

# Moorfield News

Responsibility Perseverance Compassion Thankfulness

## 13th - 16th April

Classes of the Week: R/KS1: 1E KS2: 5M  
House of the Week: Buffalo  
Pupils of the Week: R/KS1:Roni W-Y KS2: Holly A



## 13th - 17th April

KP Alex K	REC Finley P		
1Y Harry T	1E Roni W-Y	2C Zaki B	2P Jaxon H
3G Cassian	3H Jessica A	4C Noah A	4G Charlie L
5H Harry Mc	5M Noah M	6H Teddy T	6R Freddie S-L



### Pen License

Sam F



### Star Bonds

Moorfield Tables



## 13th - 17th April

Rec 98%, Year 1 94%, Year 2 90%, Year 3 98%  
Year 4 99%, Year 5 97%, Year 6 93%



### Headteacher Award

KS1 -  
KS2 - Sam M - Compassion



## WELCOME BACK

I hope you all had a lovely two week break and enjoyed the sunshine when it appeared!

We are now in the summer term and there are a few key dates for your diary:

- We have a Bank Holiday Monday on 4th May and two INSET days on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th May. School will be closed on these three day.
- Year 6 SATs, the week commencing 11th May so it is imperative that all Year 6 pupils are in school that week.
- The first half of the term ends on Friday 22nd May.

## **SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS AND CARERS OF NEURODIVERSE CHILDREN**

Following on from the success of Mr Swire's SEND coffee mornings in school, Carla, a parent at Moorfield, is starting a small meet-up group for parents of neurodiverse children. The aim is to build a supportive community where parents can connect with others who understand the journey and share experiences.

The meet-ups will initially take place at Wild Things on Tuesdays from 4:30-6pm (first date to be confirmed). It's a relaxed setting where the children can play freely while parents have the opportunity to chat and support one another.

If any parents would be interested in joining, or would like more information, they are very welcome to get in touch with Carla directly on 07713281829.

## **BIKEABILITY**

Our Year 5 pupils will be participating in the Bikeability programme next week on the 20th-24th and 27th-28th April. Year 5 bikes can be brought on to the playground on these days as opposed to using the bike shed - and don't forget your helmet!

## PTA Events

We have some PTA dates for your diary this term:

- Wednesday 29th April - Disco
- Wednesday 6th May - Wacky Wednesday
- Summer 1 Half Term - Sponsored Read
- Friday 26th June - Own Clothes Day - Sweets and Chocolate Donations for the Summer Fair
- Friday 3rd July - Own Clothes Day - Bottle Donations for the Summer Fair
- Friday 3rd July - Summer Fair

**WEDNESDAY  
APRIL 29TH**

**KS1 5:00-6:00PM  
KS2 6:15-7:15PM**

# Icons Disco Night



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## AUTHOR VISIT

We have author Sophie Anderson (no relation to Mr Anderson) visiting KS2 on Monday to share her book 'The House with Chicken Legs'. We look forward to the assembly she will be sharing. A link went out by email earlier in the week if you would like to buy the book.



## AND FINALLY ...

Welcome to Miss Young who has replaced Miss Hall in Year 1 this week. Miss Young will be here for the summer term. Her class will be known as 1Y.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Best wishes,

Paul Anderson  
Headteacher



# Picture News

## TAKEHOME

20th - 26th April



## In the news this week

An 82-year-old runner, Eileen Hieron, has shown that age hasn't stopped her trying something new. She only started running in her 70s and ran her first marathon at the age of 74. Since then, she has completed nearly 10 marathons and even won her age group at the London Marathon. This Sunday, runners from all over the world will take part in the 2026 London Marathon, and stories like Eileen's are inspiring others to think about whether it's ever too late to try something new.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Have you ever tried something new that felt difficult at first? What helped you keep going?
- > Do you believe age should matter when trying something new? Why or why not?
- > Is there someone you know who has tried something new later in life? What have they done?
- > Why do you think people take part in challenges like the London Marathon?



