



# NEWSLETTER

## FRIDAY 12TH MAY 2023

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#### EXCELLENCE IN EVERYTHING



**EXCELLENCE IN EVERYTHING-ACHIEVING GREATNESS THAT LASTS A LIFETIME**

## Message from Mr Taylor

This week's newsletter brings to an end what is always a very busy and at times somewhat emotional week for our Year 6 pupils. I'm sure you will join teachers and support staff in saying a huge congratulations and well done to our Year 6 pupils for completing their SATs. While these tests are a measure of the progress and attainment of children by the time they leave primary school, we all know that your children will not be defined by a number - a number which will never demonstrate how special and unique each and every child is. Whatever the future holds for our Year 6 children, I am confident that they will take a piece of Warren Farm with them on their journey to secondary school and beyond as they demonstrate **Excellence in Everything - achieving greatness that lasts a lifetime.**

Next week our Year 2 pupils will be sitting their SATs test. These assessments vary to the test that Year 6 have just taken in that teachers will use the results alongside the work children have done throughout the year, to help them reach their own judgements about how children are progressing at the end of key stage 1 and identify their needs as they move into key stage 2. **These tests will be taking place between Monday 15th and Friday 19th May.** Pupils may not even know they are taking them as the teachers will incorporate them into everyday classroom activities.

Last week, children were really excited as our brand new reading rucksacks were sent home with our 'Star Readers' of the week for each class across the school. Each week teacher's will choose a child who has demonstrated **Excellence in Everything** through their reading across the week. There will be a new Star Reader chosen in every class each week, so please make sure that the reading rucksacks are returned to school at the start of the following week after you have taken the opportunity to enjoy a story with your child and their teddy bear over the weekend.

Mr Taylor

*Consistency is what transforms average into excellence*

## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 15th May	Year 2 SATs Week
Mon 15th May	Dental Screening
Fri 19th May	Special Visitor
Mon 22nd May	Bikeability week Year 3 and 4
Mon 22nd May	Loudmouth theatre company Year 6
Wed 24th May	Key stage 2 VR Workshops
Thu 25th May	4DN Twycross Zoo SAGS/6NW Severn Valley Railway
Fri 26th May	Diversity Day

COURAGE

HONESTY

INTEGRITY

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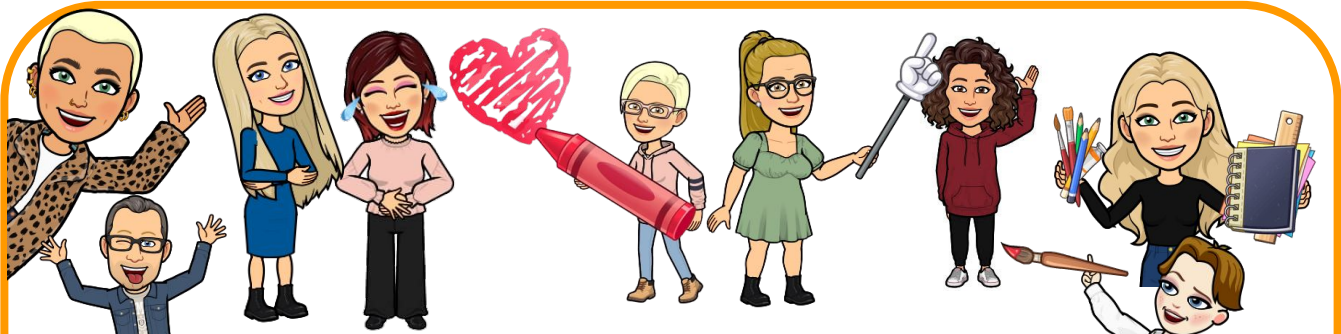
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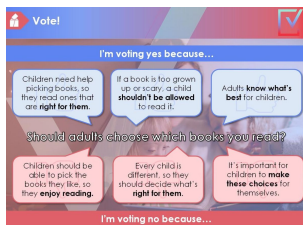
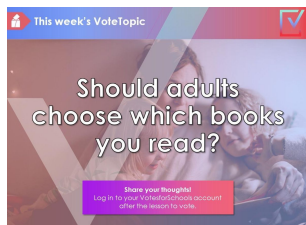
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### VOTES FOR SCHOOLS

