

SPECIAL SHOUTOUT

24th October 2025

Issue 4

A huge thank you to all staff for supporting our Halloween discos. From DJing, to cooking pizza and chips, to dancing, to glow stick sellers, it really was a whole team effort. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the night and there were some wonderful costumes.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3.11.25 - Pupils Return to School for Autumn Term 2
4.11.25 - Parent Consultations B classes
5.11.25 - Parent Consultations A classes
WB 10.11.25 Anti-Bullying Week (Wear Odd Socks on Monday)
12.11.25 SEND Coffee Afternoon 1pm - 2pm *
14.11.25 - Children in Need (wear spots)
WB 17.11.25 - Year 5 Bikeability *

** More Information to follow*

Have Your Say

Our parents views and comments are extremely important to us. Our quick survey on school communication is still open. Follow the link below to leave your feedback and comments.

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Designated Safeguarding Team



Miss Gibson
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead



Miss Martin
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead
(Maternity)



Miss Fletcher
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead



Miss McEwen
Deputy
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead



Mrs Miller
Deputy
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead
(Maternity)



Mrs Thompson
Deputy
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead



Miss Fryer
Deputy
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead



Mrs Cox
Deputy
Designated
Safeguarding
Lead



Mrs Cox Mr Jefferson Miss Heppell Miss Fryer

Mental health first aiders





The Den

In The Den, there have been some spooky shenanigans as our youngest scientists mixed potions and cast spells! We loved reading 'That's Not My Pumpkin' and had lots of fun exploring different materials, describing how they looked and felt. It wasn't all hard work though - Tasty Tuesday brought us some yummy pumpkin soup to enjoy! The children have had a fantastic few weeks, full of curiosity and creativity. We can't wait to see where our learning takes us next half term as we start exploring Light and Dark.

Nursery

In Nursery, we have enjoyed celebrating Harvest and Halloween. The children were so excited to have their adults exploring with them in school for our Nursery Harvest festival. We have been exploring different Autumn natural materials and children have made some excellent artwork with these materials including hedgehogs for Autumn and ghost and spider crafts for Halloween. On Wednesday this week, children took their creativity into Woodland Wednesday and used sticks to make magical wands as we all turned into witches linking to our story of the week Meg and Mog.



Reception

Reception have been enjoying the story Owl Babies, learning all about the adventures of three little owls. We've been discovering fascinating facts about nocturnal animals and what makes them active at night. The children have explored light and dark through hands-on activities and sensory play. A highlight was our visit to The Rising Sun, where we observed beautiful Autumnal changes in nature. It's been a wonderful fortnight full of curiosity, learning and seasonal exploration!

Y1

This week Year 1 have been learning about subtraction, using practical equipment and number lines to help us find the answer. In Literacy, we have written some brilliant Hot Writes - our teachers were so impressed with our resilience and determination! We have enjoyed finishing our learning about animals in Science and have even investigated some careers we could have with this learning. We also enjoyed our fantastic Harvest performance - a huge thank you to all our grown-ups for coming. What a fantastic first half term in Year 1!



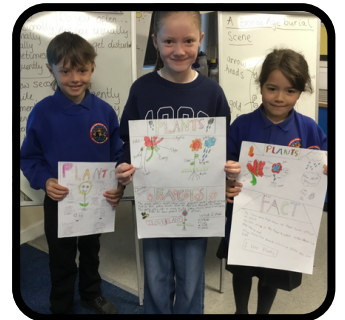


Y2

In maths, the children have been focusing on addition, especially adding to the next 10, using number lines and practical resources to build their confidence and fluency. In literacy, we have been applying our growing grammar knowledge to write more detailed and accurate sentences in our own texts. It's been wonderful to see children using capital letters, full stops and even conjunctions. A highlight of our learning was our exciting trip to the Centre for Life, where we explored what it's like to be a scientist—investigating, experimenting, and asking big questions about the world around us. The children came back inspired and full of curiosity!

Y3

Year 3 have had a fantastic, fun-filled last two weeks of term! They absolutely loved performing their Harvest Festival songs and were delighted to see so many families and friends come along to support them. Last week in PSHE, the children took part in some thoughtful discussions linked to Show Racism the Red Card, exploring how they can show respect both in and out of school. This week's highlight for many was the Halloween disco — the costumes were exceptional and looked even better under the lights as everyone danced the night away. It's been a brilliant end to the half term and Year 3 should be very proud of all their hard work and enthusiasm during the first half term!



