Euxton Primrose Hill
WEDNESDAY WEEKLY
18th November 2026

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"Together We Will Make A Difference."

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

Christmas Countdown
The festive season is slowly creeping in! Christmas songs can be heard around school, and I know you are all in for a magical treat with our upcoming performances.

We are also getting very excited about our Reindeer Run and really hope that as many of you as possible – along with grandparents, aunties, uncles and other family members – can come along and join in the fun. We would love to see you there!

Please do check the dates at the bottom of this newsletter and on our school website so that you don't miss anything.

CARE values pupils
This morning, I had the pleasure of enjoying hot chocolate with our CARE Values pupils from last half-term. Every single one of them demonstrated our school values day in, day out, and we could not be prouder of them. They showed Courage by trying their hardest when faced with a challenge; Ambition by always striving to do their best; Respect towards their peers and the adults around them; and Excellence through their work, behaviour and attitude. They are wonderful ambassadors for our school, and we are incredibly proud of them. We won't share their names just yet, as I know they will be excited to tell you about it themselves!

Cold weather and coats
As the weather is getting increasingly colder and wetter, please can we remind everyone to send their child to school with a warm, waterproof coat each day. We want to make sure that the children are comfortable and ready to enjoy their time outdoors whatever the weather.

Finally, thank you, as always, for your continued support. It is lovely to see the excitement building around school as we head towards what is always such a special time of year.

Best Wishes

Mrs Claire Jones
Headteacher

📅 Attendance & Absence

We strongly encourage good attendance to support your child's learning and progress.

🔹 If your child is unwell, please contact the school office by 9:00am on each day of absence.
📞 01257 276688
✉️ office@primrosehill-euxton.lancs.sch.uk

🔹 **Be specific**:
It's important to give a clear reason – for example:
✅ "Tonsillitis" or "Sickness and temperature"
❌ Not just "unwell" or "poorly".

This helps us meet safeguarding and health requirements

📬 Communicating with Us

If you need to get in touch, please email the school office in the first instance:

✉️ office@primrosehill-euxton.lancs.sch.uk

Your message will be passed on to the relevant member of staff.

We aim to respond as soon as we can, but please allow up to 48 hours for a reply during term time.

For urgent matters during the school day, please phone the school office directly on: 01257 276688

⚠️ If You're Concerned About Something…

We want to work in partnership with you.
If you're ever worried or unhappy about a situation, please follow this order of contact, via the school office:

- **Class Teacher** – your first point of contact
- **Phase Leader** – if further support is needed:
EYFS & Year 1 - Mr Danny Tooby
Year 2 – Miss Amie Dobbs
Years 3/4 – Mr Lloyd Davies
Years 5/6 – Miss Molly Burns
- **Assistant Headteacher** - Miss Amie Dobbs
- **Deputy Headteacher –** Mrs Emma Swinburn

Headteacher – Mrs Claire Jones

We're here to help and will always do our best to resolve any concerns quickly and fairly.

