

CALENDAR DATES 2024

5 th DECEMBER 5:00pm to 5:45pm	CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT – Join us for a communal sing and see your children's Christmas songs YEARS 1 TO 4 only – details emailed 25.11.24 – please send notification to the school office if your child is unable to attend
6 th DECEMBER 10:30am	THEATRE TRIP – THE KING'S POLAR BEAR – Years 1 to 4 YEARS 1M/1P/2M Details emailed 30.9.24 – please send your consent via the SchoolAPP by 2.12.24
6 th DECEMBER 1:15pm	THEATRE TRIP – THE KING'S POLAR BEAR – Years 1 to 4 YEARS 2O/3DR/3J Details emailed 30.9.24 – please send your consent via the SchoolAPP by 2.12.24
10 th DECEMBER 1:15pm	THEATRE TRIP – THE KING'S POLAR BEAR – Years 1 to 4 YEARS 4G/4P Details emailed 30.9.24 – please send your consent via the SchoolAPP by 2.12.24
11 th DECEMBER	FLU IMMUNISATION – RE-SCHEDULED DATE Email sent 12.11.24 confirming new date
12 th DECEMBER 9:15am & 2pm	EARLY YEARS CHRISTMAS NATIVITY Details sent via the SchoolAPP 26.11.24
18 th DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS DINNER – last date to order Christmas lunch 6.12.24
19 th DECEMBER	CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY – NON UNIFORM - See details below CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY – WHOLE SCHOOL Details to follow
20 th DECEMBER 12:00pm to 12:30pm	FANTASTIC FINISH! - Parents/carers invited to come and see the children's learning then children to go home
23 rd DECEMBER to 3 rd JANUARY 2025	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS – SCHOOL CLOSED
6 th JANUARY 2025	STAFF TRAINING DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED
7 th JANUARY 2025	ALL CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL
9 th JANUARY 2025 2:30pm	YEAR 4 RESIDENTIAL MEETING
9 th JANUARY 2025 to 27 th MARCH 2025	YEAR 3 SWIMMING Details emailed 22.11.24 – please send your consent via the SchoolAPP Please note no swimming on the following days: 20 th Feb Half Term & 6 th March World Book Day



LAST DAY OF TERM – FANTASTIC FINISH FRIDAY 20th DECEMBER 2024

We would like to invite all Parents/Carers in to the school for **12pm** on the 20th December 2024 so you can view your child's amazing work! You are then free to take your child/children home.

We look forward to seeing you.

Challenge Champions Last Week



Lynx: Ruben

1M: Sahib

2M: Shivansh

3DR: Evelyn

4P: Adam

1P: Olivia

2O: Elijah

4G: Thomas



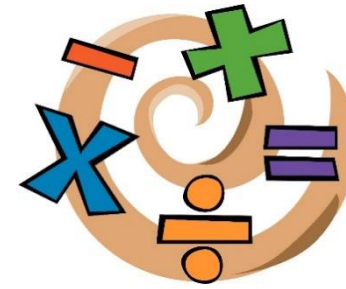
Year 2M No Pens Day!

Year 2 enjoyed Wednesday's 'No Pen Day'! The children were really good at using their reasoning skills to find an alternative to using a pen. They were also good at reminding their teachers to not use their pen! The children were given 4 art straws, some tissue paper and paper, scissors, glue and sellotape and asked to create a campfire model which links to their English where Plop the baby owl visits a boy having a campfire. The children worked well together and created some masterpieces!

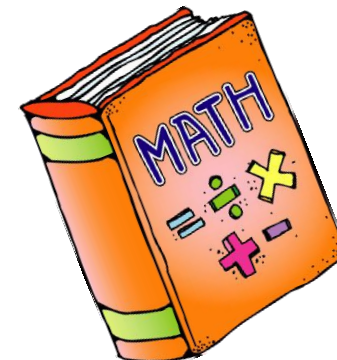
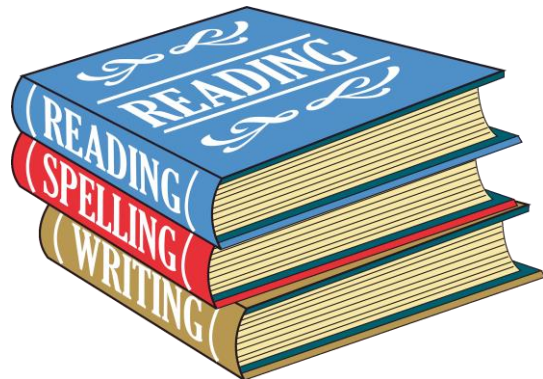




