



HEADLINES



READING PERCENTAGES

ACORN: 50% ↔
ACER: 55% ↔
SPRUCE: 59% ↓
REDWOOD: 87% ↑
MAPLE: 68% ↔
BEECH: 76% ↑
ROWAN: 60% ↓
POPLAR: 93% ↑
SYCAMORE: 92% ↓
CHESTNUT: 86% ↑

Is your class percentage
higher or lower from
last week?

We had another great reading session with Spruce class parents on Thursday at this week's reading cafe. The children are enjoying having time to read books with grown ups and Miss Pierce's daily lunchtime library sessions are becoming another really popular addition to our reading enrichment offer.

We really appreciate all the work going on at home with reading and learning maths facts on Numbots and TTRS. Class teachers are reporting improving engagement and our UKS2 classes are setting an excellent example, leading the way on this week's home reading leaderboard. Being a fluent reader and having key maths facts at your fingertips increases children's confidence and allows them to have better access to learning across the curriculum. This leads to greater success. Spending a few minutes practising at home regularly makes a massive difference so thank you for all you are doing.

Our annual Harvest Assembly will be taking place on Wednesday. All parents are welcome to attend. We are collecting donations for Chorley Help the Homeless. Thank you for the donations received so far. Please continue to send donations into school ahead of the assembly as items donated will be collected afterwards.



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WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

ACORN: 92.7% ↓
ROSE: 93.3% ↓
TULIP: 100% ↔
ACER: 95.6% ↑
REDWOOD: 99.1% ↑
SPRUCE: 93.7% ↓
MAPLE: 93.3% ↑
BEECH: 93.0% ↑
ROWAN: 96.4% ↑
POPLAR: 97.5% ↓
SYCAMORE: 95.7% ↑
CHESTNUT: 98.6% ↑
OVERALL: 95.7% ↑
School Target: 96%

Is your class
attendance higher or
lower than last week?

We would love to
see every class
rolling the
Classopoly dice
next week!

Class Attendance

96% + = .



Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) information

Parents and Carers Coffee Morning

We are holding a SEND coffee morning on Monday, 6th October from 9.15 am to 10.15 am in the school library.

One of our school's Educational Psychologists, Sarah will be joining us. This is an opportunity for any parent/carer of a child with SEND or if you are concerned your child may have SEND, to have a chat and build up a network with other parents in a relaxed environment. Mr Reay will be available for informal discussions. Come and have a coffee/tea and a chat.

Award Winners/Achievements

CLASS	MATHS	ENGLISH	ICARE
Acorn	Olivia	Rida	William
Acer	Devontay	Isla	Selbid
Spruce	Jack	Zoe	Jordan
Redwood	Frankie	Ella	Lincoln
Maple	Joseph	Alice	Daisy R
Beech	Zac	Sofia	Sree
Rowan	Xander	Mason	Olivia P
Poplar	Iqra	Parker	Hajra
Sycamore	Eva	Ava	Thomas
Chestnut	Alfie	Grace T	Charles

CLASS	Active Minutes
Redwood	463
Acer	320
Spruce	304
Sycamore	270
Rowan	269
Chestnut	246
Poplar	215
Maple	197
Beech	170

KS1 Numbots Highest Coin Earners

1st: Juvaniya in Spruce

2nd: Benjamin in Spruce



3rd: Naomi N in Spruce

KS2 T.T.R.S. Highest Coin Earners

1st: Nia in Sycamore

2nd: Mathew in Chestnut



3rd: Zeynep in Beech

SAFEGUARDING/OUTREACH

Contacting the Outreach Team

If you wish to speak to Emma, Rachel or Natalie please ring 239950, option 3.

We have noticed an increased number of expensive mobile phones being brought into school, mainly by Year 6 pupils. If it is essential for your child to bring in a phone you will need to send a note on the first day of every half term, or on the first day of bringing it during the term, so that we know that you know your child has a phone with them. Your child must switch their phone off and take it to Mrs Nicholls in the School Office on arrival at school.

Online Safety

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 26

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

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

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Diary Dates

Monday, 6th October: SEND Coffee Morning

Wednesday, 8th October: Harvest Assembly

Thursday, 9th October: Reception Reading Café

Thursday, 16th October: Redwood Reading Café

Thursday, 23rd October: Acorn Reading Café

Friday, 24th October: Enrichment Day

(More information will follow regarding above if appropriate)

Friday, 24th October: School closes (at the usual time) for half term