👕 Jewellery & Appearance

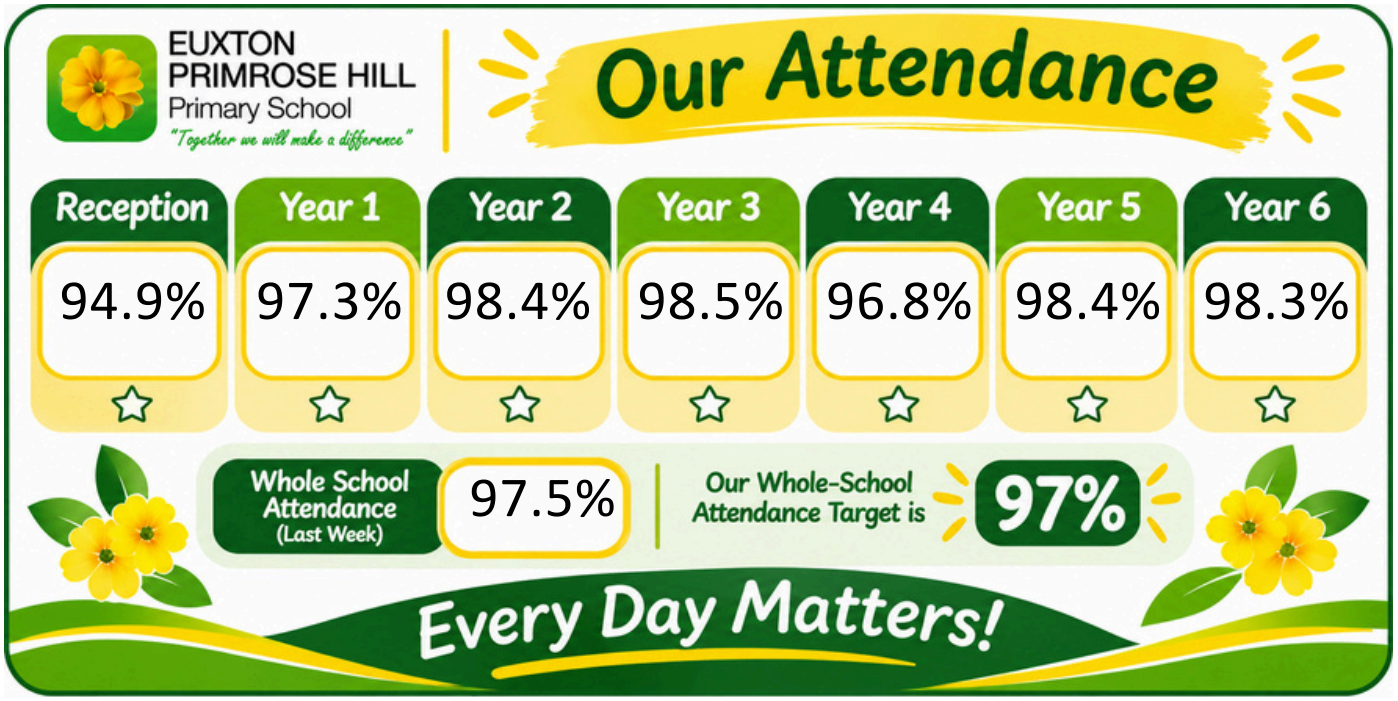
To keep everyone safe and focused on learning:

🔹 **No jewellery** – including earrings (studs/spacers), rings, bracelets, necklaces, loom bands, or wristbands

🔹 **No earrings or spacers** – these are a safety risk, especially during play and PE

🔹 **No nail varnish or make-up** – children should come to school with natural nails and faces

Thank you for your support!



EVERY DAY MATTERS - OUR WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

At Euxton Primrose Hill, we believe that every day in school counts. Good attendance gives children the best possible opportunities to learn, achieve, develop friendships and build confidence. Being in school regularly also supports children's wellbeing and helps them to feel part of our school community.

From this week, we will be sharing our weekly attendance figures for each year group in our newsletter. We have chosen to share attendance by year group rather than individual classes because we want to celebrate our collective efforts and encourage a sense of shared responsibility across each year group. It is about working together, rather than comparing individual classes.

The figures above show our attendance for last week. We hope that sharing these regularly will help to keep attendance at the forefront of our minds and remind us all of the importance of making every day count.

We would also like to remind families **that punctuality matters too**. Arriving on time means children are ready to start their learning with their classmates and don't miss those important first moments of the school day.

Our message is simple: this isn't about blame or punishment; it's about recognising the difference that being in school every day, and arriving on time, can make to a child's experience and future opportunities.

Thank you for continuing to work with us to give every child the very best chance to succeed.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO PENALTY NOTICE CHARGES

The DfE have announced national charges to penalty notices issues for unauthorised absences in term time, these came into into effect on the 19th August 2024.

- Penalty notices issued for the offence after the 19th of August 2024 will be charged at the new rate of £160.00 however if paid in 21-days this reduces to £80.00.
- Any second penalty notice to the same parent for the same child in a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160.00 to be paid within 28-days with no option for a discount.
- Penalty notice threshold is 10-sessions equivalent to 5-days of unauthorised absence in a rolling 10-school week period.
- Maximum of 2-penalty notices may be issued for the same child within a rolling 3-years period, so at the 3rd or subsequent offence another course of action will need to be considered such a prosecution or one of the other attendance legal interventions.

