

Next Week in School at a Glance				
Monday 17	Tuesday 18	Wednesday 19	Thursday 20	Friday 21
* Lunch Menu week 3 * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Disney Stars * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Y3/4 Baking * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Kids with Bricks	* 3.15 - 4.15 pm Y1,2,3 Performing Arts * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Y1/2 Baking * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Y4,5,6 Choir	* 3.15 - 4.15 pm Y6 Crochet Club * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Y2/3 Gardening Club	* Open Day for Intake 2026 by appointment * 3.15 - 4.15 pm Y5/6 Baking	*

Unique Individuals Learning Together

Mrs. Quigley's weekly message:

This week has been Anti-Bullying Week and the children across school have engaged in a range of activities linked to the theme "Power of Good." As part of this, they have created notes of kindness, reflected on what makes a good friend, considered how actions affect others' feelings and learned what to do if something is making them unhappy.

Mrs Akinyemi and I have spoken with children across school and the feedback has been incredibly positive. Many children shared that their classrooms feel calm and friendly and that everyone works together as a team.

On Monday, Mrs Preston kindly arranged for Hannah from Mersey Gateway to deliver an assembly about why the River Mersey is so important. Hannah explained the work her team does and how they support wildlife and ecostructures within the Mersey. Following this, our Eco Leaders took part in a workshop and will be visiting the river in the new year to carry out conservation work.

On Tuesday Year 3 and 4, along with a few of our individual instrumental lesson children, treated the school and parents to a snapshot into their music lesson learning. It was lovely to see them all perform with such confidence. Over the year, we will be organising for all classes to have the chance to share their learning.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported Children in Need today. If you still wish to donate, the link was shared on Seesaw yesterday (you don't need to log into Parentpay) and sends money directly to the charity.

You may have noticed that Mrs Anderson-Mills is getting ready to leave us for a short time while she has her baby. Over the coming weeks, Miss Currie will be visiting school, in particular Year 3, and getting to know everyone. I am sure you will all give her a huge friendly welcome to our lovely community. Mrs Elstob has also been appointed to cover the SENDCo role and along with Mrs Anderson-Mills will be reaching out to families who have children supported by the SENDCo.

Finally, next week is our last Open Day of the term. Thank you to everyone who has been engaging with and sharing our social media posts and positive news stories. The open day is almost fully booked, which is fantastic!

As always, have a wonderful weekend, and I look forward to seeing you at the gate on Monday morning. Mrs Quigley

Picture News

The Picture News topic for next week is ...

'Can technology ever help us too much??'



Nike has revealed a new type of powered shoe, called Project Amplify, which uses small motors to boost a person's walking and running movement. The shoes are designed to reduce tiredness and make everyday movement easier, especially for those who need extra support. Nike says the aim is to help people stay active, independent and mobile in their daily lives.

Nike has said that more than 400 athletes covered 2.4 million steps in more than nine different versions of Project Amplify around a track in its Nike Sport research Lab. The shoe has a small motor and battery inside that can be recharged. Nike says it is almost like having an extra pair of muscles.

It is not the only company developing this kind of technology. A company called ReWalk Robotics is creating robotic shoes that help people who cannot walk.

Things to talk about at home:

- * Explain and share you thoughts with someone at home about the new shoe design.
- * Do you believe everyone should be allowed to use the same technology or should some things only be used for people who really need them?
- * Can you think of other technologies made to make life easier? Which do you use?

Children in Need Day

Thank you to everyone who donated to Children in Need for the non-uniform day, we are happy to let you know that we raised £170. The donation link is https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=18925 in case you still need it.

Hot Chocolate and Cake

Well done to the following children chosen this week for demonstrating good manners and our school values at lunchtime:

Reception	Mabel S	
Year 1	Jacob B	
Year 2	Jessica R	
Year 3	Lottie MC	
Year 4	Romeo T	
Year 5	Ava G	
Year 6	Pheobe McM	

VERY IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ

Please could we ask that you help us to protect a child in school who is undergoing medical treatment by letting us know clearly the reason for your child being absent. You may have noticed that we have been asking for more information if there has been a general feeling unwell message, as this will allow us to let the parents know and they can make an informed decision about their attendance.

