



NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 10TH MARCH 2023

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EXCELLENCE IN EVERYTHING



EXCELLENCE IN EVERYTHING-ACHIEVING GREATNESS THAT LASTS A LIFETIME

Message from Mr Taylor

Welcome to the end of what has been another very busy week. This week, a number of extracurricular activities have taken place as part of our commitment to delivering equality of opportunity and an excellent curriculum offer for all children. Over the course of the academic year, every class across the school will attend an external trip linked to an area of their learning across the curriculum. These trips are intended to broaden and extend out children's educational experiences and they will be rich and varied. While they may not all be to the same venue, they will provide a rich and balanced curriculum offer to all children across the school.

Adverse Weather conditions

Thank you for your understanding with regard to my decisions to close school this week. As a Headteacher, this is always a difficult decision to make but as I shared through conversations with parents on the gate in snowy conditions on Thursday, my decisions will always be made in the best interests of the health and safety of the Warren Farm children, parents and staff. Unfortunately, when we are at the mercy of the weather, the climate can be unpredictable as we saw when conditions worsened in a short space of time on both mornings this week. We are almost in the middle of March so fingers crossed that warmer times are just around the corner!

Uniform

Last week we launched our new school logo. I have received an overwhelmingly positive response from children, parents and a number of schools on twitter. I spoke briefly about the change in our uniform in September and we are currently awaiting sample items before launching the production of our new jumpers and cardigans. Our current supplier still has a quantity of stock left which they have agreed to put on clearance from this week. Jumpers and Cardigans £5, Polos £3. P.E T-shirts £2 and Book Bags £2

I look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday morning next week ready to continue our drive of *Excellence in Everything*.

Mr Taylor

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 13th Mar	British Science week
Mon 13th Mar	Science Workshops
Tue 14th Mar	SCARF Workshops
Wed 15th Mar	Spark Active Girls Football 1CO and
Fri 17th Mar	Red Nose Day - Non uniform Wear Something Red.
Tue 21st Mar	Year 2 SATs Parent meeting
Wed 29th Mar	EYFS and KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade
Fri 31st Mar	School closes for Easter at 12:00

COURAGE

HONESTY

INTEGRITY

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5/6NW AND 5AG STEM WORKSHOPS

5AG and 5/6NW were lucky enough to take part in a science workshop with STEM. They explored optics through; experiments with lenses, experienced light and visual impairments. They learnt all about robotics including coding with a Lego robot. The children used their scientific knowledge and skills to work together.



READING BOOKS



At Warren Farm, we are dedicated to improving children's reading fluency. Each day, children take home a reading book that is closely matched to their current reading ability. The book will contain the specific phonics and words they have been learning at school. It is essential that children are reading these books at home on a daily basis, but also vital that they are in school for our daily reading sessions. The school have recently invested in lots of new books in order to support this. Therefore, in the case of lost books, a fine will be issued. Thank you for your ongoing support.

6BP TRIP TO STAFFORDSHIRE REGT

On Tuesday, 6BP visited The Royal Staffordshire Museum. The trip was in preparation for our History Topic: WWII next term. It was a very informative and enjoyable trip. The children's behaviour was exemplary and they were excellent representatives of Warren Farm.


During our visit, the children were immersed in the life of a civilian during WWII. They experienced life in a 'Public Shelter' during The Blitz. We also learned about rationing, the importance of growing your own food, the weapons and uniform the soldiers wore. Finally we visited the memorial garden.

ATTENDANCE

To avoid Legal Action being taken against you for failing to ensure your child/ren attend school regularly, you are advised of the following:

- Ensure your child attends school every day it is open, on time, escorting them into school if necessary and handing them over to a member of staff. (Please be aware your child will get an unauthorised absence mark when they arrive after registration closes.
- Contact school on the first day of every absence by 9.30am stating the reason for absence and the likely return date.
- Take your child to the doctor if unwell and provide the school with: *medical appointment card with one appointment entered, letter from a professional, doctor's note, medication prescribed by a doctor, copy of prescription, print screen of medical notes, as well as letters concerning hospital appointments or any other relevant evidence.*

The Head Teacher will not authorise medical absence without evidence.

	NAH	98.5%
	RSB	88.9%
	RLM	94.2%
	1CO	88.5%
	1/2KT	91.8%
	2HM	92.2%
	3CW	90%
	3/4SK	92.4%
	4DN	95.3%
	5AG	86.7%
	5/6NW	94.2%
	6BP	93%

3CW TRIP TO THE NEW ART GALLERY WALSALL

3CW had a wonderful time at The New Art Gallery in Walsall on Wednesday. The trip gave children the opportunity to explore the world of art and inspire their creativity. They began the day by meeting an artist, who showed them work created by people living in Walsall. The children took inspiration from this to create their own silk screen prints. In the afternoon, 3CW visited several different rooms in the gallery; still life, portraiture and sculpture. They used plasticine to replicate the different shapes and textures that they saw.





