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Warren Academy Newsletter

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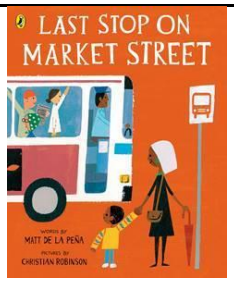
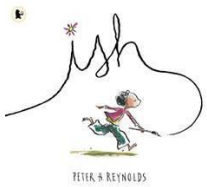
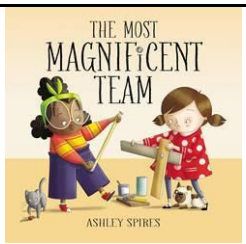
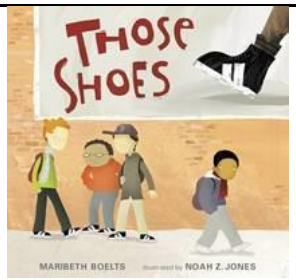
A message from the Head of School

Welcome back everyone! It's a pleasure to welcome you all back to school as we begin the New Year together. I hope the Christmas break brought plenty of rest, joy, and time with loved ones. As we move through January, the staff and I are excited for the learning, growth, and opportunities that lie ahead. This term promises new challenges, fresh discoveries, and plenty to look forward to, and we're delighted to have the school filled with energy and enthusiasm once again.

Values Days

We started our new term with our annual 'Values Days' across school, where each key stage focused on one school value in particular, and studied this through the context of a book to learn more about its meaning. The books we looked at were:

Class	Value	Book linking to value
EYFS & The Burrow	Community	
KS1	Creativity	
LKS2	Commitment	
UKS2	Compassion	

It has been brilliant to hear how the children learnt more about the values, with them saying:

"I loved Values Day because I learnt that compassion can be shown to people who may be different to us." *– Laylah Y5*

"I learnt that compassion isn't just caring for someone, it's actually making sure they have what they need." – *Flynn Y6*

A brand new display of our school values work will be on display close to the office very soon.

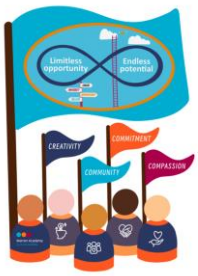
The Warren Podcast

This term, we're excited to share that our traditional written newsletter will gradually evolve into a brand-new school podcast - planned, recorded, and presented by the children themselves! This shift gives our pupils a real platform to use their voices, develop confidence, and take genuine ownership of how we communicate as a school. From interviewing staff to reporting on events and sharing classroom highlights, the podcast will offer wonderful opportunities for leadership, teamwork, and creativity. Over the course of a half term, we will have one podcast, and one end of term newsletter sent out to you. Watch this space with our first podcast edition soon!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support — it makes such a difference to our school community.

Mrs Salam

Head of School



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Achievements across school

Housepoints this week!

House	Total this week	Overall
Wollaton	117	812
Castle	165	1075
Newstead	166	1028
Sherwood	197	1069

The children have been collecting house points for demonstrating these 3 areas around school since they have returned and the current totals are:

Best seats in the house

Mrs Salam chose:

David and Lexy in Year 5 for their commitment to their lunchtime leader roles!

Achievements this week!

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

F1: Ellis for showing kindness to our new starters and Melodia for settling into nursery like a superstar.

F2: Rose for her enthusiasm for everything and Noah for being an amazing scientist.

Y1: Amin for trying hard, and resilience in phonics and Lily-Rose for being ready to learn, and fully participating in maths.

Y2: Kye for amazing learning overall, and showing adults and peers respect and James for being really confident in maths when we are counting the value of coins and notes.

Y3: Lacie for excellent learning behaviours all week and Alfie for amazing attitude to his writing.

Y4: Nizar for an amazing first week at Warren and Aaron for being ready to learn with super efforts in all his tasks.

Y5: Kamsi for his enthusiastic energy in the new space topic and Caleb for excellent effort in gymnastics.

Y6: Hussein for outstanding conduct at all times and Jayven for excellent effort in all subjects.

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Attendance matters

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%

Weekly attendance: 90.7%

This week's attendance:

F1: 97.9%

F2: 91.5%

Y1: 91.7%

Y2: 95.0%

Y3: 89.3%

Y4: 87.8%

Y5: 91.3%

Y6: 93.0%

Attendance-opoly winners from this week:

1st place: Foundation 1

2nd place: Year 6

3rd place: Year 2

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!**

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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: Working together to improve school attendance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

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 into 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.

