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EXCELLENCE IN EVERYTHING-ACHIEVING GREATNESS THAT LASTS A LIFETIME

Message from Mr Taylor

Welcome back to the second half of the summer term. It's been a year full of many great achievements already but that said, we still have 6 weeks until the end of term and I know that children will continue to demonstrate **Excellence in Everything** that they do on a daily basis. The school calendar is packed full of events and learning opportunities to continue to develop the character of our children and foster a love of learning. Please ensure that you add all dates to your diary for the remainder of the summer term.

The start of a new half term also signals the start of more fantastic extra curricular learning opportunities for our children. This term they can look forward to Book Club with Mrs Nandhra , Gaelic Football with Mr Davis, Survival skills with Miss Gosling and Mrs Davies, Memory boxes with Mrs Partridge and Fitness Club with Mr Taylor.

On Thursday this week, our girls football team played their first league match of the season away at Holy Cross school. Our children take great pride in representing Warren Farm, the school logo and all we stand for , demonstrating **Excellence in Everything** they do. Although they didn't get the result that they wanted in terms of score line, we couldn't be prouder of the way that the girls applied themselves and the team spirit they demonstrated throughout. Well done girls #TheseGirlsCan.

The event that is generating the most excitement this half term is our sports day, where we will be transporting the whole school to the athletics track at **Wyndley Leisure Centre on Monday 24th June** for a morning of sports day events, a picnic lunch and an afternoon of sporting activities. This promises to be a day of **Excellence in Everything**. Who knows, we might unearth our very own Usain Bolt or Dame Jessica Ennis-Hill! Please ensure that you have returned you sports day letter slip to your child's class teacher.

Tomorrow at 12:00-2:00pm ,we are holding our welcome open event for our new Reception children who will be joining the Warren Farm team. I'm sure you'll join us in extending a warm welcome. At Warren Farm we are creating something special - a culture and ethos rooted in **Excellence in Everything** . We can't wait for our newest members to start their journey with us.

Make it a great weekend.

Mr Taylor

*A JOURNEY OF A
 THOUSAND MILES BEGINS
 WITH A SINGLE STEP*

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Thur 13th June	Class group photographs
Tue 18th June	Reception REP theatre Drama workshop in school
Mon 24th June	Sports Day Wyndley Leisure Centre
Tue 25th June	Year 6 Drayton Manor
Tue 25th June	Reception REP theatre Drama workshop in school
Fri 28th June	School closed Staff training day
Thur 4th July	School Closed General election
Fri 19th July	School closed End of academic year

COURAGE

HONESTY

INTEGRITY

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EARLY YEARS



It's been a great first week to our last half term in Early Years! In Reception, we have been reading '10 things I can do to help my world', and discussing all of the amazing ways we can help our environment. In Maths, we have been practising sharing equal amounts between groups. All of Early Years took part in the mini-sparks active P.E session this week to help us learn about keeping fit and healthy! In Nursery, the children are enjoying their new Beauty Salon role play area. As we move into warmer weeks, please remember to send children to school with sunhats and sunglasses. Please continue to send healthy snacks and avoid sending chocolate or sweets as we will not permit them to eat these during our snack time - fruit will be provided instead. Thank you for your continued support with our drive for a healthy lifestyle!

KEY STAGE 1



This week children in Year 1 have been preparing for their Phonics Screening check which is taking place next week. It is vital that your child is in school daily and on time. Please remember to read at home and continue to practice your phonic knowledge using either Bug Club, Phonics Play or Phonics Bloom.

Children in Year 2 have been consolidating their understanding of spelling rules and been learning about fractions. Please continue to log into TTRS to practice multiplication and division facts.



ATTENDANCE

As we return for our final half term for this academic year, we are feeling really positive about attendance as we continue to see a marked improvement! Punctuality goes hand-in-hand with attendance. Lateness remains problematic for us as a school with many children arriving after 9.00am.

Top tips for getting to school on time!

1. Parents; Set an appropriate bedtime and stick to it during the week.
2. Make sure your child gets to bed on time so you can get up fresh in the morning.
3. Put uniform, homework and PE kit ready the night before.
4. Set your alarm a little earlier than you think—say 10 minutes—it makes all the difference.
5. Put the breakfast things out ready for the morning.

NAH	95.1%
RMH	96.6%
RLM	94.2%
1CO	95.7%
1/2YG	89.3%
2HM	91.7%
3AB	97.7%
3/4SK	92%
4DN	95.5%
5AS	94.8%
5/6NW	92.7%
6BP	95.2%

TERM DATES FOR SUMMER TERM

Wk Beg; Monday 10th June - Phonics screening week

Tuesday 11th June - 3AB trip to the allotments in the afternoon

Wednesday 12th June - 3/4SK trip to the allotments in the afternoon

Thursday 13th June - 4DN trip to the allotments in the afternoon

Thursday 13th June - Group photos

Monday 24th June -Sports Day for the whole school

Tuesday 25th June - Year 6 trip to Drayton Manor

Friday 28th June - Teacher training day

Wednesday 3rd July- Year 6 transition day

Tuesday 9th July - Year 6 production for parents

Wednesday 10th July - Parents Evening to collect reports

Monday 15th July - Nursery Graduation

Tuesday 16th July - Year 6 awards assembly

Tuesday 16th July - Year 6 Prom

Friday 19th July - Last day of term - Finish at 1:00





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SAFEGUARDING

This week's safeguarding focus is about social media. We are responding to an increasing number of incidents that are occurring online. Whilst there are many benefits to pupils having access to the online world, it comes with many risks, especially if their use is unsupervised. Studies have found that excessive use of social media increases a young person's susceptibility to depression, anxiety, poor body image and self worth. It can also impact a child's sleep routine, which in turn can affect their ability to concentrate and thrive in school. Please ensure that you follow the age restrictions for different social media apps available. Most of the apps have age restrictions starting at 13 years old, these are in place to protect the children.