Recently we have launched our weekly 'Votes for Schools' lessons. Votes for schools is a weekly current affairs platform which supports discussions and debate on topical issues, empowering pupils to have their voice heard by voting and commenting on a key question relating to political and social issues. Through weekly debating, not only are our children learning about the world around them, they are becoming prepared for participating in our democratic processes, as they learn about themselves, others and the world around them. This week's question:

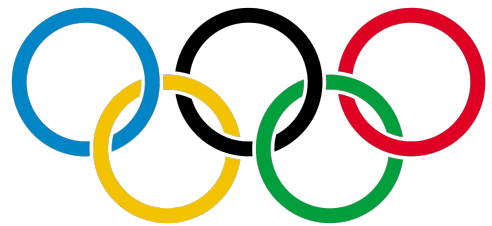
**Should adults choose which books you read?**



### SPECIAL VISITOR

On Friday 19th May, a special visitor will be visiting Warren Farm. This is someone who has demonstrated 'Excellence in Everything' and embodies our school values of Courage, Honesty, Integrity, Respect and Self Discipline. They will be joining us to share an insight into their life and there will then be opportunities for children to ask questions about how they have achieved Excellence. Over the course of the week, we will be giving you clues in the build to Friday which promises to be a fantastic event. If you think you can crack the code and use the clues to identify our visitor keep it strictly confidential.

**Clue 1 :**



### ATTENDANCE

This week we have seen our attendance improve to 92%, thank you for all your hard work with getting the children to school everyday.

Assessments across the school have already started and these are good measure of the progress that children have made since September. When children do not attend school this impacts not only on their academic progress but also on their social and emotional needs.

1 day missed equates to 6 lessons, which means upto 5 days missed means that they have missed 30 lessons of learning. The rigour within the curriculum does not allow staff to go back and catch up with children who have missed the new learning that has been presented. Friendships with other children can also be affected by continuing absences as they may have new friends to play with whilst a child has been off. Let's work together to ensure that we achieve our school target and beyond for attendance.

★	NAH	98%
	RAY	91%
	RLM	93%
	1CO	89.2%
★	1/2KT	96.5%
★	2HM	98.3%
	3CW	93.8%
★	3/4SK	96.5%
★	4DN	98.3%
	5AG	88%
★	5/6NW	96%
★	6BP	99.2%

### SEND SURVEY

The Birmingham SEND improvement team would love to hear your current views on SEND services provided by Birmingham City Council (Education), Birmingham Children's Trust (Social Care) and Health (NHS) in Birmingham, alongside the Birmingham Parent Carer Forum:

[BirminghamSendSurvey2023](#)

This survey seeks parents and carers views about their experiences of SEND services for their child/children. It follows on from a similar survey that was carried out last year and now aims to measure any improvements made. This survey has been co-produced with the Birmingham Parent and Carer Forum (BPCF).

All parent and carer survey responses will be automatically entered into a prize draw with a chance to win one of four £25 shopping vouchers. The survey will officially close on Friday 26th May at 11.59pm and the names will be drawn at random on Wednesday 31st May 2023.





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### TERM DATES



#### 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

**There will be an additional teacher training day**  
 **on Friday 7th July** 

**Summer term finishes Friday 21st July at 12:00**

### STAR READER OF THE WEEK

NAH	Leia Timmins
RAY	Theo Junqueira de Andrade
RLM	Finley Priest
1CO	Harry Landa
1/2KT	Lucy
2HM	Irene Pemhenayi
3CW	Sophie- Leigh Mills
3/4SK	Harper Kincaid
4DN	Jacob Davies
5AG	Noah Martin
5/6NW	Evie Goldingay
6BP	6BP for surviving the Reading SATs test

### SAFEGUARDING

This week's safeguarding focus is encouraging children to talk to an adult they feel safe with, regarding any changes to their body. Talk PANTS is a resource that can support parents with having a discussion around the fact that their body belongs to them.

#### What are the pants rules ?



P = Privates are private

A = Always remember your body belongs to you.

