# St Bede's Newsletter



**Thursday 6th Feb** Y3 Care Home Visit



This week's curriculum newsletters are now available via our website

https://stbedesdarlington.bhc et.org.uk/curriculum/subjects

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Friday 14th Feb SEND Table Cricket

> Polite reminder that we are a **nut free** school. Please do not send any products containing nuts in to school in your child's packed lunch. We have a number of children with nut allergies

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# Our Safeguarding Focus This Week...



### **RECURRING RELEASES**

EA Sports FC 24 effectively picks up the FIFA template – meaning that after a year, we can expect EA Sports FC 25 to hit the shelves. Updates between versions of the FIFA tranchise tended to be minor, but young fans of the game are almost certain to want the new edition in around 12 months' time, so they can keep playing with updated team kits, players and equad lists.

### **OFFENSIVE VOICE CHAT**

FIA 22 introduced cross-platterm play, and EA Sports FC 24 goes a step further with Clubs, Seasons and Ultimate Team cooperative modes across PlayStation 8, Xbax Series X and 8, and PC. That's exciting news for youngsters who love to play with friends online – but connecting a much wider audience does patentially open lines of communication between children and far older online gamers.

### IN-GAME PURCHASES

In HEA, ultimate team proved \* to be a profitable innovation fer developers Electronic Arts (EA), and is now found in many of their other titles. Players spand in-game - currency to recruit better footballiers for their team, but this process can take a frustratingly long time - so young fans may be tempted to skip the grind by poying real-world cash to unlock that coveted star

### ULTIMATE TEAM @ SCAMMERS

Since the mode was introduced, Ultimate Team has been a target of scammers who attempt to coax players into buying eselling outside the terms of service from EA and console manufacturers. This shady practice can lead to accounts being banned and in-game items being lost. In some cases, young genrers have also been hoodwinked into handling over their parment detrill a the fremidence.

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Just like real-life football, EA Sports FC 24 offers a thrilling, dynamic blend of tactical awareness and skill that fans find absolutely engrossing. Among younger players in particular, this could lead to identifiers of a gaming disorder as they plead for "just one more game" before bedtime or spend practically all weekend playing more matches to earn additional Ultimate Team packs.



# Advice for Parents & Carers

### CONTROL SPENDING

in your time enjoys during that in most, they account Bundles of FC Points (the game's currency) start at just £1, so multiple payments can easily slip under the radar. You could consider setting your child an in-game cliowance, perhaps through a prepaid card, which will help them to realise that enline spending has a real-world effect.

### SHOW TOXIC CHAT THE RED CARD

Playing EA Sports FC 24 with friends is highly enjoyable, but if competitive types start to turn taxic online, it can ruin everyone's fun. You could occasionally listen in on the voice chat of your child's game for any warning signs that things may be about to boil over. This goes double when playing online with strangers: voice contact with unknown players can be turned off in the game's settings.

## DEFEND AGAINST SCAMMERS

ask for usernames or passwords, so watch out for that scan tactic), but never through the game itself – so be wary of incoming messages and consider blocking and reporting suspected sparn. Your child should avoid buying coins (the in-game currency) from external sites: It could end with them losing their money and being banned from the game.

### CELEBRATE THE VARIETY

Ultimate Team may be the game's 'star player', but there's plenty more to do in EA Sports FC 24 – including modes which allow access to all of feathall's big names without needing to spend money on packs to unleave them. This new version of the game includes even more women's elemes, marking another step forward in representation: an important subject to discuss and celebrate with children.

AVOID EXTRA TIME

### Meet Our Expert

UsydCormbes is fidhorth Chlef of gaming and esports also 600 soon and has werden it in the gaming media for around four years. Always eager to test out the ideate gaps, games and ealine treads, he's date a parted take understands the importance of enline safety. Withing mainly about toch and fitness, his articles have been exclusible and on ideated is the incluing field and fitness. No articles have been exclusible and on ideated is the incluing field and fit of hardes and the safety of the inclusion of the inclusion of the articles have been exclusible and on ideated is the inclusion field and in the ideated and the inclusion of the inclusion of the articles have been exclusion of the inclusion of the inclusion of the articles and the inclusion of th

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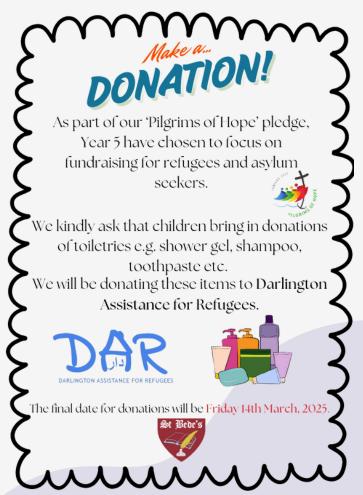
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On Friday, 24th January, Catholic schools across England and Wales will officially mark the beginning of the **Holy Year of Hope**.



All of our classes have made commitments of hope. Here is Year 5's





St Bede's 'Holy Doors' are up and sharing our message of hope with our community in this, most special, of Jubilee years. We are Pilgrims of Hope.



Let us listen to a special message from Bishop Stephen as we begin our celebration.

Watch video clip from Bishop Stephen – <u>https://youtu.be/IA-</u> <u>OQN-pyFE</u>



Children will be taking part in discussions and activities throughout the week to help promote positive mental health



Winter is a time of lots of coughs and colds. We do have emergency paracetamol in school, however if your child is likely to need it on a repeated basis we do require you to bring some in to school for them

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Poppy Appeal. We raised an amazing **£517.20** 



Huge thanks to all the wonderful parents and grandparents who supported us through the Asda Cashpot for Schools program, which helped raise over **£600** for school funds