



## A message from our Headteachers



We are incredibly proud to share with you that Warren Primary Academy has been awarded **the Open University and UK Literacy Association Reading for Pleasure Whole School Award** for 2023.

The award was awarded to Miss Pithers, our whole school English leader, at the National Reading for Pleasure awards held at the Open University in Milton Keynes on Tuesday.

Miss Pithers completed a case study about Reading for Pleasure at Warren, which can be read here: <https://ourfp.org/eop/making-connections-with-our-community-through-a-love-of-reading/>.

The study focused on the work that has been completed across school to build a love of reading within our school community. The submission was read by a panel of prestigious judges, including author J T Williams, and they commented on how they particularly loved how the Warren Reading Team had supported building this passion across school. The prize also included £250 of new books for school and a personalised letter from author Michael Morpurgo.

This award has put Warren on the map nationally for being a reading school. We are so proud of Miss Pithers, and everyone who has worked so hard to achieve this!

Have a fantastic half term and we will see you back at school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

Mrs Salam and Mr Middleton



### Attendance

Our attendance target this year: **96%**.

It is **so** important your child is coming to school every day to reach this target. Our whole school attendance for this week is 91.59%.

If your child is absent from school, **we ask that you communicate every day with school to share reasons why your child is absent from school.**

Here is this week's attendance:

F1: 89.9%

F2: 86.1%

Y1: 85.4%

Y2: 86.5%

Y3: 93.4%

Y4: 93.3%

Y5: 95.5%

Y6: 92.7%

Well done to Year 5 who have the highest attendance this week!

### Attendance update



You may have noticed a new attendance board in the playground! This board is to inform parents and carers of weekly attendance for each class.

**96% and above**

**96-91%**

**90% and below**

Year 5 were the winners for the best class attendance this half term. They will be going on a visit to The Ridge Adventure Centre in the first week after half term!

#### **Attendance-opoly prizes for this week!**

**1<sup>st</sup> place** – Year 5 received 15 Team Work Treasures

**2<sup>nd</sup> place** – Year 3 received a Sports Hour which they will have in the first week back after half term!



## Key dates



### Autumn 2

Date	Event
6.11.23	Return to school for Autumn 2 term
8.11.23	Y6 Visit to Cineworld
8.11.23	Y2 Great Fire of London Workshop
10.11.23	Y5 Tag Rugby Festival at Nottingham High School
10.11.23	Burrow Swimming Lessons begin today
14.11.23	Y5 Visit to Broadway Cinema
20.11.23	When I Grow Up Week
17.11.23	The Great Project starts in Year 5
29.11.23	Year 3 Stone Age Trip to Brackenhurst
5.12.23	Christmas in the City choir event
5.12.23	Drama Club visit to Nottingham Playhouse for Pantomime (7.30pm)
7.12.23	Christmas Fayre from 2.30pm
12.12.23	Whole School Pantomime visit
13.12.23	EYFS & KS1 Nativity – afternoon performance
14.12.23	Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner Day
14.12.23	EYFS & KS1 Nativity – evening performance
18.12.23	KS2 Carol Concert at Emmanuel Church – 10am
18.12.23	EYFS & KS1 Christmas Crafts with parents and carers – 2pm
19.12.23	KS2 Christmas Crafts with parents and carers – 9am
19.12.23	End of the term – finish at 2pm
20.12.23	Warren Inset Day

## Achievements this week!



Well done to the following children who have been given a certificate in our celebration assembly today!

**F1:** Anthony for coming into school with a smile every day this week & Teddy for listening carefully in maths.

**F2:** Rufael for determination to do his best in his learning & Tyler for being a good team player.

**Y1:** Lacie for amazing writing this week & Oliver W-F for great work on part-whole.

**Y2:** Alore for fantastic writing & Enzo for being brave and pushing himself to put his hand up lots.

**Y3:** Lilly for trying really hard in our English big write & Tabitha for amazing English work and handwriting.

**Y4:** Yumeisha for settling well into Year 4 and demonstrating a great attitude to learning & Daniel for a shift in consistently good attitude, setting a great example for the class.

