



What a difference a bit of sunshine makes...and we are halfway through term 5!

This week, we have celebrated 'World Password Day' by creating passwords that used 3 different words, a number, upper and lowercase letters plus a symbol. The children loved using a website to see how long it would take hackers to work out their passwords... some were 3 hours, whereas others were up to 10 years! I wonder how secure your passwords are?

During our assemblies, we have discussed how St. George wasn't born in England as some of us thought. He was actually born in Turkey and was a very brave Roman soldier. King Edward III used the possible myth of his sleighing of the dragon as his symbol over the English flag to remind his army to be valiant. We also discussed how May Day is celebrated in different countries, our ACHIEVE values and how we can stay safe in the sun and shade- Slip Slop Slap, Slide, Shade! Thank you to everyone who came to our 'Frozen Friday' event at the end of school where we sold ice pops for 50p. After a slight electrical malfunction with our freezer in the first week, we were fully open in the second week

With best wishes,
Southwold Team

Dates for the diary

May

- 6th May Bank Holiday
- 13th Y6 SATs Week
- 20th KSI SATs
- 20th-25th Walk 2 School Week
- 24th Fabulous Friday
- 24th End of term 5

June

- 3rd Back to school. Term 6 begins



A Great Success!

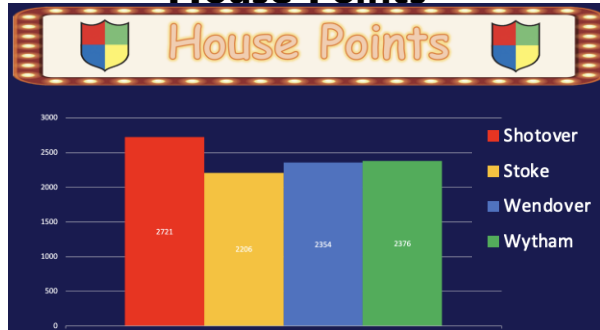
PLT came up with an ambitious idea, to trial a school tuck shop... and so the planning began. This was our first week of running it alongside the support of staff. Lots of yummy healthy treats were sold and we had some very happy customers. Fabulous collaboration.

We will continue to trial our School Tuck Shop every Thursday until the end of this term. Thank you for bringing in the exact change as this really helped us to serve everyone efficiently.

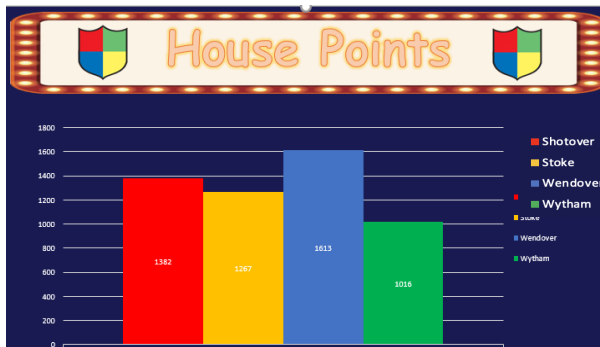




House Points



Term 5 Week 2 winner: Shotover



Term 5 Week 3 winner: Wendover

Awards

A
WE ARE **AMBITIOUS** AND WANT TO SUCCEED

C
WE WORK TOGETHER AS A TEAM THROUGH **COLLABORATION**

H
WE ACT WITH **HONESTY**

I
WE ARE **INCLUSIVE**, APPRECIATE DIFFERENCES AND MAKE EVERYONE FEEL WELCOME IN SCHOOL

E
WE CARE FOR OUR **ENVIRONMENT**

V
WE SHOW **VALIANCE** AND COURAGE WHEN FACED WITH A CHALLENGE

E
WE AIM FOR **EXCELLENCE** IN ALL THAT WE DO



Week 2: Jiyan, Maple, Elizabeth, Jack, Alfie, Ernest, Skylar, Elodie, Finley, Ellie, Catinca, Amanita, Jamie, Yuvi



Week 3: Bella, Milan, Leo, Joshua, Kaisi, Nicole, Maja, Rosie, Ava K, Pearl, Priscilla, Olivia P, Andy, Ezra

Attendance Award

Week 2: Spruce Class 98%

Week 3: Maple Class 93%





TESCO Blue Token Scheme



From April - end of June

You can use your tokens to vote for 'Bicester Hygiene Bank' in all the Bicester Tesco's stores, including the branch near our school.

Feeling clean should not be a luxury or a privilege for anyone in our society, yet many are living in poverty and cannot afford to stay clean. This charity gives people access to the basics they need such as personal care and household cleaning essentials e.g. deodorant, shower gel, shampoo, nappies, toilet roll and laundry detergent.

As we are one of their Community Partners, they support us with products for our 'Southwold Hub.'

Our **Southwold School Hub** provides dry store items, toiletries and cleaning products to help families in our School community who are finding it hard to afford the basics. If you can offer any of these products, please drop them off at the school office. If you feel you would benefit from this initiative, please let us know so that we can support you.