### Is it ever too late to try something new?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

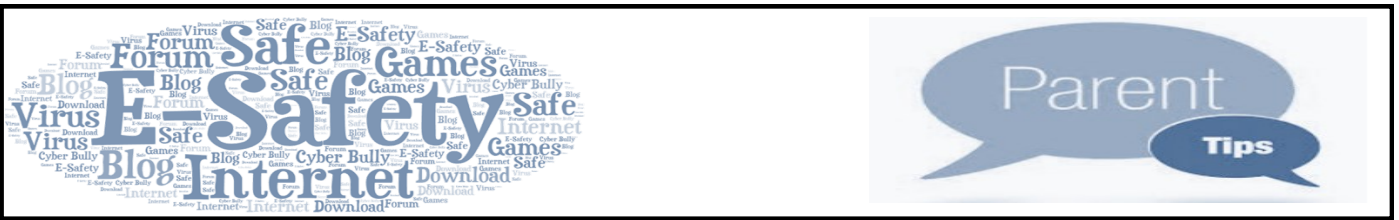
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At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health 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](http://nationalcollege.com).

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about APP & PLAY STORES

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

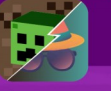
Since the introduction of Apple's App Store and Google's Play Store, an estimated two million apps have been made available on each. Ofcom's 2025 media use and attitudes report states that more than half of children aged between 3 and 7 use apps or sites to communicate with each other, and, by the ages of 10 to 12, 45% of children are playing games on their mobile phones. This guide will help you ensure that children use the app stores and their content safely.

### MALICIOUS APPS WITH MALWARE



Although Google and Apple must approve the apps on their official stores, inappropriate content sometimes slips through the net. For example, in 2025, the security company Kaspersky found that multiple iOS and Android apps contained screen-reading software, primed to look for passwords and stealing crypto-wallet recovery phrases captured in screenshots.

### UNOFFICIAL COPYCAT APPS



Both official app stores contain copycat apps – often games – designed to look like popular rivals, mimicking their branding, layout and logos. While these will usually just offer a poor experience packed with ads as a quick money-making exercise, they're also more likely to be vessels for malware than the products they're counterfeiting.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT



As the App Store and Play Store are for all ages, there's a lot of content available that's inappropriate for children. Examples include apps that have references to alcohol, drugs, sex, violence or gambling. In general, these are sensibly age-rated, but social media sites such as YouTube and TikTok, which both have an App Store age rating of 12+, can be gateways to adult material.

### PREDATORY IN-APP PURCHASES



App-making is a business, and most creators have found that 'freemium' software is the way to make money. That means the app will be free initially but will either require the user to watch ads or rely on them making in-app purchases. Some free apps can be predatory, and there are plenty of examples reported where parents have racked up huge bills on behalf of their children's app activity.

### ADDICTIVE BY DESIGN



Phone addiction is fast becoming recognised as a real concern, and apps are a big part of this. Freemium apps have a real incentive to keep children checking in every day in order to generate more ad views or secure extra in-app purchases. This can interfere with schoolwork and other offline hobbies.

### SIDeloADED BANNED APPS



'Sideloaded' – the more complicated practice of installing applications on a device from sources other than the official app stores – bypasses Google's and Apple's security procedures; however, it is possible for tech-savvy users. This opens up huge risks – not just apps that would be forbidden by Apple and Google, but pirate ones packed with malware too.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### ACTIVATE PARENTAL CONTROLS FOR APPS



Both Google and Apple have apps that can give adults greater control over children's phone activity. 'Screen Time' (iPhone) and 'Family Link' (Android) have a range of features, such as letting you set age-related restrictions on the app stores, require permission to download an app, set daily time limits on specific apps, and control real-world spending.

### DO YOUR RESEARCH



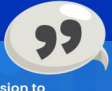
If children ask permission to download an app, do your due diligence and research it. Read the app summary and search the internet for reviews and discussions to establish its legitimacy, safety and appropriateness – if it doesn't seem to be appropriate, look for safer alternatives instead.

### LOOK BEYOND THE REVIEWS



App store reviews are helpful, but they are easily gamed, and some unscrupulous developers will pay for quick reviews to give their work perceived legitimacy. Take more than a cursory glance at listings by digging into the one- and two-star reviews and looking closely at the developer – for example, if they've published a lot of unrelated apps, that's a red flag.

### TALK TO YOUR CHILD



Talk to children and make sure they're aware that apps can be risky. As part of a wider talk about internet literacy, ensure they don't download apps outside of the official channels, nor grant apps permission to access their camera, microphone, or photos without a good reason. Make sure they understand that in-game currency costs real-world money.

### Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for the likes of Wired, TechRadar, The Telegraph, The Evening Standard, The Guardian and The New Statesman.



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