens and marketed as a 'zero-negativity' zone, it asks users to connect with others from their school. They are then asked a positive question (such as "Who is the nicest person?") and shown four people from their school to choose from. All users from a school can appear in the poll; not just those a child is friends with. The app is mainly anonymous – but does offer clues to reveal who selected you for each question.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### FAKE ACCOUNTS

There is no verification when signing up to W App. Once someone joins, they can see all users at their school and add them if they wish. Users provide their name, gender, school and grade – but are also able to change these (aside from their name) as often as they like. This concerned our expert: predators could potentially keep attempting to build connections with children at different schools.

### PROFILE OVERSHARING

Young people tend to have multiple social media accounts, so it's vital their identity is protected online. By default, W App shares someone's school and grade, while users choose whether to share their full name, photo and other social accounts. Most people appear to select this – making it easier for someone to build up a picture of who they are, what they enjoy and where they go to school.

### SPAMMING CONTACTS

The app's activity feed notifies a user when they have been put forward for a poll. They're then given the option to reveal the initial of the person who nominated them, by inviting a friend to join the app. The friend doesn't have to sign up, but they will receive a 'get the app now' text, followed by a link. This process could result in texts being continually sent to a child's contacts.

### CATFISHING RISKS

As well as invented fake accounts, users could also sign up and pretend to be someone else from their school. By joining under another person's name (possibly with their photo), they can take part in polls while masquerading as that other person. Some polls hint at an attraction or crush, which – if deliberately misused by imposters – could result in misunderstandings and embarrassment for teens.

### SUBSCRIPTION COSTS

W App is free to download and use, but there is also a 'gold membership' package (costing £4.99 per week) available. Subscribing allows users to reveal the names of people who selected them in polls (slightly defeating the point of it being an anonymous app), gives unlimited hints and offers exclusive play modes – all of which may tempt a curious young user into spending their money.

### REPEATED USE

Like most other social media platforms, W App wants users to log in regularly. Every time someone completes a set of 12 polls, they earn virtual coins. These can be cashed in for perks such as being included in random polls (so that more users will see them) or adding their name to their crush's poll. This may not seem much of an incentive currently, but that may alter as the app evolves.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### DISCUSS FRIEND REQUESTS

Talk to your child about the risk of sharing their other social accounts, especially on anonymous platforms where there is no verification – so a user could be anyone. If someone they don't normally talk to at school approaches your child via W App and suggests connecting on TikTok, Snapchat or Instagram, emphasise that it's safest to confirm it with that person face to face before accepting or replying.

### PROTECT PERSONAL INFORMATION

It's crucial that trusted adults regularly remind children about the importance of not sharing too much of their personal information online (and demonstrate it on their own social accounts, where possible). W App automatically displays the user's school on their profile – but if your child does want to use the app, you can advise them to only enter their first name and not to upload an image of their face.

### BE MINDFUL OF REJECTION

The polls in W App are designed to be complimentary rather than negative. However, never being nominated or picked by their peers could leave a child – especially a status-conscious teen – feeling ignored and isolated. If you think that W App is having this effect on your child, it might be time for a supportive reminder that social media doesn't reflect someone's true worth or popularity.

### DO SOME 'APP ADMIN'

Before letting your child download W App, you may want to (via their device's settings) disable the option to make in-app purchases: £4.99 per week for the subscription can soon mount up. Likewise, if a friend's use of W App is causing your child to be inundated with texts inviting them to sign up too, you could suggest asking that friend to stop selecting your child's name from their contacts list.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



#WakeUpWednesday

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