

Warren Academy Newsletter



A message from our Head of School

School Value: Compassion & Community



We have reached the end of what has been an extremely busy half term, with lots of different learning experiences happening across all year groups! We have seen lots of compassion and kindness this week, particularly today with our Primary Parliament Valentine's Day fundraiser! We have been blown away with the amount of cakes that were baked for our Bake Off Competition, and after being scrutinised by the Y5 and Y6 Primary Parliament representatives, we are pleased to share the winners are:

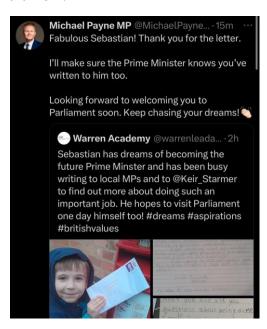
1st place: Alore Year 3

2nd place: Zion F1

3rd place: Kyran Y6

Thank you to everyone who has taken part as your contributions have helped to raise money for trips and resources at school!

We are also very proud of Sebastian, who has been tweeted on 'X' by MP Michael Payne. Sebastian is on a quest to get a letter to Sir Keir Starmer and has been writing to local MPs to get his communication to him. Well done Sebastian and keep up your hard work!



Reading Recommendations

Our reading recommendations for this week are all around the theme of Love and Compassion for Valentine's Day!



We wish you a safe and happy half term, and we will see you back at school for Spring 2 on Monday 24th February. Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Salam Head of School











A message from Mrs Neat – our attendance officer

Attendance is an area we are continuing to work on across the school for this academic year. We hope to continue to see the efforts that parents and carers are going to, to ensure that children are in school every day. Please continue to maintain this in the summer term, to ensure the best possible progress for your child at school.

If you need any help or support, please get in touch with us. We are here to help.

Weekly attendance target: 96%

Last week's overall attendance: 93.24%

F1: 86.00%

F2: 94.10%

Y1: 89.00%

Y2: 90.20%

Y3: 88.70%

Y4: 97.10%

Y5: 94.50%

Y6: 96.70%

This week's attendance: 93.64%

F1: 93.60%

F2: 95.00%

Y1: 93.30%

Y2: 81.00%

Y3: 93.70%

Y4: 98.60%

Y5: 95.90%

Y6: 97.50%

Attendance-opoly winners from this week:

1st place: Year 4

2nd place: Year 6



Attendance processes if your child is absent from school

• All parents and carers are expected to notify school if your child is unable to attend and give reason as to why they are absent.

If your child's attendance is above 90%

- If we do not receive communication from you, a text message will be sent to find out why your child is absent.
- If your child is well enough to attend in the afternoon, we encourage you to bring your child in, as they will receive an attendance mark for the afternoon session.
- We expect for you to continue to communicate with school on a daily basis if your child continues to be absent from school.
- If we do not receive communication from you, a house visit will be completed.

If your child's attendance is below 90% - persistently absent

- If we do not receive communication from you, school will phone you by 9.30am to find out why your child is absent.
- Medical evidence, if your child is absent from school as they are unwell, will be requested from you.
- If medical evidence is not provided to school for your child's absence, we will complete a house visit to discuss your child's absence with you.
- If 3 home visits are made in a term, school will need to consider whether a referral to social services is required due to educational neglect.

Lateness and unauthorised absence

- There has been a significant increase in the number of children that are arriving late to school.
- All children should arrive at school by 8.50am.
- If your child arrives past 9.30am, their attendance for the morning session will be classed as unauthorised, and this will negatively impact their attendance.
- You can receive a fine from the local authority for continued lateness past 9.30am, as this is considered to be unauthorised absence from school.

If you would like to discuss your child's attendance further, please speak to a member of our attendance team. We will provide support to families to ensure your child is able to attend school:

- Mrs Neat Attendance officer
- Mrs Salam Head of School
- Mrs Ford DSL and Inclusion Leader
- Mrs Curtis School Business Manager

Your child's class teacher will also be happy to discuss your child's attendance with you. We are here to help you!







