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EXCELLENCE IN EVERYTHING-ACHIEVING GREATNESS THAT LASTS A LIFETIME

Message from Mr Taylor

Welcome back to another week of *Excellence in Everything* at Warren Farm. As always, it's been fantastic to welcome so many parents/carers into school this week to share in their child's learning. The parental engagement and attendance at our weekly *Stay and Read* sessions continues to demonstrate your commitment to *Excellence in Everything*. It was also a case of standing room only as Kevin Marlow from *Compass for Life* delivered a workshop to Year 5 and 6 parents/carers and children after school on Tuesday. A reminder that next week parents/carers are invited to attend welcome meetings delivered by our Phase Leaders Mrs Hicklin (EYFS), Miss Magee (Key stage 1), Miss Kelly (Lower key stage 2) and Mrs Wood (Upper key stage 2). This is an opportunity for Phase leaders to share key messages, expectations and for you to meet other parents and ask any questions that you may have.

This week on Class Dojo, you will have no doubt seen the adventures of our Year 6 children and staff as they attended their residential at Whitemoor lakes. This is always a fantastic opportunity for children to demonstrate our school value of *Courage* as they push beyond their perceived limits to overcome a range of challenges such as Kayaking, climbing or the aptly named 'Leap of Faith'. As always the feedback from the centre and staff was excellent and children were a credit to their parents/carers and the school. Extra curricular activities are integral to our offer of a rich and engaging curriculum. There are a wealth of opportunities planned for all children to attend educational visits across the year to enrich their experiences at Warren Farm.

Attendance has seen a huge improvement at the start of this academic year and I would like to recognise the support of parents/carers in achieving this. Attendance is and will remain a high priority at Warren Farm. Children are invested in our new 'No Days Off' attendance drive and feedback from parents/carers is positive as we continue to work together to drive standards and improve school attendance. On a daily basis we challenge our children to demonstrate *Excellence in Everything - achieving greatness that last a lifetime*. The best way for us to support them in doing this as a school community is to ensure that they are in school, on time everyday.

Make it a great weekend

Mr Taylor

Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the quiet voice at the end of the day saying "I'll try again tomorrow."

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Mon 23rd September	Reception and Nursery Parent welcome meeting 9:00am
Tue 24th September	Year 1 and 2 Parent welcome meetings 9:00am
Wed 25th September	Year 3 and 4 Parent welcome meetings 9:00am
Thurs 26th September	Year 5 and 6 Parent welcome meetings 9:00am
Thur 26th September	Book Fayre arrives in school Main Hall start and end of day
Fri 27th September	MacMillan Coffee morning 9:00am Main Hall
Tue/Wed 8/9th October	Parents Evening all year groups 3:30pm -6:00pm
Fri 18th October	Halloween Disco October Half Term (2 weeks)

COURAGE

HONESTY

INTEGRITY

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COMPASS FOR LIFE

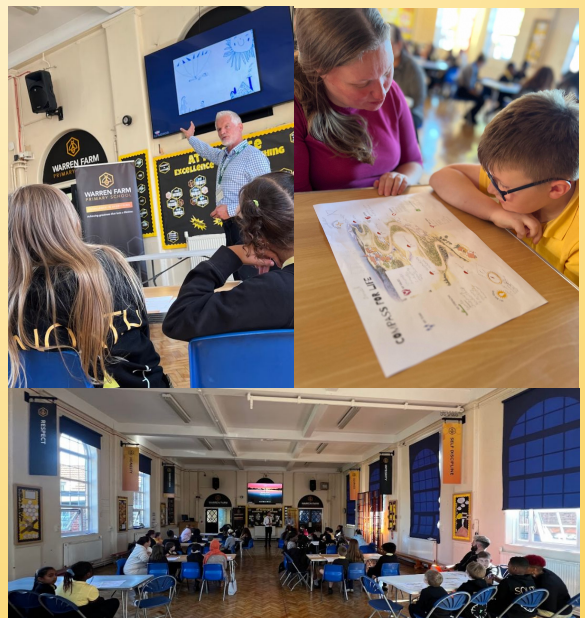


This week, we hosted our **Compass for Life** launch day, led by Kevin Marlow, our lead navigator. Kevin guided our children and some Year 5 and 6 parents through inspiring assemblies and workshops focused on the children's goals, aspirations, and dreams—what we refer to as their **Super North Star**.

This powerful day left the children buzzing with excitement about their short and long-term targets. They were encouraged to reflect on their habits, choices, routines, and how these will help them become the best versions of themselves and unlock qualities within them that can influence their future and contribution to the world.