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Other information this week…

Key dates

Spring Term	
21.1.26	Y5 Attendance Reward to Nottingham Ice Arena
5.2.26	KS2 Cricket Session with Trent Bridge
9.2.26	Children's Mental Health Week Community Action Week – more information to be shared very soon!
12.2.26	Year 1 Learning Showcase – Dinosaur Museum
10.2.26 **12.2.26**	Y6 Parents and Carers Evening
Last day of term – 13.2.26 Half term – 16.2.26-20.2.26	
23.2.26	Return to school
24.2.26 **25.2.26**	Y5 Bikeability
2.3.26	When I Grow Up Week
3.3.26	Holi festival
5.3.26	World Book Day
Last day of Spring term – 27.3.26 Finish at 2pm	

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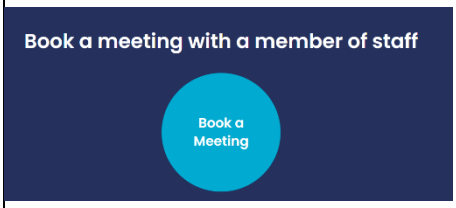
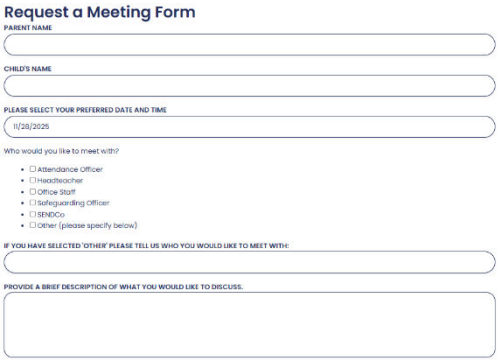
Communication with school

We have many ways in which you can speak with us at school regarding anything related to your child. Please see below the channels we use for communication:

Class dojo	This is a whole school account which we use to share class and whole school information. This includes pictures of learning, whole school focused themes for the week and updates for parents and carers such as PE kit reminders. Class teachers have access to this app and will respond to any messages from parents and carers inside school hours only. If you have a more urgent request or need to speak to a member of staff more imminently, please contact the school office via phone or text message. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you need to be connected to Class Dojo via the app.
Social media – Facebook and Instagram	We have a school Facebook and Instagram page which we use to share what we are up to in school! This is not used for direct communication so please do not use the messenger service on these apps. You can follow us at: @warrenprimaryacademy @warrenprimaryacademy
School gateway	This is our whole school texting and messaging service. This is used by the school office team to send out communication to parents and carers on a daily basis – this can include attendance reminders, payment information or general messages for individual parents or carers where we need information in school. This is also the app to use to make payments to school.
School website	You can contact us via our school website. Find the 'book a meeting' button on the homepage and complete the form as below. https://warrenacademy.co.uk/   Request a Meeting Form PARENT NAME CHILD'S NAME PLEASE SELECT YOUR PREFERRED DATE AND TIME 11/28/2025 Who would you like to meet with? ☐ Attendance Officer ☐ Headteacher ☐ Office Staff ☐ Safeguarding Officer ☐ SENDCo ☐ Other (please specify below) IF YOU HAVE SELECTED 'OTHER' PLEASE TELL US WHO YOU WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH: PROVIDE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS.

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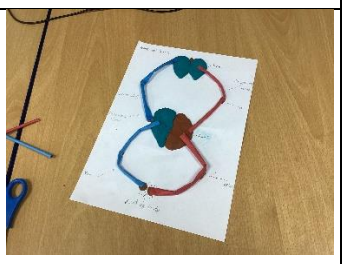
Curriculum news

Learning across our year groups this week

In F1, some new class have joined! Ellis has been helping Reuben settle into Nursery life by reading him a story. Well done F1's for showing empathy and compassion to all the new children in Nursery!	F2 have been busy as geographers this week and drew their own maps. They then used their phonics to sound out the lab els for it!	Year 1 received an email with a video attached of a dinosaur wondering around the classroom before school. We are on a mission to find out all about dinosaurs!	Year 2 have been learning about artist, Elspeth Owen. We have been making clay pinch pots using different materials to make patterns and shapes.
			
Year 3 have been learning about the layers of the earth, and created them out of plasticine to represent this.	Year 4 kicked off their Ancient Greece topic with an afternoon of food tasting, Greek dancing and theatre mask making.	Year 5 launched their learning on Space with an astronaut training camp! They completed 7 different stations which were designed to test and enhance vital skills needed to become an astronaut.	This week year 6 have been learning all about the circulatory system. The children created their own model of this to show how blood is pumped around the body by the heart.

Curriculum news

Enrichment around school

As part of their 'Space' topic, in EYFS this week we have had an UFO land in our playground! The children got a letter from an alien asking them what they would take with into space!

