



EBOR GARDENS Primary Academy

WEEKLY NEWS

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A Final Message for 2024 from Mrs Wathen and Mr Spink

Good afternoon everyone.

Today we close our doors for the Christmas holidays. It has been a busy but exciting week in school this week. On Tuesday, Early Years gave us two wonderful performances in full costume and in strong voice. Wednesday saw Key Stage 1 take to the stage with their Christmas performances - the singing was AMAZING! Key Stage 2 gave us two performances of their Christmas songs with fantastic festive poetry and readings. This year some of the staff joined in with the performing (let's not mention the electric piano malfunction during Miss McKail's rendition of "O, Holy Night"!). Mr Ashton gave us a wonderful rendition of Wham's "Last Christmas". Today, the children will be bringing home gifts donated to school thanks to Mission Christmas. We thank them for including us in their donations and hope the children enjoy their gifts. You may have noticed our new cladding has been finished and we are loving how the bright colours are livening up the look of our school. There are more exciting plans a-foot to improve our building, so keep an eye out for those. We hope that you have a restful break and, if you celebrate, a fabulous Christmas. We look forward to seeing you all back at school on **Tuesday 7th January 2025**.

N - 88%	RBT - 89%	RDO - 89%
1AD - 88%	1MM - 94%	2HW - 98%
2RK - 95%	3JH - 90%	3NB - 95%
4CS - 96%	4RM - 97%	5NP/LW - 94%
5HW - 95%	6FA - 98%	6LB - 95%

Whole School attendance this week is 94%.

We are aiming for 96%+

Biscuit Bears: 2HW & 6FA

Extra Play (97%+): 2HW, 4RM & 6FA



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DIARY DATES

Tuesday 7th January 2025 – School reopens for Spring term

Further dates to follow in January 2025.

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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. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SAFETY OVER THE FESTIVE SEASON.

The holiday season, marked by Christmas and New Year, brings joy and togetherness but also presents unique safety challenges for children, families and educators. From busy holiday shopping, traveling and family gatherings to managing digital activity during school breaks, staying safe during this period requires heightened awareness. This guide offers practical tips to help families and educators maintain a more secure and fulfilling festive period.

1 MONITOR DIGITAL ACTIVITY

Children spend more time online during school holidays, increasing exposure to potential dangers such as cyberbullying, inappropriate content and online predators. Balancing screen time, avoiding harmful websites and ensuring children engage positively online can be difficult without proper monitoring tools. Set clear boundaries, encourage open discussions about online safety and use parental controls to manage content exposure and screen time effectively. Regular check-ins and positive reinforcement around digital habits encourage safe online behaviour.

2 PRACTICE FIRE SAFETY PROTOCOLS

The incidence of house fires increases during Christmas due to greater use of candles, cookers and electrical decorations. Open flames, electrical overloads and the need for quick response plans can make fire safety challenging. Ensure smoke detectors are operational, keep fire extinguishers on hand and teach children how to respond in case of a fire emergency. Avoid leaving cooking unattended and use fire-safe candles to prevent mishaps.

3 CREATE TRAVEL SAFETY PLANS

More families tend to travel during the holidays, resulting in busier roads, increased traffic accidents and weather-related hazards. Weather conditions, road rage, fatigue and busy airports can all compromise travel safety. Pack emergency kits and adhere to seatbelt laws. Plan routes in advance and allow extra travel time to avoid rushing and mitigate risks on busy roads.

4 BEWARE OF ALLERGIES

Holiday meals often involve many foods that may contain allergens. Cross contamination, unclear labelling and lack of allergy-friendly options can lead to severe reactions. Communicate any allergy needs to hosts, provide safe food alternatives and carry necessary medications like antihistamines or EpiPens. Teaching children how to advocate for themselves and recognise dangerous foods also contributes to safer celebrations.

