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EXCELLENCE IN EVERYTHING



EXCELLENCE IN EVERYTHING-ACHIEVING GREATNESS THAT LASTS A LIFETIME

Message from Mr Taylor

"You can't always be the most talented person in the room... but you can always give your best"

This powerful message resonates deeply with us at Warren Farm this week after 4 action packed afternoons of sports days. Character isn't something you're born with - it's something you build. And one of the most powerful arenas for building it is sport. At Warren Farm, developing character through sport is central to our vision of **Excellence in Everything**. It's woven into our five core values of Courage, Honesty, Integrity, Respect and Self-discipline and reflected in our 12 character waypoints, including leadership, communication, teamwork, adaptability and work ethic.

We firmly believe character is not confined to the classroom. That's why, thanks to the hardwork and dedication of Miss Lewis and Mrs Massey and the Warren Farm Team, every child at Warren Farm has had the opportunity to develop character through our inclusive and empowering sports provision this year. Whether on the pitch, in the pool or on the playground, our children are challenged to grow as people - not just performers.

Our thinking is inspired by some sporting greats:

800m and 1500m runner Dame Kelly Holmes shares how "It's not just about winning a medal. It's about the journey, the commitment, the discipline, the focus - all the things that make you who you are."

Multi Paralympic medallist Tanni Grey-Thompson strongly supports the theme of character development through sport "Sport teaches you about integrity, respect and working hard - not just for yourself but for those around you"

Through sport, our children learn how to fail and try again, to lead and be led, to train with purpose and to win (or lose) with humility.

THIS is character in action.....THIS is **Excellence in Everything!**

Make it a great weekend *Mr Taylor*



DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Wed 2nd July	Transition Day New Class Swap
Fri 4th July	Rocksteady concert 2:00pm
Tue 8th July	Year 6 End of year performance 2:00pm 'Pantastic' Parents invited
Wed 9th July	Open Parents evening 3:00-5:00pm Collect Reports (no appointments)
Tue 15th July	Year 6 Awards Assembly 9:00am Parents invited
Tue 15th July	Year 6 Prom 4:00pm - 6:00pm
Wed 16th July	Nursery Graduation 2:00pm Parents invited
Fri 18th July	Last day of academic year School closes 1:00pm

"Sports teaches you character, it teaches you to play by the rules, it teaches you to know what it feels like to win and lose - it teaches you about life."

Billie Jean King



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EARLY YEARS



Early Years were incredible in Sports Day, demonstrating motivation, teamwork, attitude and Excellence in Everything. We are so proud of how they supported one another, cheering for all of their peers and congratulating everyone on their achievements. In the classroom, Reception have had an exciting week of exploring all things space! We've been building rockets and recreating moon landings in our small world areas. Nursery have continued with their early phonics, practising writing their sounds and recognising them in their environments. Thank you to all of our amazing parents for your support this week!

KEY STAGE 1

We had an amazing time at Sports Day this week! The children loved taking part in races, relays, and games – and they all tried their best. It was great to see so much teamwork, cheering, and big smiles. We're super proud of them! This week in science, the children learned about wild plants and garden plants. They discovered how to spot the differences between them and why both kinds of plants are important for helping animals, insects, and people. Please remember to return all library books on your child's allocated library day and ensure the books are treated with care and respect so all students can continue to enjoy them.



ATTENDANCE

Leave in Term Time – Important Reminder

We would like to remind all parents and carers that **Leave in Term Time** refers to any holiday, trip or planned absence taken during school term dates. Under Birmingham City Council policy, schools **cannot authorise holidays during term time** unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please be aware that:

Taking your child out of school for a holiday during term time is not permitted and will be recorded as unauthorised absence.

The **Local Authority**, not the school, is responsible for issuing **Fixed Penalty Notices** for unauthorised leave. These currently stand at **£80 per parent per child**, rising to **£160** if not paid within 21 days.

Recently, a parent was taken to court due to non-payment of a Fixed Penalty Notice for term time leave. This resulted in a **substantial fine and legal costs**. We cannot stress enough: **if you choose to take your child out of school for a holiday during term time, this is not something we condone and it will result in action by Birmingham City Council**. This action is entirely out of the school's hands.

Please work with us to ensure your child's attendance remains high. Every day really does count

This week's House attendance winners are East



TRANSITION DAY AND CLASS SWAP

On Wednesday morning next week our Year 6 children will be visiting their new secondary schools for transition day. This day also coincides with our class swap where children will find out who their new teachers, teaching assistants and classes are in preparation for September. We will then share this information with all parents next week.





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SAFEGUARDING

This week's safeguarding focus is medical neglect. Medical neglect occurs when a child does not receive necessary health care, placing their health or development at risk. This can include not seeking treatment for illnesses, failing to follow up on medical advice, or not providing necessary medications. Left unaddressed, medical neglect can have long-term effects on a child's physical and emotional development. It may lead to chronic health problems, frequent absences from school, and difficulties with learning and behaviour—all of which can impact their future opportunities. It's important for families to understand the signs and take action early.