Noah has also taken some fantastic pictures of the moon with his telescope at home!

Year 6 took part in a workshop led by The Red Cross where the learned how to perform CPR safely and correctly. The children then got the opportunity to practice their technique.

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Learning in the Burrow this week

This week in the Burrow, the children have started learning about space! They have been counting stars, playing with pasta and paper stars and watching space sensory videos.

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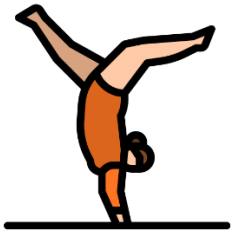
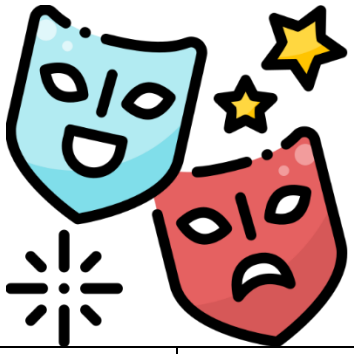
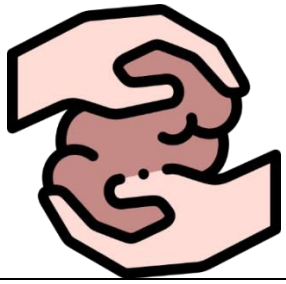
After School Clubs - Spring 1

Storytime club - F2 & Y1 Monday 	Sewing club - Y2 & Y3 Monday 	Gymnastics - Y2, 3 & 4 Tuesday with Premier Education 
Y5/6 Playhouse Drama Club Wednesdays 		Choir - KS2 Thursday
KS2 Hockey Club Monday 	Basketball Club - Y3 & Y4 Wednesday 	Craft with Clay Club - Y1 & Y2 Thursday 

This is our new club offer for Spring 1 with gymnastics club being ran by external providers Premier Education. Clubs ran by school are free of charge. Clubs ran by Premier Education are £3.50 a session and can only be registered for via their website.

For school clubs, register your child's interest here:
https://forms.gle/3k9verRkZcJ3hpaF8

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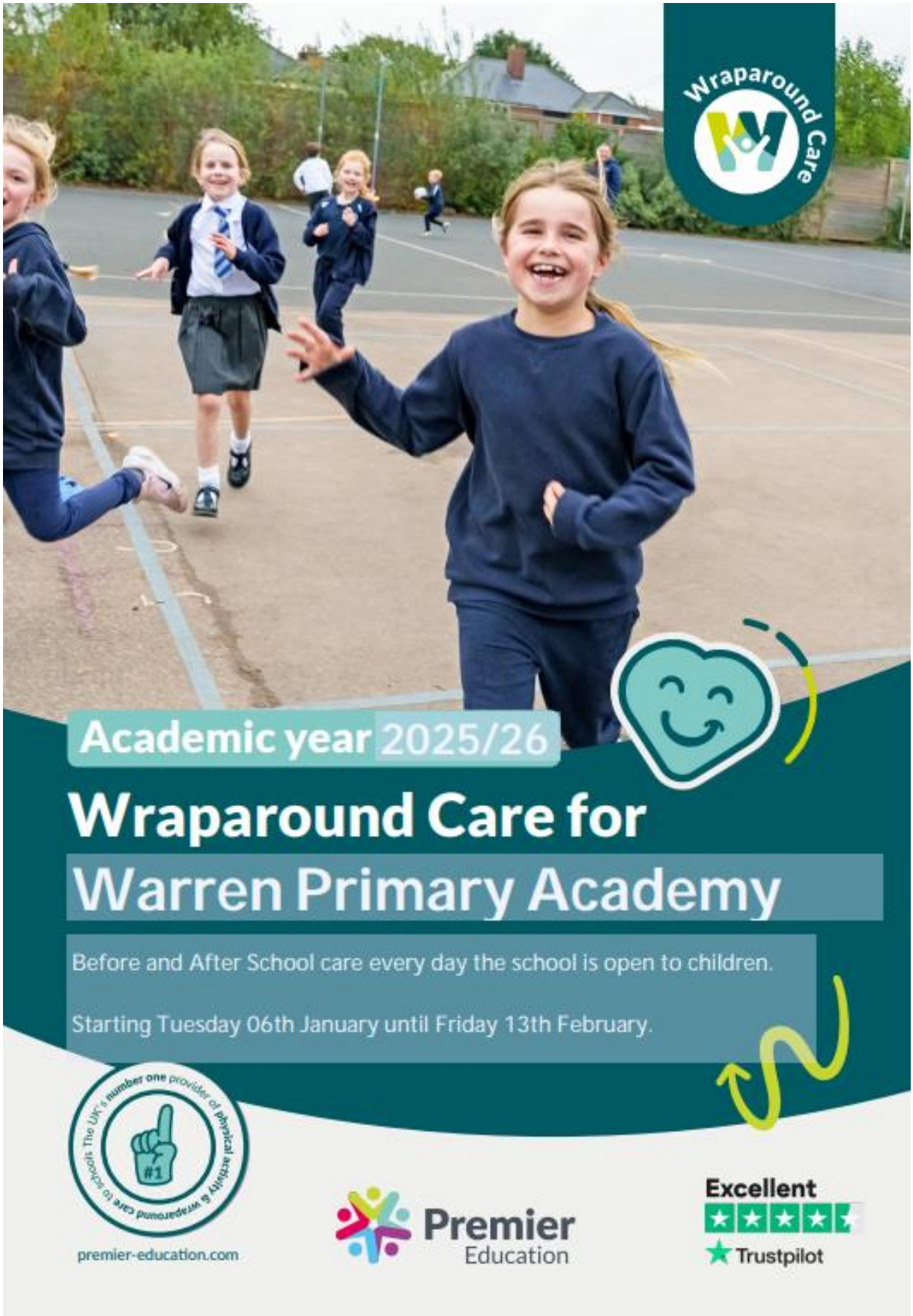
Wraparound care offer



