



EBOR GARDENS  
Primary Academy

# WEEKLY NEWS

Friday 16th May 2025 - Issue 31

## A Message from Mrs Wathen and Mr Spink

Good afternoon everyone.

This week our Year 6 children have been superb! They have arrived early every day to be ready for their SATs tests. During the tests, they have demonstrated maturity and resilience - we couldn't be prouder. We hope that they have a restful weekend as they really deserve it.

Next week, we have some children attending the Brownlee Traithalon event, Year 3 are heading to Cannon Hall Farm and we will also be celebrating Cultural Diversity Day in school (Friday). An email will be sent out with details and a flyer is on our Facebook page as a reminder.

At the end of next week, we break up for the Spring Bank holiday. We will return to school on Monday 2nd June for the Summer 2 half-term.

Have a lovely weekend - enjoy the sunshine.

<b>N - 91%</b>	<b>RBT - 88%</b>	<b>RDO - 95%</b>
<b>1AD - 99%</b>	<b>1MM - 98%</b>	<b>2HW - 95%</b>
<b>2RK - 92%</b>	<b>3JH - 97%</b>	<b>3NB - 94%</b>
<b>4CS - 99%</b>	<b>4RM - 94%</b>	<b>5NP/LW - 97%</b>
<b>5HW - 95%</b>	<b>6FA - 99%</b>	<b>6LB - 95%</b>

**Whole School attendance this week is 95%.**

**We are aiming for 96% or above.**

**Biscuit Bears: 1AD, 4CS & 6FA**

**Extra Play (97%+): 1AD, 1MM, 3JH, 4CS, 5NP/LW & 6FA**

**Pizza Party (100%):**



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# DIARY DATES 2025

**Monday 19th May 2025** – Brownlee Triathlon event

**Wednesday 21st May 2025** – Yr 3 Trip to Cannon Hall Farm

**Friday 23rd May 2025** – Cultural Diversity Day

**Friday 23rd May 2025** – School closes for half-term

**Monday 2nd June 2025** – School reopens for Summer 2

**Thursday 5th June 2025** – Y5 Countryside Show Trip

**23rd & 24th June 2025** – Y4 Residential Trip

**7th – 9th July 2025** – Y6 Residential Trip

**Friday 18th July 2025** – School closes for Summer



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**Please be sure to park very safely and sensibly around school at Breakfast Club, morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. On some occasions, the main gate has been blocked by parents/carers cars.**

**Parents/carers and visitors must not park in front of the main gate so that cars (including emergency service vehicles) can get in and out at all times.**



## **Picking-up Your Child Early**

**If you need to pick your child up before the end of the day (for an appointment etc), please let the school office know in the morning so that they can have your children ready for you in the main office.**



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# NATASHA'S LAW

NATASHA'S LAW, WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT ON OCTOBER 1ST, 2021, REQUIRES SCHOOLS TO CLEARLY LABEL ALL PRE-PACKAGED FOOD SOLD/GIVEN OUT ON-SITE WITH A FULL LIST OF INGREDIENTS, EMPHASIZING THE 14 ALLERGENS, TO PROTECT STUDENTS WITH FOOD ALLERGIES.

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR SCHOOLS?

SCHOOLS MUST ENSURE THAT ALL PRE-PACKAGED FOOD THEY SELL, SUCH AS SANDWICHES, SALADS, OR CAKES HAVE A FULL LIST OF INGREDIENTS AND THAT ALLERGENS ARE CLEARLY HIGHLIGHTED.

THIS MEANS THAT ANY FOOD GIVEN TO SCHOOL FOR BIRTHDAYS AND CELEBRATIONS MUST HAVE A FULL LIST OF INGREDIENTS (INCLUDING ALLERGENS) SO THAT THEY CAN BE SENT HOME FOR PARENTS TO DECIDE IF THEIR CHILD CAN HAVE THEM.

YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION FROM THE FOOD STANDARDS AGENCY AND [THE NATASHA ALLERGY RESEARCH FOUNDATION](#).



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# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MINECRAFT



## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Still the best-selling game of all time, Minecraft is a bastion of creativity and community, with hundreds of millions of players building and crafting in its almost endless world. The popularity of Minecraft among gamers of all ages means it's important to remain informed about the game, including how to play it safely and whether it's suitable for the children in your care. That's why we've created this guide explaining the risks associated with Minecraft and how to ensure a purely enjoyable gaming experience.

### SCARY ELEMENTS

While Minecraft can be seen as a kind of 'digital LEGO', certain game modes include creatures accompanied by eerie sound effects. These can be a bit too frightening for some younger players, potentially leading to distressing in-game combat and other encounters – although the combat is quite basic and free from any real depiction of violence.

### GRIEFING

Some players in Minecraft take pleasure in deliberately damaging or destroying another person's creations. This behaviour, known as 'griefing', is a form of bullying – it intentionally ruins someone else's experience by erasing hours of their work and forcing them to start over. Many public servers regard griefing as a serious offence and often ban those who engage in it.

### ADDICTIVENESS

Minecraft's focus on creativity means that, as with any creative endeavour, it can be easy to get carried away. If your child is finding it difficult to manage their time because they're drawn in by Minecraft's gameplay loop of resource gathering and building elaborate projects, it could have a knock-on effect on their social interactions and schoolwork.

### PUBLIC SERVERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

With public servers being so easily accessible in Minecraft, it's highly likely that children will end up chatting with strangers through the in-game text chat. Some servers even place an emphasis on social interaction, actively encouraging communication between players. While there's nothing inherently wrong with this, it does carry certain risks. In addition to the concerns around speaking with strangers online, players who host their own servers may have their IP addresses exposed, posing a further security concern.

### ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

Minecraft is available as a free trial on a variety of devices; however, the full game requires a one-off purchase, which is typically around £15. After that, players have the option to buy additional cosmetic upgrades or subscribe to Minecraft Realms. Realms is an entirely optional subscription service that allows users to run their own private server to play with friends. Without proper supervision, younger players may end up making unintended or excessive purchases.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Selecting Creative or Peaceful mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is far lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of enemies and creatures attacking you or damaging your building.

### HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for children to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given its address and password. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – ban anyone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft. Hosting a private server, however, will cost a monthly fee.

### TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone will make contact with a stranger online. Talking to children about online safety, therefore, is essential – as is having a plan for dealing with any hostile or difficult people. It's important that a child knows never to tell a stranger about themselves online and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

### RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

Much of Minecraft's early stages can be an exercise in frustration for players who don't know where to start. Thankfully, there's a wealth of material online and in video format to help you learn the basics. Just be mindful that some of this content may not be appropriate for children, so you should consider watching it yourself first.

### PLAY MINECRAFT WITH YOUR CHILD

As a creative building tool, Minecraft makes it great fun for children to team up and construct vast buildings accompanied by imaginative landscapes, much like working with LEGO or model kits. Playing in a game mode that includes enemies can encourage critical thinking and teamwork; however, you should consider which game mode is appropriate for the child in your care.

### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Gaming Editor at the Daily Star, and has worked in games media for more than 5 years. A long-time gaming enthusiast, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety for children of all ages.



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## Parent/Carer Notice



**WE ARE**

**HIRING!**

# Cleaning Vacancies



We will shortly be employing cleaners directly into our Wellspring Cleaning Team and will have cleaning opportunities available across our Academies over the coming months

**Please register your interest by completing an application via the QR code or link below...**

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/629632645/EDV-2024-WATC-00402>

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