



# Brookfields Parent Newsletter

## 15/05/26

### Message from Head of School:

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*Dear Parents/Carers,*

*We have had a super busy and hugely important week with our Year 6 pupils, who have been completing their SATs tests. Throughout the week, they showed incredible determination, resilience, and fantastic support for one another—we truly could not be prouder of them all.*

*It is important to remember that SATs are only a snapshot in time of how our pupils are doing. They do not measure the amazing individuals we know our children to be, nor do they capture the kindness, care, and respect they show to each other every day.*

*Looking ahead, next week is set to be just as busy, with our Compass Coffee Morning, Compass Assembly for our children, and Sports Days all planned—we are really looking forward to welcoming you to these events.*

*A reminder that Friday is a teacher training day. On this day, staff will be undertaking CPD focused on mental health and wellbeing, as well as inclusive attendance, to ensure we continue to provide the very best support for all our pupils.*

*Thank you, as always, for your continued support, and we wish you all a lovely week.*

*Miss O'Rourke*

*Interim Head of School*

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## Safeguarding - Mental Health and Well Being

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### *Wellbeing Update: Supporting Our Young People*

*We are increasingly aware of the rise in anxiety and depression among young people, both nationally and within school communities. Supporting children's mental health is more important than ever, and we continue to work hard in school to provide a safe, caring, and supportive environment for all pupils.*

*If you ever have any concerns about your child's wellbeing, please remember that you can always come and speak to us—we are here to listen and help.*

*For additional support, parents may find it helpful to visit the NSPCC website, which offers guidance on recognising the signs of anxiety and depression and how to support your child at home:*

***<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/depression-anxiety-mental-health/#signs>***

*Thank you for working with us to support the wellbeing of all our children.*

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## Online Safety Update: FaceApp

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*FaceApp is a popular app that allows users to upload photos of their faces and apply a range of filters, such as making themselves look older or younger, or changing hairstyles and hair colour. The app can either use the camera on your phone to take a selfie or allow you to upload an existing photo from platforms such as Facebook or Instagram.*

*While this may seem like harmless fun, there have been some concerns raised about the app's terms and conditions, particularly around how the company **stores and uses the photos that are uploaded.***

As always, we encourage families to be mindful of the apps children are using, to check privacy settings, and to talk together about staying safe online.

Please see below the fact sheet from **The National College** for further information and guidance.

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.



**FaceApp**, as the name suggests, is an app by Wireless Lab which uses uploaded images of someone's face and allows them to add a variety of interesting filters making themselves look older, younger, appear with different hair colour and so on. The app uses either the camera on your phone to take a selfie, or lets you use a picture from somewhere like Facebook or Instagram to apply these filters. While this all sounds like innocent fun, there have been some valid concerns raised about the terms and conditions, and what the company is doing with all these selfies and pictures.

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## What parents need to know about FACEAPP

**WHY IS IT SO POPULAR?**

The app went viral in the middle of July 2018 in the Instagram app, where users downloaded FaceApp to take a picture of their face and add filters. It was then that the app became a household name with friends. It can be fun to see what you might look like when you're on the road, travelling, and the results are pretty convincing (much to the amusement of older family members!).

**HOW DOES IT WORK?**

The app scans the uploaded face, and uses a neural network (basically a huge database of sample faces) to show what it thinks you look like when you're younger, older, with different hair, different facial hair, etc. Although you can't control these filters, you can access to, even those of children, without any kind of consent being needed. It's important to read the lengthy terms and conditions of the app, these terms are used by Wireless Lab and are the best however they see fit, at any time in the future.

**IS IT SAFE?**

This is the contentious question. Wireless Lab, the Russian company behind the FaceApp app, has particularly rung with their descriptions of what they can do with the photos you upload. It's important to be clear about the purpose of the app, it's not for anything but fun. FaceApp is not a social media app, it's not for anything but fun. It can be a very real risk. FaceApp is not a social media app, it's not for anything but fun. It can be a very real risk. FaceApp is not a social media app, it's not for anything but fun. It can be a very real risk.

