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EARLY YEARS



Welcome back, we hope you had a restful half term! This week Nursery have settled back into their environment with Miss Hannigan, and have enjoyed spending time in our brand new library! In Reception, we have explored measuring length and height using non-standard units. We have also made some very interesting animals to support our whole school text, The Barnabus Project. A gentle reminder that if your child has borrowed any clothes from school, please wash them and return to your class teacher. Please label all of your child's clothes clearly to avoid confusion. Thank you for your support.



KEY STAGE 1

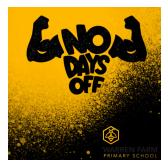
This week, the children have been working on The Barnabus Project, creating their own "failed pets" and writing detailed instructions to help Barnabus escape the secret lab. Their creativity and storytelling skills have been fantastic! In design and technology, the children have been constructing their own freestanding structures. They particularly enjoyed using LEGO and bricks to test out their designs and explore different ways to make their structures stable and strong. A quick reminder that next Thursday is World Book Day! We invite all children to come dressed as their favourite storybook characters. Be as creative as possible.



ATTENDANCE

As we return from the half-term break, we have noticed a small but noticeable dip in attendance. This is something we track regularly, and while it's a common trend after a break, it's important that we work together to ensure children are in school, on time, every day. We understand that routines can sometimes slip during the holidays, but establishing good attendance habits is essential for children to make the most of their education from day one. As a school, we are committed to supporting families in making this a priority. For children with significantly low attendance, we are now holding **Formal Attendance Meetings** with parents. These meetings are an opportunity to work together to ensure every child receives their full entitlement to education. During the meeting, we discuss any challenges, agree on a plan, and put steps in place to improve attendance moving forward. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that your child benefits from everything school has to offer. If you need any support with attendance, please do not hesitate to reach out.

This week's House attendance winners are WEST!



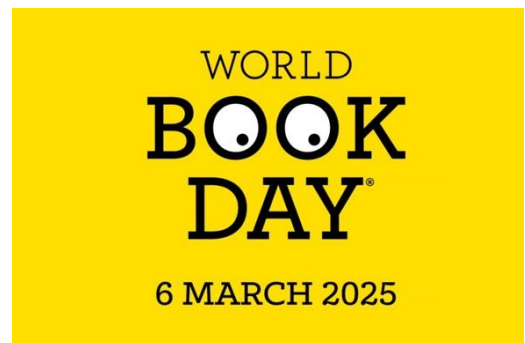
WORLD BOOK DAY

Thursday 6th March!

We're excited to celebrate World Book Day on **Thursday, 6th March!** Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite fictional character and take part in a day full of exciting book-themed activities.

This year, we will be exploring the beautiful story *Rain Before Rainbows*, a book about hope, resilience, and new beginnings. Throughout the day, children will engage in creative and inspiring activities linked to the story.

We can't wait to see all the amazing costumes and celebrate the magic of books together!





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SAFEGUARDING

This week's safeguarding focus is knife crime. We often hear of reports in the media about many children who are victims of knife crime. Some children can get drawn into a gang culture that offer a sense of belonging and may seem socially acceptable for them to carry a knife for protection. Reiterate with the child that carrying a knife is against the law and they can be arrested for it, but also carrying a knife also means they are more likely to use it in a compromising situation, which could result in the death of another child or adult. If you are concerned, speak to them calmly and explain the risks and consequences. Start a conversation about why they feel this is the right thing to do.

Further advice on this can be found on [Knife crime](#).

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

The start of a new half term sees the children move on to a new topic within their My Happy Mind journey.

Having completed 'Meet the brain' they have now moved onto the 'Celebrate' module. This module focuses on the fact that we all have different character strengths and by understanding what they are and then using them as much as possible, we can be at our best!

The children will look at character strengths as things that make us unique and then celebrate them, because we all have things to celebrate. It is not about what we are good at, but about who we are.