We were also honored to receive high praise from Floyd Woodrow, CEO of Compass for Life, who said, **"Warren Farm is an exciting group to work with, and their desire to give the children the best education and bring the community together is exceptional and what education is all about."**

It was an inspirational day that has left a lasting impact on both children, staff and parents. We will continue to work with children on their journeys and are excited to see where their **Super North Stars** will lead them!





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EARLY YEARS



We've had a very busy week of learning in Early Years. In Reception, we have been exploring matching and sorting objects into groups, focusing on colour, shape and other descriptors. In Nursery, we have been practising our cutting skills as well as taking turns when playing games. We will be learning all about Autumn across Early Years this half term, so please take opportunities to walk in your local community and collect Autumn objects to bring into class. Please ensure your child has their P.E kit in school every week, as well as continuing to bring healthy snacks into school. Thank you.



KEY STAGE 1

We've had a fantastic week of learning in Year 1 and 2! One of the highlights was creating a chronological timeline that shows all the birthdays in our class. The children worked together to place each birthday in order, helping them to understand sequencing and timelines in a fun and engaging way. As part of their ongoing learning, we kindly ask that you support your children by practicing their reading with them daily. Regular reading at home will help improve their fluency and comprehension. For Year 2 parents, it would be great if you could also spend some time practicing number bonds to 10 and 20 with your children. Hit the button is an excellent free online resource that can be used to support further with this learning.

ATTENDANCE

There have been some national updates regarding penalty notices for this academic year as a result of growing concerns about school attendance and the impact school absence has on the attainment and wellbeing of children across the country. Penalty notices may be given to parents if their child isn't attending school regularly, as an alternative to taking the issue to court. Each parent may receive a penalty notice for this. These notices are meant to encourage better attendance without going to court.

The cost of the penalty notice is:

- **£80** if paid within 21 days, or **£160** if paid within 28 days for the first notice.
- Any second notice for the same child will be **£160** if paid within 28 days.

Please be aware that these penalty notices will be issued for when leave in term time has been denied by school and will be **£80 per child, per parent.**

YEAR 6 SECONDARY APPLICATIONS

Online admissions opened on 1 September 2024 for Year 7 September 2025 places. Parent/carers resident in Birmingham should apply through the Birmingham City Council website

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions> up until the **deadline of 31 October 2024**. If you require support with the admission arrangements and process please speak to the school office. Advice and support is also available from Children's Services on 0121 303 1888

OCTOBER HALF TERM

A REMINDER THAT WE HAVE A 2 WEEK OCTOBER HALF TERM

SCHOOL CLOSSES 18/10/24
CHILDREN RETURN 4/11/24





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SAFEGUARDING

Each school must have an appropriate senior member of staff to take lead responsibility for child protection (Mrs Nandhra) .

Key aspects of the 'Designated Safeguarding Lead' role include:

- Ensuring that all staff are aware of the processes for raising safeguarding concerns
- Ensuring all staff understand the signs of child abuse and neglect
- Referring any significant concerns to Social Care
- Monitoring children who are the subject of Child Protection and CiN (Child in Need) Plans
- Maintaining accurate and secure child protection records
- Raising awareness of the school's safeguarding policies and procedures, and ensuring these are implemented and reviewed regularly.

CHILD OF THE WEEK

NAH	Jaxon Millership
RMH	Clark Simmons
RYG	Hallie Maddix
1CO	Madison Colley
1/2HM	Ecaterina Cojuhar
2DN	Theo Simmonds
3AB	Lillie Raybould
3/4LM	Ayaan Mohammad
4SK	Maisie-Leigh Turner
5AS	Ruben Liburd
5/6NW	
6BP	



SEND

Birmingham Local Offer.

Please check out the information on the Birmingham Local Offer. This website is here to help you with finding advice and information about the services available for you and your child or young person from birth to 25 years with Special Education Needs or Disabilities (SEND).

<https://www.localofferbirmingham.co.uk/>

LOWER KEY STAGE 2



Here at Warren Farm we are committed to providing our children with fun and engaging experiences that may be out of their comfort zone. This week we have started our ukulele lessons where every child in Year 3 and 4 have a weekly music lesson. Our first lesson focused on being introduced to different musical terms and learning how to hold the ukulele correctly. Following our lessons we will be holding several performances throughout the academic year so please keep an eye out on Class Dojo and the newsletter as to when these will be.



UPPER KEY STAGE 2



This past week, our Year 6 children embarked on an unforgettable adventure at Whitemoor Lakes. Brimming with courage, they faced challenges head-on, conquering fears and pushing their limits with determination. Through their journey, they exemplified teamwork, encouraging one another every step of the way while taking part in activities such as abseiling, kayaking, climbing and leap of faith. As they return, they bring back not just memories, but invaluable experiences that will stay with them for a lifetime.