For more information, please visit the NSPCC guidance on medical neglect. [NSPCC](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/child-protection/medical-neglect/)

CHILD OF THE WEEK

NAH	Otilia Crasmariu
RMH	Darcie-Rae Bates
RAY	Jack Foster
1CO	Reign Simmonds
1/2HM	Anayra Uddin
2DN	Ayan Bustiuc
3AB	school trip
3/4LM	school trip
4SM	Theo Lane
5AS	Hope Mantagwe
5/6NW	Holly Taylor
6BP	Warisha Iqbal

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

During their 'My Happy Minds' sessions the children across the school have been thinking about Gratitude. This is often a value that is overlooked and something that we all need to practise more. They have discussed while they might be grateful towards people, we often forget to tell them how grateful we truly are. The children have talked about the importance of sharing our appreciation or gratitude as this can make the other person, and us, feel good. When we give and receive gratitude, dopamine is released in the brain which makes us feel amazing. See if you can make someone happy by saying something nice.

LOWER KEY STAGE 2

Sports Day was a tremendous success, filled with energy, excitement, and a wonderful sense of teamwork. It was great to see such a great team ethos as the children competed for their houses. We are incredibly proud of all our students for their enthusiasm, effort, and outstanding display of sportsmanship throughout the day. Every child participated with great spirit, whether competing in races, cheering on their peers, or trying something out of their comfort zone. This week, 3AB and 3/4LM also visited Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery where the children used a wide range of collections both real and replica to discover what the life of a soldier in Ancient Rome was like.



UPPER KEY STAGE 2

We are so proud of the determination, teamwork and support shown by all our pupils during this year's Sports Day. It was wonderful to see the children cheering each other on, trying their best and celebrating each other's achievements. Also, a huge well done to the children who took part in the Brownlee Triathlon. Their resilience and positive attitude were inspiring, and they tackled each part of the challenge with enthusiasm — a fantastic achievement! Finally, our Year 6 pupils also had an unforgettable day at Drayton Manor. They showed real courage tackling the rides and challenges, and most importantly, made special memories together as they near the end of their primary school journey.





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WARREN FARM
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ROCK STEADY CONCERT

FRIDAY 4TH JULY

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AT WARREN FARM**

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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 NINTENDO SWITCH 2

Nintendo launched its Switch 2 games console in early June 2025 – its first new console in eight years. While it builds on the original's success by remaining compatible with certain existing games, it also adds powerful hardware and new features like GameChat and a USB-C camera. As more children look to upgrade, it's important to understand how this new console might affect their play and safety.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EASIER TO ACCESS MATURE CONTENT

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CENSORED

Despite Nintendo's reputation for family-friendly titles, mature games like *Cyberpunk 2077* and *Hitman* have been released onto the platform. With the Switch 2's improved performance, developers will be able to port even more mature-rated games. These may appeal to children due to their popularity, but they contain content that is highly unsuitable for young audiences.

IN-APP & GAME STORE PURCHASES

The Nintendo eShop enables purchases with just a few taps. If payment details are saved and PIN protection is disabled, children may unknowingly make costly purchases – including game add-ons, cosmetic items or entire new releases – without parental approval.

UNRESTRICTED ONLINE PLAY IN SOME GAMES

While GameChat is one feature, Switch 2 also connects to the broader Nintendo Switch Online service. Many free-to-play titles like *Fortnite* or *Splatoon 3* allow voice or text chat with strangers unless chat settings are adjusted, meaning children could encounter inappropriate language or unwanted contact.

GAMECHAT & REAL-TIME VOICE COMMUNICATION

GameChat enables live chatting with up to 12 people, even across different games, with optional video and screen-sharing. Though children under 16 are restricted to chatting only with approved friends, the sheer interactivity could raise privacy concerns or create pressure to remain online longer.

CAMERA COMPATIBILITY & PRIVACY CONCERNS

The optional USB-C camera supports video calling and facial overlays in games; however, this also raises the risk of cyberbullying or the unwanted sharing of personal images. The camera can be disabled, removed or covered, and parental controls are essential to manage how and when it is used.

POWERFUL PULL OF FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

Nintendo's mascot, Mario – along with Pikachu, Donkey Kong and others – remains hugely appealing to younger audiences, especially after the success of the recent film, *The Super Mario Bros. Movie* (2023). These beloved icons are central to Nintendo's branding and often feature in merchandising, adverts and in-game promotions, creating strong emotional attachments in children and a sense of urgency to keep up with their peers.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHECK RATINGS & USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Every Switch and Switch 2 game comes with a PEGI age rating. Before buying one, ensure the content matches your child's age. Use the Nintendo Parental Controls app to monitor gameplay, set screen-time limits and manage friend requests.

REMOVE OR RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Avoid accidental spending by unlinking credit cards from the device. Instead, consider adding funds via prepaid eShop cards or requiring a PIN for purchases. Some banking apps can also be set to approve transactions manually.

REVIEW FRIEND LISTS AND CHAT PERMISSIONS

Child profiles are restricted to chatting with approved friends only, but it's good practice to regularly check their friend list and communication settings. Use the Parental Controls app to switch off voice or video chat if necessary.

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Teach children how to block, report and capture any behaviour or content that makes them uncomfortable. The console's built-in tools allow them to create screenshots and video clips, which can aid in reporting any issues. Keeping an open dialogue helps children feel supported and safe.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of Daily Star and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published on sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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