Y4

It has been a very stinky end to an amazing first half-term in Year 4! In our exciting Science lessons we have made predictions, collected data and shared our scientific findings - did you know that vinegar is very damaging to our teeth? In Literacy, we have been poets, working on our rhymes and rhythms. In Maths, we have been converting our units of measurement and working hard to apply our addition and subtraction skills. We can't wait to continue to do our best work in the next half-term - have a lovely well-deserved break!

Y5

In Maths, children have started their Multiplication and Division topic looking at some key mathematic concepts such as; factors, multiples, prime numbers, square and cubed numbers. In Literacy, children completed a range of Cinquain Poetry using verbs, adjectives and specific syllables to structure their poems. Children have come to the end of their basketball unit in PE, putting their passing, shooting and dribbling skills into a game situation in their final lesson. Children are also enjoying their History and Geography lessons, exploring the features of the Vikings and how they travelled from Scandinavia to invade Holy Island.





Y6

Year 6 have had a fantastic half term, showing great focus and effort in all areas of their learning. In Maths, they have worked hard on place value, multiplication, addition, subtraction and division, building their confidence with increasingly tricky problems. This week, we have also explored shape, using protractors to draw and measure angles accurately. In Literacy, we really enjoyed reading their mythological non-chronological reports and are looking forward to their next reports about their chosen countries. We have now completed our PE unit of bike rides—well done to everyone who showed such resilience and perseverance throughout!



WHAT ELSE DO WE OFFER?

Hedgehogs

We are very excited that our new building is now complete and we will be able to use this from after the half term holidays.

With this in mind, please note that Hedgehogs before and after school provision will enter and leave site through the park gate (blue gate which current Y5/6 classes enter school through).



Clubs

We had an amazing number of clubs running throughout this half term which were well attended and enjoyed by all. Next half term we will have another round of exciting clubs on offer for you. Keep an eye out for the sign up sheet coming out after half term. Please note that there will be no clubs (except paid for clubs) running during the first week back after the holidays due to parent consultations taking place.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT



Reception Creative Club

Reception have thoroughly enjoyed our weekly Creative Club. Each week, we have a theme, whether it is mask-making, drawing our families and this week, our theme was Halloween!



SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our school council team continue to meet weekly with Miss Fletcher to discuss future developments in our school. Their main focus this half term has been school lunches.

After half term a new menu will begin - please look out for this being sent to you. The school council, through feedback from their classmates, helped to shape items on this menu and are looking forward to tasting some of the new options.

The team will be reviewing the new menu after the first 3 weeks and reporting back to the catering company our verdicts.



GETTING INVOLVED



Parent Forum

Our parent forum is a great way to have your voice heard and shape developments to our school in the future. Thank you to those parents who joined us for our first meeting. There were some great topics of discussion and suggestions. Our next Autumn Term date is below and we would love to welcome you into school to hear your feedback.

Friday 5th December 9:15am - 9:45am

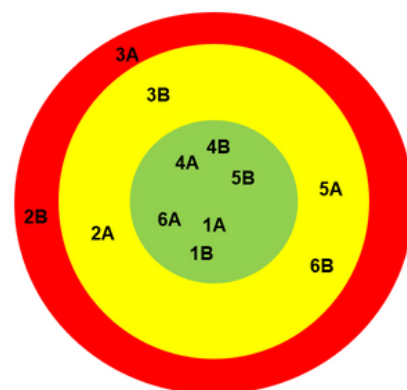
ATTENDANCE

Each week we have been celebrating class attendance in our assemblies. The class with the best attendance for the week claims the attendance trophy. Also up for grabs is an extra playtime for any classes that get 100% attendance through a full week.

At the moment our whole school attendance is sitting at **94.6%** which is in the amber section.

So far this academic year there have been 72 pupils arriving late to school which accounts for 55 hours of lost learning.

Therefore as a school we have to proactively tackle these to support positive attendance and punctuality. We will be calling on you for your support with this.



GREEN
Pupils with attendance from 96% to 100%
AMBER
Pupils with attendance from 90% to 95.9%
RED
Pupils with attendance Below 90%



watch TV, both the old fashioned way on a big screen and via the internet with on-demand programming. Restricting and controlling what your kids can watch is harder than ever, but with our help you can make TV safer for your kids and limit the amount that they can watch.