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WARREN FARM
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WELCOME MEETINGS



**WEEK
BEGINNING
23RD
SEPTEMBER**

We invite parents/carers to join your child's Phase leader as they welcome you to the new academic year and share information about how to support your child on their journey of 'Excellence in Everything' at Warren Farm

All meetings start at 9:00am

- ✓ Meet other parents
- ✓ Discuss important information
- ✓ Ask any questions

Monday 23rd - Nursery and Reception
Tuesday 24th - Years 1 and 2
Wednesday 25th - Years 3 and 4
Thursday 26th - Years 5 and 6



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COME AND JOIN US!

**It's time for
a Macmillan
Coffee
Morning
and you're invited**

Let's do whatever it takes
to support people living with cancer.



DATE: FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER
TIME: 9:00AM
PLACE: MAIN HALL



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CANCER SUPPORT**



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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 FINAL FANTASY XIV



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

The video game Final Fantasy XIV launched in 2010, and, despite being critically panned, it saw an overhaul that has made it one of the biggest success stories in gaming. Its huge world, epic story and versatile combat system have continued to draw in new players, but there's a lot that trusted adults need to be aware of – not least the cost of paying monthly to play.

ALWAYS ONLINE

Final Fantasy XIV is an MMORPG, which stands for Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game. Much like World of Warcraft, players create a character in a chosen class and level up by completing quests to gain power and items. The game requires a constant internet connection, whether you're playing on PC, Mac, PlayStation or Xbox, and there's no option to play offline.

VOICE & TEXT CHAT

Final Fantasy XIV lets players send chat messages in-game or speak to each other over voice chat. On the one hand, that provides plenty of choice for how those enjoying the game can interact with their fellow fans. On the other hand, however, it's easier than in many games to receive unprompted messages from a stranger, with whom you constantly share your play space.

REGULAR EXPANSIONS

As with similar titles in the genre, players can purchase expansions to unlock additional content for the game. Those without the expansions will be locked out of certain new quests and activities, meaning that young people who play regularly will potentially have the next release earmarked on their calendar, ready to buy it as soon as possible.

VIOLENCE

While Final Fantasy XIV has a fairly light tone throughout some of its quests, many involve killing enemies and sometimes even wild animals. The violence isn't especially strong – more comparable to a cartoon or anime style – but the act alone may make some children feel uncomfortable, if they're not yet able to separate fictional harm from the real kind.

IN-GAME PURCHASES & SUBSCRIPTION FEE

Users need to pay £8.99 per month to play Final Fantasy XIV, but there is a free trial. If someone stops paying, they'll lose access to their character (although they'll be able to pick up the payments again and resume where they left off). If a player forgets to cancel their payments, however, those subscription fees will continue rolling on automatically.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

As with World of Warcraft, there's an element of addiction to Final Fantasy XIV. The gameplay loop can be quite engrossing, as minutes turn into hours and hours into days while playing alone or with friends. This can potentially lead to missing real-life events, a lack of interest in any activities not related to the game and procrastination around responsibilities like schoolwork.

FREE TRIAL

Advice for Parents & Educators

MANAGE PLAYTIME

Playtime limits are a great way to counter the addictive qualities of games like Final Fantasy XIV. They allow you to discuss why it's still important to enjoy things outside of gaming while still letting a child enjoy playing online with their friends when it makes sense to do so. It's all well and good to have fun with a game, so long as they're able to step away and reconnect with the real world.

PLAY TOGETHER

The free trial makes it extremely easy to jump into Final Fantasy XIV and play alongside a child, provided they're old enough. Not only does that help you ensure that settings are adjusted for their privacy and safety, but it may also end up becoming a bonding experience for you both and any other family members that want to try it out.

MAKE USE OF THE FREE TRIAL

The Final Fantasy XIV free trial is a generous one, with no limits on how long someone can play until their character hits level 70. That's easily dozens of hours for a child to go through the game, complete quests, and see if they enjoy it before purchasing expansions or subscribing to a membership. They may well move on to something else before you need to spend so much as a penny.

REMEMBER, IT'S A PEGI 16

Despite its often-relaxing nature, Final Fantasy XIV carries a PEGI 16 rating for violence and drugs (although the latter is due to a character smoking a pipe on occasion). There's minimal blood, but characters can attack enemies (and other players) with weapons and spells. Take a look at some gameplay videos to see if the content is appropriate for a younger player.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Editor-in-Chief of GGRecon, and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A longtime fan of online games, he's also a parent, and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his work has previously been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar and plenty more.



Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/final-fantasy-14>

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