**Y5:** Divine for great explanations in maths & Love for great questions during our trip and ambitious vocabulary always.

**Y6:** Mollie & Elsie for outstanding effort and determination in computing.

## Best seats in the house winners this week:

Mrs Salam gave best seats in the house to all of the following children for their amazing conduct which has been noticed around school this half-term:



Mia in F2/Cohen in Y1/Harmony in Y2/Neriah in Y3/  
Olivia in Y4/Freddie in Y5/Abiraami in Y6.

## Career of the week



This section of the newsletter is where we will be sharing information about a job or career, which you can then share with your child, to inspire or interest them in different career options!

### This week's career is: A Make-Up Artist

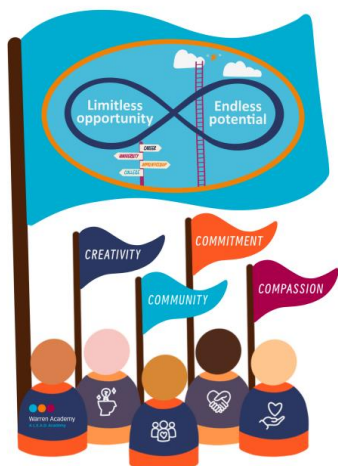
A make-up artist may gain work in a variety of different exciting areas. You will need to research and design new make up with different products, & consider how people look in front of a camera!

Skills that are useful if you were interested in a career like this are: **being interested in creative subjects, having an eye for detail and enjoying things such as art or drawing!**

**Routes into the industry:** You can become a make-up artist by completing an apprenticeship in make-up artistry or beauty therapy. You can also apply to become a make-up assistant!

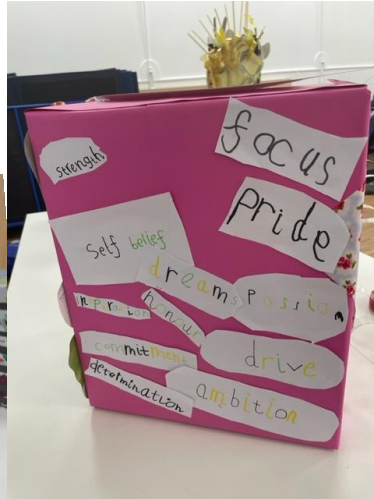
More information can be found here:

<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/job-profiles/make-up-artist>





## Our Black History Month Art Exhibition 'Saluting Our Sisters'





## Y5 Anglo-Saxon and Viking visit to Brackenhurst

Year 5 visited Brackenhurst on Monday to deepen their understanding of their current topic: Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. The children got to try on traditional Viking clothing, understand what housing was like during this time period, take part in orienteering activities and look at different historical artefacts throughout the day!



## EYFS, Y1 and Y2 visit from the Teddy Bear Hospital

Children in F1, F2, Year 1 and Year 2 had a special visit from the Teddy Bear Hospital on Wednesday! The children learnt all about keeping healthy.

They were taught about how to eat well, and healthy foods to eat; washing away germs properly; cleaning their teeth and looking after mental health and wellbeing!



## Y5/Y6 Visit from Arnold Fire Service

Children in Year 5 and 6 had a special visit from Arnold Fire Service on Thursday afternoon. The children learnt about fire safety, and how to keep safe particularly at this time of year with Bonfire Night approaching. They were also given the opportunity to explore the fire engine, try on a fire fighters outfit and use the fire hose on the vehicle!



## Y6 visit to the National Holocaust Centre

Children in Y6 visited the Holocaust Centre last Friday, linked to their learning about World War 2. The children went on a tour of the Centre and learnt about what life was like for Jewish people during the time of the Holocaust. They followed the journey of a young boy called Leo, who came to England on the Kindertransport scheme for Jewish children.