5 PREVENT THE SPREAD OF ILLNESS

Cold weather and seasonal socialising can increase the spread of viruses like flu and COVID-19. Crowded gatherings, schools out of session and frequent travel can lead to higher infection risks. Emphasise hygiene, encourage vaccination, disinfect surfaces and isolate symptomatic individuals. Communication with children about proper hygiene practices is essential to reduce the spread of illness.

6 STAY VIGILANT ON THE ROAD

Increased holiday traffic heightens the risk of accidents for both drivers and pedestrians. Distracted driving, pedestrian safety and inclement weather can complicate road safety. Encourage pedestrian safety practices, avoid distracted driving and never drive under the influence.

7 MAINTAIN SAFE DECORATIONS

Festive decorations such as Christmas lights and candles can pose electrical, fire and choking hazards if mishandled. Frayed wires, toppling Christmas trees, small ornaments and open flames can be difficult to control, especially in busy households with children. Inspect and maintain decorations, secure Christmas trees, place fragile or small items out of reach and ensure candles are never left unattended. Testing smoke alarms and using flame-retardant decorations can significantly reduce risks.

8 SET BOUNDARIES FOR GIFTS

Some toys and gadgets can present choking, sharp-edge or safety risks, particularly for young children. Ensuring that gifts meet safety standards and are age appropriate can be complex with so many options available. Inspect all toys carefully and ensure any tech devices have parental controls. Setting expectations around safe gift use and discarding packaging that poses a risk also helps to prevent accidents.

9 ADDRESS STRESS & FATIGUE

Holiday pressures can lead to burnout, which affects both physical and mental health. Overpacked schedules and a lack of downtime can cause stress and fatigue, leading to accidents or poor decision making. Incorporate rest, maintain regular routines and seek support to reduce stress. Encourage activities that promote relaxation to create a healthier, happier holiday experience for everyone.

10 DRINK RESPONSIBLY

Alcohol is commonly present at holiday events, raising concerns about safety and supervision. Excessive alcohol consumption can lead to accidents, impaired judgment and lack of supervision for children. Designate responsible adults, limit consumption and provide transportation alternatives for guests. Teaching moderation and modelling responsible behaviour in front of children ensures that celebrations remain positive and secure.

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is a chartered health and safety consultant with 10 years of experience in promoting family and community safety. Specialising in risk assessment and preventative strategies, he has worked with educational institutions, public health agencies and community groups to deliver safety education and training.



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Thursday 12th December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

E-Scooters/Electric Bikes



I am writing to you today with some information regarding E-Scooters and Electric Bikes. They move very quickly and this can be dangerous to children on the school playground before and after school. They also pose a fire risk if left on the school site. Therefore, I wanted to write to you to let you know that **from today, Electric Scooters and Electric Bikes are not to be on the school site at all.**

Here are some facts I would like you to know:

Privately owned **e-scooters** are illegal to use on public roads, pavements, or cycle lanes. They can only be used on private land with the landowner's permission.

Electrically assisted pedal cycles are allowed in public places if they meet the following criteria:

- The pedals can propel the bike
- The electric motor's power doesn't exceed a specified limit
- Electrical assistance cuts out when the vehicle reaches 15.5mph
- The rider is not under 14 years old

You must have the category Q entitlement on your driving licence and insurance to use an e-scooter. It must also be registered. Breaches of the law relating to motor vehicles may be criminal offences.

The staff who are on our gates both in the morning and on an afternoon, will be there to help remind any E-Scooter and Electric Bike users that **these vehicles cannot come onto the school site.**

Kind regards,

Mr Lee Spink
Vice Principal



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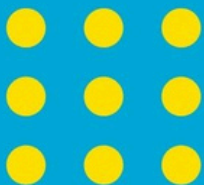
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Reception Places for September 2025

The application dates for Reception
places in Leeds for September 2025

are:

1st November 2024 -

Applications open

15th January 2025 -

Application deadline

16th April 2025 -

National Offer Day

For children born between 01.09.20 - 31.08.21

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-for-a-primary-school>



Contact the school office if you need support with your
application: admin@eborgardensacademy.co.uk or speak to
a member of the team (0113 248 2750).



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