Attendance matters

Statutory attendance updates for the DfE

From 19th August 2024, the Department for Education is implementing statutory guidance for school to implement in regards to attendance. A link to the guidance can be found here: <u>Working together to improve school attendance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</u>

The guidance includes information on the following:

Term Time Holidays

We understand the frustration of holidays increasing in price during school holiday times. However, the impact of taking holidays during the term has a significant impact on the child's achievement and academic progress. It also undermines the school's rich curriculum as key knowledge is missed on their learning journey. From the start of the next academic year, Warren Academy will issue penalty notices for unauthorised term time holidays where appropriate to do so. Please take this into account before booking holidays during term time next academic year - there are 175 non-school days during the year in which to take holidays. As a result of the change in statutory guidance, penalty notices are now more severe and monitoring is over a 3-year basis. Further information about costs of fines is detailed below.

Unauthorised Absences

Schools must consider all unauthorised absences for a penalty notice. The new threshold is 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 school weeks. A school day is divided in to two registration sessions, AM and PM. If these registrations are missed for unauthorised reasons, it may lead to penalty. Unauthorised absence can be:

- An unauthorised holiday, as explained above
- Reason has not been established as to why the child is absent
- The school is not satisfied that the reason given is one that can be recorded as authorised
- Being late after registers have closed (30 minutes after the start of the school day)

Fines

Whilst there are many changes, one of the most significant changes are around the penalty notices issued for unauthorised attendance. These fines are per parent, per child and have been increased.

First Offence – The first time a Penalty Notice is issued the amount will be:

- £160 per parent, per child, paid within 28 days.
- Reduced to £80 per parent, per child, if paid within 21 days

Second Offence (within 3 rolling years) – The second time a Penalty Notice is issued the amount will be:

£160 per parent per child paid within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 rolling years)

> The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates Court.



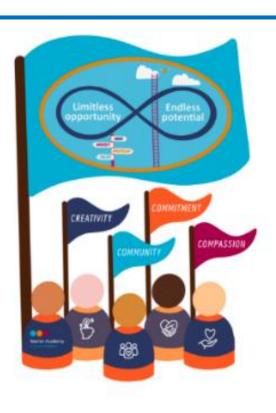




Other information this week...

Key dates

Spring 2				
<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>			
WB: 17.2.25	February Half term			
24.2.25	Return to school			
26.2.25/27.2.25	Y5 Bikeability			
WB: 3.3.25	When I Grow Up week – please let			
	us know if you are able to join us			
	during the week for this event to			
	talk about your job or career!			
4.3.25/5.3.25	Y6 Parents and Carers Evening			
6.3.25	World Book Day			
11.3.25/12.3.25	F1-Y5 Parents and Carers Evening			
14.3.25	Y4 Visit to Wollaton Hall for			
	Ancient Greece workshop			
19.3.25	Y6 visit to University of			
	Nottingham for USA Civil Rights			
	day			
21.3.25	Red Nose Day			
31.3.25	Eid Al-Fitr Themed lunch			
4.4.25	Last Day of Term- school closes at			
	2pm			
WB: 7.4.25	Easter Holidays			



Achievements this week!

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

- F1: Rosaya & Matias for amazing Maths work.
- **F2:** Ayvah for her amazing effort in Phonics & Ezekiel for being kind and helpful.
- **Y1:** Harry for amazing reasoning in Maths & Jaxon for being a whizz on the iPad.
- **Y2**: Lacie for learning to tell the time and Cohen for being brave after an accident.
- **Y3:** Hrihaan for representing Warren brilliantly on our trip to Magna & Destiny P for overcoming her fears on our school visit.
- Y4: Julia for excellent creativity in Art using toning techniques for still life drawing & Natalia for amazing Trojan horse homework project!
- **Y5:** Noah for a superb effort with writing a French paragraph to describe his house & Lokuthula for growing in confidence in Maths and an increase in engagement.
- Y6: Kyran for great confidence and commitment when performing a playscript & Poppy for great commitment to her learning and booster clubs.