English Champion of the Week
22nd November 2024



Maths Champion of the Week
22nd November 2024



Year 1P ART

This week in art Year 1P read the story 'The Colour Monster' to help them understand how colours can be used to represent different emotions. They looked at some famous art and discussed how the artists may have been feeling whilst painting the pieces based upon the colours and lines used. Then they had a go at expressing their own emotions through colour and art!

Here are some quotes from the children explaining their art...

Lily was calm because "she likes helping people".

Rose was relaxed because "she'd had a good day".

Kevin was happy because "he loves his Mum".

Harrison was happy because "it is nearly Christmas".

Aadhera said she was happy because "she loves the sun".



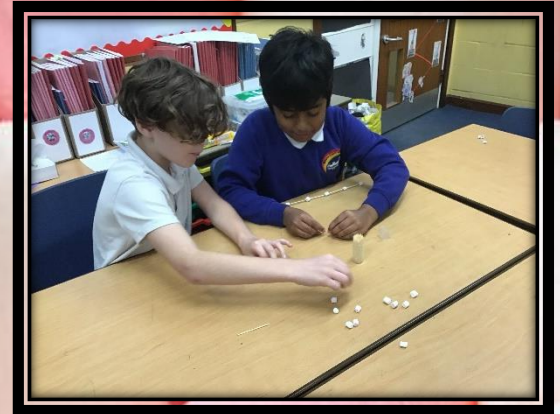
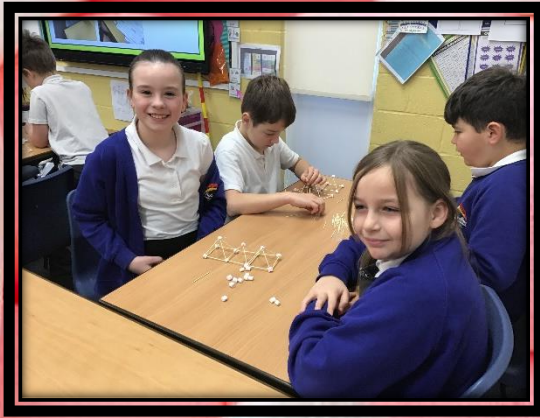
The Colour monster

ANNA LENAS



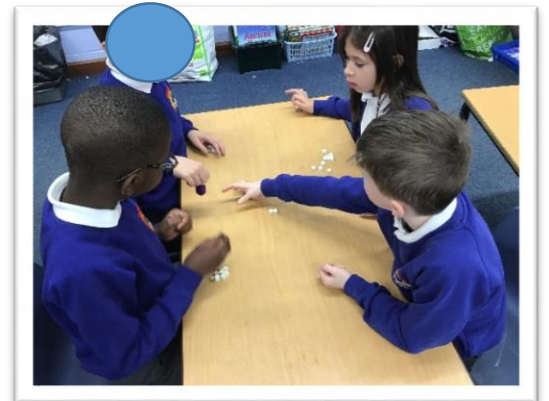
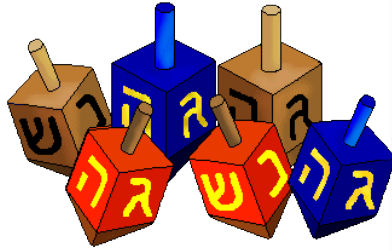
Year 4P No Pen Day

Marshmallow Pyramid Stem Activity



Year 3 No Pen Day!

3J had a great time during No Pen Day. Some of the activities they did were practicing their spellings by writing them on each other's backs, number work in active maths, performing their Autumn poems to each other and playing the Jewish game dreidel.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Wednesday 18th December



Christmas Jumper day will be on the 18th December. This will be a **full non-uniform day**. We will be supporting the charity '**Save the Children**' this year and ask for a small donation of 50p per child. Please hand your donation to the class teacher.