**LEVEL OF ACCESS?**

Based on the app's design and technical requirements, FaceApp has a surprisingly low level of access to your phone's data. As well as allowing you to upload your photos to the app, it also has access to your location history and basic information like your name and location. However, this means you can't use the app to track your location history, but this is the normal level of access for most apps. It's important to read the lengthy Terms of Service before making a decision and if you're happy for your child to use an app.

**SHOULD I BE WORRIED?**

While your details COULD be used in the wrong way, we don't think you should be particularly worried. While the company (Wireless Lab) has a good track record, it's important to read the terms and conditions of the app, these terms are used by Wireless Lab and are the best however they see fit, at any time in the future.

**FACIAL RECOGNITION SOFTWARE**

An app that takes an image of a face and uses it to control online ads or any things depending on the company that provides the data is not a good thing. It's important to be clear about the purpose of the app, it's not for anything but fun. FaceApp is not a social media app, it's not for anything but fun. It can be a very real risk.



### Safety Tips For Parents

#WakeUpWednesday

**CHECK DOWNLOADS**

It may seem obvious to keep an eye on what's downloaded on your phone, but it can be very easy to miss out on new apps and updates. Make sure you're up to date with what's coming from the app store, and if you're not sure, check the app's description and reviews. They're enjoying what you keep an eye on, so make sure you're up to date with what's coming from the app store, and if you're not sure, check the app's description and reviews.

**BE REALISTIC ABOUT YOUR DATA**

When it comes to online security, the phrase "be realistic" is often used. While the company (Wireless Lab) has a good track record, it's important to read the terms and conditions of the app, these terms are used by Wireless Lab and are the best however they see fit, at any time in the future.

**BE AWARE OF COPYCAT APPS**

When something like FaceApp goes viral, it's not surprising that other apps will appear. Some of these apps may be copycats, and it's important to be clear about the purpose of the app, it's not for anything but fun. FaceApp is not a social media app, it's not for anything but fun. It can be a very real risk.


**KNOW IF YOU CAN SPEND MONEY ON AN APP**

Like most things these days, there is a way to spend money on FaceApp. You can purchase a premium version of the app, which gives you access to more filters and features. It's important to be clear about the purpose of the app, it's not for anything but fun. FaceApp is not a social media app, it's not for anything but fun. It can be a very real risk.

**ALWAYS READ THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

Many of us don't have the time or energy to read through pages and pages of legal jargon, and it's not surprising that we don't. It's important to be clear about the purpose of the app, it's not for anything but fun. FaceApp is not a social media app, it's not for anything but fun. It can be a very real risk.

Meet our expert



**Mark Foster** has worked in the gaming industry for 8 years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of the *Independent on Sunday* in the world. **UKLAD Gaming and Gambling**, starting gaming from a young age with his children, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.

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## 'Compass' Coffee Morning

Tuesday 19th May 2026



We are looking forward to welcoming parents to our **Compass Coffee Morning** on Tuesday.

*Compass will be there to meet with families, share information around wellbeing, and offer guidance on how to support your children at home.*

*We warmly invite all parents to come along for an informal chat and to find out more about the support available. We look forward to seeing you there!*

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## **Mental Health & Wellbeing Week – Live Workout with Joe Wicks**

