



# Weekly Newsletter

Living to Learn, Learning to Live



## REACH FOR THE STARS

03.10.2025

### KEY DATES

**06.10.25** - Y5 Stay and Learn Sessions

**15.10.25** - RSR Reading Meeting and Stay and Learn Session

**16.10.25** - RGG Reading Meeting and Stay and Learn Session

**16.10.25 9:15am** - Coffee Morning : Helping Your Child With Fears And Worries

**20.10.25** - Smile Squad Oral Health Programme

**W/C 20.10.25** - Y1, 2 and 6 Stay and Learn Sessions

**23.10.25 9:15am** - Sleep Clinic Parent Workshop

**23.10.25** - School Discos

**24.10.25 3:15pm** - Finish for half term

**03.11.25** - Return to school for Autumn 2

**W/C 03.11.25** - Y3 and 4 Stay and Learn Sessions

### Hello Parents and Carers!

Over the next few weeks, we have some events coming up which may be of interest. Our Educational Mental Health Practitioner will be delivering a 'Helping Your Child With Fears And Worries' parenting group. This is a six-week programme and each session lasts for two hours. The parenting group is suitable if your child is experiencing panic, general, social or separation anxiety and you would like to work on this with other parents experiencing similar things with their child. To find out more information we will be holding a Coffee Morning on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15am. We will also be holding a Sleep Clinic Workshop for parents on Thursday 23rd October from 9:15-10:45am. If you would like to attend either of these events, please contact the School Office.

As a school we are supported by Beautiful New Beginnings who offer counselling services for pupils. They are running a Counsellor-Led Walk for parents on Tuesday 7th October at 1pm. These gentle, guided walks provide a safe and informal space to talk directly with a counsellor about your child's needs and possible next steps, explore support options available within the community and connect with other parents and carers who are on a similar journey. If you are interested, please sign up at [Calderstones Wellbeing Walk – Counsellor Led.](#)

### Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Howard

### THIS WEEK IN PSHE

This week in PSHE Assembly, KS2 talked about Junior Park Run and how it is a fantastic chance to keep fit, meet new friends and try something new! Our closest Junior Park Run is in Norris Green Park every Sunday at 9am. The children were very excited about it - give it a try this week! In KS1 Assembly we talked about families and how they are all so different. We read a book called 'We Are Family' and talked about how the families were different and similar.

Respect



Cooperate



### Year One Phonics

#### This week in Phonics

This week, Year 1 have been revising Phase Three sounds.

'oo': scoop, spoon, moon

'ar': star, farm, car

'ur': turn, surf, curl

'or': corn, fork, sort

'oo' can also make a short 'u' sound as in book, look and took.

#### Can you read this sentence?

The farmer took a scoop of corn from the turf.

Look out for these sounds in your reading books!

### ATTENDANCE is one of our school values

As a school we are striving to achieve at least 97% attendance each week. Attendance this week has been lower than last week unfortunately. It is vital children are in school every day.

**OVERALL - 93.6%**

Monday - **91.4%**

Tuesday - **94.7%**

Wednesday - **93.8%**

Thursday - **93.8%**

Friday - **92.4%**

Attend



Well done to 1GA and 4CM who had over 97% attendance this week. You will receive Champions Breakfast on Monday!



## Lunchtimes

At Wellesbourne, we are committed to ensuring that lunchtimes are fun, children are taught the skills to play games and problem-solve and that health and fitness is promoted. To do this, we offer a range of clubs at lunchtimes as well as offering lots of different games for children to play. We have two adult Play Leaders from a company called Full of Beans who support us at lunchtimes by leading and modelling games, as well as having Year 5 and 6 Play Leaders who lead different zones on the playgrounds. Our Year 5 and 6 Play Leaders have been trained by Full of Beans to ensure they know how to plan and lead games, as well as support our younger children. Our Y5 and 6 Play Leaders lead activities such as drawing and Lego in the Quiet Area, ball games, golf and target games on the playgrounds and also lead dances in the Dance Zone with a speaker. We also have Year 5 children who read to our younger children each day in the Reading Zone. The younger children absolutely love taking part in the activities with our oldest children, who do a fantastic job of making lunchtimes fun and active!



### TTRS AND NUMBOTS WINNERS THIS WEEK

#### TTRS

**Most correct answers:** Hussein A Y4 - 6,823

**Most coins:** Luke S Y4 - 27,811

**Improved speed:** Zoya F Y6 - Improved by 3.09 seconds

**Fastest current studio speed:** Adam H Y5 - 0.53 seconds

#### Numbots

**Most minutes played:** Frances B Y2 - 56 minutes

**Correct answers:** Nihit RK Y2 - 587

**Most coins:** Logan S Y6 - 3,626

# NUMBOTS

### CURRENTLY READING...

In school, every class dedicates 15 minutes a day to reading for pleasure from a carefully-crafted reading spine. This allows children to explore new worlds, builds imagination and develop a lifelong love for books!

This week's recommendation comes from 6KJ!

Franklin recommends 'Skandar and the Unicorn Thief' by A.F Steadman.



Franklin says: "I like this book because it puts a twist on how we view unicorns. A.F. Steadman has written an action novel but is also able to put emotion into this book at the same time. I would recommend this book to fans of the Harry Potter series, both young and old!"



## Child Safety

[The Online Safety Act](#) is a new set of laws that protects everyone from illegal content online, and protects children from content that is harmful. As of 25 July 2025, platforms have a legal duty to protect children online. Platforms are now required to use highly effective age assurance to prevent children from accessing harmful and age-inappropriate content such as bullying, hateful content and content which encourages dangerous stunts or ingesting dangerous substances. **If your child is accessing platforms as they signed up without using their real age before before age verification checks were mandatory this could put them at risk of accessing harmful content**, including pornography, self-harm, violent, hateful or abusive material, online bullying, dangerous challenges, eating disorders and suicide content.

