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following Jesus"*

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## Safeguarding:

At St. Basil's Catholic Primary School we are committed to providing a nurturing, caring and safe learning environment where pupils thrive, are confident, happy and secure. **If you have any safeguarding concerns, then please speak to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads.**

For further information about Safeguarding at St Basils please see the following documents by either clicking the link or scanning the QR code;

### Safeguarding Parents Leaflet

[20097821 \(stbasilsprimary.halton.sch.uk\)](https://stbasilsprimary.halton.sch.uk/20097821)



### Child Friendly Leaflet

[20095039 \(stbasilsprimary.halton.sch.uk\)](https://stbasilsprimary.halton.sch.uk/20095039)



## Designated Leads for Safeguarding at St Basils:

**Mrs Sheppard (HT)**

**Mrs O'Donnell (DHT)**

**Mrs Bond/Miss Yearley (Family Liaison & Welfare Officers)**

**Miss Abbot/Mrs Jones (SENCO)**

**Mrs McCabe (Attendance)**

**Mr Duffy (Pupil Welfare Governor)**

## Attendance update

**Please be aware that students who have an attendance of below 90% will not have their absences authorised unless medical evidence is provided.**

**You can view your child's absence record via the School Gateway App. You access this via the reporting tab and then Attendance, it will give you your child's attendance rating.**

**Thank you for your co-operation.**

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE (Colour coded in line with the traffic light system)

Week commencing 16.10.2023

**Well done to class 4GS with the highest rate of attendance, an amazing 100%!!**



FSAR	1DD	2LG	3NC	3AW	4CG	4GS	5JS	6CH	6KL
91.1	97.7	95.8	96.7	99.5	96.2	100	96.7	97.8	97.6



Thank you so much for all of your kind donations to the foodbank.

We had a fantastic response and handed over all of the food collected to the foodbank in school today.

We really appreciate your support!



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 27th October - INSET Day

School re-opens after half term break on Monday 6th November

Y5 Trip to the Townhall - Tuesday 7th November

School Photographer REC and Y6 - Thursday 9th November

Y5 Remembrance Collective Worship - Friday 10th November

6KL and 6CH Swimming - Tuesday 7th November daily until Friday 10th November

6KL and 6CH Swimming - Tuesday 14th November daily until Wednesday 15th November

(There have been some changes to swimming due to maintenance of the pool)

Please check for updates on future newsletters

Thank you!



**Y6 to Cathedral Advent Service - Wednesday 6th December**

**Y5 to see Heaven Sent Nativity - Friday 8th December**

**Christmas Jumper Day and Coffee Morning - Friday 8th December**

**Y3 & Y4 Christmas Performance - Tuesday 12th December**

**Y1 & Y2 Christmas Performance - Wednesday 13th December**

**EYFS Christmas Performance - Thursday 14th December**

**Y5 Collective Worship in Church - Friday 15th December (PM)**

**Christmas Dinner - Monday 18th December**

**Christmas Party Afternoon - Tuesday 19th December**

**Christmas Disco - Wednesday 20th December**

**(Christmas Performance times and tickets will be allocated at a later date)**

### **Important Note**

**We would like to wish all of our families a great half term break and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 6th November.**

# Family Learning

## Online Wellbeing Workshop – St Basil's Years 4, 5 & 6 Children & Parents

**Would you like to have the opportunity to work with your child in school?**

Dear Parent/Guardian/Grandparent

School has booked the Family Learning tutors from Halton Borough Council to run an **'Online Wellbeing Workshop' for families in Years 4, 5 & 6** at school on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 1.30 – 3.00 pm**. During this time you are invited to join your child in school for a variety of activities designed to provoke discussion and learning around how to stay safe when online. Children are exposed to many online dangers, so as parents it is important to know how to keep them safe. This fun, hands on workshop will support you with this.

**Activities will focus on:**

- Creating safe passwords
- Navigating online risks
- Sharing information safely



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**Please complete the slip below and return it to school to book your place.**

I would like to attend the **'Online Safety Workshop'** for children in Years 4, 5 & 6.

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's/Children's name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Child's/Children's Year Group(s): \_\_\_\_\_



## Week commencing 06.11.23 School Meal Menu is Week 1



### WINTER MENU



WEEK 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>MAIN DISH</b>	Quorn curry with 50/50 rice & naan bread	Chicken goujon wrap with herby potatoes	Roast of the Day with roast potatoes and gravy	Pepperoni pizza	Fish of the day with chips
<b>VEGETARIAN MAIN DISH</b>	Quorn hotpot with crusty bread	Vegetable meatballs in a tomato sauce with spaghetti	Roast Quorn™ fillet with roast potatoes and gravy	Cheese & tomato pizza	Quorn nuggets with chips
<b>ACCOMPANIMENTS</b>	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar	Seasonal vegetables Salad bar
<b>DESSERTS</b>	Chocolate sponge & custard	Flapjack	Carrot cake	Shortbread biscuits	Jam coconut sponge
<b>FRESH FRUIT OR YOGHURT</b>	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt
<b>JACKET POTAT</b>	Cheese	Beans	Tuna	Cheese and beans	Tuna

