

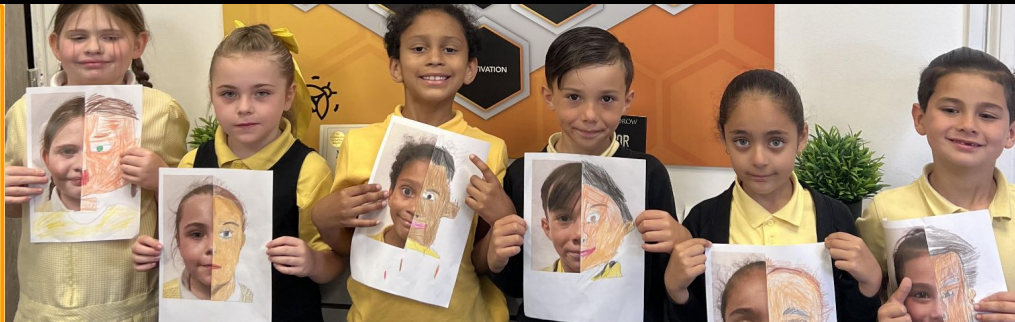


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## FRIDAY 4TH JULY 2025

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#### EXCELLENCE IN EVERYTHING



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

## Message from Mr Taylor

In a recent podcast, Floyd Woodrow, CEO of the *Compass For Life* Programme powerfully stated that **“Education needs to change”**. He outlined how the current systems, in their traditional form, simply won’t hold up in preparing children for the complexities of the modern world. He calls for a more holistic approach, one that nurtures character, purpose, and resilience alongside academic achievement. At Warren Farm Primary School, we recognise that true education goes beyond results. It’s about shaping confident, values-driven individuals who are equipped for life.

Guided by our **Super North Star**, we are proud to be at the forefront of this change in education. Through our work with *Compass for Life* over the last 2 years and the integration of holistic leadership principles, at Warren Farm we are reimagining what education can and should be, for every child, every day.

This week, the children took part in our Class Swap Transition Day. They spent time with their new teachers and classmates, beginning to form new relationships and build familiarity with their new learning environments. Throughout the day, we saw our vision of **Excellence in Everything** in action, as children demonstrated our Values and Character Waypoints. Whether showing empathy to a nervous friend, communicating confidently with a new teacher, or adapting positively to change, our children confidently demonstrated the Character Waypoints that help shape their journey. We are extremely proud of how each child embraced this step forward with positivity and purpose.

Next week is our penultimate week in school but there is no sign of things slowing down. A reminder that on Tuesday next week, our Year 6 parents are invited to the end of year performance of ‘Pantastic’ which promises to be a fantastic event displaying the many talents our children have that go beyond the academic. Following this, on Wednesday, all parents/carers are invited into school at 3:30pm to attend our final open parents evening of the year. During this time you will have the opportunity to look through children’s books and see the excellent progress they have made this year. You will also be able to collect your child’s school report and visit their new class teacher if you wish to do so. Any reports not collected on parents evening must be collected from the school office.

Make it a great weekend *Mr Taylor*



## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Tue 8th July	Year 6 End of year performance 1:30pm ‘Pantastic’ Parents invited
Wed 9th July	Open Parents evening 3:30-5:00pm Collect Reports (no appointments)
Mon 14th July	Year 3 and 4 Ukulele concert 2:30pm (1 ticket per child)
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
Tue 2nd September	Children Return to School 2025/26 (See Term dates on Newsletter)

“The measure of intelligence is the ability to change.”

Albert Einstein



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### EARLY YEARS



Early years have had a very busy week of learning. In Nursery, after days of watching them grow and spread their wings, everyone was very excited to release the butterflies! Their release has been filmed and put onto Classdojo for parents to watch. In Reception, we've been busy using the BeeBots and making pirate treasure maps to practise directional and positional language. We were very proud of everyone in Early Years for their adaptability on transition day when they finally met their new teachers. Reception children have also demonstrated their maturity and attitude in RSE week where we learnt about our bodies and the different stages of the human life cycle. Please note; RMH parent's evening will be held on Tuesday 8th July next week. RYG and NAH will still be held on Wednesday 9th July.

### KEY STAGE 1



It's been transition week, and the children enjoyed meeting their new class teachers and exploring their new classrooms. In Geography, children got messy making paper mache globes - we're excited to see the results! We've also been taking part in RSE week, where the children learned all about their bodies, how they change, and ways to stay healthy. They asked great questions and showed lots of curiosity and kindness during our discussions.



