



NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 26TH JUNE

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EXCELLENCE IN EVERYTHING



EXCELLENCE IN EVERYTHING-ACHIEVING GREATNESS THAT LASTS A LIFETIME

Message from Mr Taylor

This week, at Warren Farm we have been celebrating Careers Week, something that we take far beyond simply talking about jobs. One of our greatest responsibilities is to help children's see possibilities they may never have considered before. Every child who walks through our doors arrives with unique talents and aspirations. Sometimes, all it takes is one conversation, one experience or one inspirational role model to ignite a dream that changes the course of a child's life.

At Warren Farm, we regularly talk about our Super North Stars, and encourage children to look beyond today and think about who they want to become. Careers week helps to bring those aspirations to life. From Nursery to Year 6, our children have met professionals from a wide range of industries, asked questions, challenged stereotypes and explored the many pathways available to them. Just as importantly, Careers Week reinforces something we speak about every day: education must have a purpose! Children are far more likely to engage in learning when they understand not just *what* they are learning but *why* they are learning it. Careers week helps make those connections real.

Perhaps most importantly, our visitors demonstrated that success is rarely defined by qualifications alone. Across every profession, employers value the very qualities we intentionally develop through our Character Curriculum. Communication, Adaptability, Ownership, Leadership, Empathy, Preparation, Motivation and Integrity are just some of the Character Waypoints that will serve our children throughout their education, careers and lives. Our thanks goes to the volunteers who generously gave up their time. They may well have inspired the next generations of engineers, entrepreneurs, teachers, athletes and community leaders.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our families for their patience, understanding and support as schools across the country navigated this week's exceptionally hot weather. I appreciate that decisions around remaining open and adapting routines may have caused frustration or inconvenience for some families and we fully recognise the challenges these situations can present. Please be assured that every decision is carefully considered, balancing national guidance with the needs of our school community. Above all, our priority is, and always will be, the safety, health and wellbeing of every child and member of staff.

Thank you for the trust you continue to place in us. Your support and partnership allow us to make these decisions with confidence. Make it a great weekend.

Mr Taylor

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Sat 27th June	Open day for new Reception Cohort for September
Wed 1st July	Induction for Year 6 Class swap day in school
Thur 2nd July	KS1 Sports Day p.m
Fri 3rd July	Rocksteady Concert at 2:15pm
Tue 7th July	Year 6 performance to parents
Wed 8th July	Parents Evening - collection of reports -no appointments
Mon 13th July	Ukulele Concert for years 3 and 4

"Success is where preparation and opportunity meet."

Bobby Unser



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EARLY YEARS



We have had such a wonderful week exploring careers and our Super North Stars this week. Thank you to the parents who took part in our career workshop - we loved meeting everyone and having the chance to ask questions about their professions. We have also explored financial education this week, and practiced recognising British coins. We played shop and explored which coins we needed for different amounts. We then had an afternoon of role playing different careers in the classroom. Nursery have some excellent videos on Class Dojo for you to enjoy! Finally, we have loved playing in short bursts in the sunshine this week. Although the temperature might be slightly cooler next week, please continue to bring sun protection and changes of clothes each day.

KEY STAGE 1



We've had so much fun celebrating Careers Week! We began with the Careers Fair. The children asked lots of great questions and met people from a wide range of professions. They even got a chance to explore an HGV! We have then reflected on our strengths and skills, which we used to help guide our *Super North Stars*. We have also been learning important lessons in financial education, like how to track spending and keep our money safe. We are looking forward to Sports Day next Thursday... third time lucky!



ATTENDANCE

This week has been an unusual one, with exceptionally high temperatures affecting schools across the country. We understand that families make decisions based on what they feel is best for their children, and we appreciate everyone's support in helping us keep school running safely throughout the week.

As we often say at Warren Farm, excellence isn't something we switch on and off - it's built through showing up consistently, even when conditions aren't perfect. The final few weeks of the school year are no different. Let's challenge ourselves to finish the year with the same commitment, resilience and positive attitude that we've shown throughout the year.