It is important that if your child is well enough to be in school, such as with coughs or colds, that they are in. There is some useful information below or at the NHS site https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/.



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS? Al-generated videos are increasingly difficult to spot and easy to share. From fake news clips to deepfake abuse, children and young people face new risks every day online. These videos can imitate real people, spread false narratives or even generate harmful content from scratch. Understanding these dangers is crucial for schools and families who want to protect children in a fast-evolving digital world.

DEEPFAKE ABUSE CONTENT

Shockingly, artificial intelligence is now being exploited to create child sexual abuse material (CSAM). These synthetic images and videos are a form of digital abuse, often generated by manipulating real children's photos, including ones shared innocently online. Worryingly, the Internet Watch Foundation ((WF) has identified bears it is in this disturbing trank Whather real. sharp rise in this disturbing trend. Whether real or Al-generated, this content causes lasting trauma – and its creation or possession remain a criminal offence under UK law. RECTOR



Regular exposure to fake content can erode a child's trust in real-world evidence. If everything can be faked, they may begin to question genuine videos – including actual abuse or injustice. This is known as the 'liar's dividend', where real harm is dismissed as fake news. It can discourage victims from coming forward or speaking up.

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USED FOR BULLYING

Deepfake technology is already being used by peers to create embarrassing or explicit clips of classmates. These videos can be edited to appear as though a child said or did something they never did. Once shared, they are almost impossible to delete completely. Al-generated bullying adds a new layer of harm that is deeply personal and difficult to prove.

EMOTIONAL MANIPULATION

Al-generated videos can be used to provoke strong emotions, including fear, anger or guilt. False footage of crying children, injured animals or burning buildings may be created purely for clicks, donations or political influence. Children may feel upset or powerless, unaware that what they are watching has been digitally invented to penjudient their reactions. manipulate their reaction.

DISINFORMATION

Al-generated videos can spread fake news, making it harder for children to separate fact from fiction. False clips may to separate fact from fiction. False clips may include deepfake interviews, hoax disasters or fabricated health claims. Al is already being used to produce misleading or persuasive material that appears authentic. If they don't develop media literacy, children may accept false content as truth.

IMPERSONATION AND SCAMS



FAKE NEWS

With just a few photos or voice clips, Al tools can imitate someone's appearance or speech. This makes it easier for scammers or bullies to create fake videos of children, teachers or celebrities. These impersonations can be used for fraud, harassment or humiliation – and can spread quickly through social media or group chats, due to the viral potential of video, in particula

Advice for Parents & Educators

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TEACH HOW IT WORKS

Explain to children that videos can be faked – and show them how. Demonstrating side-by-side examples of real vs Al-generated clips helps to build awareness. Discuss how faces, voices and even mover can be copied by machines. Understanding the technology reduces fear and builds confidence in navigating digital content safely.

ENCOURAGE CRITICAL QUESTIONS

elp children question what they watch. Who made this? Why was it made? Is it trying to persuade me? These habits encourage digital thinking, especially when videos seem too shocking or convenient. Reinforce that not everything shared by friends or influencers is true, even if it looks convincing at first, and that the initial approach should always be one of speculation.

TALK ABOUT TRUST

Always keep lines of communication open. If a child sees something upsetting or unbelievable, they should feel safe discussing it without judgement. Create an environment where they know they will not get in trouble for asking questions. This also helps you step in quickly if harmful content has been shared; trust is vital and needs to be nurtured.

STRENGTHEN PRIVACY SETTINGS

public platforms. Al tools often scrape content from social media to create deepfakes. Use privacy controls to limit who can see their content and turn off facial recognition where possible. Fewer public images means fewer opportunities for misuse.

Meet Our Expert

Brendan O'Keeffe is a headteacher and digital education consultant with over a decade of experience in education. As Director of Digital Strategy across multiple schools and an advisor to The National College, he specialises in digital safety, PREVENT, and pastoral care.



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