



EBOR GARDENS
Primary Academy

WEEKLY NEWS

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A Message from Mrs Wathen and Mr Spink

Good afternoon everyone.

Some may say that the weather has been glorious this week - some may say it feels too warm. Either way, please remember to send your children in to school in lighter, cooler clothing during the hotter weather (school t-shirt/summer dresses/shorts). A hat may help for time spent on the playground and sending a water bottle will help keep them regularly hydrated in the classroom. Rest assured that if it gets very hot, we will limit the amount of time in the sun and the amount of physical activity. Please apply sunscreen at home before sending your child into school.

Our Sports Day begin next week. As usual, they will take place in the mornings. Please drop off your children at school and leave the school site. We will unlock the gates when everyone is safely in school for parents/carers to join us. Have a lovely weekend.

N - 93%	RBT - 96%	RDO - 97%
1AD - 93%	1MM - 99%	2HW - 100%
2RK - 94%	3JH - 95%	3NB - 95%
4CS - 99%	4RM - 98%	5NP/LW - 92%
5HW - 95%	6FA - 98%	6LB - 95%

Whole School attendance this week is 96%.

We are aiming for 96% or above.

Biscuit Bears: 2HW & 4CS

Extra Play (97%+): RBT, RDO, 1MM, 2HW, 4CS, 4RM & 6FA

Pizza Party (100%): 2HW



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DIARY DATES 2025

- 23rd & 24th June 2025** – Y4 Residential Trip
- 25th June 2025** – EYFS Sports Day (am)
- 26th June 2025** – KS1 Sports Day (am)
- 2nd July 2025** – LKS2 Sports Day (am)
- 3rd July 2025** – UKS2 Sports Day (am)
- wb 30th June 2025** – Last week of clubs
- Tuesday 1st July 2025** – Year 6 Geography Fieldtrip
- 7th – 9th July 2025** – Y6 Residential Trip
- Thursday 10th July 2025** – Transition Day
- Thursday 10th July 2025** – Ice Cream Van in school
- Friday 11th July 2025** – Reports out to parents
- Tuesday 15th July 2025** – Art Gallery
- Thursday 17th July 2025** – Y6 Leavers' Assembly
- Thursday 17th July 2025** – Y6 Prom
- 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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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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

AGE RESTRICTION
4+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform. Its colourful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and it offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS

YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

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CENSORED

BE WARY OF ADVERTISING

Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pervasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

BUY NOW!

DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE

YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED

YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.

AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION

There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'scientific' videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.

DATA COLLECTION RISK

While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS

YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.

SET TIME LIMITS

The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

CHECK WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced journalist with more than 10 years of experience covering the technology industry. Previously a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly is now a freelance journalist, editor, and copywriter. Her bylines include Forbes, TechRadar, Tes, The INQUIRER, The Metro, Uswitch, and WIRED.



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**Please support your
child to memorise
and perform a
poem in the Ebor
Gardens Poetry
Slam Competition.**

Poetry SLAM

**Your poem should
be published by a
real poet! There are
plenty of poetry
books in school to
choose from.**

W/C MONDAY 9TH JUNE

ROUND 1

The Class Heats

Prepare and perform your
poem to the rest of the
class.

Two class winners will be
selected.

W/C MONDAY 16TH JUNE

ROUND 2

The Phase Heats

The class winners will
perform their poem for the
rest of the phase.

Two phase winners will be
selected.

W/C MONDAY 23RD JUNE

The Grand Final

The phase winners will
perform their poem in front
of a panel of judges, who will
choose one overall winner
and three runners up!

