



# Oak CE Primary Newsletter

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025



Welcome back...finally. We cannot believe that we are about to move into the third week of this term. The snow and ice caused use quite a few problems around Crosland Moor, but we were so please that we were able to open in the first week back. Pupils have made a fantastic start back to school and we have seen excellent lunchtime play thanks to the OPAL. We have lots happening this half term, so please keep an eye on the dates page. Our final two parent sessions from Barnardo's are coming up soon and it would be great to see lots of parents there. They are focused on supporting your children with sleep and executive functions. Mrs Garlick.

## Ofsted

On 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 we had our most recent Ofsted monitoring visit and we are so proud of the letter which we have received from them. Please follow the link to read it:

[Oak CE Primary Monitoring Visit](#)

Thank you to all the parents that completed the survey – your comments really bolstered our school team and your continued support really helps our school improvement journey.

## We are Democracy Friendly!

Over the last 12 months the school council have worked tremendously hard at developing a culture where all pupils have a voice and feel heard. This has culminated in Oak CE Primary School achieving the Kirklees Democracy Friendly School's Award. We are so proud of this award and This recognition from Kirklees highlights the dedication of our staff and pupils to embracing democratic values such as fairness, equality, and collaboration.



## Attendance

Our whole school attendance target is

**96%**

This week's attendance was

**94%**

The classes with the highest attendance this week were

**4.1 with 99%**

## Show Racism The Red Card

This week Y6 had a workshop with Stephanie from Show Racism The Red Card- a charity that educates people about racism and aims to spread anti-racist attitudes. We were so proud of the children. They were so knowledgeable, empathetic and sensitive, and displayed exceptional attitudes towards diversity and inclusivity. Stephanie said she was so impressed by every single of them! They represented our school and community values perfectly in discussions and activities. We have two more sessions to come where we will choose our Anti-Racism Ambassadors.

## ClassDojo

Please follow this link to get connected to ClassDojo. It is where you will see photos of the children's learning, get updates and information from teachers and be able to hear about all the things which are happening in school.

[Oak CE Primary School ClassDojo](#)

When each class has every member of their class signed up, they will each receive 5 dojo points which will push them closer to achieving their whole class reward!

## Attendance Winners

Last half term 5.1 were the proud winners of the Attendance Award and they kept their attendance high as a whole class for the entire term!

Let's see who it will be this time. Please remember that attendance is important for learning and a sense of belonging.

**At Oak we are Ready, Respectful & Safe**



**Changing childhoods.  
Changing lives.**

## **Sessions for Parents and Carers with a focus on Neurodiversity**

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 2pm: Behaviour**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 2pm: Boundaries and demands**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 1.30pm: Food**

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025 at 1.30pm: Sleep**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 at 2pm: Executive Function**

**All sessions are completely free of charge and are led by experts from Barnardo's Children's Charity.**





## Dates for your Diary

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025: School opens for pupils**

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025: Y6 Give Racism the Red Card Workshop**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025: Kirklees Democracy Team in School**

**Week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025: Reception Bikeability**

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025: Y6 Yorkshire Mentoring Day**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025: Relationship, Sex Education Information Session for parents.**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025: Year 4 Safety Rangers**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025: Reception Parents Open Morning – Fine motor skills**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025: Y6 SATS parents information meeting**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2025: Bob Marley Singalong**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025: Vision Launch for parents**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025: 3.1 Mrs Sunderland Competition**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025: School Closes for Half Term**

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025: School reopens**

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025: Young Voices**

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025: Y5 visit to Royal Armouries**

**Week beginning 17<sup>th</sup> March 2025: Reception Health Screening**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025: School Closes for Easter**

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2025: Class Photos**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025: Y6 Residential**

**Don't forget every Thursday is Coffee Morning**

**8.45-9.45am**

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# TIKTOK

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT



While TikTok's Following feed only displays videos from familiar creators, For You is a collection based on a user's previously watched clips. Most of these videos will probably be inoffensive, but the app could potentially show something unsuitable. If children then engage with this content, more like it will follow. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the huge number of uploads means that a small amount inevitably slips through.

### BODY IMAGE AND DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

According to Ofcom, most online harms for teens are body image related for girls (promoting unhealthy eating, body shaming and so on) and dangerous stunts for boys. Both are prevalent on TikTok. One extreme example of the latter was the 'blackout' trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. This led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

### IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase gifts for content creators. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99; while that may not sound appealing, the app still generated £7.9 billion in user spending in 2023. TikTok's policy is that under-18s can't make in-app purchases, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birth date.

Adults tend to associate online videos with YouTube – but among teens, TikTok is king. The app provides a stream of short clips tailored to users' interests, based on what they've already watched. Around half of British children use TikTok, and while much of the content is benign, Ofcom considers it the app where youngsters "were most likely to encounter a potential harm".



### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With more than 1.5 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-16s (or young people using a fake date of birth) are set to public by default. This means that not only is someone's profile visible to everyone else on the app, it also suggests their videos to others and enables anyone to download or comment on them.

### MISINFORMATION AND RADICALISATION

Although the short videos on TikTok tend to be more frivolous than the longer ones on YouTube, clips can still influence impressionable minds in a negative way. Not only is there plenty of dangerous misinformation on TikTok, but Ofcom reports that nearly a third of 12 to 15-year-olds use TikTok as a news source – so you should be wary of misogynistic, racist or conspiracy-themed material shaping how they see the world.