UNDERSTANDING YOUR SELF  
SOLIHULL APPROACH

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**NHS**

# Understanding your own trauma

To support your emotional wellbeing, this online course is designed to help learners to:

- understand the diverse nature and impact of trauma experiences
- learn effective ways to process trauma
- nurture resilience through healthy relationships
- understand more about emotional health and wellbeing

Created by experts in trauma and recovery  
Private, self-paced learning available any time

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# Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, Ukie, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

## PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES

Deciding which online games are OK – and which should be avoided – is tricky. Some titles allow children to cooperate or compete with strangers, which creates potential risks. Watching your child play online for a while could provide more insight into a particular game, while the parental controls on most consoles allow you to limit who can chat to your child or send them friend requests. Remind your child of the hazards around strangers online when you discuss this boundary with them.

## ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS

Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in shorter bursts rather than marathon sessions. Bear in mind that some games (such as role-playing games) require time investment from the player, while others (online team games, for example) can't be stopped or paused at a moment's notice. A quick break every hour or so is good practice, and you could suggest some things to do in these breaks, such as having a drink or water or getting some fresh air.

## AGREE SPENDING LIMITS

There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and younger players often don't realise how much paying for digital items and subscriptions can add up to. Many young gamers love to buy new skins or upgrades for their character, so you could settle on a fixed amount that your child is allowed to spend on in-game items each week or month. This sort of boundary will not only help your child to manage their expectations but will also make you more aware of the price of these items.

## DISCUSS AGE RATINGS

Children often ignore the age ratings on games – or are unaware they even exist. If you're happy with your child playing a particular game even though it's rated above their age, then establish that as a boundary: emphasise that you've made an exception, and talk about what age ratings mean and why they're important. You could add context to this boundary by browsing games' boxes together while shopping, discussing why some games might have earned certain age ratings.



## FACTOR IN FRIENDS

If your child is a keen video gamer, the chances are that they'll have other gamers among their social circle, too. When friends visit, do they instantly dash to their console or computer? You could put boundaries in place before their guests arrive by agreeing on a length of gaming time. Bear in mind, though, that they may try to extend this once they're together. Try coming up with activities or challenges for them during screen breaks – if they join in, they earn a little extra time on their game.

## ENJOY GAMING TOGETHER

Setting time aside to play video games together can be an enjoyable bonding exercise. Undeniably, some young gamers may be less enthusiastic about a parent or carer joining in, but it can be a productive way of encouraging them to share their hobby with you. Setting goals or tasks might be useful: if they love Minecraft, choose something to build together; if Fortnite's their favourite, ask to try out some of the fun game modes, like Prop Hunt, which don't require high skill levels.

## TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS

Help your child to monitor their emotions as they play. Discuss what is (and isn't) an acceptable level of competitiveness to show while gaming. Are they allowed to trash talk other players, for example? Can they notice when they get angry if they lose? Do they think these emotions are healthy? Some games can provoke anger, but others can bring joy, humour and the thrill of overcoming a challenge. Try to steer your child towards games that tend to produce these more positive feelings.

## BE PREPARED FOR TROLLS

A frequent problem when gaming online is other players who are deliberately troublesome. Make sure your child knows how to report and block someone who makes their experience a negative one. Between you, decide if or how they should deal with these online trolls. Talk about where your child's boundaries are in terms of what they think is acceptable: what behaviour by other users is merely frustrating, and what crosses the line to become upsetting or abusive.

## Meet Our Expert

Daniel Spicco is a writer specialising in technology, video gaming, virtual reality and Web3. He has also written IT guidebooks for children, covering games such as Fortnite, Apex Legends, Valorant, Roblox and Minecraft. With work published by the likes of PC Gamer, Kotaku, Pocket Gamer and VG247, he has reviewed more than 50 games and products over the past year.



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# BASIL TOTS PLAYGROUP

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS  
9AM - 10.30AM

**EVERYBODY WELCOME**

£1 ENTRY - REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED



**St. Basil's**  
Catholic Primary School

St Basil's Catholic Primary School  
Hough Green Road, Widnes, Cheshire, WA8 4SZ

Telephone: 0151 424 7887

# Autumn activities at Brookvale Community Centre



## ROBOTICS CLASS

Build and programme lego robots with help from real computer scientists!