As we head into the final few weeks of the academic year, let's finish strongly together. Every day in school matters, with exciting learning, enrichment activities and memorable end-of-year experiences still to come. We look forward to seeing as many children as possible back in school next week, ready to make the most of every opportunity and end the year with the positivity, resilience and commitment that we know they are capable of.

SCHOOL REPORTS INFORMATION

On Wednesday 8th July we will be having a parents evening where you can come and collect the reports. There are no appointments being given. The parents evening will run from 3:30 - 5:00. In the reports will also be the name of the class teacher that they will have for the next academic year. The academic reports are a chance for us to celebrate the achievements of this year and targets for next year. We look forward to seeing you.

YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAY AND WHOLE SCHOOL CLASS SWAPS

On Wednesday 1st July, the children will be spending the morning with their new class teacher and support staff member. These mornings give the children and staff a chance to build relationships and set expectations for the year ahead. Year 6 will be visiting their new secondary schools on this day and other transition days that have been arranged, if your child is attending a secondary transition day, then please inform the class teacher so that they know.





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SAFEGUARDING

As the weather gets warmer, many families will be spending time around pools, beaches, rivers and lakes. Water can be great fun, but it's important to remember that children should always be actively supervised when they are in or near water, even if they are confident swimmers. Encourage your child to follow safety rules, swim in designated areas with lifeguards where possible, and wear a properly fitted life jacket when boating or participating in water sports. Remind children never to swim alone and to stay within their abilities, avoiding rough water or strong currents. It is also a good idea to teach children what to do in an emergency, such as calling for help rather than entering the water to rescue someone. For more information please look at [Water Safety by the RNLI](#).

INCLUSION

As part of our PSHE ongoing topic: *Growing and Changing*, pupils will be exploring how their bodies develop as they get older and the importance of looking after themselves. Personal hygiene is an important part of this, helping children to understand the benefits of regular handwashing, bathing, brushing teeth, and wearing clean clothes. As the warm weather continues, children may also begin to notice changes such as increased sweating and body odour, which are a normal part of growing up. We encourage parents and carers to continue these conversations at home, helping children develop healthy hygiene habits, build confidence, and understand how caring for their bodies supports their overall wellbeing.

CHILD OF THE WEEK

NAH	Due to the warm weather this week - there was no child of the week assembly - next week we will be celebrating two children from each class
RMH	
RAY	
1CP	
1/2DN	
2AB	
3AS	
3/4LM	
4SM	
5LM	
5/6NW	
6BP	

LOWER KEY STAGE 2

We have had a fantastic week celebrating Careers Week! The children explored their *North Stars*, thinking about what they would like to be when they grow up and the skills they will need to achieve their goals. A real highlight was visiting the Careers Fair, where they enjoyed meeting a variety of professionals, including engineers, probation officers and firefighters. The children have been wonderful all week and have coped brilliantly with the warmer weather and our slightly more relaxed routine. A quick reminder: Please send your child to school with a named water bottle each day. As we head into summer, it is also a great time to talk about water safety and staying safe around rivers, lakes, canals, swimming pools and the coast.



UPPER KEY STAGE 2

It has been another exciting week for Years 5 and 6. Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Drayton Manor, with many children declaring Stormforce 10 the highlight of the day – especially in the hot weather! It has also been Careers Week, with a focus on financial education. Children have been learning about the importance of saving and spending wisely, as well as how future career choices can influence financial decisions.





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KEY DATES

FOR PARENTS & CARERS

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Please see below for important dates coming up this term.

JUNE



12th JUNE

Reception & Year 1
Dental Checks



17th JUNE

KS1 Sports Day (AM)



17th - 18th JUNE

RSE Consultations



19th JUNE

Year 5 Trip



22nd JUNE

Careers Week Begins



23rd JUNE

Year 6 Trip to
Drayton Manor



24th JUNE

Super North Star
Dress-Up Day



18th JUNE

London Trip - Year 6



27th JUNE

Reception Open Day
12:00pm - 2:00pm

JULY



1st JULY

Class Swap Morning



2nd JULY

West House
Fundraiser Event



3rd JULY

Rocksteady Concert



7th JULY

Year 6 Performance
to Parents



8th JULY

Report Collection Evening
3:30pm - 5:00pm



13th JULY

Ukulele Concert 2:30pm



14th JULY

Year 6 Awards (AM)
Year 6 Prom 4:00pm - 6:00pm



15th JULY

Nursery Graduation (AM)