Best Seats in the House:



Mrs Salam chose:

Mia in F2

Aurijah in Year 6

for showing compassion all week long to everyone across school.





Learning across our year groups this week









F1 have been busy working on their team building skills as well as their fine motor skills this week, all while making aliens out of play dough!

This week in F2, we have been learning all about astronauts!
The children explored what it is like to be on a space station and even tried an astronaut workout!

This week we learned how to make pictograms on the iPads. We found out which was the most popular fruit in Class1... strawberries! Year 2 have been making clay pots in the style of artist Elspeth Owen.









Year 3 have learnt how volcanoes erupt and created their very own volcanic eruption!

Year 4 have been learning about the artist Giorgio Morandi in art this week, learning to use different graded pencils and shading techniques to show tone.

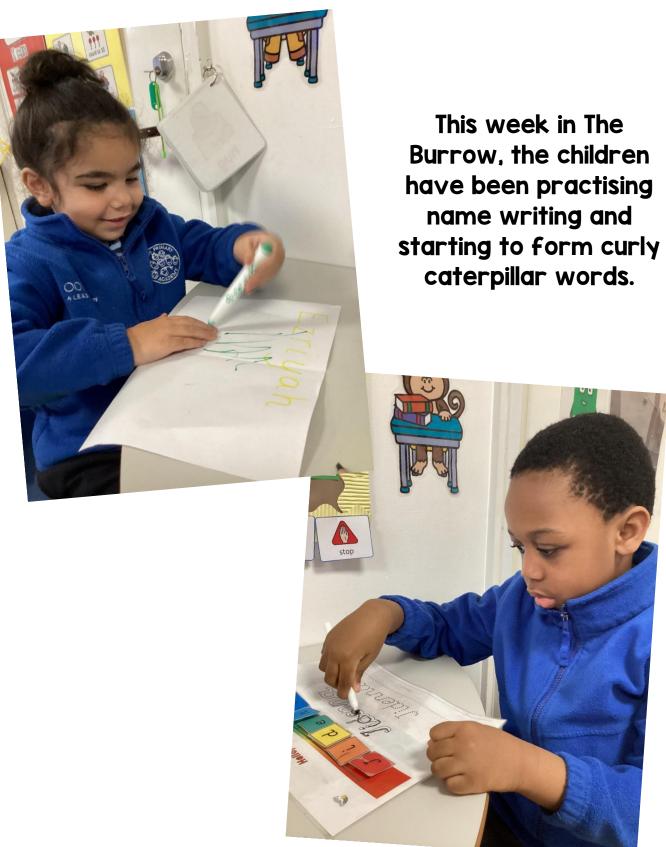
Year 5 held a class debate around the statement 'The Industrial Revolution was entirely positive'. To ensure our debating arguments were strong we researched the positives and negatives of the Industrial Revolution.

This week, Class 6 have been writing and performing 'radio' playscripts based on Mayan folk tales.





Learning in the Burrow this week







Enrichment around school



Year I went in a trip this
week to Wollaton Hall to
take part in a Lego
workshop. The children
made bird habitats to keep
them from being
endangered. Did you know
that birds evolved from
dinosaurs? The children also
had the opportunity to
handle some real fossils
including fossil dinosaur pool







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Children in Year 4 took part in the Winter Sports Festival at Harvey Hadden last week - they played dodgeball and kurling and represented our school brilliantly!







Year 3 took part in the second round of the Me Vs Me challenge with Nottingham School Sport!





Curriculum News Enrichment around school

Year 6 were awarded certificates for their art work that they completed earlier this year at the Lincoln Bomber Command Centre.







Children's Mental Health Week 2025









Safeguarding news

An update from Mrs Ford, Designated Safeguarding Lead



Children's Mental Health Week is an initiative that was launched 11 years ago by Children's mental Health children's mental health charity, Place2Be.

