

Friday 18th November 2022



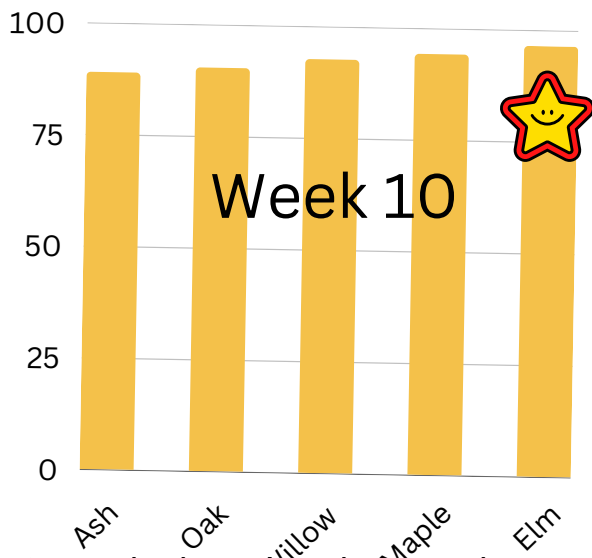
Newsletter



Highlights

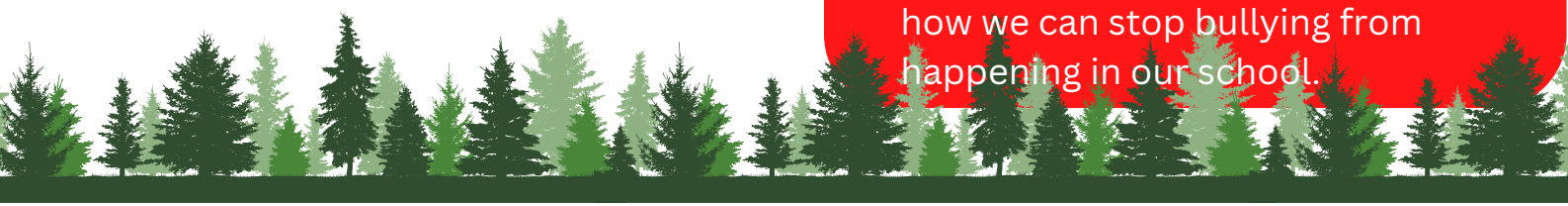
- Dance Festival – What an amazing event! Thirty-one primary and high schools took part from across Wyre and Fylde and showcased a fabulous array of talent on stage at the Winter Gardens! Our performance, which was based on Peter Pan, was spectacular – a huge well done to everyone who took part. Thank you to Miss Gemma for her creative choreography and hard work and to the staff that helped at the event.
- Anti-Bullying Week – this week all classes have taken part in activities to highlight issues around bullying and talked about how we can stop bullying from happening in our school.

Attendance



Our whole school attendance for this week was **92.6%**.

The class with the highest attendance was Elm with 96.4%.



*Please note: the new date for the KS2
Christingle Service is Wednesday 14th
December - 6:30pm St Oswald's
Church*

Break Time Snacks / Packed Lunches

Please can we be clear that the only snacks pupils are permitted to eat at break times are items of fruit. We have a few children eating biscuits and crisps (possibly out of their packed lunches!). I must also ask parents not to put chocolate bars or sweets into packed lunch boxes. We promote healthy eating in school so please try to include a piece of fruit and minimise the number of items with a high sugar content.

Holiday Club

For a while now, we have been looking at ways in which we could provide a holiday club in school. This week, I have been talking to Fleetwood Town Community Trust about using our school as an Over Wyre venue for them to run a holiday club each school holiday from February half-term next year. Their activities include arts and crafts and themed days as well as sports for children from age 4 and over and their prices are very reasonable.

For this to happen, they need to get an idea of the possible take-up, starting initially with our school.

Please complete the survey on the link below.