School News

Positive Playtimes

Skipping has continued with a few new tricks and the 'stacking game' high scores have improved. We have had two lovely helpers have been teaching a card game called 'Palace...Shed' to some of our children.



PLT Local Litter Pick



Last Friday, some PLT, our Eco Warriors and Parent volunteers worked hard to pick up litter in our local community. After getting gloved up and litter picker sticks at the ready... they did a brilliant job and made a big difference to helping tidy up our environment. Children mainly found cigarette ends on the pathways and plastic bottles caught in bushes. They are now going to make some poster to encourage others to put litter in the bins. Great use of our **collaboration** and **environment values!**



WE CELEBRATED WORLD PASSWORD DAY



Take the #WorldPasswordDay pledge and take a look at our password tips:

- change an old password to a long, strong one
- turn on two-factor authentication for your important accounts
- password protect your wireless router
- don't store passwords on your computer or phone
- log off when you're done with a program
- periodically remove temporary internet files

Ofcom Data Reveals ...

1 in 3 Children Aged 5 -7 use Social Media unsupervised.

A third of children aged 8-17 had seen something harmful online, but only 20% of parents reported that their child had told them about it.

Click here to read more:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/ofcom-data-reveals-1-in-3-children-aged-5-7-use-social-media-unsupervised>

If you would like more online safety help or advice, please visit the 'Online Safety' top tab on our website:

<https://www.southwoldschool.org/about-us/school-information/online-safety>

Some tips about technology from NOS...

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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SHOPPING PLATFORMS

For people looking to make purchases on their phones, several shopping apps – such as Temu – allow users to buy goods at reduced prices. Others, like Vinted and Depop, let you sell items you no longer want. As internet shopping continues to grow, however, so does the risk of scammers, hackers and breaches of privacy.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MISSING ITEMS

Users of Vinted, Depop and Temu have reported not receiving their products despite payment being taken. Users can initially contact the seller to query a missing item, and they have between two and five days (depending on the app) to tell the company what has happened. However, once the money has reached the supposed 'seller', it can be quite difficult to get back.

SCAMMERS AND PHISHING

Scammers are always on the lookout for unsuspecting buyers or sellers. Common tactics include cancelling shipment of an item once the payment has been processed or asking to conclude the chat and payment outside of the app, where the victim is no longer protected by the buyer protection plan. This should, naturally, be avoided at all costs.

DATA MISUSE

Apps of all kinds frequently collect our data, often asking for more information than is necessary to set up an account. Data gathered in this way is then usually sold on to third parties for marketing purposes. Lately, certain apps have been under scrutiny for using spyware to track their members' activities – but all too often, the user's consent to this practice has been hidden away in the terms and conditions.

FAKES OR REPLICAS

It's certainly not unheard of for poor-quality products to be falsely marketed as luxury items, using misleading pictures or clever wording. These disingenuous sales are sometimes outed by suspiciously low price tags, but this isn't always the case. For children and young people especially, there's a risk that the promise of bagging a high-end item for a fraction of its usual price will outweigh any suspicions they may have.

SLOW REFUNDS

While all apps offer a refund if the product is damaged or doesn't match the description, it can take up to a month to be compensated for this. For many people (especially during a cost-of-living crisis) that can be a long time to be without both the product you bought and the hard-earned cash you spent on it.

MISLEADING DESCRIPTION

Some people will be able to notice when, say, a product's photo and its description don't seem to match. This isn't a reliable means of picking up on misleading marketing, however – especially not for children and young people, many of whom may not yet realise that such practices even exist. While it's illegal to advertise one thing and sell another, plenty of shady traders use clever wording and omissions to get around this.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ALWAYS STAY ON THE APP

It's vital that users pay for any goods through the same app on which they found them, to ensure they are covered by buyer protection. This means users can access support if the item arrives damaged, isn't as described, or doesn't arrive at all – allowing them to seek compensation for the loss. Such regulations can't protect you, however, if you didn't do the deal through the app in question.

BE WARY OF PHISHING ATTEMPTS

Scammers frequently send messages within these apps to steal personal and financial information from other users. Don't respond to these messages – and under no circumstances should you follow any links they contain. Check for spelling errors, as well as inspecting the name of the sender. Report any suspected phishing emails to the app's help centre – and notify your bank if you think your financial information has been compromised.

CHECK REVIEWS

Take time to read the reviews and comments left by other users – not just of products, but of sellers and buyers, to ensure they're legitimate and reliable. Before buying an item online, check the reviews for comments about the product's quality, the seller's communication and the delivery time. If you're selling, check the reviews of your buyer for red flags such as frequent requests for refunds or claims of 'missing' items.

KEEP SAFE AS A SELLER

Sellers can be exploited just as much as buyers. Some users may purchase an item, for example, then pretend it didn't arrive to secure a refund. Always take photos of the shipping label, along with a picture of you posting the item. Send the package's tracking number to the buyer and keep a copy for yourself, letting you investigate any future claims that it never arrived. When taking photos of items you're selling, ensure nothing personal is in the background.

Meet Our Expert

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Source: See full reference list on nationalcollege.com/guides/shopping-apps