



# NEWSLETTER

## Friday 9th December 2022

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## Together Everybody Achieves More

### Message from Mr Taylor

This week, my newsletter comes a day late as we had the very important business of our first Christmas Fayre as a new team at Warren Farm Primary School. I'm proud and pleased to say that the event was an overwhelming success. Santa kept his word and took time out of his busy schedule to visit our children and their was a real Christmas market feel in the hall where parents, families and the community came together to purchase a range of festive items that had been made by children and teachers. The challenge now is to get bigger and better with every event and continue to work together to positively promote the culture that we are developing at Warren Farm. I had conversations with a number of parents during the evening and they spoke positively about the changes which they are seeing at the school. This is thanks to the continued hard work and dedication that staff display on a daily basis to ensure that our children have a great education.

As part of our ongoing commitment to collaboration, we also welcomed parents into school to support and engage with our wider curriculum through Design and Technology workshops for children in 1CO and 2HM. There were some amazing model houses and puppets on display and I could tell from the smiles on faces that parents and carers enjoyed the event as much as the children.

Looking into next week - our last week of the Autumn term - we have two performances of the Christmas nativity to look forward to from our EYFS children, School Christmas dinner on Wednesday and class Christmas parties on Thursday afternoon. The much anticipated raffle draw will be made by children in the School Council on Monday afternoon so there is one last chance to get your tickets.

### Mr Taylor and the team



### DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Wed 14th Dec	** EYFS Nativity** (Change of date)
Wed 14th Dec	School Christmas Dinner
Thur 15th Dec	Class Christmas Parties p.m
Fri 16th Dec	School closes for Christmas at 12:00
Tue 3rd Jan 2023	Staff Training day School closed
Wed 4th Jan 2023	Children return to school



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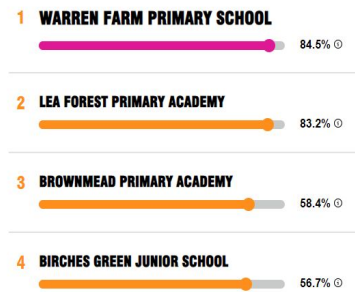
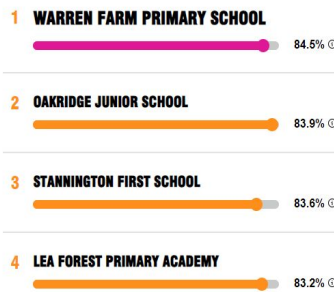
## Reception places

A reminder that applications are open for primary school entry in September 2023. **The closing date is 15 January 2023 at 11:59pm.** You must apply on time. If you apply late, you are less likely to get offered a place at Warren Farm. There are lots of exciting plans in place for the future that will ensure that Warren Farm becomes the school of choice in Kingstanding. More information can be found here: [Apply online for a primary school place](#)



## Travel Tracker

Since the start of term, I have shared the achievements of you and your children with our continued pursuit of promoting active and healthy lifestyles through our daily travel tracker. I recently set the children the challenge of breaking into the top 10 Nationally and achieving the No. 1 spot in Birmingham. This week, I am immensely proud to announce that they have responded to my challenge and have taken No.1 spot in both categories! What an amazing team effort from you all. We are well on the way to putting Warren Farm School back on the map.



## Attendance



NAH	100%
RSB	80%
RLM	95.9%
1CO	76%
1/2KT	84.1%
2HM	84.1%
3CW	79.1%
3/4SK	86.9%
4DN	91%
5AG	77.9%
5/6NW	87%
6EC	91.7%

Attendance this week has taken a huge hit with our weekly attendance a terrible **84.3%** I know that as a parent you will have concerns from messages and articles on the news and in the press regarding Strep A and Scarlet Fever. We have shared an information letter with all parents regarding steps you can take to minimise the risk to your child. If your child has a cough or cold, send them in to school and rest assured that if they should feel any worse we will contact parents throughout the day

### 100% Attendance

Every child with 100% attendance in our last week of term will have their name entered into a draw for a £50 Aldi voucher.



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## Early Years Nativity

**\*\* Change of Date \*\***

The Reception and Nursery Christmas Nativity performances will now take place on **Wednesday 14th December**



## Christmas Dinner

On **Wednesday 14th December** children and staff will be enjoying our annual School dinner. Thank you to those parents who have notified us that their child will be having a dinner on this day.





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### Year 5/6 Glo-Sports

Mrs Blakemore and Mrs Morris took girls from Year 5 and 6 to Greenwood Academy to participate in a Glo Sports event. The children had the opportunity to a variety of play sports in the dark. The activities included Glo Dodgeball, Volleyball, Disco and Sensory play. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and participated in everything! Well done Warren Farm Girls!



### Safeguarding

This week's safeguarding focus is neglect. Neglect is not meeting a child's physical and psychological needs. There are four main types of neglect, these include physical, educational, emotional and medical. There is often not just one indicator of neglect, but can be a combination of the four main types listed above. Neglect can happen at any age within a child's life and can cause both short term and long term emotional damage. If you have any concerns regarding the neglect of a child contact the NSPCC on 0800 800 5000 and they will talk you through the actions you may need to take.



