



NEWSLETTER

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EXCELLENCE IN EVERYTHING



**WARREN FARM CLASS OF 2025.
CHILDREN, PARENTS, CARERS,
TEACHERS AND SUPPORT STAFF
WE ARE PROUD OF YOU.
WHAT A TEAM!**



EXCELLENCE IN EVERYTHING-ACHIEVING GREATNESS THAT LASTS A LIFETIME

Message from Mr Taylor

As we bring the 2024/25 academic year to a close, we do so with immense pride in what has been achieved by our whole school community. This year has been a defining chapter in our journey towards our *Super North Star* of becoming the school that changes the face of education. At the heart of this transformation has been the implementation of our 12 Character Waypoints. These qualities from adaptability and empathy to ownership and teamwork have been intentionally woven through everything we do. They are more than just words on a wall; they are lived daily in our classrooms, our corridors, our playgrounds and importantly beyond the school gates. Our children are not only learning *what* to think but *how* to think and act with **Courage, Honesty, Integrity, Respect and Self Discipline.**

This year has also seen our commitment to building a genuine sense of belonging and enabling our community spirit to grow. To echo the words of all visitors throughout the academic year, Warren Farm is a place where children, staff and families have a voice, feel valued and play an integral part in our vision of **Excellence in Everything**. That sense of connectedness has allowed us to flourish together, reflected in every high 5, every shared celebration and every small win that has brought us closer to our goals.

It comes as no surprise that together, our work is being noticed. **Warren Farm is firmly back on the map!** The high number of applications and waiting list for Reception in September 2025 is testament to the belief our wider community has in the direction we are heading. Families recognise that this *is* a school with high standards, strong values and a bold ambition. It's a place where **Excellence in Everything** isn't just a vision but a daily reality.

None of this progress has happened by chance. The past 3 years have been a strategic and united team effort. A shared commitment by staff, children, families and governors to pursue something extraordinary together. The journey has not always been easy and there will always be bumps in the road, but as the frame says on my office wall "Will it be easy? Nope! Worth it? Absolutely!" Every decision, every lesson and every act of care by our dedicated and committed team of amazing staff has been another step towards **Excellence in Everything**.

To our Year 6 children: you leave us ready. Ready not just to achieve but to **LEAD with CHARACTER.**

To our staff, children, parents /carers and the wider community - THANK YOU. Thank you for believing in me, the Warren Farm Team, the power of education and the importance of character in your child's journey towards their Super North Star.

Have a safe, restful and enjoyable Summer and for the final time this academic year - make it a GREAT summer!

Mr Taylor



DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Tue 2nd Sept	Y1-6 Children Return to School (See Term dates on Newsletter)
Wed 3rd Sept	Nursery stay and play for new nursery children - 10:00-11:00
Thur 4th Sept	Reception start school (Children new to Warren Farm)
Fri 5th Sept	Reception start school (Attended Warren Farm Nursery)
Mon 8th Sept	Nursery start school this week (See individual letters)
Wed 10th Sept	Whitemoor Lakes Parent meeting at 2:30
Thur 11th Sept	Years 5 and 6 welcome meeting for parents

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined."

Henry David Thoreau



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EARLY YEARS



We have had a fantastic end to the year down in Early Years. Nursery had a wonderful graduation on Wednesday, making us all very proud of how they have grown and progressed over their time with Miss Hannigan and Miss Jolley. We can't wait to welcome them into their new Reception classes in September! There are so many wonderful videos and photos uploaded to Class Dojo to celebrate their time in Nursery, please be sure to check them out before the class is moved up. To wind down, we have spent the week doing our favourite activities - lots of playdough, colouring, dancing and singing. We wish you a restful and fun-filled summer break. We will miss all of our students but we will be sure to see them again next year. Thank you for all your support and good luck for next year!