This year Children's Mental Health Week took place from 3rd – 9th February 2024. This year's theme was "Know Yourself, Grow Yourself" and was supported by The Walt Disney Company and the characters of inside out.



Children's Mental Health Week exists to empower, equip and give a voice to all children and young people in the UK, giving them the tools they need to express themselves. Children who feel their voices are heard and can make a difference have a greater sense of community and self-esteem.

To celebrate this important week and raise money for the charity, children and teachers came to school dressed as emotions. Everybody looked fantastic, thank you for supporting this wonderful cause.



Support available in school

 The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) in Nottingham City is a team of caring professionals who are available to talk to children when they aren't quite feeling themselves.





Safeguarding news

An update from Mrs Ford, Designated Safeguarding Lead



 The team is committed to working in participation with children, teenager and families to offer support for mild-to-moderate mental health issues. Warren Academy's MHST senior Mental Health Lead is Kerry Tegart, who is available in school on a Wednesday.

To refer your child to this service, you can either speak with a member of staff, call MHST directly on 0115 876 4899 or text 07874633715.

 In school we are also able to offer children at Warren, ELSA interventions. ELSA is an educational psychology led intervention which promotes emotional wellbeing of children and young people. This is led by Miss Curtis.

Wellbeing ambassadors

This week we have begun to work with a new team of Warren Wellbeing Ambassadors. Children chosen for these posts have been selected due to their kind, caring and positive attitudes in school. I must admit - it was very difficult to choose only 10 children.

Our Wellbeing Ambassadors will be working closely with Kerry (MHST) and myself to become peer mentors, trained with strategies to support their peers.

Please join me in welcoming the following pupils into their new role:

Year 3: Sebastian and Star

Year 4: Diana and Iruoma

Year 5: Ellie-Mai, Mia and Natas

Year 6: Freddie, Jason and Max







Safeguarding news





Other support available

 Another service available to children is CAMHS, which stands for Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services. CAMHS is part of the NHS which offers a free service that supports and treats children and young people with mental health difficulties.



 In Nottingham, young children can also visit the NottAlone website, https://nottalone.org.uk/ for advice on mental health topics like exam stress and low mood, with links to local support.





Safeguarding news - Safer Internet Day



Information from Mrs Putman, our Computing Leader

Safer Internet Day 2025

Warren Academy

Get to know age ratings

Age ratings exist to help protect your child, so we thought we'd provide you with a little reminder of how important it is to check the age ratings of what your child is accessing online. Here are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are accessing



Whether your child is viewing films, accessing apps, playing games online or using social media – make sure you check the age rating first to see if your child is old enough. In addition, the likes of PEGI (Pan European Game Information) provide further content descriptors, which will give you an indication of the type of content that your child might view e.g. violence or bad language.

Squid Game - rated 15 +

Season 2 of Netflix's Squid Game is now available and has been rated 15 by the British Board of Film Classification (BBFC).

You can find out why Squid Game has been rated 15 by visiting the BBFC: https://www.bbfc.co.uk/release/squid-gameg29sbgvidglvbipwwc01mzm3ndg.

Due to its popularity, Squid Game related content can be found on numerous other platforms such as **YouTube**, **TikTok and Roblox**, so your child may come across this show without even viewing it on Netflix. Content may range from trailers of the show or content that other people create such as memes and games.

It is important to talk to your child regularly about what they are watching and ensure that they know they should always tell you or another trusted adult if they do see anything upsetting. You can find out more about the type of inappropriate content your child might come across online here:

https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/inappropriate-content/learnabout-it/

Do you need help managing your child's device?

You can use Google Family Link or Apple Family Sharing to help you depending on your child's device.