### ATTENDANCE

As we approach the end of the academic year, it's important to take a moment to reflect on the fantastic attendance of the vast majority of our children. We are proud to share that 283 children have maintained excellent attendance and are consistently in school. This is something to be celebrated! Of course, we fully understand that children may occasionally fall ill, and we always take a supportive approach when this happens. However, our concerns begin to grow when absences become more frequent, as this can sometimes be an early indicator of wider safeguarding concerns. At present, we have 43 children who are classed as 'Persistently Absent' (those whose attendance has fallen below 90%). Parents of these children are already aware of their child's attendance concerns. From September, we will be putting urgent action plans in place for any child who becomes persistently absent, as this figure is still too high and represents too much missed learning. We will write to families and arrange meetings early in the Autumn term to offer support and work together to improve attendance going forward.

**This week's House attendance winners are East**



### YEAR 6 END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE 'PANTASTIC'

Tuesday 8th July 2025 at 1:30pm

Year 6 would like to remind you that their performance of 'Pantastic' is on Tuesday 8th July 2025 at 1:30pm - doors open at 1:15pm.

Due to the limited space in the hall (we have a stage this year) we can only accommodate 2 guests per child. In order to allow the Year 6 children to be the focus of the performance we ask that, if possible, younger children do not attend the show.



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### SAFEGUARDING

#### Domestic abuse

Domestic abuse can happen in any home and includes any behaviour that hurts, controls, or frightens someone in a relationship. If you or someone you know is experiencing this, you are not alone - support is available. Please speak to a trusted member of staff in confidence, or contact local services such as:

**National Domestic Abuse Helpline (Refuge)** – Free, confidential support 24/7 for anyone affected by domestic abuse. Call **0808 2000 247**

**Birmingham Women’s Aid** on **0808 800 0028** for advice and help.

**Men’s Advice Line** – Specialist helpline for male victims of domestic abuse. Call **0808 801 0327**

### CHILD OF THE WEEK

NAH	Amirah Begum
RMH	Henry Harris
RAY	Anjali Prabhakaran
1CO	Dante Carty
1/2HM	Finley Priest
2DN	Amelia Tabb
3AB	Sara Ubaid
3/4LM	Merwa Mohamednur
4SM	Mumeen Balogun
5AS	Simey Beet
5/6NW	Olivia Fisher
6BP	Ferenkeh Marah

### SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

Supporting pupils with Special Educational Needs during transition to new classes is crucial to their emotional well-being and academic success. These transitions can be challenging due to changes in routines, environments and staff, which may heighten anxiety and impact learning. To ease this process, we implement tailored transition plans that include gradual introductions to their new classroom and learning environments, opportunities to meet new teachers and peers and the use of visual timetables or social stories. We will be continuing to support our children through this process over the next few weeks.

### LOWER KEY STAGE 2

On Monday, Year 3 visited a Hindu temple as part of our RE topic on places of worship. The children were fascinated by the beautiful architecture and had the chance to ask thoughtful questions about Hindu beliefs and traditions. The children even had the opportunity to watch a prayer ceremony. In DT, we explored computer-aided design (CAD) to create our very own gift boxes. The children enjoyed experimenting with different shapes and patterns on the computer before bringing their designs to life. A reminder as the weather continues to be seasonally hot and sunny, please send your child in with water bottles, sunscreen and hats if needed.



### UPPER KEY STAGE 2

It’s been an exciting week for our Year 5 and 6 children. Both year groups took part in an important Water Safety Workshop, where they learned essential skills to help them stay safe around water. Our Year 6 pupils have been out visiting their new secondary schools: we’re incredibly proud of how well they represented Warren Farm and they’ve come back full of excitement for the next stage of their education. Meanwhile, Year 5 pupils had the opportunity to meet their new Year 6 teachers. For some, this was a chance to reconnect with familiar faces, while others enjoyed getting to know the adults who will be guiding them through their final year at Warren Farm. **A reminder that next week, we are welcoming parents and carers to the Year 5 Young Leaders Showcase, taking place at 9.30am on Tuesday 8th July.**





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# TERM DATES 2025/26

All term dates can be found on our school website on the [following link](#) including the letter sent to parents on 13th February 2025. A reminder that once again for academic year 2025/26, we will be extending our October half term break to 2 weeks. As with previous years, to facilitate the extended half term holiday in October, we will only hold one training day on our return to school in September 2025, with the remaining 5 non contact training days that all schools are entitled to take each year being taken during the additional half term week in October. This will ensure that there are no teacher training days spread throughout the year where sporadic child care will be needed for your children.