## EYFS Stay and Play

It was fantastic to welcome so many parents into the EYFS classrooms on Thursday to share the children's learning! Thank you for joining us!





## Autumn 2 Clubs - Updates

<p>Mondays - Y4/5/6 Girls Football</p> 	<p>To continue for Autumn 2</p>	<p>Please sign your child up on the new link if they wish to join. If they are already in Girls Football club, there is no need to sign up again.</p>
<p>Mondays - Science Club</p> 	<p>This will be changing to Year 1 and Year 2 for the Autumn 2 term –</p>	<p>Please sign your child up on the new link</p>
<p>Mondays - Y2/3 Cooking club</p> 	<p>This will now be open to children on the waiting list</p>	<p>No spaces at present as waiting list is full</p>
<p>Tuesdays - Y4/5/6 Netball</p> 	<p>This is open to Year 4 for Autumn 2</p>	<p>Please sign your child up on the new link if they wish to join. If they are already in Netball club, there is no need to sign up again.</p>
<p>Tuesdays - F2/Y1 Cooking Club</p> 	<p>This will now be open to children on the waiting list</p>	<p>Please sign your child up if they have not attended cooking club in Autumn 1 and would like this opportunity.</p>
<p>Tuesdays - Y4/5/6 Cricket</p> 	<p>To continue for Autumn 2</p>	<p>Please sign your child up on the new link if they wish to join. If they are already in Cricket Club, there is no need to sign up again.</p>
<p>Wednesdays - Y5/6 Drama with Nottingham Playhouse</p> 	<p>To continue for the academic year</p>	<p>No further places available</p>
<p>Thursdays - Y5/6 Football Club</p> 	<p>To continue for Autumn 2</p>	<p>No further places available</p>

We will also be starting some new clubs at lunchtime which we will share with the children in school next half term!

**Link to sign up for clubs: <https://forms.gle/oqTtLUhVBLJEFpJe8>**



## Week 2 lunch menu

Day	Main	Vegetarian	Dessert	Jacket Potato
Monday	Macaroni Cheese	Roasted Tomato & Basil Pasta	Strawberry Mousse	Unavailable
Tuesday	Sausage Roll	Quorn Sausages	Bananas & Custard	Tuna Mayo
Wednesday	Beef Stew	Autumn Vegetable Stew	Sticky Toffee Pudding	Grated Cheese & Bacon
Thursday	<b>Diwali 2023</b>  Chicken/Quorn Curry Rice, Peas, Naan Bread, Samosa Mandarin Jelly			
Friday	Salmon Fishcake in a Bun	Quorn Vegan Fishless Fingers	Poppy Pudding	Coleslaw

If your child is having a packed lunch, please ensure you are making healthy choices for your child to eat. Below shows the 'Eat Well Guide' which is what is recommended to be eaten on a daily basis to maintain a healthy diet. We have also included some healthy lunchbox ideas. More information can also be found at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>



## Love your packed lunch!

Create a healthier packed lunch by choosing foods from the 5 main food groups below:

### 1 Starchy Carbohydrates

to re-fuel your body

Base your lunchbox on starchy carbohydrates.

**Choose ONE EVERY DAY from:**

- ✓ Bread, rolls, bagels, wraps, pitta or baguettes
- ✓ Pasta
- ✓ Couscous
- ✓ Noodles
- ✓ Potatoes

*Choose wholegrain*

*Use a thermos flask to keep pasta warm*

*Get kids involved in the choices*

### 2 Fruit and Vegetables

to keep you healthy

Pack one portion of fruit and one portion of veg every day

**Choose TWO EVERY DAY from:**

- ✓ Apple, banana, pear, orange, plums
- ✓ Small pot of mixed berries or grapes
- ✓ Prepared melon or mango
- ✓ Chopped vegetable sticks: carrots, cucumber, pepper, celery, mange tout, mini corn
- ✓ Salad vegetables
- ✓ Vegetable Soup

*Add salad to your sandwich*

*Use a thermos flask for delicious soup*

### 3 Dairy and Alternatives

for healthy teeth and bones

Don't forget the dairy!