KEY STAGE 1



We had a very busy start to the week as the children in Years 1 and 2 finally made the fruit salad bowls they had been carefully designing and planning. They showed great care and self-discipline when cutting their chosen fruits, and the results were definitely enjoyed as a morning snack! We ended the week with a fantastic 'Child of the Year' assembly. A huge well done to those brilliant children for their outstanding attitude throughout the year. We'd like to wish all our children and families a very safe and restful summer holiday. We look forward to seeing some of you again in September!



ATTENDANCE

As we approach the end of term, we want to thank families for their efforts in supporting our drive to improve attendance across the school. This year, we've made real progress, with many children achieving excellent attendance and several classes leading the way with impressive consistency. These improvements show what's possible when we work together with a shared commitment to children being in school, on time, every day. However, we are not stopping here. At Warren Farm, **Excellence In Everything** means we never settle. While we celebrate the steps forward, we must also acknowledge that we still have too many children whose attendance puts them in the category of being persistently absent. These are children who miss vital learning, relationships, and opportunities to develop their character and achieve their potential. Next year, our goal is clear: every child, every day. We'll be building on what's worked well, refining our systems to support families early, and ensuring a consistent approach so that no child falls through the gaps. We will also continue to celebrate great attendance and ensure families know exactly how to get help when challenges arise.

This week's House attendance winners are WEST



'BULLS IN THE CITY'

WARREN FARM CHALLENGE

This summer, we're joining the 'Bulls in the city' trail. Can you spot as many of the brightly decorated bulls as possible around the city? Your Challenge :

Take a photo of your child's Warren Farm water bottle with each bull you find and upload it to our special Padlet! Let's see how many we can collect as a school community!

[Warren Farm Padlet 'Bulls in The City'](#)

It's a brilliant way to explore Birmingham, get some steps in, and have a bit of fun along the way! Let's turn this into a water bottle bull hunt! Bonus points for photos with **'BumbleBull'** (Our very own Warren Farm Bull) We can't wait to see your photos!





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SAFEGUARDING

The school holidays can be a stressful time for parents and children. The lack of routine and interaction with other children can leave them feeling isolated. Use these holidays to make memories with the children, encourage them to move away from their devices and go out and ride a bike, play a sport, spend some time with friends and family at the local park. There are many activities that you can do at home, that cost very little such as arts and crafts, cooking, building and playing with the toys they already have. If you have any concerns regarding the safety of a child or need support during the holidays, please contact the following agencies.

NSPCC - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>
 Childline - <https://www.childline.org.uk/>
 CEOP Education <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>
 Internet Matters <https://www.internetmatters.org/>
 Domestic abuse helpline <https://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/>
 Safeguarding <https://www.birminghamchildrenstrust.co.uk/>

SEND

We've had a busy and rewarding year, providing a wide range of support and opportunities for our SEND children—a commitment that will continue into the Autumn Term and beyond. To help ensure a smooth transition into the new academic year, we kindly ask that you inform the school, on return, of any changes or new developments in your child's needs. This will allow Miss Gosling to plan and implement the most appropriate provision to support your child effectively. Have a fantastic summer and see you in September!

CHILD OF THE YEAR

NAH	Melody Banks
RMH	Aura Bonas
RAY	Autumn Nicholls
1CO	Shuraim Ali
1/2HM	Freya-Rose Lucchesi
2DN	Finley Maddix
3AB	Summer Terry
3/4LM	Justin Li
4SM	Manteneh Marah
5AS	Thomas Lynch
5/6NW	Olivia Nottingham
6BP	Faith Marcos



LOWER KEY STAGE 2

Our ukulele concert was a fantastic end-of-year celebration, showcasing the incredible progress the children have made in both their ukulele playing and overall musical knowledge. It was a joy to see their confidence, enthusiasm, and teamwork on stage. A huge well done to all the children - we are so proud of you! This week we also celebrated our children of the year who demonstrated lots of our character waypoints throughout the year. The Year 3 and 4 team would like to wish you a wonderful and relaxing summer break! We cannot wait to see you all again in September!