<https://forms.gle/yRm59yU1tcUFt8Sa9>

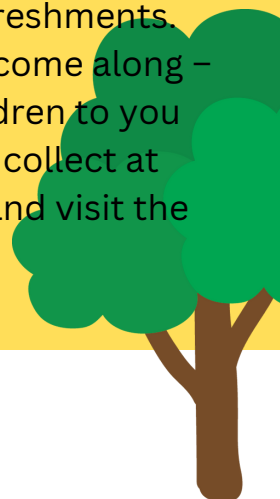


Coats

Please can all pupils bring a coat to school each day? We try to get them outside for playtimes as much as possible despite the weather, so they need to be able to stay warm and dry.

Christmas Fair

We are planning a mini-Christmas Fair on Thursday 1st December from 3:00-5:00pm. There will be a range of games and activities for the children and a few stalls, plus refreshments. Parents are welcome to come along – we can release your children to you from 3:00pm or you can collect at 3:30pm and then come and visit the fair.



St Oswald's Church, Preesall



Saturday 19th November

2:00 - 4:00 pm

In The Parish Hall

**Cakes & Home Produce
Tombola ~ Books
Sherry Lady ~ Lucky Spin
Reindeer Noses ~ Bric A Brac
Raffle (Raffle Drawn at 3:30 pm)
Refreshments
And More.....**

Admission Free

Everyone Welcome

All Proceeds to St Oswald's Church Funds



Here are the fun packed activities planned for next week in the Woodland Den

Date	Activity	Snack
21/11/22	Football	Brioche
22/11/22	Making mini pizza	Pizza
23/11/22	Spot the difference	Crackers
24/11/22	Football Kahoot	Snacks
25/11/22	Design your own football kit	Milk and Biscuit



After School Club is available to book through ParentPay; there are 2 session choices - half session until 4:30pm or full session until 5:30pm. If you require a later pick up time, please speak with Mrs Adams in the office.

Breakfast Club is available to book through ParentPay too. There are 2 session choices - 7:30am drop off, or 8am drop off. Please ensure pupils are **not** dropped off at school **before 7:30am** .

Details of costs can be found on ParentPay, or call school on 01253 810324.





Thursday 1/12/22 - School Christmas Fair

Saturday 3/12/22 - Choir singing at Knott End Library (am)

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Sunday 4/12/22 - Toy Service 10am St Oswald's

Monday 12/12/22 - Years 1 - 3 Christmas performance in school; 2pm and 6:30pm (Year 4 will support the singing)

Tuesday 13/12/22 - Pre school and Ash class Christmas performance in school; 10am

Wednesday 14/12/22 - Christingle Service at St Oswald's Church - KS2 pupils

Wednesday 14/12/22 - School Christmas Lunch (details to follow)

Thursday 15/12/22 - Lancaster on Ice trip (Year 5/6)

Friday 16/12/22 - School close for Christmas (1:30pm)

Tuesday 3/1/23 - INSET

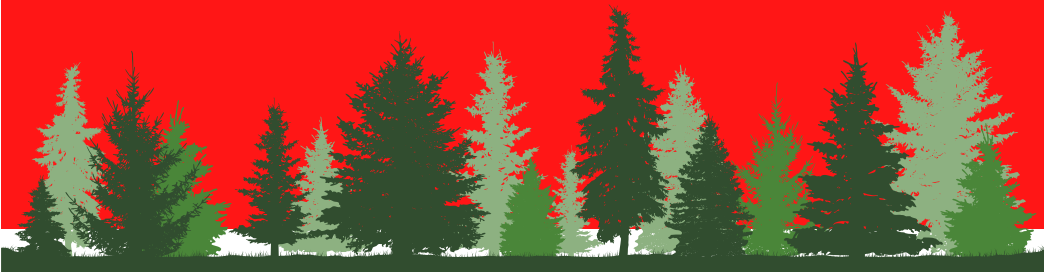
Wednesday 4/1/23 - School opens for all pupils

Lunches

Please complete the lunch form for ALL pupils in school
<https://forms.office.com/r/exTQMjtn>
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Lost property - Dance festival

There are a number of items that have been misplaced whilst we were at the Dance Festival this week. Can you please check all PE and send in anything that's not yours!