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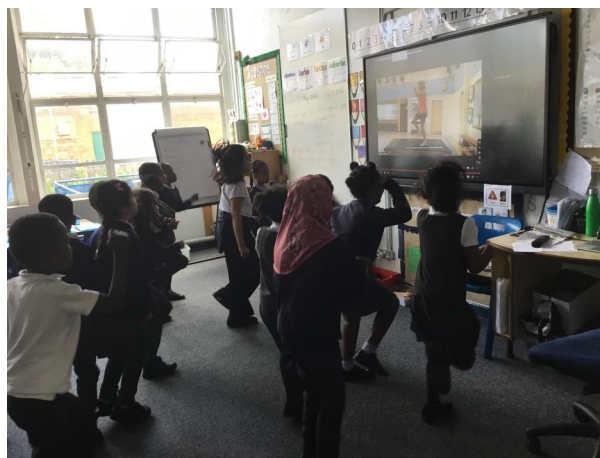
*As part of our celebrations for **Mental Health and Wellbeing Week**, our pupils took part in a fantastic live “Big School Workout” with Joe Wicks on Thursday 14 May.*

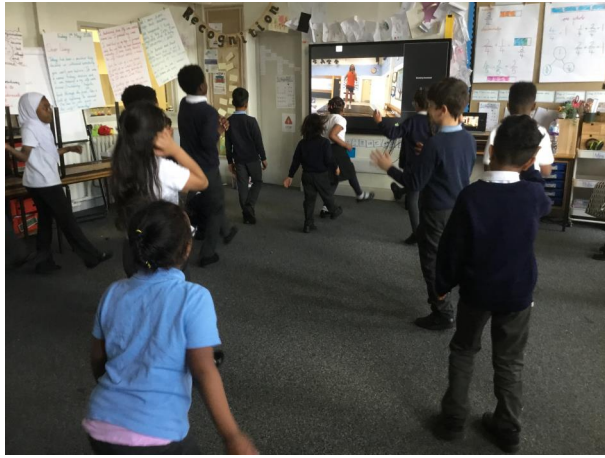
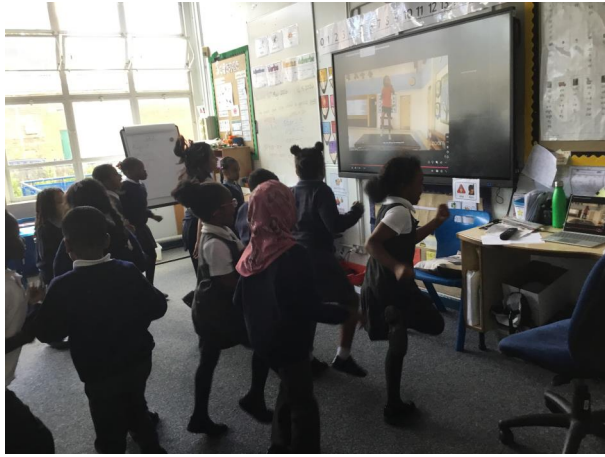
*This nationwide event brought together thousands of schools across the UK for an energetic and uplifting session designed to highlight the important link between physical activity and positive mental health.*

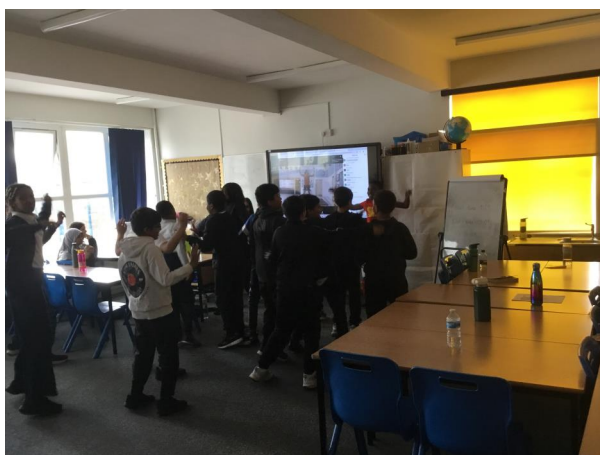
*Children enjoyed moving together, boosting their mood, and learning how exercise can help build resilience, improve focus and support overall wellbeing. The session was inclusive, fun and accessible for all, reinforcing the message that looking after our bodies also supports our minds.*

*We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm shown by our pupils and will continue to promote active, healthy lifestyles as part of our whole-school commitment to wellbeing.*