SEND

Attention and Listening Skills

No matter the age of the child it is really important that they have good attention and listening skills, as they are the foundation stones of language and learning. Good attention skills involve the ability to focus the eyes and/or ears for a certain length of time on something specific. This plays an important role in all types of learning in particular speech and language development.

To improve these skills playing games like **Simon Says**, **Musical Statues** or **Follow the leader - focusing on actions rather than full body movement**.

For more ideas you could try at home follow the [link](#)

CHILD OF THE WEEK

NAH	Jacob Morrall
RMH	Ibrahim Mohammad
RLM	Lottie Treharne
1CO	Freya Rose Lucchesi
1/2YG	Aniyah Butt
2HM	Thea Hinton
3AB	Ava Francis-Mugerwa
3/4SK	T'Naeya Bailey
4DN	Harper Kincaid
5AS	Jase Williams
5/6NW	Arri Partridge
6BP	Samuel Murchington

LOWER KEY STAGE 2

This week Year 4 students have focused on practising their times tables ready for their Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will help schools to identify pupils who have not yet mastered their times tables, so that additional support can be provided. Please use these final days to encourage your child to practice on TTR at home. We are all looking forward to our visit to the allotment next week. Please remember to send your child into school with appropriate clothes and footwear that they can change into.



UPPER KEY STAGE 2



To kickstart the last half term, Year 5 took part in a fruit sundae making workshop. The children had the opportunity to try different fruits and use them in their delicious desserts. Some of the favourites were: pomegranate, raspberries and kiwi fruit! This week's Young Leaders session was the first without Staff Sarah but we had a great session focusing on courage. Year 6 have been working exceptionally hard on their writing; writing for different purposes and different audiences. Rehearsals for the school play are scheduled to begin soon. We can't wait!





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At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about PALWORLD

In Palworld, players head out into an environment where they must craft items and survive alongside creatures called 'Pals'. In this sense, it's similar to Minecraft: fight monsters while maintaining a base. Palworld has sold more than six million copies and often has over two million people playing online simultaneously.



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MATURE CONTENT



While Palworld may look cute and cuddly, the game does have its more mature moments. For example, if you try to catch a Pal and don't succeed, the game displays a mild swear word. There are also minor references to inhumane acts like slavery when getting your Pals to perform certain tasks for you. While the presentation is intended to be humorous, this could still be seen as being in poor taste.

VIOLENCE

Palworld has been referred to as "Pokémon with guns" and with good reason. As the game progresses, Pals can be given firearms, explosives and other weapons, allowing them to fight by the player's side. There are several moments where cute animals use these guns to kill other Pals or fight against bosses. The violence is cartoonish and bloodless, but it's present.

SUGGESTIVE WRITING

Some of the Pals' descriptions – found in the game menu – can be very suggestive and adult in nature. The game makes a joke of balancing on the line between age-appropriate and mature content: playing on the contrast between the two while never being outright explicit. While it's possible that younger players won't notice this content, it's just as conceivable that they will.

ONLINE PLAY

Palworld can be played with other people online. On Xbox, players can only play with people on their friends list. On PC, however, up to 32 players can share in the same game, playing in a large online world, and these players may not necessarily be known to the host beforehand. It can be quite complicated to set up these servers. However, it can be quite complicated to set up these servers (online worlds) and they cost money to keep active.

DIFFICULTY

Despite its endearing visuals, Palworld is actually an extremely difficult game in places: defeating bosses, catching Pals and exploring the environment can all be very tricky. It takes a lot of skill – or working together with a friend – to be successful, which could be off-putting or even aggravating to a player expecting something more like Minecraft or Pokémon.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH GAMEPLAY

Watching gameplay and reviews for Palworld on sites like YouTube is the best available means of gathering information on it, second only to playing it for yourself. Currently, there are plenty of videos showing this game off to the internet at large, along with detailed breakdowns of what can be found or done within it.

LEND A HAND

By learning the basics of the game – Pal catching, battling, crafting items and building up a base – you can help to lower the difficulty for younger players. This, in turn, decreases the likelihood that such players will need to look online for tips and tricks, where they could quite easily stumble across more violent and mature content associated with the game.

SET CONTENT LIMITS



As Palworld is available on Xbox Game Pass, it's easy for players to access it. Any player subscribed to this service can simply find the title on Game Pass and hit the download button. If a child or young person isn't allowed to play Palworld, the best way to prevent them downloading it regardless is to enable age limits on their account. Setting the limit below 12 will not allow users to install Palworld.

PLAY TOGETHER

By playing Palworld yourself, you'll have the best chance of catching any content that you don't think is suitable for children, as well as getting an idea of how violence is presented in the game. The conflict is cartoonish in nature – until players and Pals unlock the ability to use guns, at which point it can become more intense. It's likely best for you to give it a look and form your own opinion.

PLACE BOUNDARIES

Limit options when it comes to online play. For players on PC, they'll still be able to cooperate with friends through the game's multiplayer option, much like Xbox users. Just because they have the option to run a dedicated server that's open to anyone doesn't mean they need to take it. The risks of interacting with strangers can be significantly lowered or even eliminated entirely by playing on servers which are restricted to friends only.

Meet Our Expert

Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRcon, Lloyd Coombes has worked in the games media industry for five years. He's played every Tolkien title since the series began and, as a parent, also values the importance 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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