



Weekly News

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A Message from Mr Spink and Mrs Wathen

Good afternoon everyone.

This week we have enjoyed a visit from our friends at Horncastle Primary in Lincolnshire. They came to stay with us overnight and enjoyed exploring the sites in Leeds. Next week, some of our Year 4 children will be heading to Horncastle to stay with them to experience what life is like in Lincolnshire. They will also be enjoying a range of outdoor activities - very exciting!

This week has also been Sports Week for the whole school. Every class has enjoyed an additional sports session with coaches from Premier Education. It has been lovely to see lots of children enjoying a range of fun sporting activities.

Year 6 have enjoyed First Aid training this week. It is a really important skill for our older children to have and they have enjoyed learning about it.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Mr Spink & Mrs Wathen



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DIARY DATES 25/26

- Monday 15th June 2026** - Y4 Residential Trip
- Wednesday 17th June 2026** - Big Talk in school
- Thursday 18th June 2026** - Y5 Whitby Trip
- Friday 19th June 2026** - Dance-a-thon
- Tuesday 23rd June 2026** - Welling Choir Event
- Wednesday 24th June 2026** - Y5 Opera North Event
- Thursday 25th June 2026** - Y6 Whitby Trip
- Tuesday 30th June 2026** - Sports Day (LKS2 am, UKS2 pm)
- Wednesday 1st July 2026** - KS1 Yorkshire Wildlife Trip
- Thursday 2nd July 2026** - EYFS & KS1 Sports Day (pm)
- 2nd & 3rd July 2026** - Y6 Co-Op Leeds & Dixons Unity Transition Days
- Monday 6th July 2026** - Year 6 Cinema Trip
- Tuesday 7th July 2026** - Whole School Transition day
- Tuesday 7th July 2026** - New Reception Class visit (am)
- 8th, 9th & 10th July 2026** - Y6 Residential
- Friday 10th July 2026** - Ian's Farm to visit EYFS
- Monday 13th July 2026** - Summer Fun Day
- Wednesday 15th July 2026** - Art Gallery
- Thursday 16th July 2026** - Y6 Prom
- Friday 17th July 2026** - School Closes for Summer (1pm)



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Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, Ukie, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES

Deciding which online games are 'OK' – and which should be avoided – is tricky. Some titles allow children to cooperate or compete with strangers, which creates potential risks. Watching your child play online for a while could provide more insight into a particular game, while the parental controls on most consoles allow you to limit who can chat to your child or send them friend requests. Remind your child of the hazards around strangers online when you discuss this boundary with them.

ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS

Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in shorter bursts rather than marathon sessions. Bear in mind that some games (such as role-playing games) require time investment from the player, while others (online team games, for example) can't be stopped or paused at a moment's notice. A quick break every hour or so is good practice, and you could suggest some things to do in these breaks, such as having a drink of water or getting some fresh air.

AGREE SPENDING LIMITS

There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and younger players often don't realise how much paying for digital items and subscriptions can add up to. Many young gamers love to buy new skins or upgrades for their character, so you could settle on a fixed amount that your child is allowed to spend on in-game items each week or month. This sort of boundary will not only help your child to manage their expectations but will also make you more aware of the price of these items.

DISCUSS AGE RATINGS

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Children often ignore the age ratings on games – or are unaware they even exist. If you're happy with your child playing a particular game even though it's rated above their age, then establish that as a boundary; emphasise that you've made an exception, and talk about what age ratings mean and why they're important. You could add context to this boundary by browsing games' boxes together while shopping, discussing why some games might have earned certain age ratings.

FACTOR IN FRIENDS

If your child is a keen video gamer, the chances are that they'll have other gamers among their social circle, too. When friends visit, do they instantly dash to their console or computer? You could put boundaries in place before their guests arrive by agreeing on a length of gaming time. Bear in mind, though, that they may try to extend this once they're together. Try coming up with activities or challenges for them during screen breakers – if they join in, they earn a little extra time on their game.

ENJOY GAMING TOGETHER

Setting time aside to play video games together can be an enjoyable bonding exercise. Undeniably, some young gamers may be less enthusiastic about a parent or carer joining in, but it can be a productive way of encouraging them to share their hobby with you. Setting goals or tasks might be useful; if they love Minecraft, choose something to build together; if Fortnite's their favourite, ask to try out some of the fun game modes, like Prop Hunt, which don't require high skill levels.

TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS

Help your child to monitor their emotions as they play. Discuss what is (and isn't) an acceptable level of competitiveness to show while gaming. Are they allowed to trash talk other players, for example? Can they notice when they get angry if they lose? Do they think these emotions are healthy? Some games can provoke anger, but others can bring joy, humour and the thrill of overcoming a challenge. Try to steer your child towards games that tend to produce these more positive feelings.

BE PREPARED FOR TROLLS

A frequent problem when gaming online is other players who are deliberately troublesome. Make sure your child knows how to report and block someone who makes their experience a negative one. Between you, decide if or how they should deal with these online trolls. Talk about where your child's boundaries are in terms of what they think is acceptable, what behaviour by other users is merely frustrating, and what crosses the line to become upsetting or abusive.

Meet Our Expert

Daniel Spencer is a writer specialising in technology, video gaming, virtual reality and Web3. He has also written 11 guidebooks for children, covering games such as Fortnite, Apex Legends, Roblox, Roblox and Minecraft, with work published by the team of PC Gamer, Kotaku, Pocket Gamer and VG247. He has reviewed more than 50 games and products over the past year.



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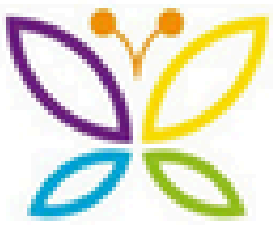
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Healthy Snacks at Ebor Gardens

**Lots of children bring snacks for
break times.**

**These should be healthy snacks
consisting of fruit and vegetables.**



**Children should also have lots
of water throughout the day.
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