



EBOR GARDENS
Primary Academy

WEEKLY NEWS

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A Message from Mrs Wathen and Mr Spink

Good afternoon everyone.

This week, we have had our last two Sports Days. All of Key Stage 2 enjoyed taking part in our carousel of activities. A big thank you to all our families who came to support the Sports Days.

Over the last few weeks, our Year 6 children have been taking part in Transition visits to their high schools. They are nearly all complete and they are reporting that they have had a wonderful time experiencing their new schools.

On Monday, they head off to Dearne Valley for their residential trip. They have a full programme of exciting activities to take part in over the few days that they are there. Keep an eye on our social media for photographs as the residential progresses.

On Thursday next week, we are having our whole school Transition Day. It is a great opportunity for children to meet their new adults and experience what school will be like from September. The staff are looking forward to getting to know their new classes.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

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

Whole School attendance this week is 96%.

We are aiming for 96% or above.

Biscuit Bears: RDO, 2HW, 3NB & 5HW

Extra Play (97%+): RBT, RDO, 1MM, 2HW, 3JH, 3NB, 5HW & 6FA

Pizza Party (100%):



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DIARY DATES 2025

7th - 9th July 2025 - Y6 Residential Trip

Thursday 10th July 2025 - Transition Day

Friday 11th July 2025 - Reports out to parents

Monday 14th July 2025 - Fun Day

Monday 14th July 2025 - Ice Cream Van in school

Tuesday 15th July 2025 - Art Gallery (for children)

Tuesday 15th July 2025 - Y5 Lightwater Valley Trip

Wednesday 16th July 2025 - Art Gallery (for parents/carers)

Wednesday 16th July 2025 - Year 1 Park Trip

Thursday 17th July 2025 - Year 2 Park Trip

Thursday 17th July 2025 - Y6 Leavers' Assembly

Thursday 17th July 2025 - Y6 Prom (4-5:45pm)

Friday 18th July 2025 - School closes for Summer (**at 1pm**)



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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 APPLE IPADS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Tablets remain a staple of children's digital lives – and Apple's iPad is by far the most popular model. According to Ofcom, over half of younger children regularly use a tablet to play games, watch online content or access apps. With their broad functionality, iPads can be helpful tools, but without supervision, they may expose children to risks ranging from inappropriate content to screen overuse.

COSTLY TO REPAIR

Unlike some child-friendly tablets, the iPad is not built for rough handling. Its slim design and high cost mean that a drop or spill can result in a costly repair. If a child is using the device regularly, a sturdy case and screen protector are strongly recommended to help prevent accidental damage.

DATA PRIVACY

While Apple is known for strong privacy protections, a recent study found that many iOS apps aimed at children still share personal data. Over 40% of the tested apps sent at least one piece of user information to third parties, raising concerns about advertising and analytics being targeted at underage users.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The App Store and Safari browser provide almost unrestricted access to online material. Children may stumble upon age-inappropriate content, whether through apps, advertisements or online searches. Even recommended content algorithms can surface unsuitable material.

BYPASSING RESTRICTIONS

Siri – Apple's voice assistant – can potentially override restrictions, especially with the newer text-based commands introduced through Apple Intelligence. Without safeguards in place, children may inadvertently access inappropriate topics simply by asking a question, bypassing certain filters previously set by adults.

SCREEN ADDICTION

iPads can be highly immersive, and excessive screen time may affect a child's emotional and behavioural development. Signs of overuse might include mood swings, irritability, and difficulty focusing on non-digital activities.

REDUCED ATTENTION & COGNITIVE IMPACT

Prolonged use of tablets has been linked with reduced memory, slower processing speeds and difficulties in concentrating. Research shows that children who spend excessive time gaming or consuming media on tablets may struggle with language development and executive functioning over time.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Family Sharing allows you to create a dedicated Apple ID for your child and manage their activity. You can approve purchases, control what content they can access, and set time limits – all done remotely from your own device. It's a simple but powerful way to maintain oversight.

FILTER APPS, WEBSITES & IN-APP PURCHASES

Parental controls in iOS let you block explicit content in Safari, restrict app downloads, and manage in-app purchase permissions. You can also filter websites automatically to prevent access to adult material and disable the installation of certain app types completely.