## Autumn 2025

Monday 1st September 2025 – INSET Day

Tuesday 2nd September 2025 – School opens to Year 1 – Year 6

Thursday 4th September 2025 – School opens to Reception pupils (new to Warren Farm)

Friday 5th September 2025 – School opens to Reception pupils (previously attended Warren Farm Nursery)

Monday 8th September 2025 – School opens to Nursery pupils

Half-term: Monday 20th October 2025 – Friday 31st October 2025 **(2 Weeks)**

Monday 3rd November 2025 – School opens to all children

Friday 19th December 2025 at 1:00pm – School closes

Christmas Holiday – Monday 22nd December 2025 – Friday 2nd January 2026

## Spring 2026

Monday 5th January 2026 – School opens to all children

Half-term: Monday 16th February 2026 – Friday 20th February 2026

Monday 23rd February 2026 - School opens to all children

Friday 27th March 2026 at 1:00pm – School closes

Easter Holiday – Monday 30th March 2026 – Friday 10th April 2026

## Summer 2026

Monday 13th April 2026 – School opens to all children

Bank Holiday – Monday 4th May 2026

Half-term: Monday 25th May 2026 – Friday 29th May 2026

Monday 1st June 2026 – School opens to all children

Friday 17th July 2026 at 1:00pm – School closes





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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](http://nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# APPLE IPADS

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Tablets remain a staple of children's digital lives – and Apple's iPad is by far the most popular model. According to Ofcom, over half of younger children regularly use a tablet to play games, watch online content or access apps. With their broad functionality, iPads can be helpful tools, but without supervision, they may expose children to risks ranging from inappropriate content to screen overuse.

### COSTLY TO REPAIR

Unlike some child-friendly tablets, the iPad is not built for rough handling. Its slim design and high cost mean that a drop or spill can result in a costly repair. If a child is using the device regularly, a sturdy case and screen protector are strongly recommended to help prevent accidental damage.

### DATA PRIVACY

While Apple is known for strong privacy protections, a recent study found that many iOS apps aimed at children still share personal data. Over 40% of the tested apps sent at least one piece of user information to third parties, raising concerns about advertising and analytics being targeted at underage users.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The App Store and Safari browser provide almost unrestricted access to online material. Children may stumble upon age-inappropriate content, whether through apps, advertisements or online searches. Even recommended content algorithms can surface unsuitable material.

### BYPASSING RESTRICTIONS

Siri – Apple's voice assistant – can potentially override restrictions, especially with the newer text-based commands introduced through Apple Intelligence. Without safeguards in place, children may inadvertently access inappropriate topics simply by asking a question, bypassing certain filters previously set by adults.

### SCREEN ADDICTION

iPads can be highly immersive, and excessive screen time may affect a child's emotional and behavioural development. Signs of overuse might include mood swings, irritability, and difficulty focusing on non-digital activities.

### REDUCED ATTENTION & COGNITIVE IMPACT

Prolonged use of tablets has been linked with reduced memory, slower processing speeds and difficulties in concentrating. Research shows that children who spend excessive time gaming or consuming media on tablets may struggle with language development and executive functioning over time.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Family Sharing allows you to create a dedicated Apple ID for your child and manage their activity. You can approve purchases, control what content they can access, and set time limits – all done remotely from your own device. It's a simple but powerful way to maintain oversight.

### FILTER APPS, WEBSITES & IN-APP PURCHASES

Parental controls in iOS let you block explicit content in Safari, restrict app downloads, and manage in-app purchase permissions. You can also filter websites automatically to prevent access to adult material and disable the installation of certain app types completely.

### USE SCREEN TIME FEATURES EFFECTIVELY

Tools like Downtime and App Limits can reduce device overuse. Downtime allows you to block access during key times – such as before bed or during homework – while App Limits sets daily time caps on specific games or apps. Alerts help children anticipate when their time is almost up.

### PREVENT UNAPPROVED SPENDING

Children can accidentally (or intentionally) make purchases within apps. Activating Ask to Buy under Family Sharing ensures you receive a notification to approve any app or in-app purchase. This stops surprise charges and allows you to discuss purchases together before they're made.

### Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is a seasoned technology journalist with over a decade of experience. Formerly a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly now writes for publications including WIRED, Forbes, TechRadar, and Tes. With a deep understanding of online safety, she brings a valuable perspective to parenting in the digital age.



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