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Wraparound care offer

Premier Education are honoured to be able to provide the wraparound care at your school.

Our aim is to deliver a top quality, Ofsted registered provision, with a range of stimulating activities in a safe, secure and fun environment,providing an outstanding service for busy parents.

Parents can relax knowing their children are in safe hands as all staff have experience working with primary school children, have been DBS checked, and hold Emergency First Aid and Safeguarding certificates.

Wraparound care sessions are open to children from Reception to Year 6, with no deposit or registration fee required. Healthy snacks are provided, with specific dietary requirements also being catered for.

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Before School
07:30 - 08:50 = £3.50 (This is a discounted price for Spring Term 1 Only!)

After School
15:15 - 16:30 = £7
16:30 - 17:30 = £7
15:15 - 17:30 = £10

BOOK TODAY!

Contact us at:

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Ofsted Registration Number: 2834147

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Safeguarding news

Supporting Children With New Devices and Online Safety

As many families will know, the festive period is often a time when children receive new digital devices — tablets, phones, gaming consoles, or smart toys. While these can offer wonderful opportunities for learning and creativity, they also come with responsibilities and potential risks. This week, we are focusing on how we can work together to help children stay safe, confident, and responsible online.

One of the most effective ways to support children is through open, regular conversations about what they are doing online. Encouraging them to talk about the games they play, the videos they watch, and the people they interact with helps build trust and ensures they feel comfortable coming to you or a trusted adult if something doesn't feel right. Even simple questions such as "What was the best thing you did online today" can open the door to meaningful discussions.

We also encourage parents to review privacy settings and parental controls on any new devices. Many platforms now offer child-friendly modes that limit communication with strangers, filter inappropriate content, and set healthy time boundaries. Taking a few minutes to explore these settings together can make a significant difference to children's online experiences.

Finally, it's helpful to remind children that the same rules of kindness, respect, and safety that we expect in school apply online too. Whether they are chatting with friends, joining a game, or sharing photos, children benefit from clear guidance about what is appropriate and what should remain private. As always, if you have any concerns or would like further advice, please speak to a member of our safeguarding team — we are here to support every family in keeping our children safe.

Safeguarding news

Recommended Screen Access by Age

These recommendations are based on global child health guidelines and current research. They are not rigid rules; they are starting points and guidance to support healthy development.

Under 2

Avoid screens other than video calls with family. The developing brain depends on real-world interaction, movement, and eye contact.

Ages 2–5

Aim for around 1 hour per day of high-quality, adult-guided content. Break screen time into short periods rather than long passive sessions.

Ages 5–11

Aim for balanced use: around 1-2 hours daily of recreational screen time. Prioritise sleep, physical activity, social interaction, and outdoor play before screens.

Ages 11–14

Focus on routines and boundaries rather than strict minutes. Protect sleep by avoiding screens at least one hour before bedtime. Encourage tech-free mealtimes and shared family spaces.

Ages 14–18

Guide young people toward self-regulation: discussing dopamine loops, online safety, body image, cyberbullying, and how screens affect mood and sleep. Maintain clear expectations around routines and night-time boundaries.