Google Family Link This is a free parental control app from Google that lets you: - View activity reports showing how long they spend on each app. - Approve or block new app downloads. - Set screen time limits. - Find their location. You will need to download an app and then decide appropriate settings.

https://families.google/familylink/

Apple Family Sharing You can set up Family Sharing in the settings of your device. Family Sharing allows you to: - Share Apple subscriptions and purchases from the App Store. - Approve what children purchase/download. - Limit screen time. - Share locations and find devices. https://www.apple.com/uk/familysharine/

Monitoring Apps (paid for) in addition, there are apps that you can pay for that you may find provides a better solution for you. Whilst we cannot recommend/endorse a specific

recommend/endorse a specific product, these are some examples that you could review and test using a free trial.

- Norton Family:
- https://uk.norton.com/products/norton-family
- Qustodio:
- Family Time:





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Information from Mrs Putman, our Computing Leader

Too good to be true?



Have you ever had one of these pop up whilst scrolling online? Or received an email like the one pictured below?

These online scams and phishing are becoming all too common online today.

Young children have been tricked into "selling or gifting" items and accounts on Robiox and Minecraft accounts to other traders. However, once they realise the truth, it is often far too late!

Phishing:

When someone tries to trick you into giving them personal information often by pretending to be a trusted company.]

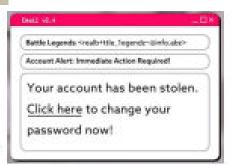
Usually received via email and once you have clicked the link contained your account is usually hacked.

Pop-up:

When a window, box or image suddenly appears on your computer screen or mobile device.

Online scam:

Usually a pop-up that claims you have won a prize, you have to often have to provide personal information before you can received the "prize" or you are required to send money to be able to receive the "prize".



Phishing video link:
https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/articles/spvct
cw
Online scam link:
https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/articles/spvct
cw

Tips to stay safe

- Spot the Signs: Learn to recognize common signs of a scam, like offers that seem "too good to be true" or requests
 for personal information.
- Stay Safe, Don't Share: Understand why you should never share personal details like your name or address with anyone you
- Ask for Help: Always talk to a trusted adult if something feels suspicious or if you're unsure about a message or offer online.
- Think Before You Click: Don't click on links or open attachments in messages or emails from people or companies
 why don't know.
- Trust Your Instincts: If something doesn't feel right or sounds too good to be true, trust your instincts and check with an adult before taking action.





Online Safety reading recommendations

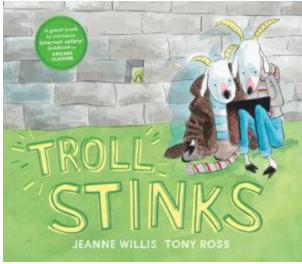


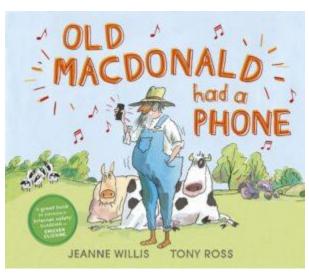
The children read 'Polly and the Screen Time Overload' in assembly this week, as a part of their learning about Safer Internet week.

You can share the story at home together by clicking the link here:

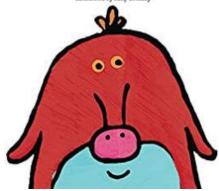
https://www.youtube.com/wat ch?v=7xlYUXtnDdA

















Safeguarding news - Internet Safety







Our lunch menus

Week 1					
Day	Main	Vegetarian	Dessert	Jacket Potato	Sandwiches
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Mon	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges		Apple Muffins		
	and Baked Beans		Fresh Fruit Bar		
Tues	Mac N Cheese with Peas and Homemade		Ice Lollies	Choice of Beans,	Cheese or Jam
	Bread		Fresh Fruit Bar	Cheese or Tuna	Sandwich
Weds	Sausage, Mash and	Quorn Sausages, Mash	Veggie Fruit Jelly	Mayo	
	Baked Beans	and Baked Beans	Fresh Fruit Bar		Served with
Thurs	Pasta Bolognaise	Veggie Pasta	Flapjack		Tortilla Chips
	with Peas and	Bolognaise with Peas	Fresh Fruit Bar		
	Homemade Bread	and Homemade Bread			
Fri	Chicken Nuggets,	Vegan Nuggets, Chips	Vanilla Ice Cream		
	Chips and Peas	and Peas	Fresh Fruit Bar		