**Choose ONE EVERY DAY from:**

- ✓ Milk
- ✓ Cheese - hard cheese, soft cheese, cheese spread
- ✓ Yoghurt or Fromage Frais
- ✓ Custard

*Choose low sugar dairy products*

*Reduce sugar: choose plain yoghurt and have fruit on the side*

### 4 Protein Foods

for growth and repair

Pack a protein punch!

**Choose ONE EVERY DAY from:**

- ✓ Meat
- ✓ Fish
- ✓ Eggs
- ✓ Non-dairy protein e.g. lentils, chick peas, beans

*Keep processed meat to a minimum*

*Choose oily fish like salmon once every 3 weeks*

### 5 Drinks

to rehydrate your body

- ✓ A large glass of water
- ✓ Semi skimmed milk - or skimmed milk for children over 5 years.
- ✓ 150ml of fresh unsweetened fruit juice/smoothie

*Milk, water or 150ml juice*

**Occasionally!**

Meat products such as sausage rolls, pies, sausages

Plain cakes/sponges and biscuits of appropriate portion sizes

*Plain cakes occasionally*

For more healthy packed lunch ideas and recipes visit [www.phunkyfoods.co.uk/recipes](http://www.phunkyfoods.co.uk/recipes)

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 24

After two decades of holding the official FIFA licence, EA Sports' phenomenally successful football video game series has embarked on a solo run at goal. This season's iteration marks the debut appearance of a new name and branding, but don't let those fool you - EA Sports FC 24 is still a very similar proposition to last year's FIFA 23. Popular features such as Ultimate Team remain a big focus, meaning that potentially costly in-game spending is still among the line-up of risks that parents and carers should be aware of.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?



## RECURRING RELEASES

EA Sports FC 24 effectively picks up the FIFA template - meaning that after a year, we can expect EA Sports FC 25 to hit the shelves. Updates between versions of the FIFA franchise tended to be minor, but young fans of the game are almost certain to want the new edition in around 12 months' time, so they can keep playing with updated team kits, players and squad lists.

## OFFENSIVE VOICE CHAT

FIFA 23 introduced cross-platform play, and EA Sports FC 24 goes a step further with Clubs, Seasons and Ultimate Team cooperative modes across PlayStation 5, Xbox Series X and S, and PC. That's exciting news for youngsters who love to play with friends online - but connecting a much wider audience does potentially open lines of communication between children and far older online gamers.

## IN-GAME PURCHASES

In FIFA, Ultimate Team proved to be a profitable innovation for developers Electronic Arts (EA), and is now found in many of their other titles. Players spend in-game currency to recruit better footballers for their team, but this process can take a frustratingly long time - so young fans may be tempted to skip the grind by paying real-world cash to unlock that coveted star midfielder.

## ULTIMATE TEAM SCAMMERS

Since the mode was introduced, Ultimate Team has been a target of scammers who attempt to coax players into buying or selling outside the terms of service from EA and console manufacturers. This shady practice can lead to accounts being banned and in-game items being lost. In some cases, young gamers have also been hoodwinked into handing over their payment details to the fraudsters.

## POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

Just like real-life football, EA Sports FC 24 offers a thrilling, dynamic blend of tactical awareness and skill that fans find absolutely engrossing. Among younger players in particular, this could lead to identifiers of a gaming disorder as they plead for "just one more game" before bedtime or spend practically all weekend playing more matches to earn additional Ultimate Team packs.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### CONTROL SPENDING

If your child enjoys Ultimate Team mode, check that your payment details aren't linked to their account. Bundles of FC Points (the game's currency) start at just £1, so multiple payments can easily slip under the radar. You could consider setting your child an in-game allowance, perhaps through a prepaid card, which will help them to realise that online spending has a real-world effect.

