

Principal's Messages:

This week's awards

Well done to Theo Tarry, Harlee Whalley, Helena Kaneva and Jack Richardson who were all nominated for Principal's Awards this week. Theo was nominated for working hard and making good choices; Harlee was nominated for a positive attitude to learning and being a good role model, Helena was nominated for working hard and making good progress and Jack was nominated for working hard and making good choices. Well done to you all!

This week's Stronger Together awards went to 1L and 5F for excellent examples of working hard and being kind.

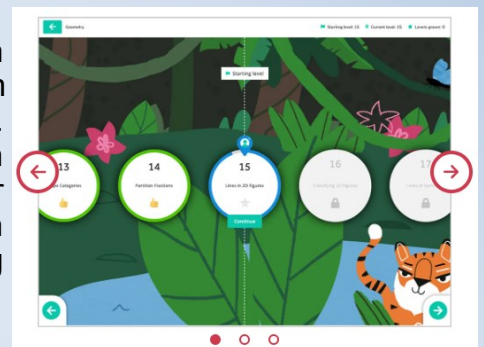


Y5 STEM Workshop

On Wednesday, some of the children from our after-school DT club went to Crewe Engineering and Design UTC. They took part in a robotic session. The children had to use coding to programme an Edison Robot. The teachers at the UTC were really impressed by their coding skills and impeccable behaviour.

Freckle

Just a reminder that weekly tasks are set on Freckle for pupils in Y1 - 6 to complete at home. Freckle is an online Maths platform that is self-paced and will adapt for personalised Maths practice. Our data shows that pupils who are consistently using Freckle in addition to their learning in the classroom can retain more number facts which supports them in making good progress. Please can we ask for your support in ensuring that your child is completing any tasks set for them.



If you would like more information about Freckle or technology is a barrier to your child having access to Freckle, please contact your child's class teacher and they will be happy to support you.

In assembly this morning, I have challenged our pupils to complete all tasks set of them in the next week. I am looking forward to seeing a huge increase in engagement levels! Thank you as always for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Thompson

Advanced notice: School will close for half term on Friday 14th February 2025 and reopen to pupils on Monday 24th February 2025.

School Meals

If your child is not entitled to a free school meal, please log onto their Arbor account to pay for their meal in advance of their order. School meals are £2.45 per day.


Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Red Option	Margherita Pizza with Baked Potato Wedges	Homemade Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken with Creamy Mash Potato & Gravy	BBQ Chicken with Diced Potatoes	All Day Breakfast
Yellow Option	Vegetable Tikka Masala with 50/50 Rice	Vegetarian Chilli with 50/50 Rice	Vegan Sausage with Mash Potato & Gravy	Vegetarian Pasta Bake	Quorn Nuggets with Fries
Green Option	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato	Jacket Potato
Orange Option	Sandwich Selection	Sandwich Selection	Sandwich Selection	Sandwich Selection	Sandwich Selection
Desserts	Marble Sponge	Jam & Coconut Sponge & Custard	Lemon Cake	Syrup Sponge	Ice Cream
	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or yoghurt
Seasonal Vegetables and Salad Bar					

Term Time Absence Requests

As detailed in our Attendance Policy, and in line with DfE guidance, we do not authorise leave of absence during term other than when exceptional circumstances permit.

If you wish to take your child out of school during term time, it is important to discuss this with us as much in advance as possible, so we can guide you through the process. However, where absence is unauthorised, it could lead to further action being taken including a penalty notice being issued. Department for Education information regarding this is available by clicking [here](#).

[Leave of Absence Request Online Form](#)

Attendance Matters			
Here are our attendance figures for this week			
Our school target:	96%		
Overall school attendance this week:	93.56%		
Overall school attendance this year:	93.8%		
RB – 79.63%	2S – 98.52% ★		5F – 95.34%
RD – 89.27%	3J – 95.02%		5S – 94.62%
1J – 94.91%	3P – 94.27%		6E – 94.81%
1L – 92.13%	4S – 93.75%		6H – 91.11%
2P – 97.78%	4W – 94.38%		

SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS

for young people

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You may have been lucky enough to have unwrapped a smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it'll be your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself – and your valuable personal info – safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE

Alongside face or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to unlocking your phone and accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out, even to close friends – after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house and let them go in for a nosy around! If a friend wants to use your phone, ask them why and make sure you can see what they're doing with it.

RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS

If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device – not to spoil your fun but to help you avoid hazards like too much screen time or costly in-app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.

TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT

Whether it's to listen to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling anxious, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important not to ignore these feelings; instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.

STAY ALERT

Two words: look up. It might sound obvious, but it's so easy to get immersed in what we're looking at or listening to on our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings – or who might be around us. People often walk with their head down, focusing on their phone, and forget to check for obstacles in their path, cars or other pedestrians coming towards them, which is clearly dangerous.

DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS

Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the screen. If that's something you struggle with, you could try setting time limits on certain apps. Putting our phones down for a while gives us more time to interact with others or do something physical that helps keep us fit and healthy.

IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS

There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal data or to click on a link and provide your details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but trustworthy businesses don't spontaneously call or message to ask for your information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.

ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS

Before downloading a new app or game, check what age rating it has. Don't feel pressured into getting a particular game or app just because your friends are using it. If it's intended for older people, there's a definite risk that it could include content (which is violent or frightening, for instance) or language which isn't suitable and may leave you feeling upset or disturbed.

REMOVE TEMPTATION

A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. Unwinding properly before going to bed – which means not staring at a screen late at night – can often improve sleep quality. Put your phone on charge overnight, but not in your room. This means you'll have a lot less temptation to check any notifications, reply to messages or get caught up scrolling on social media.

THINK ABOUT OTHERS

Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while we're on the bus, waiting in a queue or walking down the street. It's important to remain mindful of other people, though: they might not want to hear your tunes or your conversation. Likewise, if you're calling from a public place then don't forget that anyone could overhear something personal about you.

SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION

In your phone's settings, you'll be able to disable geolocation for individual apps and photos: this means that people online (including strangers) can't see information about where you are when you share or post a pic. On the subject of images, it's also important to ask permission before taking or sharing a photo of someone – and don't share embarrassing images of your friends with others.

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.



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