How to manage what your children WATCH ON TV

TRADITIONAL TV

Traditional TV covers programmes broadcast directly to your TV without having to use the internet. This is the standard way that most of us watch television programmes.

BROADCAST TV

Free-to-air broadcast television is delivered via an aerial or satellite to your TV directly or through a PVR that also handles recordings. Most modern TVs and PVRs sold in the last few years will have parental controls, which restrict the content available, requiring a PIN for unsuitable programmes. The exact settings vary by manufacturer, so check your TV or PVRs manual for full details. Parental locks work by checking the rating of a programme as it's broadcast. If a show is unrated or has an incorrect rating, some content may not be blocked.

SKY TV

The version of Sky that you have defines the options available to you. If you have a Sky+ HD box, you'll need to press the Services button and select Parental Control & PIN. From here, you can turn on the Family Setting, which gives you the option to remove Adult Channels and content, and requires a PIN to be entered to buy anything or for pre-watershed playback. More granular control allows you to block specific channels, either completely or only after 8pm, requiring a PIN to watch. You can also block programmes based on ratings, although this feature only works for programmes with correct ratings, so some shows may slip through. Sky Q owners have the more powerful Kids Safe Mode, which locks the system to show only kid-safe material. This includes locking the list of viewable channels and filtering recordings to only those suitable for children. Kids Safe Mode can be enabled either on the main box or on the Sky Q Mini boxes that you might have elsewhere in your home.

INTERNET TV

There are plenty of ways to watch TV online, whether that's via the likes of iPlayer or with streaming video services, such as Netflix and Amazon Prime Instant video. Here, we'll show you how to control each.

AMAZON PRIME VIDEO

Amazon Prime Video has Parental Controls available in the Settings section of the Prime Video website. The settings let you set the age range of content that can be watched without entering a PIN: U, PG, 12, 15 and 18. Settings apply to all devices (bar the Xbox 360, Wii U and Fire TV, which have their own settings), but you can opt-out devices of your choosing in the settings. For example, you may not want to have any restrictions on your iPad, which only you use. PINs can also be used to block purchases.

NETFLIX

Netflix lets you create profiles for everyone in your house. On the Netflix home screen, if you select Manage Profiles, you can change each one to show different content, defined by age group. Children should be encouraged to use their profiles only, particularly as there's no way to PIN protect adult profiles. However, you can PIN-protect content globally, so if a child does use your profile, they're blocked from watching inappropriate content. Go to Netflix, select Account from the drop-down menu by your name and select Parental Controls. You'll be prompted to enter a PIN, but then can select which content is PIN protected by age range: Toddlers, Older Children, Teens and Adults. You can also PIN protect specific programmes by typing their name in, which could be handy if you feel a programme is unsuitable or a child has been watching it too much.

ON-DEMAND PLAYERS

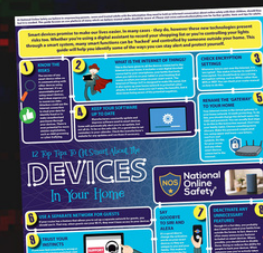
If your children are watching content from on-demand services, such as BBC iPlayer or All 4, you can turn on parental controls for each via the main websites. Controls work across all devices signed into your account. Controls vary by platform. With BBC iPlayer, the parental lock requires a PIN for anything marked as requiring Guidance by the BBC. iTV Hub parental controls let you PIN protect for content with a G-rating (a guidance rating). For All 4, you can choose to protect programmes rated 16+ or 18+. If you use My5, you can set up a PIN to protect against anyone watching G-rated content. For UKTV Play, you can add a PIN to restrict content selecting one of two levels: all content that's rated 15+ or all content that's rated 18+.

HOW CAN PARENTS MANAGE THEIR CHILDREN'S TV TIME?

Particularly with on-demand content, it can be hard to restrict how much viewing time a child has. However, you can restrict internet time with parental control software, restricting how much time a child can spend online, whether they're using the internet or watching TV shows. Parental control software will generally only work on laptops, computer, tablets and phones. However, if you have parental control software that runs on the router, you can manage other devices, such as a child's smart TV and games console, and restrict time usage on these, too.

Meet our expert

This guide has been written by David Ludlow. David has been a technology journalist for more than 20 years, covering everything from internet security to the latest computing trends and the smart home. A father of two (a nine-year-old and a six-year-old), he's had to control and manage how his children access online services and use apps.



You may also be interested in our smart home devices guide!