NAH	Ibrahim Mohammad
RSB	Alarna Wrenn
RLM	Zion Amanuel
1CO	Lola Lester
1/2KT	Hassan Ali
2HM	Arlo Martin
3CW	Daniel Coley
3/4SK	Archie Maddix
4DN	Dhansiga Gunaseelan
5AG	Ellie Simpson
5/6NW	Austin Smith
6EC	Daniel Grant

### Head bumps

The Headteacher, Senior Leadership Team and Governors are in the process of reviewing a number of school policies. Whilst policies are waiting to be ratified and agreed by governors there are a number of steps that school is taking in relation to head bumps including calling home to notify parents of **ALL** head bumps. Following notification of a bump to the head, please watch out for:

- Unexpected drowsiness
- Vomiting more than once
- Any signs of blood or watery fluid coming from the nose or ears
- Any complaint of a headache
- Any complaint of blurred vision

If any of these signs develop, you **MUST** seek emergency advice from a medical professional immediately.

### Christmas Break



On Friday 16th December, school will close to all Children at **12:00**. There will be **NO** after school club facility on this day. All children eligible for Free School Meals will be provided with a packed lunch to take home with them on this day.





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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 FACEBOOK

AGE RATING  
**13+**

With 2.9 billion users, Facebook, owned by the recently rebranded Meta, is the world's most popular social media platform. It encourages interaction with other people by (among other things) adding them as friends, reacting to or commenting on their content, sharing images and videos, posting status updates, joining groups and playing games. Facebook is free, and anyone over 13 can join – but with no age verification, younger children can easily create an account: it's likely your child is already familiar with the platform, even if they don't yet use it themselves.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### ADDICTIVE NATURE

Facebook's quick reward cycle of likes and comments on shared posts can be hugely addictive. It encourages users to keep returning to post things and increases FOMO (the Fear Of Missing Out), which leads to people checking the app even more frequently and finding themselves endlessly scrolling through content.

#### CYBERBULLYING

A 2021 Ofcom report found that around one in four UK 12–15-year-olds had been cyberbullied or trolled (intentionally antagonised online). On Facebook, this can happen through private messages (on Facebook Messenger), hurtful comments on their profiles and posts; pages or groups set up purposely to torment a victim; or exclusion from pages or groups.

#### FUTURE IMPACT

Like most social media platforms, anything posted on Facebook leaves a permanent 'digital footprint'. This can have future consequences for young people: many universities and employers, for example, now review someone's Facebook timeline during the application process.

#### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Just like in the offline world, there are people on Facebook with malicious intentions. Ofcom reports, for instance, that 30% of 12–15-year-olds have received a friend request from a stranger. This, sadly, can include individuals seeking to take advantage of impressionable youngsters.

#### OVERSHARING

Facebook encourages you to post "what's on your mind", but children should be wary of revealing too much about themselves online. Users can give away their location by checking in or using Facebook Live, for example, while some photos can also be traced using file data.

#### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Facebook monitors and removes material like hate speech or extreme political views, while adverts on the platform are now forbidden from targeting under-18s based on their interests. Offensive content isn't always taken down instantly, however, so there's still a risk of children encountering it.

#### VIDEOS AND STREAMING

Facebook Live lets users stream video live to their friends or watch others' broadcasts. Viewers can comment in real time, which is problematic to moderate. Short, user-created clips called Reels can now also be displayed on profiles and feeds. These video features could contain unsuitable material or allow children to be coaxed into doing something on camera that they wouldn't normally do.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

#### KEEP ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

In the settings area, you can choose whether a Facebook profile is public or private. By far the safest option is to switch your child's to private, so they can only interact with people who they are friends with on the platform. Facebook's settings can also prevent your child's personal information (such as contact details, school name or date of birth) from appearing publicly.

#### SAVVY SHARING

Make sure your child realises that what they share online with friends can end up being shared again by others. It's important that they think about what they share online and who they share it with. Facebook's 'Audience Selector' gives users the option to filter who sees what they are sharing, whenever a status is updated, photos are uploaded or anything is posted.

#### ENCOURAGE SAFE FRIENDING

Facebook can help your child to stay connected with the people and the things that they care about. However, it's important for them to understand that they should only accept friend requests from people who they know. The key questions to consider are "has your child met them in person?" and "do they know and trust them enough to feel comfortable accepting them as a Facebook friend?"

#### RESPECT BOUNDARIES

Once you've talked about Facebook safety with your child, give them some space and trust them to make smart choices. Make it clear, however, that you're always open to discussing social media if they need to. In the early stages, you could occasionally review your child's social media activity with them to put your mind at rest – but take care not to become reliant on checking it every night.

#### LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Let your child watch you using Facebook – this will demonstrate how it can be used safely and appropriately, reducing the risk of them encountering harmful content themselves. Teach them the habit of thinking before sharing anything online and try to follow the same rules that you set for them – so if you agree time limits on your child's Facebook use, then you should stick to them, too.

#### BLOCK AND REPORT

On Facebook, you're able to report harmful content and block particular people or groups so they can't contact your child or view their profile. Before they start spending serious time on the platform, show your child how these features work and explain why they might need to be used. Facebook's Bullying Prevention Hub offers advice on dealing with harassment on the platform.

### Meet Our Expert

Alex Wright is a former Facebook employee and social media expert with more than 15 years' experience in digital media. He has worked with some of the biggest organisations on the planet and has a vast understanding of how social media platforms work and how they engage their audience.



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