N = No means 'no'

T = Talk about secrets that upset you

S = Speak up, someone can help



### SCHOOL COUNCIL

On Wednesday this week, Mrs Nandhra met with our fantastic school council to discuss the great things they have achieved so far this year and where they can continue to support the direction of school moving forward to demonstrate 'Excellence in Everything'



### PCSO INTERNET SAFETY

Our local PCSO visited the school this week to hold workshops with years 3,4, 5 and 6 on internet safety. He discussed the importance of privacy settings on devices and reminded children of the age restrictions on different apps. He was able to use his many years in the police force to share different scenarios and the outcomes that they produced both negative and positive. He was very impressed with the children's behaviour and commented on the sensible responses that they offered to his questions.





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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

# TELEGRAM



Telegram isn't new, but it's grown significantly in popularity over recent years, thanks to its secure nature and speedier performance than many of its competitors – including WhatsApp. While Telegram is an excellent app in terms of actual performance, like any messaging platform it brings its own challenges for parents when it comes to feeling confident about children being able to handle their own messaging conversations and contact with the outside world in general. Here's everything that trusted adults need to know about using Telegram safely.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### LACK OF AGE RESTRICTION



Telegram has a 16+ age restriction on using the service, while someone is required to be over 17 to actually download the app. Once that's accomplished, however, there's no need to provide further identification. That means there's no guarantee that under 17s aren't using the app – and no way to confidently verify that any other user actually is who they say they are.

#### POSSIBLE CYBERBULLYING

If your child uses Telegram, they could well be in a group with friends and peers on the app. These groups are managed by admins who can remove the option to post replies – possibly leading to instances of cyberbullying in which the victim has no ability to respond. Messages can be forwarded from groups, too, which potentially opens up images and text being seen by to people they weren't intended for.

#### UNMODERATED CONTENT

Because Telegram relies on users' self-moderation, it can sporadically become a hotbed for illegal or inappropriate content. In the past, the circulation of this material has led to its temporary removal from the App Store. In fairness, the same can be said of several messaging platforms, but Telegram's features (Secret Chats, for instance) certainly present more issues than the likes of WhatsApp.

#### PREMIUM COSTS

Telegram is free to use, but it also offers a premium membership (£4.99 per month or £35.99 a year) which increases download speeds, adds translation features, and increases channel and account limits. If your child has access to your Apple ID or Google Pay details, they may be able to sign up for the premium package without your knowledge.

#### UNAUTHORISED ACCESS

One of Telegram's major selling points is that it's accessible across multiple platforms. Once the app's been downloaded, users can log in from a phone, tablet or computer. This multi-device availability means increased opportunities for someone else to gain unauthorised access (if your child leaves a computer or tablet at school logged into their Telegram account, for instance).

#### SECRET CHATS

Telegram offers a feature called Secret Chats, which self-deletes after a specified period of time. There are instances where this can be useful (journalists often use Telegram to protect their sources, for example), but for young people it can make it extremely difficult to prove that someone has been abusive or inappropriate towards them on the app.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

#### PRIVACY CONTROLS

If your child wants to use Telegram, we'd strongly suggest using the app's built-in privacy settings to restrict who can see when they were last online, their profile photo, and their phone number. This can be set to 'everybody', 'my contacts', or 'nobody'; we'd recommend either the second or third options, depending on how locked down you want the platform to be.

#### DISCUSS SECURITY

It's important that your child understands the merits of strong passwords and logging out of devices when they're finished – and the benefits of protecting their personal data in general. This could range from relaxed chats and simple tips like "don't send your bank details" to how to set up passcodes for Telegram so your child's chats stay secure when they step away from their screen.

#### REPORT UNSAFE CONTENT

If your child receives private messages which include content that could be considered illegal, unsafe or upsetting, they can of course block the account responsible within the app itself. Be aware, however, that Telegram won't necessarily take any further action unless this offensive content involved a user-created channel, bot or sticker.

#### USE THE BLOCK FUNCTION

Users can block spam, abusive, or imposter accounts within the app. Blocking stops an account from messaging your child, or viewing their profile and activity. If the user in question is one of your child's peers or friendship circle, it may be worth bringing it to the attention of their school. Also bear in mind that your child can also voluntarily leave a Telegram group at any point if they wish.

#### PROTECT PAYMENT METHODS

Apple and Google's storefronts offer family sharing options, but it's also worth double-checking your settings to ensure that a password or two-factor authentication option is set up to prevent any unexpected purchases. If your child does pay for a premium Telegram subscription without your consent, Apple and Google have been known to issue refunds in some cases.

#### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent who understands the value of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



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