16th JULY

Child of the Year
Symphony Hall Choir Performance



17th JULY

Last Day of Term
School closes at 1:00pm



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CAREERS WEEK



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Reschedule



Key Stage 1



SPORTS DAY

2026

THURSDAY 2ND JULY- KS1

This rescheduled Key Stage 1 sports day
will be at 1.30pm



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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. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Educators Need to Know about INVOICE FRAUD



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Invoice fraud, including payment diversion fraud, occurs when criminals deceive you into paying a fake invoice or redirect a genuine payment into their own bank account. Fraudsters may impersonate suppliers, intercept emails, or send convincing invoices to prompt urgent payment into fraudulent accounts. It is one of the most common and costly forms of financial crime affecting individuals, businesses, and schools.

COMMUNICATIONS CLAIMING URGENCY

Communications that claim to be urgent or highlight late payments may be a key sign. Fraudsters often apply pressure to rush decisions and stop checks. Take a moment to verify the request using trusted contacts before making any payment.

CHANGES TO BANK DETAILS

Receiving messages saying a regular supplier has changed their bank account details can be a warning sign. Fraudsters may impersonate contacts to redirect payments. Always verify changes first using known supplier contact details.

DISCREPANCIES AGAINST PREVIOUS INVOICES

Be wary of invoice details that don't match authentic, previously issued invoices, such as amounts, reference numbers or contact names. Fraudsters often alter small details to avoid detection. Always query any differences using your supplier's contact details.

MINOR EMAIL CHANGES

Look out for slight changes to a supplier's email address, such as extra characters or spelling differences. Fraudsters often use similar looking addresses to appear genuine. Always check the sender carefully and verify any concerns using known contact details before responding or making a payment.

UNEXPECTED PAYMENT REQUESTS

Invoices or payment requests for goods or services you do not recognise can be a warning sign. Fraudsters may send false invoices hoping they will be paid without question. Check records and confirm with the supplier before processing any unfamiliar request.

UNUSUAL LANGUAGE OR TONE

Messages with unusual wording, grammar or spelling compared to your usual supplier communications may indicate fraud. Criminals often copy legitimate messages but may not match the usual tone or style. The rise in artificial intelligence (AI) means errors are no longer as common or obvious. Be cautious and verify the request if anything seems out of place.

WE NEED PAYING NOW!

Advice for Parents & Educators

VERIFY BANK DETAILS

Always confirm any change to a supplier's bank details before making a payment. Use a trusted phone number or a long-standing contact you have used before, not the details provided in the request. This helps ensure you are dealing with a genuine supplier and prevents payments being redirected to fraudsters.

DUAL PAYMENT APPROVAL

Ask a trusted person to review and approve high-value payments. A second set of eyes can help spot unusual details or warning signs that might otherwise be missed. This adds an extra layer of control and reduces the risk of errors or fraudulent payments being processed.

CROSS-CHECK INVOICES

Compare new invoices with those previously issued by the supplier in question. Check key details such as amounts, bank details, reference numbers and contact information. Differences may indicate fraud, so always investigate and verify anything that does not match before making a payment.

REPORT FRAUD QUICKLY

If you suspect fraud, act immediately. Contact your bank using 159 or their official number and report it to Report Fraud online or by calling 0300 123 2040. Keep all emails and documents. For more guidance, or to register for counter fraud alerts, see DfE counter fraud guidance. You can find the invoice fraud leaflet on the National Crime Agency website.

Meet Our Expert

Evan Williams is a counter fraud manager at the Department for Education. Having led the function there for many years, he now focuses on continual improvement, communication, and innovation. He proudly oversaw the growth of the counter fraud team during the pandemic, having worked in counter fraud for 16 years since starting his civil service career with the National Crime Agency back in 2010.



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