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TERM DATES

Spring Term

Finishes: Friday 31st March 2023 at 12:00pm
 Half Term: Monday 20th February 2023 - Friday 24th February 2023
 Easter Holiday: Monday 3rd April 2023 - Friday 14th April 2023

Summer Term

Starts: Monday 17th April 2023
 Finishes: Friday 21st July 2023 at 12:00pm
 Half Term: Monday 29th May 2023 - Friday 2nd June 2023
 Summer Holiday 2023 commences Monday 24th July 2023

**A reminder that the Spring term finishes on
 Friday 31st March at 12:00 pm**

NAH	Jacob Morrall
RAY	Isla-Rose Clive
RLM	Ayaan Bustiuq
1CO	Ilyes Haddouche
1/2KT	Charlie Brown
2HM	Ayesha
3CW	Lorenzo
3/4SK	Amelia Banks
4DN	Maiya Ceesay
5AG	Jaden Rowe
5/6NW	Wenbo Li
6BP	Baldwin Konneh

SAFEGUARDING

This week's focus is child trafficking. Child trafficking is child abuse. It's defined as recruiting, moving, receiving and harbouring children for the purpose of exploitation. Child trafficking is a form of modern slavery. Traffickers may use grooming techniques to gain the trust of a child, family or community. They may trick, force or persuade children to leave their homes. Children who are trafficked are intentionally hidden and isolated from the services and communities who can identify and protect them. If you think that a child is in danger then please contact 999. To read more about this please use this website: [Child trafficking and modern slavery](https://www.childtraffickingandmodernslavery.org/)



RED NOSE DAY Friday 17th March 2023



This Red Nose Day, let's come together to raise some smiles – and some money – to help people through the toughest times of their lives. Poverty isn't simple, or easy to see. It's behind so many of the issues that Comic Relief work to tackle. Comic Relief are there for people who are facing the toughest times of their lives. Whether they're impacted by the cost of living crisis, the drought in East Africa, or the recent, heartbreaking earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Our donations make a very real difference to people in the UK and around the world, whether you donate through Red Nose Day, Sport Relief or to Comic Relief at any other time of year.

In support of Red Nose day, we are holding a non uniform day where children can wear something red and give a donation of £1.



READATHON

At Warren Farm we are encouraging children to take part in the Read for Good 'Readathon'. Over the next two weeks (Monday 13th March - Monday 27th March). Please sponsor the children to read whatever it is they like to read – from comics to classics, and audio books to blogs. You can sponsor the children per book, or per minute of reading and all money raised will go to charity. The money raised by the children buys books for schools and brings the power of stories to children in hospital.

Sponsors can pay online, or provide children with cash which the school will then collect and send in.





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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 devices which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about iPADS

Apple debuted the first iPad in 2010, kickstarting the tablet market, and it remains the best-selling tablet to this day. Although Apple doesn't offer a child-specific version, iPads are hugely popular with youngsters due to their ease of use and endless choice of apps. There's a selection of models, with different-sized screens and distinct features – including the standard iPad; the iPad Air; the iPad Pro; and the iPad mini. Thankfully, they all offer parental controls so you can regulate how your child uses the device ... and how long they spend on it.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PHYSICAL DAMAGE

While some tablets (such as the Amazon Fire Kids editions) come with rugged shock-proof cases, iPads aren't built for rough and tumble. They're also more expensive than most other tablets, and any damage your child's iPad suffers could be costly to repair. Buying a child-friendly case and screen protector for the device could be a wise move, especially if it's being used by younger ones.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Like most digital devices, tablets have the potential to become quite addictive. You might find your child spending too long staring at their iPad, which could lead to irritability, mood swings and a loss of interest in more important tasks. If this happens, be sure to visit the built-in screen time settings and ensure you limit how long they're able to spend on the device each day.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

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CENSORED

Even if it would never occur to your child to go searching online for age-inappropriate sites, apps or information, there's always a possibility that something unexpected – perhaps a video that auto-plays or content incorrectly suggested by an algorithm – could appear on their tablet and upset them. You can help prevent this by adjusting the content settings (see our 'top tips' section below).

SIRI SUGGESTIONS

The parental controls built into iOS (the fundamental operating system of Apple devices) enable you to block access to most age-inappropriate content – but your child could potentially still bypass these restrictions (either accidentally or deliberately) by using Siri, Apple's voice-activated digital assistant. To avoid this, toggle the 'Ask Siri' functions to 'off' in the iPad's settings menu.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Before letting little ones loose on an iPad, it's a good idea to set up Family Sharing, as this lets you utilise the parental controls to manage exactly how your child is able to use the device. You can do this fairly easily by going into the iPad's settings; once there, you'll be able to add an existing Apple account (if your child already has one) or set one up from scratch.

APPLY SOME LIMITS

The 'Downtime' function allows you to tell the iPad to lock itself at certain periods (at mealtimes or before bed, for instance), while 'App Limits' removes access to certain apps once they've been used for a specified length of time each day. The iPad can display a reminder when these limits have nearly been reached, letting your child mentally prepare for the end of their gaming or viewing time.

STOP ACCIDENTAL SPENDING

To empower your child with an increased sense of freedom on their device (without giving yourself something else to worry about in the process) you could enable the iPad's 'Ask to Buy' feature. Whenever your child tries to download or buy an app, game or product, the iPad sends you a request to approve (or deny) it. This option only becomes available if you've set up Family Sharing.

SET CONTENT AND PRIVACY RESTRICTIONS

The parental controls can stop the iPad from displaying explicit or age-inappropriate content (in apps like iTunes and Safari, for instance) when your child is signed into their account. You'll also be able to restrict the capacity to download and install apps, and you can specify permissions which prevent children from changing the iPad's privacy settings once you've selected them.

TRACK IT DOWN

Just like the iPhone, Apple's iPads have 'Find My' software to help you locate your child's iPad – or indeed, any linked Apple devices that have gone AWOL, including phones, watches and AirPods. If you enable 'Find My' in the settings menu, it will display the last known location of an iPad that's been mislaid, as well as giving you the option to lock a missing iPad that you suspect has been stolen.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry, previously the editor of tech website The Register. Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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