Tel: 01257 276688 (8:15am-3:45pm) **Email: office@primrosehill-euxton.lancs.sch.uk**

Out of school Club, please contact Sarah Collison 07548 944202 or s.collison@primrosehill-euxton.lancs.sch.uk

TOAST/FRIDAY FAVOURITES/LUNCH SWAPS & DINNER CHOICES - DEADLINE 11TH DECEMBER 2026

TOAST

If you would like your child to have toast for the full Autumn Term please make payment on ParentPay using the item '27 Toast Spring Term'. The total cost will be **£13.75** starting **Monday 4th January to Thursday 25th March 2027**. The deadline for toast payments is **12 noon Friday 11th December 2026**.

FRIDAY FAVOURITES

If you would like your child to enjoy a Friday Favourite hot dinner for the full Spring Term please make payment on ParentPay using the item '27 FF Spring Term'. The cost will be **£27.45** starting **Friday 8th January to Friday 19th March 2027**. The deadline for Friday Favourites is **12 noon Friday 11th December 2026**.

LUNCH SWAPS/DINNER CHOICES

Please inform the school office of **ANY** changes to your child's current lunch arrangements, i.e: if your child would like to change from school dinners to packed lunches or vice versa or if they would like to change their lunch choices. These changes will come into effect from **Monday 4th January 2027**. The deadline for all of the above is **12 noon Friday 11th December 2026.**

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL LUNCH - THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2026

We are having a Christmas Special Lunch on **Thursday 10th December 2026**, which is open to all children. The menu is attached. If your child is on packed lunches and would like this special lunch, please make a payment of **£3.05** for the **'26 Christmas Special Lunch'** payment item on ParentPay www.parentpay.com/ by **8am Monday 23rd November 2026.**

Please note: For children in EYFS, KS1 and children who are entitled to a free school lunch who usually bring a packed lunch but would like to have a 'special dinner' instead, you will need to inform the school office by the set deadline above as there is no payment item in ParentPay.

If your child is already on school lunches they will automatically receive this lunch.



NON-UNIFORM DAY-FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2026

We are inviting all children to come into school in non-uniform on **Friday 27th November 2026** in exchange for bringing in a coloured item for their year group's rainbow hamper.

Please bring an item in your year group's allocated colour. We have included some ideas below to help you choose! Every donation will help us create our beautiful rainbow hampers to be raffled off at our Christmas Events.

Thank you for your support!



REINDEER RUN - FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2026

Join us for a fun-filled, festive Reindeer Run on **Friday 4th December 2026** to help raise money for our school!

£3 entry fee per child – and every child who enters will receive their very own pair of reindeer antlers! Parents and Carers are welcome to join us on the day to support the children.

Children will also be encouraged to collect sponsorship to help raise even more money and every penny raised will go towards our OPAL Play, helping us create even more exciting opportunities for outdoor play and learning.

So grab your antlers, get those running shoes on and let's make this a Christmas event to remember!



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FOOD HAMPERS

As the weather becomes colder and Christmas approaches, we understand that the pressure of keeping homes warm and providing for families can increase.

To offer some support during the Christmas holidays, the school is able to provide a limited number of food hampers. If you feel this support may be helpful to your family, please email the school office. All enquiries will be treated confidentially, and we will be in touch with further information.

Thank you!



PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATION DEADLINE



We would like to remind you that the closing date for primary school applications is **Friday 15th January 2027.**

- The online system is open, please apply using this link: https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/starting-primary-school/

£1 IN A BOX



£1 in a box is open to all parents with ParentPay and all staff. For each £1 paid you will be allocated a number ie: £1 equals one number, £5 equals five numbers.

The draw will take place on **Monday 7th December 2026** and the winners will be announced in the Wednesday Weekly on the **9th December 2026.** Half the money raised goes to the PTA and the other half is split 60/40.



CHILDREN IN NEED 2026



A huge thank you to all the schools, pupils, families and staff who have supported BBC Children in Need this year. Whether through fundraising challenges, school activities or generous donations, every contribution helps support children and young people across the UK.

And the fundraising doesn't have to stop just yet!

Although BBC Children in Need Appeal Day has passed, there's still time to make a difference. ParentPay donations pages will remain live until **4th December 2026**, giving schools and families a little longer to collect donations and support children and young people across the UK.

