



EBOR GARDENS  
Primary Academy

# Weekly News

FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2025 - ISSUE 5

## A MESSAGE FROM MRS WATHEN AND MR SPINK

Good afternoon everyone.

The deadline for secondary school applications is fast approaching (31<sup>st</sup> October 2025). You can use the following link to start your application.

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-school> If you are finding this tricky, please contact school for help. If you do not get your applications in on time, you may not get the school you want and this could mean that your child has to travel across Leeds for their secondary school.

This week, 5CS went to visit the Art Gallery in Leeds City Centre. They had a wonderful time seeing a range of different types of Art. See our social media for photos.

We have also had lots of trainee teachers in school this week as part of their ITAP week. The trainees have intensive training and practice in a range of schools to look at certain elements of teaching in detail. This week they came to Ebor Gardens to see our outstanding phonics and reading teaching. All of the trainees talked enthusiastically about the amazing teaching they got to see and how wonderful the children behaved (and learned) in their sessions. Happy weekend!

*Mrs Wathen & Mr Spink*

N - 95%	RBT - 94%	RDO - 90%
1AD - 85%	1MM - 99%	2HW - 99%
2RK - 100%	3JH - 94%	3NB - 100%
4NP/RM - 97%	4RA - 97%	5CS - 100%
5HW - 98%	6FA - 88%	6LB - 98%

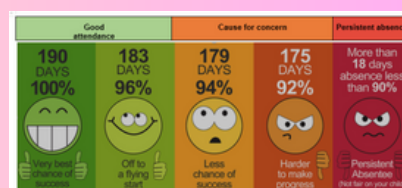
Whole School attendance this week is 96%.

We are aiming for 96% or above.

**Biscuit Bears:** 2RK, 3NB & 5CS

**Extra Play (97%+):** 1MM, 2HW, 2RK, 3NB, 4RA, 4NP/RM, 5CS, 5HW & 6LB

**Pizza Party (100%):** 2RK, 3NB & 5CS



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Our PE Kit is a white T-shirt, black shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms and a black or burgundy jumper or hoodie for their next PE lesson.



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# DIARY DATES 2025

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2025** – ‘Show Racism the Red Card’ assemblies

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025** – Y3/4 Museum Trip

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2025** – Autumn Discos

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2025** – Y3/4 Museum Trip

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025** – School closes for half-term

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025** – Return to school

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025** – Pantomime in school

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025** – Y3 Theatre trip

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025** – School closes for Christmas (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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# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 26

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## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Our guide looks at the risks surrounding EA Sports FC 26 and our top tips to minimise them. This marks the third year since EA left the FIFA licence, and the game is mostly unchanged from last year. While Kick-Off mode is great for playing with friends and Career Mode allows players to fulfil long-term ambitions as a manager or player, Ultimate Team remains the main draw for many players – and it can get out of hand in terms of how much money players can invest.

### AN ANNUAL RELEASE SCHEDULE

As was the case with the last two EA Sports FC games and the FIFA series before it, the franchise rolls out once a year with updated squads and new features. This can make it expensive to keep up with, particularly when so many dedicated players are keen to get their hands on the latest edition.

### VOICE CHAT

Voice chat can be enabled across all platforms, meaning young people can speak to anyone they play with or against. While it can be switched off, some children will no doubt want to speak to their friends while they play. This also means they may encounter strangers much older than them, which can expose them to inappropriate language or behaviours.

### IN-GAME PURCHASES THROUGH ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is the big draw for EA Sports FC, letting players spend real money on packs that they can open to build a squad of the world's best players. They're not always easy to obtain, and new, improved versions of players will be regularly added as limited-time offerings. Young people could feel pressured into spending money and experience fear of missing out.

### SCAMMERS IN ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is managed by EA itself, but that hasn't stopped scammers from looking to dupe players out of money and in-game coins. Some scammers sell their accounts, which is a violation of EA's terms of service, while others will 'sell' coins – something the developer is still working to crack down on. Some try to gain access to others' accounts, potentially giving them access to payment information.

### POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

While EA Sports FC is potentially addictive, thanks to its fast-paced gameplay and mirroring of the real-world skill and glamour of football, Ultimate Team's focus on limited-time rewards and the lottery of winning packs can make it feel closer to gambling than gaming, which may lead to addiction and impulsive spending of money.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### PREPARE FOR ANOTHER GAME IN A YEAR

The annual-release cadence aligns with the return of the school year, and can be a great way to incentivise good behaviour at the start of term. If children are applying themselves and preparing for a new year of school, or were particularly well behaved in the summer, EA Sports FC 26 could make a great reward.

### LIMIT SPENDING

If you're worried about children accidentally spending real money in Ultimate Team, whether in game or on the EA Sports FC companion app, don't link a payment card to their account. Reclaiming funds can be a mountain to climb, and the dopamine hit of opening flashy packs with slick animations means one purchase can lead to another very quickly. It's also worth adding a prepaid card if you'd prefer them to make their own choices with their budget.

### MONITOR VOICE CHAT

As in-game chat is open, be sure to adjust the settings in EA Sports FC 26 to lock it down. If children want to chat with their friends while they play, consider setting up a safe space for them to call, to allow them to play without fear of outsiders.

### BE VIGILANT

As with last year, there are ways to keep scammers at bay. Ensure passwords are locked down, and consider using a password manager application to keep them secure. EA will never contact players through the game itself, so be vigilant with incoming messages, and block and report suspected spam. EA will contact players by email if needed, but they will never ask for usernames or passwords. Players should also avoid buying in-game currency from unofficial websites – doing so can lead to accounts being banned and could cost players money in the process.

### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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**Our school uniform is:**

- a plain burgundy sweat shirt or cardigan or burgundy sweat shirt or cardigan with the school logo
- plain black trousers, skirt or pinafore;
- a plain white polo shirt;
- red and white checked summer dress/ plain black shorts;
- flat, black shoes or trainers that offer good support and cover the feet.