USE SCREEN TIME FEATURES EFFECTIVELY

Tools like Downtime and App Limits can reduce device overuse. Downtime allows you to block access during key times – such as before bed or during homework – while App Limits sets daily time caps on specific games or apps. Alerts help children anticipate when their time is almost up.

PREVENT UNAPPROVED SPENDING

Children can accidentally (or intentionally) make purchases within apps. Activating Ask to Buy under Family Sharing ensures you receive a notification to approve any app or in-app purchase. This stops surprise charges and allows you to discuss purchases together before they're made.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is a seasoned technology journalist with over a decade of experience. Formerly a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly now writes for publications including WIRED, Forbes, TechRadar, and Tes. With a deep understanding of online safety, she brings a valuable perspective to parenting in the digital age.



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PICNIC FUN DAY

MONDAY 14 JULY 2025

Event Includes

**Bouncy Castle, Games, Music, Ice Cream Van,
Picnic Lunch Box (KS2 £2.75)**

Picnic Lunch Box Includes:-

Sandwich (Egg Mayonnaise, Tuna, Cheese, Vegan Cheese)

Packet of Crisps

Piece of Fruit

Jelly Pot or Mini Doughnuts

Ginger Bread Biscuit

Bottle Water or Carton Juice

All served in a decorated childs box



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WELLSPRING

We Make A Difference

REGIONAL SCALE 2 TEACHING ASSISTANT

North Region SEN Schools based
in Leeds and North Yorkshire



Closing Date: 9:00am, 9th July 2025



Location Schools

SEN Schools:

- Forest Moor School, Darley
- Springwell Harrogate Academy, Harrogate
- Green Meadows Academy, Guiseley
- The Forest School, Knaresborough
- Penny Field School, Leeds
- Springwell Leeds Academy, Leeds

Position Advantages

- ✓ **Comprehensive 12-Week Induction:** This includes an initial intensive week of central training before the candidate even steps into a school environment.
- ✓ **Valuable Placement Experience:** Candidates will benefit from two placements in different SEN North Region schools, agreed upon considering their location and transport needs. This provides invaluable experience in varied settings.
- ✓ **Clear Progression Opportunities:** Upon successful completion of the induction, individuals will either be placed in a permanently agreed school or will support long-term absences until a suitable permanent vacancy arises.

FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY

For anyone, whether they are new to education and looking to discover the right setting for their skills, or more experienced individuals seeking comprehensive training and exposure to a broad range of SEN needs.



APPLY NOW

Use the QR code or go to:
<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/5252/EDV-2025-WAT-99397>



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Have Your Say on Children's Centres in Leeds

Leeds City Council is consulting on proposed changes to how family services are delivered through **Children's Centres**.

We want to hear from anyone who lives in Leeds or nearby and might be affected by these changes.

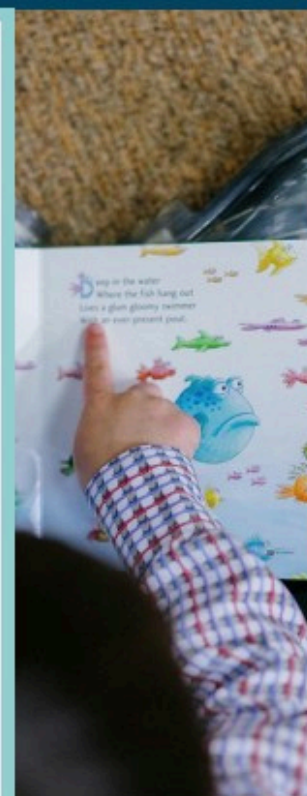
How to take part

- Complete our short survey
- Join a consultation event in-person or online

You can also **speak to staff** at any of the Children's Centres about the proposals, and for help completing the survey or sharing your views.



Find out more on the consultation webpage at www.leeds.gov.uk/ChildrensCentres or by scanning the QR code.




The consultation is open from **30 June until 31 July 2025**.



Consultation events: In person drop-in and online sessions






 17 July 2025
 11am - 1pm
 Leeds City Museum
LS2 8BH

 21 July 2025
 1.30pm - 3.30pm
 Catch, Harehills
LS8 3QY



 9 July 2025
 10am - 11am
 See webpage

 15 July 2025
 5pm - 6pm
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