Every contribution helps make a difference. Thank you for helping make BBC Children in Need 2026 so special!

Donation page link: https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=22520

EUXTON LIBRARY POP-UP STEM CLUB



Euxton Library are holding a Pop-Up Stem Club on Saturday 21st November 2026 between 10.00am and 11.00am. Everyone is welcome to go along and get involved in some exciting, hands-on STEM activities - please see attached flyer.

Pupil Achievements and Celebrations

Super Pupils

YEAR 6
Everest - Matthew H
K2 - Oscar R

EYFS
Beech - Seb E
Oak - Beatrice S

YEAR 5
Mont Blanc - Christian P
Olympus - Layla K

YEAR 1
Ash - Henry S
Cedar - Ivy H

YEAR 4
Ben Nevis - Ocean R
Snowdon - Mason WP

YEAR 2
Maple - Toby WP
Elm - Mollie P

YEAR 3
Pendle - Harry R
Rivington -James R

House Point Winners

KS1
Red

KS2
Blue

Reminders And To Do



Nut and Allergy Awareness

As we cannot guarantee that our school environment is completely free from nuts, we ask all families to help us reduce the risk to children and adults with nut allergies.

Please do not send snacks or food products containing nuts into school, including products such as Nutella, Reese's and Kinder Bueno.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a safe and inclusive environment for everyone.

School Notices

All School

Pantomine visits now on ParentPay - Cut off for consent Friday 27th November 2026.

Year 6

Y6 Liverpool World Museum Trip - Payment consent.

Primrose Sporting Fixtures and Results

Double Success for District Football !

We are incredibly proud to celebrate the achievements of Sienna (K2 Class) and Charlie (Olympus Class) who have both earned places in the Chorley District Girls Football Team following a series of highly competitive trials.

Sienna, who plays as a right winger for Astley & Buckshaw under 11s, secured her place after two demanding trial sessions. Her talent was also recognised when a district coach attended one of the school's matches to identify promising players. Sienna will continue to represent her grassroots club, whose home ground is Westway, alongside her district commitments. Reflecting on her success, she said, **"I am so proud as I got selected out of 60 girls."**

Charlie, who plays for LANCON Girls Under 11s in Hutton, impressed selectors with her adaptability and determination. After initially trialling as an outfield player, she was invited to switch positions and try in goal, where she excelled and earned selection as the district team's goalkeeper. Remarkably, Charlie has achieved this while playing up an age group, despite being only nine years old. Speaking about her next challenge, Charlie said, **"Friday 13th is my first night in net and I am a bit nervous."**

Representing a district team is a significant achievement and reflects the dedication, resilience and enthusiasm both girls bring to their football. We look forward to following their progress throughout the season and wish them every success in their district careers.

Congratulations, Sienna and Charlie!





Upcoming Fixtures:

20.11.26 - Years 5/6 - Sports Hall Athletics - Albany

23.11.26 - Years 3/4 - Sports Hall Athletics training - in school

Dates for the Diary 2026-2027

November 2026

19th Open Day - 1.45pm–2.45pm
20th Primrose Buds - 9.00am–10.15am
25th Y6 Liverpool World Museum Trip
27th PTA-Non Uniform Day - Donation of coloured items

December 2026

1st School Council Meeting - 3.10pm-4.00pm
2nd Autumn Rocksteady Concert - 9.30am & 2.15pm
3rd PTA Christmas Shopping Night
3rd EYFS Vision Screening
4th PTA - Reindeer Run
4th Primrose Buds - Reindeer Dash 9.00am-10.15am
8th Y2 Nativity - 2pm
9th Carols at the Library - Choir - 2.00pm-3.00pm
9th EYFS, Y1 & Y2 Pantomine - Jack & the Beanstalk
10th Christmas Jumper Day
10th Y3&Y4 Christmas Performance 9.30-10.30am
10th Y3&Y4 Christmas Performance 2.00-3.00pm
11th ROCK KIDS!
14th Autumn Read Deadline (30 reads)
14th KS2 Panto - Octagon Theatre - Cinderella
14th Y1 Sing-a-Long - 2.30-3.00pm
15th Y2 Grandparents Afternoon - 1.30pm
16th Report Cards
16th EYFS Nativity - 10am
17th Y5 & Y6 Carol Concert - in school - 9am & 2pm
18th Final day of Autumn Term 2-MERRY CHRISTMAS!