As the UK's online safety regulator, protecting children is a priority for Ofcom.

### How will your child be kept safer?

Ofcom's rules include a number of measures that will help to improve safety for everybody under the age of 18 when they're online.

- **Effective age-checks.** Platforms must put in place robust age checks to prevent children from accessing harmful content,
- **Safer feeds.** Algorithms mustn't recommend harmful content to children in their feeds.
- **Easier reporting and complaints.** It must be straightforward for children to report content or complain to a platform, and providers should respond with appropriate action. Terms of service must also be clear so children can understand them.

## What you can do as a parent

While it is the responsibility of tech firms to keep children safe – and we're holding them to account to make sure they do – here are some top tips to help parents manage the risks to their children online:

1. **Talk regularly to your children** about what they do when they're online. Encourage them to tell you if they've seen something online that they think is harmful.
2. **Make sure your children register with online services using their real age**, to help prevent them from accessing content that is only suitable for people who are older.
3. **Make sure they know how to report inappropriate or harmful content**, how to block accounts that share it and encourage them not to share it themselves. If content is illegal, report it to the police. Be aware that Ofcom cannot deal with individual complaints about online content.
4. [Parental controls](#) are a useful tool, helping you to monitor and limit the time your children spend online, and what they do when they're there.

## Apps with a 13-year-old minimum age requirement



TikTok



Instagram



Facebook



Snapchat



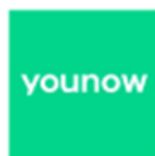
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YouTube



Clubhouse



YouNow



Habbo



Reddit



Yubo



Discord



Twitch



MySpace



WhatsApp





# 24 APPS PARENTS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

*This list is not exhaustive, and will be updated each year to reflect new risks and dangers*

**THESE APPS CAN EASILY BE USED AS GROOMING TOOLS BY ONLINE PREDATORS LOOKING TO MEET UP & SEXUALLY ABUSE CHILDREN. (UPDATED 2021)**



## FACEBOOK



**FACEBOOK** allows you to connect with others and share comments, photos and videos. You can add friends, write on people's pages and posts, join groups and play games.

## SNAPCHAT



**SNAPCHAT** is one of the most popular apps in recent years. Whilst the app promises that photo's, videos and stories disappear, others can take screenshots of private photo's.

## INSTAGRAM



**INSTAGRAM** Kids are creating fake accounts to hide content from their parents, according to police. Messages are also deleted once a user leaves a conversation.

## WHATSAPP



**WHATSAPP** allows you to send messages, images and videos in 121 and group chats with your contacts. You can choose to share your live location for up to eight hours with one contact or a group.

## KIDSCHAT



**KIDCHAT.NET** is a free online messaging app for children. You can talk to people you don't know on public forums and via private message. You can access the site as a guest.

## SKYPE



**SKYPE** is a platform and app that lets you make audio and video calls to other people around the world. You can also send instant messages.

## WHISPER



**WHISPER** is an anonymous social media app that promotes sharing personal secrets with strangers, (new people). It reveals a users location so people can meet up

## CALCULATOR %



**CALCULATOR %** is only one of SEVERAL social media apps disguised as a calculator, the app is actually a secret photo vault to hide photos, videos, files and browser history.

## HOT ON NOT



**HOT ON NOT** Strangers rate a user's 'attractiveness' with the aim of real-world meet ups in your local area.

## ASK.FM



**ASK.FM** An app where users can anonymously ask questions and receive answers. The app has been featured in a number of cyber bullying cases.

## YUBO



**YUBO** Similar to Tinder, the app is designed to allow teens to flirt with each other.

## KIK MESSAGING Kik



**KIK MESSAGING Kik** is a messaging app that allows content normally filtered on a home computer.

## BURN BOOK



**BURN BOOK** Anonymous rumours can be posted about people through audio messages, texts and photos.

## WISHBONE



**WISHBONE** This app allows users to compare kids and rate them on a scale.

## GRINDR



**GRINDR** is a dating app geared towards gay, bisexual and transgender people. The app allows people to chat, share and meet up in person based on a GPSS location.

## SKOUT



**SKOUT** is a location based dating app and website. Whilst people under 17 are unable to share private photo's, Children can easily create fake accounts.

## MEET ME



**MEET ME** is a dating social media app that allows users to connect with people based on geographic proximity. The app encourages people to meet in person.

## TIK TOK



**TIK TOK** is one of the most popular apps in recent years used for sharing short videos with very limited privacy controls users are vulnerable to explicit material.

## TELLOMYN



**TELLOMYN** anonymous messenger app. It calls itself "the most honest place on the internet." Age controls are inconsistent and sexual explicit material can be found.

## Zoomerang



**Zoomerang** is a popular app that looks like a harmless messaging app however it allows private anonymous messaging and is location enabled.

## BUMBLE



**BUMBLE** is a location based dating app and website. Whilst people under 17 are unable to share private photo's, Children can easily create fake accounts

## FACEBOOK MESSENGER



**FACEBOOK MESSENGER** is one of the most popular message apps in the world. It has already heavily been used by predators and the end-to end encryption will make it even more unsafe.

## BADOO



**BADOO** is a location based dating app and website. Whilst people under 17 are unable to share private photo's, Children can easily create fake accounts.

## OMEGLE



**OMEGLE** is a video chat website where users are matched randomly with strangers.

