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Primary Academy

Weekly News

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A MESSAGE FROM MRS WATHEN AND MR SPINK

Good afternoon everyone.

This week we have taken delivery of our school Christmas Trees and started rehearsals for various Christmas productions- we can't believe it's nearly that time of year already! Keep an eye on our social media pages for updates and photographs as the season progresses.

Next week will be another busy, but productive week in school with Y6 working with Leeds city Council on their Leeds-wide Trivial Pursuit game (more info to follow) and another football match. This time, the girls' team will play the team from Shakespeare Primary. On Wednesday, we will be having our annual Winter Fair in the school hall from 3:15pm. Please all accept this as your invitation to join us - this is always a well attended event in school. During the day on Wednesday, Santa will be visiting the children too.

School will be closed on Friday 5th December for an INSET day. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

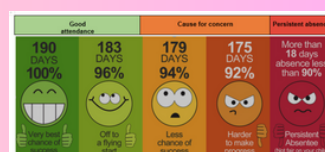
Mrs Wathen & Mr Spink

N - 93%	RBT - 96%	RDO - 92%
1AD - 91%	1MM - 95%	2HW - 93%
2RK - 95%	3JH - 96%	3NB - 99%
4NP/RM - 95%	4RA - 84%	5CS - 93%
5HW - 99%	6DD - 86%	6LB - 93%

Whole School attendance this week is 93%.

We are aiming for 96% or above.

Biscuit Bears: RBT, 3NB & 5HW
Extra Play (97%+): 3NB & 5HW
Pizza Party (100%):



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DIARY DATES 2025

Wednesday 3rd December 2025 – Winter Fair

Friday 5th December 2025 – **School closed for INSET**

Monday 8th December 2025 – Pantomime in school

Wednesday 10th December 2025 – Y3 Theatre trip

Wednesday 10th December 2025 – Christmas Dinner Day

Wednesday 10th December 2025 – Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 15th December 2025 – EYFS Christmas Performance (pm)

Tuesday 16th December 2025 – KS1 Christmas Performance (pm)

Wednesday 17th December 2025 – LKS2 Christmas Performance (pm)

Thursday 18th December 2025 – UKS2 Christmas Performance (pm)

Friday 19th 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 ARE EXPECTING YOU - THANK YOU.



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SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS

for young people

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You may have been lucky enough to have unwrapped a smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it'll be your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself – and your valuable personal info – safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE

Alongside face or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to unlocking your phone and accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out, even to close friends – after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house and let them go in for a nosy around! If a friend wants to use your phone, ask them why and make sure you can see what they're doing with it.

RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS

If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device – not to spoil your fun but to help you avoid hazards like too much screen time or costly in-app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.

TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT

Whether it's to listen to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling anxious, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important not to ignore these feelings; instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.

STAY ALERT

Two words: look up. It might sound obvious, but it's so easy to get immersed in what we're looking at or listening to on our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings – or who might be around us. People often walk with their head down, focusing on their phone, and forget to check for obstacles in their path, cars or other pedestrians coming towards them, which is clearly dangerous.

DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS

Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the screen. If that's something you struggle with, you could try setting time limits on certain apps. Putting our phones down for a while gives us more time to interact with others or do something physical that helps keep us fit and healthy.

IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS

There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal data or to click on a link and provide your details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but trustworthy businesses don't spontaneously call or message to ask for your information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.

ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS

Before downloading a new app or game, check what age rating it has. Don't feel pressured into getting a particular game or app just because your friends are using it. If it's intended for older people, there's a definite risk that it could include content (which is violent or frightening, for instance) or language which isn't suitable and may leave you feeling upset or disturbed.

REMOVE TEMPTATION

A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. Unwinding properly before going to bed – which means not staring at a screen late at night – can often improve sleep quality. Put your phone on charge overnight, but not in your room. This means you'll have a lot less temptation to check any notifications, reply to messages or get caught up scrolling on social media.

THINK ABOUT OTHERS

Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while we're on the bus, waiting in a queue or walking down the street. It's important to remain mindful of other people, though: they might not want to hear your tunes or your conversation. Likewise, if you're calling from a public place then don't forget that anyone could overhear something personal about you.

SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION

In your phone's settings, you'll be able to disable geolocation for individual apps and photos: this means that people online (including strangers) can't see information about where you are when you share or post a pic. On the subject of images, it's also important to ask permission before taking or sharing a photo of someone – and don't share embarrassing images of your friends with others.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Butherford is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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Wednesday 10
December 2025

Ebor Christmas Day

fun for the
children at Ebor



Christmas Dinner Day



Christmas Jumper Day Donation of 50p



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