January 2027

4th Start of Spring Term 1
5th School Council Meeting - 3.10pm-4.00pm
7th Open Day - 9.15am–10.15am
29th Primrose Buds - 9.00am–10.15am

February 2027

2nd School Council Meeting - 3.10pm-4.00pm (only KS2 & Y6 Sports Councillors needed)
9th Safer Internet Day
11th Y1, Y2 & Y3-PTA Valentines Disco - 5.30pm–6.30pm
11th Y4, Y5 & Y6-PTA Valentines Disco - 6.45pm–7.45pm
12th PTA - Non Uniform Day
12th End of Spring Term 1
15-19th SPRING HALF TERM HOLIDAY
22nd Start of Spring Term 2
22nd World Thinking Day, Rainbows, Brownies, Cubs, Scouts can wear their uniform
25th Houses of Parliament Trip, London
26th Primrose Buds - 9.00am-10.15am

March 2027

2nd School Council Meeting - 3.10pm-4.00pm
3rd Y1 Lowry Visit (in school)
5th World Book Day
9th Y3 Deva Roman Museum Visit
15th Parents Evening
18th Y2 Helmshore Mill Visit
19th PTA Non Uniform Day - Chocolate donation
19th Primrose Buds - 9.00am–10.15am
24th Spring Rocksteady Concert - 9.30am & 3.15pm
24th Report Cards
24th PTA Bunnies Bingo - 6pm
25th Easter Bonnet Day
25th PTA - Non Uniform Day
25th End of Spring Term 2 - HAPPY EASTER!

April 2027

12th Start of Summer Term 1
12th Y5 Bikeability
13th Y5 Bikeability
15th Y5 Bikeability
16th Y5 Bikeability
23rd Primrose Buds - 9.00am–10.15am
29th Y4 Ben Nevis - Cuerden Valley Trip
30th Y4 Snowdon - Cuerden Valley Trip

*New date added **Information or date amended

Dates for the Diary 2026-2027

May 2027

3rd May Bank Holiday
4th School Council Meeting - 3.10pm-4.00pm
4th EYFS 2027 New Starters Parents Evening-6.15pm–7.00pm
10-13th Y6 SATS Week
20th PTA May Fair - 6.00pm–8.00pm
27th Sports Day
28th PTA - Non Uniform Day
28th End of Summer Term 1
31st May Bank Holiday

June 2027

7th INSET DAY
8th INSET DAY
9th Start of Summer Term 2
15th School Council Meeting - 3.10pm-4.00pm
14-16th Y5 Hothersall Lodge Residential
16th Y6 Enterprise Day
17th Sports Day (reserve date)
22nd Y1 Bring Yer Wellies Trip
23rd Y1 Bring Yer Wellies Trip
23rd Y2 & Y6 Childsafe - 10.30am
24th Y2 Bee Centre Visit
25-28th Y6 Boreatton Park Residential
28th EYFS 2027 Pupil Visits - 9.00am–11.15am
29th EYFS 2027 Pupil Visits - 9.00am–11.15am
30th EYFS 2027 Pupil Visits - 9.00am–11.15am

July 2027

1st Y4 Ben Nevis Sleepover
2nd Primrose Buds - 9.00am-10.15am
2nd Y4 Ben Nevis Tea Dance - 10.00am
6th School Council Meeting - 3.10pm-4.00pm
7th Y6 Leavers Performance - 6.00pm
8th Y4 Snowdon Sleepover
9th Y4 Snowdon Tea Dance - 10.00am
12th Meet the Teacher - 3.15pm
12th EYFS to Y1 Parents Transition Meeting - 6.00pm
14th Summer Rocksteady Concert - 9.15am & 2.15pm
16th End of Year Report Cards
19th Y6 Leavers Assembly - 2.00pm
20th Y6 Flower Bowl Trip
20th Final day of Summer Term - HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
21st INSET DAY

We would also encourage you to visit the school website and explore the NEWS & EVENTS section, where you can subscribe to the school calendar. It's a simple and convenient way to keep up with everything happening across the school and make sure you don't miss any important dates, activities or special events. We look forward to sharing lots of exciting moments with you throughout the year.