UPPER KEY STAGE 2

What a fantastic end to the year! Our wonderful Year 6 children celebrated their achievements in style with a heart-warming graduation ceremony followed by a dazzling prom night. It was a special occasion filled with smiles, laughter, and even a few happy tears as we reflected on their time at Warren Farm and looked ahead to their exciting futures. Year 5 and 6 have both had a brilliant year of learning, friendship and growth, and now everyone is more than ready for a well-earned summer break. We wish all our families a happy, restful holiday and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September!





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NAH
3
DAY OFF



RMH
11
DAYS OFF

RYG
4
DAYS OFF

1Co
6
DAYS OFF

1/2HM
16
DAYS OFF

2DN
20
DAYS OFF

6NOV
DAYS OFF

3AB
18
DAYS OFF

3/4LM
14
DAYS OFF

4SM
12
DAYS OFF

5AS
13
DAY OFF

5/6NW
7
DAYS OFF

6BP
5
DAYS OFF





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YEAR 6 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY



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**EARLY YEARS
GOOD LEVEL OF
DEVELOPMENT
67%**

**YEAR 1
PHONICS
63%**

**YEAR 4
MULTIPLICATION
CHECK 25/25
53%**



**YEAR 6 MATHS
EXPECTED
STANDARD
77%**

**YEAR 6
COMBINED
MATHS, READING
AND WRITING
75%**

**YEAR 6 READING
EXPECTED
STANDARD
75%**



**YEAR 6 WRITING
EXPECTED
STANDARD
75%**

**YEAR 6 GPS
EXPECTED
STANDARD
73%**

**YEAR 6 SCIENCE
EXPECTED
STANDARD
82%**





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My daughter has come along way throughout the school, the extra support that has been provided has made a huge impact on our daughters education and future, we are grateful for everything that Mr Taylor and the whole school team have done for all of our children thank you.

The school is now highly visible, prior to few years the school ago, we did not know what the school was doing. Great improvement has taken place, this is down to good leadership within the school.

A fantastic school which has so many opportunities for the children to succeed in the first stages of their education. Keep smashing it!

Our daughter has had another fantastic year at Warren Farm. She is continuing to make good progress and programmes such as Young Leaders, Phonics Masters and the Spark Active sports competitions have developed her confidence.

The wider curriculum opportunities she has had this year have enabled her to embody elements of the character curriculum in preparation for her final year at primary school.

My child has had an amazing start to his school journey. He has flourished academically and socially, taken part in after school clubs and feels excited and prepared for Year 1.

**PARENT VOICE
SURVEY
SUMMER
2025**

This school is very good, the teachers are very helpful and are always available when my child needs help. So a big thank you to Warren Farm school.

I would like to thank the teachers in for all their help and support they have given my son in year 1 when there has been a problem at home or school they are always there to help and support me with the matter.

My child has loved coming to this school and it's has definitely got better and better each year..

Thank you for helping me teach my boys to become confident, happy, intelligent, caring, high achievers in life.

The school is really good at communicating and updating ClassDojo. I feel fully informed about what happens at school.

The school puts so much effort into helping my children grow in every aspect from their knowledge, skills, confidence, personality and even their character and as a mom I appreciate everything you do for them both.





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My child is happy at this school
 99%
 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
 96%
 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 JULY 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
 99%
 agreed or strongly agreed

My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school
 98%
 agreed or strongly agreed

The school supports my child's wider personal development
 98%
 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
 98%
 of parents said yes





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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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**SUMMER
 ACTIVITIES**



JOIN TODAY



**FREE
 HEALTHY
 MEAL**

ACTIVITIES:

**FOOTBALL, BASKETBALL,
 CRICKET, TENNIS, TABLE
 TENNIS & FITNESS GAMES**

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OR PICKUP UP A REGISTRATION FORM FROM THE VENUE

WARREN FARM

SESSION 4 HOURS

10.00AM-2.00PM

WEEK 1: MON 5TH AUG - THU 8TH AUG

WEEK 2: MON 12TH AUG - THU 15TH AUG

WEEK 3: MON 19TH AUG - THU 22ND AUG



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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 EMOJIS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Emojis are more than playful expressions — they form a fast-evolving digital language that many adults struggle to decode. For young people, this 'secret code' is central to how they communicate identity, humour and emotions. With over 5 billion emojis sent daily on Facebook Messenger alone, understanding these symbols is key to engaging meaningfully with digital youth.

GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

An emoji like 🍷 (thumbs up emoji) might seem friendly to adults, but teens often interpret it as sarcastic or passive-aggressive. These differing interpretations can create confusion or unintended tension in cross-generational conversations.

SHIELDING BULLYING OR PEER PRESSURE

When embedded in emojis, mean-spirited jokes or exclusionary language can fly under the radar. Terms like 'mid' or 'delulu' may seem harmless, but they can be used to undermine peers in subtle ways.

RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Emoji meanings can change overnight. A person standing emoji (🧑) once signified awkwardness but might now be repurposed for something entirely different. This ever-changing lexicon can leave adults in the dark and young people vulnerable to misunderstanding or misuse.

MASKING DISTRESS OR HARM

Some emojis are used to discreetly signal troubling behaviours. For instance, 🍂 (falling leaves emoji) or 🌼 (pilt emoji) might suggest drug use, while 🌼 (wilted flower emoji) could hint at emotional struggles. Such usage can obscure serious issues, making them harder for trusted adults to detect.

NORMALISING RISKY BEHAVIOURS

Emojis can make harmful actions seem light-hearted or fashionable. Strings like 🍷🍷🍷 (fire + 'woozy' face + pill emojis) may appear humorous but can reference partying, intoxication or dangerous challenges, which might otherwise raise red flags.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LEARN THE LINGO

Stay updated with emoji trends and definitions using resources like emojipedia.org or Urban Dictionary. Knowing current meanings builds confidence when engaging with young people and helps spot potential concerns early.



CREATE SAFE SPACES FOR DISCUSSION

Encourage casual chats about emojis, online slang, memes, or social media trends. Showing interest without judgement reassures young people that they can talk about their digital world openly and safely.



ASK, DON'T ASSUME

Approach unfamiliar emojis with curiosity rather than suspicion. A light-hearted "What does 🍷 (juice box emoji) mean these days?" can open conversation and show that you respect their knowledge.



PRIORITISE TRUST OVER SURVEILLANCE

While parental controls and monitoring tools can be useful, emotional safety matters most. Be someone children and young people feel they can come to — not just someone who's watching them.



EMOJI CHEAT SHEET - The following slang terms and emojis are some common examples - please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list.

COMMON EMOJIS:

- 🤡 (Clown face) Foolishness or clowning around
- 😏 (Smiling face with smug expression) Over-affectionate or 'simping'
- 😎 (Cool face) Cool, stylish or ruthless
- 👁️ (Eyes) Watching drama unfold
- 🔥 (Hot face) Intense attraction or excitement
- 🐐 (Goat) Greatest of all time (G.O.A.T.)
- 😐 (Stone-faced, unbothered)
- 👉 (Nails) Confidence, sassiness, or indifference
- 👑 (Crown) 'Slaying', as in doing great
- 🚩 (Triangular flag) Red flag; a warning sign about someone's behaviour

POTENTIALLY CONCERNING EMOJIS

- 🍷 (Ear of corn) Slang for pornography (avoids censorship algorithms)
- 🌼 (Wilted flower) Often used to convey emotional struggle or sadness
- ❄️ (Snowflake, snowman, snow cloud) Can symbolise cocaine
- 👤 (Snake) Can represent betrayal or being 'two-faced'
- 🔑 (Key, lying face) Related to cocaine use
- 🔫 (Water pistol) Sometimes used to reference violence or self-harm
- 🍂 (Falling leaves, herb, maple leaf) Can symbolise cannabis
- ⚠️ (Warning) Used to emphasise drama, threats or emotional turmoil
- 💊 (Pill) May reference drug use or prescription misuse
- 🍜 (Steaming bowl) Refers to nudes ('noods' is an abbreviation of noodles)

Meet Our Expert

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