### DEFEND AGAINST SCAMMERS

EA does contact players via email (although not to ask for usernames or passwords, so watch out for that scam tactic), but never through the game itself - so be wary of incoming messages and consider blocking and reporting suspected spam. Your child should avoid buying coins (the in-game currency) from external sites; it could end with them losing their money and being banned from the game.

### AVOID EXTRA TIME

Many parents of young football-oriented gamers worry about their child playing too much EA Sports FC. There's now also a companion mobile app, which can also often provide another indicator that a child is struggling to disengage from the game. You could initiate discussions around set hours of play - or take stronger action by utilising the parental controls on their console or phone.

### SHOW TOXIC CHAT THE RED CARD

Playing EA Sports FC 24 with friends is highly enjoyable, but if competitive types start to turn toxic online, it can ruin everyone's fun. You could occasionally listen in on the voice chat of your child's game for any warning signs that things may be about to boil over. This goes double when playing online with strangers; voice contact with unknown players can be turned off in the game's settings.

### CELEBRATE THE VARIETY

Ultimate Team may be the game's 'star player', but there's plenty more to do in EA Sports FC 24 - including modes which allow access to all of football's big names without needing to spend money on packs to unlock them. This new version of the game includes even more women's teams, marking another step forward in representation: an important subject to discuss and celebrate with children.

## Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRwire and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. Always eager to test out the latest apps, games and online trends, he's also a parent who understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



Source: <https://www.windowscentral.com/youngster-spends-over-8000-fifa-sbas-highlighting-predatory-game-design-66>, <https://www.who.int/news-room/questions-and-answers/item/addictive-behaviours-gaming-disorder>, <https://www.aurogamer.net/18-european-council-as-calls-for-better-regulation-of-loot-boxes-following-new-report>

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## VENUE

**Bestwood Estate Community Centre**  
GAINSFORD CRESCENT  
BESTWOOD  
NOTTINGHAM NG5 5HT

30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER -  
2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER  
10am - 2pm

## LIMITED SPACES

CHILDREN ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND ALL 4 DAYS

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS ARE WELCOME  
TO JOIN US AT 1.30PM ON THE FINAL DAY TO  
CELEBRATE THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS

THIS PROVISION IS FOR CHILDREN IN NOTTINGHAM  
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CONTACT US IF YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES ARE DIFFERENT  
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Free places  
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# October Holiday Clubs

Hawthorne Primary School, Bestwood

Monday 30th October to Friday 3rd November

Open to all children aged 3 to 11 years

Activities include dodgeball, dance, drama, yoga, multi skills, ball games, art and crafts, team and confidence building activities and much more.



**Cost:** £15 per day  
All childcare vouchers accepted

**Timings:** 9am-3pm

To find out more or to book visit  
[www.rattleandrollperformance.com](http://www.rattleandrollperformance.com)  
or call 07722 014301



# St Tim's SCHOOL ESSENTIALS

A community initiative connecting families with the things they need for school life.

WHAT WILL BE THERE?

SHOES UNIFORMS PE KITS  
MATHS EQUIPMENT TIES BLAZERS  
STATIONERY TROUSERS & SKIRTS BAGS  
REVISION TRAINERS GUIDES and lots, lots more...

Uniforms for many local Primary & Secondary School will be catered for.

WHERE AND WHEN?

ST TIMOTHY'S COMMUNITY CENTRE

Swinburne Way (off Byron Street) NG5 6BX

10.00am - noon  
Saturday 21 October 2023

No charge for entry,  
tea & coffee will be served



## HOW DOES IT WORK?

YOU MAY HAVE SCHOOL ESSENTIALS YOU CAN

**DONATE!** If so, bring them along on the day, or contact Jackie on 07557 123 238.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SCHOOL ESSENTIALS? If so, come

along and see if what you need is available. Items are free of charge but donations to help with the organisation of this and other initiatives will be gratefully received.