Primrose Hill Clubs 2026 – 2027 – Autumn 2

Autumn w/c 28th Sept 2026 - w/c 9th Nov 2026
Spring w/c 4th Jan 2027 - w/c 8th Feb 2027
Summer w/c 19th April 2027 - w/c 24th May 2027

Name of Club	Run by	Day	Finish	Collect From
Choir Y5&6	Mrs Swinburn / Miss Burns	Every Wednesday 14.10.26 – March	4pm	K2
Book Club Y6	Mrs Brockie	Every Thursday (01.10.26 – 25.03.27)	4pm	Everest

Sports Clubs Autumn Term 2 – Collection from School Office

Name of Club	Run by	Day	Finish	Dates
Running Club Y3&4	Miss Ahmed	Tuesday	4:15pm	03.11.26 - 15.12.26
Orienteering Club Y4&5	Miss Ahmed	Wednesday	4:15pm	04.11.26 - 16.12.26
Boys Football Club Y3&4	Mr Davies	Wednesday	4.15pm	04.11.26 - 16.12.26
Running Club KS1	Miss Ahmed	Thursday	4pm	05.11.26 - 17.12.26
Boccia Club KS2	Miss Ahmed	Friday	4.15pm	06.11.26 – 18.12.26

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CHRISTMAS Lunch.

Festive Roast
with Chipolata Sausage
&
Yorkshire Pudding

or

Quorn Fillet &
Quorn Sausage

with

Roast Potatoes
Mashed Potatoes
&
Seasonal Vegetables

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Sweet Christmas
Treat Dessert

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RAINBOW RAFFLE

HELP US FILL OUR RAINBOW HAMPERS!

Come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a coloured item for your year group.

NON-UNIFORM DAY
ON FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER

PLEASE BRING AN ITEM IN YOUR YEAR GROUP COLOUR:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Red	Orange	Yellow	Green	Blue	Purple	Pink

IDEAS INCLUDE:


SNACKS


TOILETRIES


SWEETS


STATIONERY


TOYS


AND MORE!

A FANTASTIC SELECTION OF COLOURFUL PRIZES!

THE DRAW

WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE **CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES.**



Euxton Primrose Hill Parent Teacher Association

Volunteers Wanted!

We are looking for parent and carer volunteers to help support our PTA

Shopping Evening

Thursday 3rd December
4.30pm – 8.30pm

Can you help?

Please email: r.perkins@primrosehill-euxton.lancs.sch.uk

Euxton Primrose Hill Parent Teacher Association

Young Entrepreneurs Wanted!

Do you have a great idea, create handmade items or make something special to sell?

We are looking for

Young Entrepreneurs

to have their own

Christmas Stall

at our

Christmas Shopping Night

Thursday 3rd December

5.30pm – 7.30pm

Contact Rebecca Perkins

r.perkins@primrosehill-euxton.lancs.sch.uk

if you're interested in having your own stall.

Hushabye Hands

Low Cost Classes

Supported by Chorley Council

Nov 2026
to
Mar 2027

Just £2.50 per class (payable as a term)



Sign, Move & Grow

Get ready for School!

Monday

11.45am-12.30pm

Thursday

11.45am-12.30pm

Friday

11.00am-11.45am



Creating calm, connection and communication - together

- building communication, confidence and listening skills through songs, stories and signs
- supporting movement, independence and emotional wellbeing through yoga, play and sensory activities



Join our warm, welcoming, award-winning sessions at the Hushabye Hideaway

Unit 5, 60a Preston Road
Whittle-le-Woods
PR6 7HH

CLUB HUB TOP 100 CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY PROVIDER 2026

female business awards 2025 WINNER

Calling all young artists!

Natures Canvas

Community Art Competition

We want to see your amazing artwork, that focuses on how we can preserve wildlife, be more sustainable, and protect our planet.

Your artwork could feature:

- Trees and nature
- Wildlife and biodiversity
- Recycling and reducing waste
- Walking, cycling and green travel
- Looking after our planet

Who can enter?

Children and young people of all ages should email their submissions to **climatechange@chorley.gov.uk**

Be creative!