If you'd like the full bitseize Healthy Screen Habits Info Sheet to go with today's visual, comment SCREEN below and I'll DM it to you.

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Lunch Menus

WEEK 1

Relish

STEP 1 Choose from...

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Pepperoni Pizza to go with Sweetcorn, Homemade Potato Wedges	Tomato Pasta to go with Sweetcorn	Sausage to go with Baked Beans, Herby Diced Potatoes	Roast Gammon to go with Broccoli, Roast Potatoes	Fish Fingers to go with Chips, Peas
Vegetarian	Cheese & Tomato Pizza to go with Sweetcorn, Homemade Potato Wedges	Tomato Pasta to go with Sweetcorn	Quorn Sausages to go with Baked Beans, Herby Diced Potatoes	Quorn Sausages to go with Broccoli, Roast Potatoes	Quorn Vegan Fishless Fingers to go with Chips, Peas
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STEP 2 ...and to finish!	Syrup Sponge	Vegetarian Fruit Jelly	Chocolate Shortbread Cookie	Fresh Fruit - Melon	Flapjack
	Fresh Fruit Pot	Fresh Fruit Pot	Fresh Fruit Pot	Fresh Fruit Pot	Fresh Fruit Pot

Bread and Salad will be available at Lunch Times

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Lunch Menus

WEEK 2

Step 1 Choose from...	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Sausage Roll to go with Baked Beans, Herby Diced Potatoes	Pepperoni Pizza to go with Baked Beans, Homemade Potato Wedges	Beef Bolognese to go with Spaghetti	Chicken Curry to go with Mixed Rice	Cod in Batter to go with Chips
Vegetarian	Cheese & Onion Roll to go with Baked Beans, Herby Diced Potatoes	Cheese & Tomato Pizza to go with Baked Beans, Homemade Potato Wedges	Vegetarian Bolognaise to go with Spaghetti	Vegetable Curry to go with Mixed Rice	Quorn Sausages to go with Chips
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Step 2 ...and to finish!	Iced Sponge with sprinkles	Vegetarian Fruit Jelly	Shortbread	Fresh Fruit - Melon	Marbled Sponge
	Fresh Fruit Pot	Fresh Fruit Pot	Fresh Fruit Pot	Fresh Fruit Pot	Fresh Fruit Pot

Bread and Salad will be available at Lunch Times

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Lunch Menus

WEEK 3

Step 1 Choose from...	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main	Pepperoni Pizza to go with Sweetcorn, Homemade Potato Wedges	Macaroni Cheese to go with Peas	All Day Breakfast	Roast Chicken to go with Carrots, Roast Potatoes	Chicken Nuggets to go with Baked Beans, Chips
Vegetarian	Cheese & Tomato Pizza to go with Sweetcorn, Homemade Potato Wedges	Macaroni Cheese to go with Peas	Vegetarian All Day Breakfast	Quorn Sausages to go with Carrots, Roast Potatoes	Vegan Nuggets to go with Baked Beans, Chips
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Step 2 ...and to finish!	Jam & Coconut Sponge	Fresh Fruit - Melon	Flapjack	Vegetarian Fruit Jelly	Chocolate Sponge
	Fresh Fruit Pot	Fresh Fruit Pot	Fresh Fruit Pot	Fresh Fruit Pot	Fresh Fruit Pot

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Community news

Bulwell Forest Garden

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8 WEEK COURSE
STARTING MONDAY 2 FEB 10AM-1PM

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Community news

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FREE EVENT

ACTIVITIES	EVENT DATE
• Stall holders • Youth bus • Specialists • Arts and crafts • Music • Free food	**22ND JAN** 4- 11 YRS 3.30PM - 5.30PM

Location - Killisick Community Centre NG5 8BY

Community news

Laundry basket	Suitcase	Wooden spoons	Action figures	Plastic crates
Dress up items	Cars	Dinosaurs	Pans	Plastic dolls
Lego	Small balls	Scooter	Plastic tubes	Tarpaulin
Beach spades	Buckets	Trowels	Skateboard	Cardboard tubes
Guttering	Wooden planks	Helmet	Aprons	Chalk

Acorns	Baking pans	Cake moulds	Measuring spoons	Strainers
Baskets	Cable spools	Cones	Containers	Corrugated pipes
Dress up items	Fabric	Funnels	Nets	Old electronics
Pool noodles	PVC pipes	Ropes	Shovels and spades	Sinks and tubs
Tyres and wheels - big, small and weird	Pots	Colanders	Wheelbarrow	Watering cans

We are still looking for lots of donations for OPAL - please bring in anything you have at home to help us with play during lunchtimes!