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

SENDIT

Sendit is an add-on to Snapchat, not a standalone app: it requires users to have an active Snapchat account, which they then connect to Sendit. It's important that trusted adults realise, therefore, that any risks associated with Snapchat also affect children using Sendit. Within the app, people play question games like 'Truth or Dare' and 'Never Have I Ever': users select a question to share on their Snapchat story for their friends to reply to. All responses are anonymous, although – for paying subscribers – Sendit reveals hints about who sent which messages.



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ANONYMOUS RESPONSES

Anonymity online encourages people to say things and act in ways that they normally wouldn't. They're less accountable, and it's harder to track who sent a message. Research has highlighted that children perceive anonymous messages as being more severe than if the same message had come from a friend. Any app that lets children communicate anonymously should be treated with caution.

MENTAL HEALTH IMPACT

Categories of questions such as "Ask me anything" or "Rate me" – coupled with the app's anonymity – mean there is a likelihood of some friends or strangers (if the account is set to 'public') responding in a negative manner. These critical comments (especially if there are several) could ruin a young person's self-esteem – heightening their insecurities and affecting their mental health.

MEMBERSHIP COSTS

Currently costing £8.49 per week, Sendit's Diamond Membership offers clues about who sent a particular message, such as their approximate location, the type of phone used and any mutual friends. Membership also provides exclusive games and an ad-free experience. Young people may well be curious to find out who certain messages are from and therefore sign up for membership.

BULLYING AND HARASSMENT

Open-ended questions which relate personally to the sender are an opportunity for malicious people to make offensive remarks, which can lead to full-blown bullying and harassment. Additionally, bullies and trolls can hide behind the anonymity that Sendit offers, feeling more powerful and able to intimidate their target – who, by contrast, feels hurt, victimised and helpless.

POSSIBLE GROOMING

If your child doesn't have their Snapchat account set to private, or they have previously added strangers as friends, there is a possibility of predators responding to their Sendit questions. They do this in an attempt to gather information about your child – or to initiate a conversation with them, seeking ultimately to form an online 'friendship' and gain the young person's trust.

REPEATED ENGAGEMENT

On Sendit, users receive trophies for reaching a particular number of responses, for answering friends' questions and for posting their own. This sense of achievement could incentivise a young person to be active on Sendit more frequently – spending more time on their phone or tablet as they may naturally want to collect all of the trophies or might be competing with their peers.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ENCOURAGE EMPATHY

If your child has already downloaded Sendit, it might be wise to have a discussion with them about the impact that saying something anonymously online could have on others. Encourage them to think about how they would feel if they were on the receiving end of a particular comment. Reminding them to stop and re-read messages before sending could reduce the number of regrettable situations.

BLOCK IN-APP PURCHASES

Even if you do allow your child to use Sendit, you might want to consider talking to them in advance about whether they really need a membership subscription. Either way, it's probably safest to make sure that in-app purchases are blocked in the settings, or that you have configured your child's device to ask for your approval before making a purchase online.

TALK IT OVER

Before allowing a young person onto a social networking app, it's a good idea to chat with them about the possibility of receiving hurtful comments. Explain that not everyone online is nice; that people often say things they don't mean; and that posts get misinterpreted. Teach your child not to reply to any offensive users on Sendit and simply block instead them (via the three dots in the top right of the screen).

ONLY PLAY WITH FRIENDS

Stress the importance of your child playing Sendit games only with their close friends and not having strangers on their contacts list. This should help to keep the nature of the questions light-hearted – and if the games are being played among a small group, it will be easier for the members to figure out who gave certain answers if someone's been left feeling hurt or uncomfortable by any responses.

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.



Sources: <https://www.getsendit.com/privacy> | <https://www.getsendit.com/parents> | <https://www.getsendit.com/terms> | <https://www.sendit-anonymous-on-snapchat/>

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