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## Year 6 - End of SATs

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*As part of our celebrations to mark the end of SATs and to recognise the tremendous hard work our Year 6 pupils have shown—and will continue to show—we were delighted to treat them on Friday afternoon.*

*Year 6 enjoyed a special end-of-SATs treat with a visit from Mr Simon, our local ice cream van man. The children thoroughly enjoyed their ice creams and the opportunity to relax and celebrate together.*

***Just a reminder to our children:** today we celebrate you and the wonderful individuals you are. SATs do not measure your kindness, your talents in sport, how brilliantly you run and play, or the way you support and care for your friends and family.*

***Remember—you are brilliant,** and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of you, no matter the outcome of the tests!*

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***To Our Year 6 Children:***

*So Year 6, the time has now passed,*

*The SATs are finally done,*

*All that hard work paid off,*

*And you showed what you've become.*

*These tests helped show what you have learned,*

*And what you can recall,*

*But there are a million things about you,*

*They didn't measure at all.*

*They didn't show how you dance,*

*Or draw, or sing, or run,*

*Or just how truly brilliant you are*

*At all the things you've done.*

*SATs didn't measure your kindness,*

*Or how brave and caring you are,*

*They were simply a small snapshot*

*Of how far you've come so far.*

*And now they're over, we can say*

*You've done the best you can,*

*And whatever score comes your way,*

*We will always be your fan.*

*You've worked your socks off all year through,*

*Shown resilience, strength and pride,*

*And now it's time to celebrate,*

*With your friends right by your side.*

*Take a moment now to rest,*

*Be proud of all you know,*

*Because the effort that you've shown*

*Is the thing that truly shows.*

*And remember, now they're over,  
It doesn't matter how you've done,  
Because you are wonderful, brilliant and unique,  
And your journey's just begun.  
Believe in yourself—you are all amazing!*

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## Attendance and Punctuality

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*Good attendance is vital to ensure children make the most of every learning opportunity, build strong routines, and feel a real sense of belonging within school. Every day truly counts in supporting both academic progress and wellbeing.*

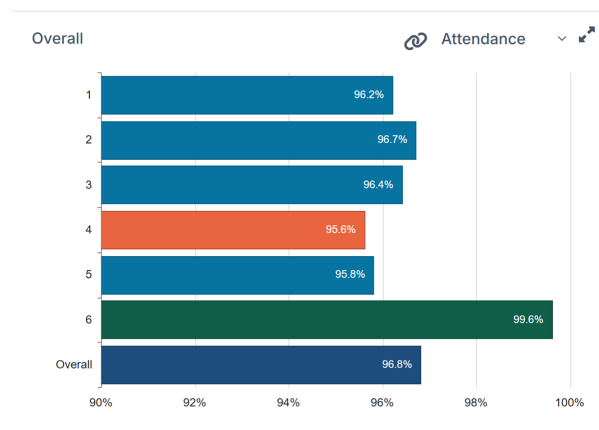
*It is also essential that children arrive at school **on time**, as the start of the day is when key learning takes place and sets the tone for a positive day ahead. We have noticed that a number of our younger children in **Early Years and Key Stage 1** are arriving late each day, which can make it harder for them to settle and fully access their learning.*

*If you are finding mornings challenging, please do reach out—we are here to help.*

*You can speak to **Mrs Kacem**, who will be happy to support you in improving punctuality.*

*A huge congratulations to **Class 6C**, who achieved an incredible **100% attendance this week**—a fantastic achievement and something to be very proud of. Keep up the great work!*

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## Key Dates:




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*Tuesday 19th May - Compass Parent Coffee Morning*

*Wednesday 20th May - Sports Day*

*Friday 22nd May - Teacher Training Day*

*Monday 1st June 2026: Year 4 MTC begins*

*Monday 8th June 2026: Y1 Phonics Check Begins*

**Recognition Assembly - every Friday morning**

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