Use pencils, paints, crayons, recycled materials, collage or any artistic style you like.

Winning art will be exhibited in Astley gallery exhibition in February 2027, for schools to visit, and for families to visit during half term.

Enter by: 22 January 2027
Scan the QR code to find out more:

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Pop-Up Stem Club

Come and join us for our pop-up stem session and take part in our Fun STEM Activities.

Euxton Library

Saturday 21 November

10.00am – 11.00am



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Comms 8221

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

WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION
13+
In the UK

WhatsApp is a free messaging app owned by Meta, that allows users to send messages, share multimedia, make calls, and participate in group chats. In September 2026, WhatsApp announced new optional parental controls for teenagers, including privacy settings, group notifications, and restrictions on AI content, which parents and educators should be aware of.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

GROUP CHAT PRESSURES

Group chats help young people stay connected, but they can also leave them feeling excluded or overwhelmed. Negative comments can escalate quickly, and frequent notifications can create a sense of needing to be constantly available. WhatsApp's new parental controls notify parents when teenagers join or leave groups, or when a group grows significantly in size.

HARMFUL CONTENT ON CHANNELS

WhatsApp Channels allow users to receive updates from public figures, organisations, and content creators; however, some Channels may expose young people to misinformation, harmful ideologies, or age-inappropriate material. New optional parental controls allow adults to restrict which Channels teenagers access, including limiting them to approved Channels.

SCAMS TARGETING YOUNG USERS

Scammers may use WhatsApp to trick young people into sharing personal information, sending money, or sharing security codes. They may impersonate friends or family members, using convincing stories about emergencies or urgent requests for help. New parental controls can help manage who contacts teenagers; however, they cannot prevent all scams or fraudulent messages.

UNWANTED CONTACT AND LOCATION SHARING

WhatsApp allows users to share their live location, profile information, and Status updates. Without appropriate privacy settings, this information could expose young people to unwanted attention or reveal their whereabouts. New parental controls enable adults to manage certain privacy settings, including who can view account details and add teenagers to groups.

DISAPPEARING AND HIDDEN MESSAGES

WhatsApp features such as disappearing messages and Chat Lock can make conversations harder for adults to identify. Although these tools are designed to protect privacy, they may also make it harder for adults to recognise inappropriate exchanges or harmful behaviour. WhatsApp's new parental controls do not give adults access to teenagers' private messages or calls.

COMMERCIAL AND AI CONTENT

WhatsApp includes advertising in parts of its Updates section and offers Meta AI, an integrated AI assistant. Young people may encounter sponsored content, misleading AI responses, or information which is unsuitable for their age. New parental controls offer a stricter 'Limited Content' setting for Meta AI; however, this cannot guarantee that every response will be accurate or appropriate.

Advice for Parents & Educators

EXPLORE NEW PARENTAL CONTROLS

WhatsApp's new optional parental controls are being rolled out gradually, giving families more ways to manage teenagers' privacy and interactions. Teenagers will need parental approval using a parent-set PIN to relax any protected settings. Keep the conversation open and set up the controls together, remembering that parents can adjust or switch them off at any time.

MANAGE CHANNELS AND AI

Explore the new settings for Channels, Status updates, and Meta AI. Parents can restrict Channels to approved selections or prevent teenagers from viewing them. They can also choose Meta AI's stricter 'Limited Content' option, which restricts certain topics. Remind young people that AI can produce inaccurate information and encourage them to question responses rather than accepting them at face value.

MONITOR GROUP ACTIVITY SAFELY

New parental controls notify adults when teenagers join or leave groups, or when a group grows significantly in size. These alerts can help identify potentially concerning interactions without revealing private messages. Encourage young people to discuss unfamiliar groups, uncomfortable conversations, or pressure from other members and that they can leave, mute, or report if they feel uncomfortable or unsafe.

PRIORITISE TRUST AND COMMUNICATION

Parental controls should support conversations about online safety, not replace them. Explain that WhatsApp's new features do not give adults access to private messages or calls, helping teenagers understand that their privacy remains protected. Reassure young people that they can speak openly about upsetting content, unwanted contact, or pressure from other group members.

Meet Our Expert



Dr Claire Sutherland 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.

See full reference list on our website

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