### ADDICTIVE DESIGN

With its constant stream of eye-catching videos, TikTok can be addictive to young brains. In 2024, UK children spent an average of 127 minutes per day on the app: that's twice as much as in 2020. Excessive use can interfere with young people's sleep patterns – often leading to irritability – and distract them from other, healthier activities. The instantly skippable nature of bite-size videos may also impact children's ability to maintain focus.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account to their child's, and control settings remotely. Parents can then turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content), set screen-time limits, make accounts private and manage whether their child can send messages – and if they can, to whom. Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

### DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If a child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's good practice to discuss the potential risks. Ensure that they don't share any identifying personal information, and that they know to talk to a trusted adult if they're worried by interactions on the app. With more teens using TikTok for news, it's also worth talking about misinformation and propaganda, and how to identify it.

### BLOCK IN-APP SPENDING

If a child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter their settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend enabling this feature, as it can be quite easy for a young person to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins to unlock more features of the app – sometimes without even realising.

### READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that a child is spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as is failing to complete homework or skipping meals. Remember, the parental controls are there for a reason, and it's never too late to introduce limits.

### Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for the likes of *Wired*, *TechRadar*, *Tom's Guide*, *The Evening Standard* and *The New Statesman*.



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## Level 2 Allergy Awareness

### Details

Accredited Duration—1 session per week for 3 weeks, 2.5 hours per session.

Held throughout the year at Crosland Moor CLC, at 'outreach' centres and online.

This course is designed to provide the learner with an in-depth knowledge of food allergies and how to manage them in a work or volunteering environment.

Suitable for people who want to work or volunteer in a place that prepares, serves or sells food to members of staff and/or the general public.

### What It Covers:

- Allergies vs Intolerances,
- Allergens,
- Hidden Ingredients,
- Law & Responsibilities,
- Policies,
- Cross Contamination,
- Labelling & Packaging,
- Communication Recap, Revision, Mock Exam & Live Exam

### Requirements

You must have a good understanding of English, attend every session and complete homework.

Next Course at Crosland Moor CLC starts on 14th January, or 15th January, 9.30am till 12.30pm. Address is 15A Park Road West, Crosland Moor, HD4 5RX

Telephone 01484 462346

Email: [enquiries@croslanmoorclc.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@croslanmoorclc.org.uk)



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### Location

Crosland Moor Community Learning Centre

Every Tuesday From

14th January 2025- 24th June 2025

12:30 AM-15:00 PM



### HOW TO APPLY

Contact Adult and Community Education  
[ace@kirkleescollege.ac.uk](mailto:ace@kirkleescollege.ac.uk) . Alternatively telephone telephone  
01484462346 You can also drop at Crosland Moor Community  
Centre to register.

Proof of Identification, income and NI number required at registration.



# Prevent Project Opportunities 2024-2025

## HOLOCAUST CENTRE NORTH

### CHALLENGING ANTISEMITISM IN COMMUNITIES

Kirklees Prevent have commissioned The Holocaust Centre North to deliver a community focused project aimed at tackling some of the Anti-Semitic narratives adopted by a range of extreme groups and organisations.

The project consists of a 5 week programme where participants will have the opportunity to explore the historical context of Antisemitism, countering conspiracy theories and developing critical thinking in relation to recognising antisemitism particularly in online environments.

The sessions will be run by Hannah Randall, the Head of Learning at the Holocaust Centre North, who has a master's in education focusing on extremism with her dissertation, focusing on teachers attitudes and experience of Prevent.

We are looking for community members, parents/carers and professionals to take part in the project and are running three separate programmes which will start in January 2025 and run at various times and locations across Kirklees. Please note that no sessions will take place during school holidays.

Cohort	Dates	Timing	Delivery/Venue	Eventbrite Link
1.	Tuesdays 21.01.2025 – 25.02.2025	10:00 – 12:00	Batley Town Hall	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1098069678969?aff=odddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1098069678969?aff=odddtcreator</a>
2.	Thursdays 23.01.2025 – 27.02.2025	16:00 – 18:00	Dewsbury Town Hall	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1098077642789?aff=odddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1098077642789?aff=odddtcreator</a>
3.	Weds'days 26.03.2025 – 07.05.2025	13:00 – 15:00	Hudawi Centre, Huddersfield	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1098095115049?aff=odddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1098095115049?aff=odddtcreator</a>

### Advanced Notice of Kirklees' Prevent Awareness Week 2025

FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup> – 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

Kirklees is hosting a week of Prevent training events, which will all be delivered via MS Teams.

Events will include:

- Faithguarding Professionals Training Session
- Advanced Prevent Awareness
- Making a Prevent Referral
- Meet the Kirklees Channel Panel
- Online Safety Workshops

SAVE  
THE  
DATE!

To sign up to receive more information about the events taking place during Prevent Awareness Week please complete this form – <https://forms.office.com/e/jBa0ZUCvXw>

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# FAMILY DROP IN

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## Every Monday

10am-12pm

(term time only)

For parents and carers with  
children under 5

Family advice, support and information

Light refreshments provided

A variety of interactive play activities such as  
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