CHILD OF THE WEEK

NAH	Haider Muhammed
RMH	Naomi Nkomo
RAY	Anjali Prabhakaran
1CO	Younes Alatieh
1/2HM	Shutti Hibbatullah
2DN	Avalon Lucas
3AB	Phanuel Chikwendu
3/4LM	Matei Stoian
4SM	Jannat Rukhsar
5AS	Amy Kaur Landa
5/6NW	Ryan Judge
6BP	Nevaeh Maddix

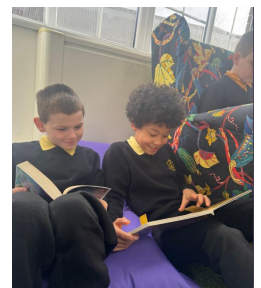
LOWER KEY STAGE 2

Welcome back! We hope you had a refreshing half-term break. This week we have dived straight back into our learning through our whole school book 'The Barnabus Project'. This book has taken us on an emotional journey filled with hope, dreams and the complexities of life. We have designed our own "failed project" using water colours and learnt that failure is simply a stepping stone to something greater, and it's okay not to get everything perfect the first time around. We would also like to extend a heartfelt congratulations to all the students in our phase who participated in the Young Voices concert on Wednesday. It was an incredible experience, and the energy, passion, and dedication displayed by the children was truly inspiring.



UPPER KEY STAGE 2

To start the term, our children have started new learning units across the curriculum. In Science, we have been exploring states of matter, investigating solids, liquids, and gases. In Geography, we began diving into Sustainability and Climate Change, learning about the impact of human actions on the environment and how we can make a difference. In Design and Technology, children will be putting their creativity and problem-solving skills to the test by designing and making an alarm. Also this week, classes had the opportunity to visit our brand-new school library, a fantastic space filled with wonderful books to inspire a love of reading.





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CHARACTER CURRICULUM

Teamwork turns individual effort into collective success

As a child, I played for a football team that endured a 28-match losing streak. Game after game, we fell short—sometimes heavily, sometimes heartbreakingly. But through it all, we stuck together. And then, one day, we won. Just by the narrowest of margins. The feeling was pure euphoria—like we had won the World Cup. Looking back, what stands out isn't the losses or even that one victory, but the way we remained a team, standing by each other through adversity.

This week, in assembly, our focus was **Teamwork**. We watched a powerful video of a child giving his rugby teammate a pep talk, helping him overcome his fears and bringing out his best. The message to our children was clear: teamwork is about lifting each other up, sticking together in tough moments, and sharing in the joy of progress—however big or small.

The Warren Farm Boys' football team has been on their own journey. They've lost, they've won, and most importantly, they've *learned*. Through it all, they have demonstrated outstanding teamwork and sportsmanship, proving themselves to be true role models.

We couldn't be prouder of them. Well done, boys! Mr Davis

BRITISH VALUES

Mutual Respect

At Warren Farm, **mutual respect** is something that we hold in extremely high regard. As one of our core values and also a British value, it is the cornerstone of who we are.

We teach our children that respect is not just about good manners, but about truly valuing and appreciating others—whether in the classroom, on the playground, or in competition. Our football team conducted themselves, showing fairness, encouragement, and sportsmanship regardless of the result. The children at Warren Farm support one another daily, celebrating each other's successes and offering kindness in moments of challenge. By fostering a culture of respect, we are preparing our pupils not only to be great teammates but also to be responsible, compassionate individuals beyond their time at Warren Farm. Together, we continue to build a school where respect, teamwork, and character shape everything we do.



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My child is happy at this school
100 %
agreed or strongly agreed

My child feels safe at this school
100%
agreed or strongly agreed

The school makes sure it's pupils are well behaved
99%
agreed or strongly agreed

The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year
100%
agreed or strongly agreed

When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly
99%
agreed or strongly agreed

My child has SEND and the school gives them the support they need to succeed
100%
agreed or strongly agreed

**PARENT VOICE
SURVEY
FEBRUARY
2025**

The school has high expectations for my child
100%
agreed or strongly agreed

There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school
100%
agreed or strongly agreed

My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school
99%
agreed or strongly agreed

The school supports my child's wider personal development
99%
agreed or strongly agreed

The school communicates well with parents and carers
99%
agreed or strongly agreed

I would recommend this school to another parent
99%
of parents said yes





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We are really happy with how our child is getting on at Warren Farm. It is helping her become more confident and she has made lovely friendships

I cannot fault my sons teachers, they have brought the best out of him

My child is happy and enthusiastic about his learning. There are lots of opportunities for my child to develop his confidence and skills in non academic areas

My child understands that he must work hard in order to achieve and this is definitely instilled in school

My son has learned a lot here. Initially he was struggling with reading but now he has improved a lot

I am satisfied with the level of management and commitment towards my child's safety while in school along the programs and activities available for their learning and development

**PARENT VOICE
SURVEY
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The school and staff are amazing and lead our children in the right direction

Please just keep up the good work. I really do appreciate your efforts in the life of my children

Our child is doing very well and I would recommend Warren Farm to other parents

Thank you for the support. I feel my son has definitely come along way since last term and the teachers have been very supportive for my child's extra needs and development.