Week 2					
Day	Main	Vegetarian	Dessert	Jacket Potato	Sandwiches
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Mon	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges and Baked Beans		Chocolate Muffins Fresh Fruit Bar		
Tues	Sausage Pasta Bake	Tomato Pasta with	Jam Sponge	Choice of Beans,	Cheese or Jam
	with Peas	Peas	Fresh Fruit Bar	Cheese or Tuna	Sandwich
Weds	Sauasage Roll,	Cheese, Pepper and	Homemade	Mayo	
	Herby Diced	Onion Roll with Herby	Shortbread		Served with
	Potatoes and Beans	Diced Potatoes and	Fresh Fruit Bar		Tortilla Chips
		Beans			
Thurs	All Day Breakfast	Veggie All Day	Choc Ice		
		Breakfast	Fresh Fruit Bar		
Fri	Hot Dog, Chips and	Veggie Hot Dog, Chips	Vanilla Ice Cream		
	Peas	and Peas	Fresh Fruit Bar		

	Week 3				
Day	Main	Vegetarian	Dessert	Jacket Potato	Sandwiches
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Mon	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges and Baked Beans		Vanilla Ice Cream Fresh Fruit Bar	Choice of Beans, Cheese or Tuna	Cheese or Jam Sandwich
Tues	Chilli Con Carne with Rice	Veggie Chilli Con Carne with Rice	Oat Cookies Fresh Fruit Bar		Served with Tortilla Chips
Weds	Baguette Day Baguettes with either Tuna Mayo, Ham or Cheese (veggie option)		Flapjack Fresh Fruit Bar		No sandwich option avaliable
Thurs	Chicken Meatballs with Pasta	Tomato Pasta	Melon Fresh Fruit Bar		Cheese or Jam
Fri	Fish Fingers, Chips and Peas	Quorn Vegan Fishless Fingers, Chips and Peas	Iced Biscuit Fresh Fruit Bar		Sandwich Served with Tortilla Chips







We have been notified that there are a number of parents and carers who are blocking the drive ways of residents who live in Aldwych Close. Please can you ensure that drive ways are not blocked if you are using this road to collect your children from, in order for us to support local residents in our community. Thank you.











SOUTHGLADE LIBRARY

SPACE THEMED CRAFTS



To celebrate The Festival of Science and Curiosity we've got a variety of space crafts that are out of this world!!

Free, suitable for all and no need to book.

DATE: MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY

TIME: 10AM - 12PM

nottinghamcitylibraries.co.uk

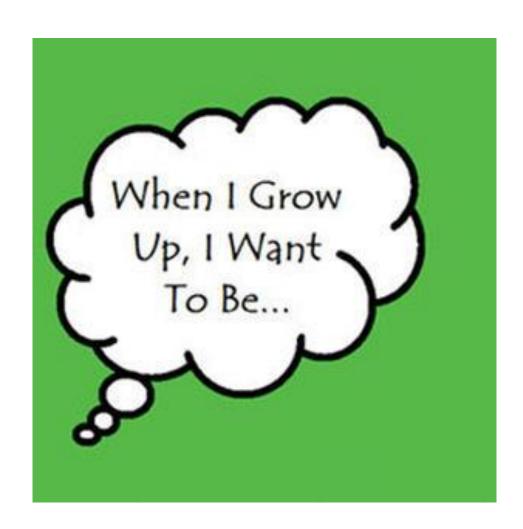












We will be hosting 'When I Grow Up' week again this year, throughout the week beginning Monday 3rd March. This will be running all week! We would love to invite parents and carers into school during the week to talk to different classes across school about their jobs and careers. Please get in touch if you think you would be able to join us - we would love for as many people as possible to come in!