Wednesday 1st  
November:  
1:00pm - 3:00pm

## WOODWORK AND ARTS

With the Walton Leigh project

Friday 3rd  
November:  
1:30pm - 3:00pm



Hand printed cushion workshop

& Stick weaving workshop

With Sewing Bee

Thursday 2nd  
November:  
10:00am-12:00

1:00pm - 3:00pm



**INTENTIONAL**  
We intentionally design all of our activities!



**FUN**  
We strive to make every activity as fun as possible!



**A LEARNING OPPORTUNITY**  
We want your child to take home new skills and improved confidence!

## Interested?

1

### GO TO OUR EVENTBITE

Click the link on our Facebook!

@brookvalecommunitycentre

2

### SIGN UP

Let us know who you're bringing and a few other details

3

### DROP OFF

Arrive at the activity!  
Pickup time is when the activity ends





**BROOKVALE  
COMMUNITY CENTRE**



# **YOUTH COOKERY COURSE**



**- WITH CHEF JOE -**

Brookvale Community Centre, WA7 6PE

Free entry! | ages 10-14

**DATES:**

**MONDAY 30TH OCT:**

12:30-2:00

**WEDNESDAY 1ST NOV**

10:00 - 12:00

**THURSDAY 2ND NOV**

12:30- 2:30

**FRIDAY 3RD NOV**

11:00-1:00



signup sheet link:

email: [youthgroup@brookvalecommunitycentre](mailto:youthgroup@brookvalecommunitycentre)

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lessons

be  
happier

have  
close family  
bonds

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better

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growth

understand  
the world and  
others

concentrate  
better



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# Admission to Secondary School September 2024

If your child is in Year 6 they are eligible to apply for Year 7 class in September 2024, and you can apply NOW:

- You must complete a preference form online at [School admissions website](#), where you will be given a receipt
- A paper copy of the preference form can also be requested from [schooladmissions@halton.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@halton.gov.uk) or at any Halton Direct Link Office
- All **online** applicants will receive their offer of a school place electronically on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024
- Offer letters will be posted to applicants who submit a paper preference form on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024
- **Don't leave it too late** – you are likely to miss out on the school place you want if you apply late. **Deadline is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023**



Closing date for Secondary School Applications:  
31<sup>st</sup> October 2023

# Admission to Primary School September 2024

If your child was born between 01/09/2019 and 31/08/2020 they are eligible to start Reception class in September 2024, and you can apply NOW:

- You must complete a preference form **online** at [School admissions website](https://www.halton.gov.uk/schooladmissions), where you will be given a receipt
- A paper copy of the preference form can also be requested from [schooladmissions@halton.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@halton.gov.uk)
- All **online** applicants will receive their offer of a school place electronically on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024
- Offer letters will be posted to applicants who submit a paper preference form on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024
- **Don't leave it too late** – you are likely to miss out on the school place you want if you apply late. **Deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024**



Closing date for Primary School Applications:  
15<sup>th</sup> January 2024





St. Basil's  
Catholic Primary School

# PRE-SCHOOL

at St Basil's Catholic Primary School

## 3-4 Year Old Places

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Good School

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for 15 and 30 hour  
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**0151 424 7887**  
to book an appointment

St Basil's Catholic Primary School  
Hough Green Road, Widnes, Cheshire, WA8 4SZ  
Telephone: 0151 424 7887

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You are always welcome to any mass within St Wilfrid's Parish, timetable is below

**Mass & Service Times**

**Sunday Mass Times**

<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	<b>St Bede</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>
	<b>St Basil</b>	<b>5:00pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>St Bede</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
	<b>St Michael</b>	<b>9.30am</b>
	<b>St John Fisher</b>	<b>10:30am</b>
	<b>St Bede</b>	<b>11:15am</b>
	<b>St Bede</b>	<b>4:00pm</b>

**Weekday Mass Times** (see parish newsletter for weekday variations)

<p><b>Monday</b></p> <p><b>St Basil</b></p> <p>9.00am Exposition &amp; Morning Prayer</p> <p><b>9.30am</b> Holy Mass</p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b></p> <p><b>St Bede</b></p> <p>11:30am Exposition &amp; Holy Rosary</p> <p><b>12 Noon</b> Holy Mass</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b></p> <p><b>St Bede</b></p> <p>6:30pm Exposition &amp; Evening Prayer</p> <p><b>7:00pm</b> Holy Mass</p>
<p><b>Thursday</b></p> <p><b>St Michael</b></p> <p>11.30am Exposition &amp; Holy Rosary</p> <p><b>12 Noon</b> Holy Mass</p>
<p><b>Friday</b></p> <p><b>St John Fisher</b></p> <p>9.00am Exposition &amp; Morning Prayer</p> <p><b>9.30am</b> Holy Mass</p>
<p><b>Saturday</b></p> <p><b>10.00am</b> Holy Mass</p> <p><b>10.30am</b> Confessions and Holy Rosary</p>

St Bede's Church is open for private prayer Monday to Friday 10.00 - 13:00