I think the school is amazing. My child has gone from being shy and reluctant to engage with activities to being really confident and trying really hard with his lessons

Absolutely love this school. My son is so happy here and will achieve so much here





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NAH
NO
DAYS OFF



RMH
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RYG
4
DAYS OFF

1CO
15
DAYS OFF

1/2HM
10
DAYS OFF

2DN
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DAYS OFF

6NOV
DAYS OFF

3AB
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DAYS OFF

3/4LM
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DAYS OFF

4SM
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DAYS OFF

5AS
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DAY OFF

5/6NW
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DAYS OFF

6BP
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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 MARVEL RIVALS

Marvel Rivals launched in December 2024 and amassed a player count of nearly 150,000 in mere weeks. This player versus player (PvP) shooter packs in a host of recognisable comic-book characters, pitting two teams of six against each other. Despite the game's cartoonish nature, there are several potential risks for parents and educators to be aware of.



ESRB advise nobody under the age of 13 should play

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

IN-GAME CHAT

Voice chat allows players to speak to teammates and opponents within the game, but in a competitive environment, some conversations can become unpleasant. Text chat is equally prominent among those playing on PC and will be shown on the side of the screen. Moderation on chats is relatively lax, so it's important to recognise that potentially inappropriate messages could arrive at any time.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

While Marvel Rivals is free, there is an in-game store, selling character skins from recognisable movies and comic-book titles. Each season also includes a £10 Battle Pass (much like those seen in Fortnite and Call of Duty), offering a series of exclusive cosmetic items. These passes don't expire – but they can't be purchased once the next season rolls around, creating a fear of missing out.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With such a huge player base, it's impossible to predict whom your child will be teaming up with or playing against. They're virtually certain to run into strangers through voice and text chat, for starters. Most of these people will just be ordinary gamers enjoying the action, but there is the risk of some users behaving inappropriately with younger players – either intentionally, or because they don't realise that they're speaking to a child.

VIOLENT CONTENT

There's no gore in Marvel Rivals, and the violence depicted is comparatively cartoonish – but the playable characters available vary between more traditional superheroes and supervillains, and figures like Black Widow and The Punisher, who use more realistic firearms. Given the game's nature as a shooter, this may make some parents and carers uncomfortable as some players will be firing these weapons at each other.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The game includes some innuendos and mature themes in the dialogue, which could expose youngsters to content unsuitable for their age, detracting from a safe and family-friendly gaming experience. As we mentioned previously, the content of the in-game chat could also be age-inappropriate, ranging from swearing to mature themes to potentially harmful content.

FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

The inclusion of iconic characters might make Marvel Rivals appear more approachable than other games in the genre, with recognisable heroes and villains like Spider-Man and Venom. This could lead to more interest from younger players, increasing the likelihood of children playing the game without properly understanding the risks.

Advice for Parents & Educators

FOLLOW ESRB RATINGS

The ESRB rating for Marvel Rivals says the game shouldn't be played by anyone under 13. Most children of that age will be able to appreciate the moral compass of the roster of characters (people can play as Hela, the Goddess of Death, for example), while also ensuring that the violence, however cartoonish, won't overwhelm them.



FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

The game's inclusion of fan-favourite characters like Iron Man and the Hulk, plus its increasing popularity, means that younger Marvel fans will likely be eager to see what the fuss is about. Since it's free, consider playing Marvel Rivals yourself to gauge how you feel about a child playing it. Alternatively, you could let them play against the game's AI in Practice Mode, until they're old enough to compete online.

MONITOR OR TURN OFF CHAT

Voice and text chat can both be adjusted within the in-game settings. If you're particularly concerned about exposing children and young people to them, however, you can disable both forms of chat in the game's settings. If a child wants to play alongside friends, remind them that they can use their console's party chat feature or host a call on a third-party service like Discord.



DISCONNECT PAYMENT OPTIONS

Parents should ensure that no payment options – such as debit cards – are linked to the game, to prevent unauthorised purchases and charges. Children can be tempted by enticing in-game offers without fully understanding the costs. Removing payment methods avoids impulsive in-game spending and instils a sense of financial awareness, teaching young people to be careful with their money.



Meet Our Expert

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