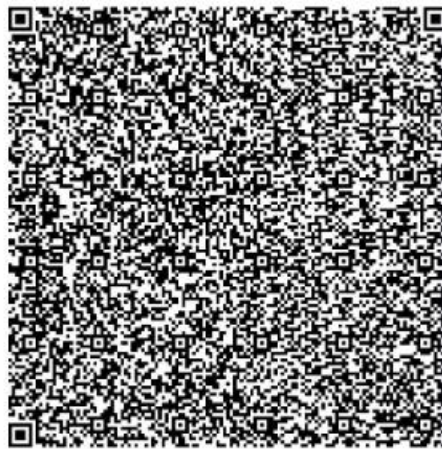
Thank you for your continued support with our fundraising events.



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

If you wish to make a donation directly to 'Save the Children', please click on the following link or scan the QR code:

<https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/CJD240000826>



Just a reminder to return your Pupil Premium questionnaire by the 13th December 2024 for your chance to be entered into our Prize Draw to win a hamper!



Pupil Premium Indicator Sheet

Would you like to receive funding to help with your child's learning and receive free school meals?



Please complete the questionnaire below to see if your child is eligible for free school meals.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Contact telephone number: _____

Name of Child/Children: _____

You may be entitled to funding to help with your child's learning and free school meals if you receive any of the following: (Please tick the box to indicate which benefit you receive)

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part IV of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (if you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual gross income is no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (if your annual net earned income is no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- I do not receive any of the above

Every returned form will be entered into a **School Prize Draw**.

You have to be in it to win it.

NB. The above questionnaire has been attached to the Newsletter email.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SNAP STREAK

97

DAYS

SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION

13+

Snapchat is a messaging app which allows users to send images, videos and texts to others. Its best-known feature is that anything sent 'disappears' 24 hours after it's been viewed; however, users are known to take screenshots or use another device to obtain a photo of their screen. In 2023, Snapchat added a chatbot function called 'My AI'.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

My AI is Snapchat's new chatbot, which replies to questions in a human-like manner. However, the software is still in its infancy and has significant drawbacks, such as biased, incorrect or misleading responses. There have already been numerous reports of young users turning to AI for medical help and diagnoses, which could be inaccurate and therefore potentially dangerous.

PREDATORS AND SCAMS

Predators can exploit Snapchat's disappearing messages by, for example, telling a user they have naked photos of them and will post them unless they're paid. Snapchat's own research found that 65% of teenagers had experienced this – on this app or others. This likely isn't helped by 'SnapMaps' – a feature which highlights your exact position in real-time. This is meant to help friends keep track of each other, but could be used for more sinister reasons.

MY EYES ONLY

Snapchat has a hidden photo vault called 'My Eyes Only'. Teens can conceal sensitive photos and videos from parents and carers in this folder, which is protected by a PIN. You can check for this by clicking on the icon which looks like two playing cards. This takes you to the 'Memories' folder which stores photos, stories and the My Eyes Only folder.

SCREEN TIME ADDICTION

Snapchat prioritises user engagement, with features like streaks (messaging the same person every day to build up a high score). The app also has sections called 'Discover' and 'Spotlight', which show tailored content to each user. However, this could also be seen as an attempt to hook users into watching videos endlessly. Furthermore, constant notifications can lure people into using the app.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat simply isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's 'disappearing messages' feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

ONLINE PRESSURES

Although many of Snapchat's filters are designed to entertain or amuse, the 'beautify' effects on photos can set unrealistic body image expectations – creating feelings of inadequacy in younger users. Snapchat now also has 'priority' notifications (which still get displayed even if a device is in 'do not disturb' mode), increasing the pressure on users to log back in and interact.

Advice for Parents & Educators

UTILISE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Snapchat's 'Family Centre' lets you view the details of the child's account – their friends list and who they've spoken to in the last week – and report any concerns. You must invite a child to the Family Centre for them to join. To keep the child's location hidden on the app, go into settings and turn on 'Ghost Mode' and 'Hide Live Location', and ensure they know not to share their location with anyone.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger *does* connect with a child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending sexual images to them, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile and report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user – such as annoying or malicious messages, spam or masquerading as someone else.

FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

Before you allow a child to download Snapchat, download it yourself and familiarise yourself with the app. Snapchat has produced a parents' guide to the app to help you understand how it works and any protections they have in place. A link for this can be found in the sources below.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. For example, discuss My AI's responses to questions and how reliable they are. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

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GAMING AND GAMBLING AWARENESS SESSIONS FOR PARENTS, CARERS AND GUARDIANS



WHAT
MIGHT INFLUENCE
A YOUNG PERSON
TO GAMBLE?

WHAT IS
A LOOT
BOX?

WHY ARE
IN-GAME ITEMS
SO IMPORTANT
TO YOUNG
PEOPLE?

Ygam are working with Safeguarding Bedfordshire to offer an online information session to help develop your understanding of gaming and gambling harms, enabling you to have open conversations with your children.

Workshop overview:

- **Gambling:** exploring the influences on children and young people
- **Gaming:** discussing the benefits and concerns
- **The blurred lines between gaming and gambling**
- **How to spot the signs of harm**
- **Useful tips to create a healthy gaming balance**
- **Where to get help and support**

We also have a dedicated Parent Hub which aims to provide information and guidance to help you safeguard your children against the potential harms of gaming and gambling. Find out more here: parents.ygam.org

Book your **FREE** place now!

DATE: 6th February 2025

TIME: 18:00-19:15

VENUE: Online

To register, please scan the QR Code
OR email RosieReid@ygam.org to book
your place!



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 Christmas
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SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER &
SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2024
10AM - 4PM

FESTIVE DRINKS & FOOD
LOCAL CRAFTS & CHRISTMAS STALLS

WRIGHT'S MEADOW, LEIGHTON RD,
STANBRIDGE, LU7 9HR

REMINDERS

Start & Finish Times for September 2024 – July 2025

Year	Start time	Finish time
Years 3 & 4	8.40am	3.00pm
Years 1 & 2	8.40am	3.00pm
Reception	8.40am	3.00pm

PLEASE FOLLOW THE WAY SYSTEM AROUND THE SCHOOL, EVEN IF THIS MEANS YOU WALKING BACK AROUND THE BUILDING FOR A 2ND LAP.



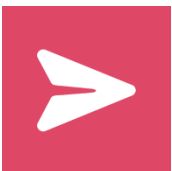
Change of contact details/address

If you have changed your address or phone number recently, please let the school office know your new details. Thank you.



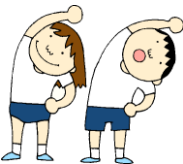
Absences/lateness

Can all parents ensure that all absences are reported to the School Office by 9.30am on the day of absence. It is also very important for the school to know if your child is sick, or if they have a medical appointment. If your child arrives into school late (after 8.45am), Parents are asked to please bring their child to the school office.



School App

We now have a new school app. It is available to download free from the App Store on any mobile device. Search for '**reach more parents by weduc**'. Please be sure to download the app onto your phone as it will be our main method of communicating via text with Parents.



PE Kit

September 2024 – Please can all children bring in their PE kits at the beginning of the week so they can change into them during school time on their nominated days.



School Lunches

Ordering and paying for school lunches is now done on www.parentpay.com. Parents should have received letters that features login details. Please order all school lunches by Thursday for the following week. If you have any queries, please call 01908 615705.

Beaudesert has a strict 'No Nuts' policy, and we ask parents to not send in food items such as peanut butter, cakes or biscuits that may contain nuts!



Breakfast Club and After School Club

Advance bookings for **both the Breakfast club and After School Club** need to be made online at <https://www.kidzzoneclub.com/>. For same day bookings please can parents email hello@kidzzoneclub.com or call their office on 01525 591036 (between 9am and 3pm). Please note a parent/guardian must complete a 'Kidz Zone' child registration form either online via the website or with a member of the Kidz Zone team for the booking to be accepted – this information is required to meet Ofsted regulations.



Bikes and Scooters

Please can everyone remember to dismount bikes and scooters whilst on the school grounds, as accidents can occur on pathways at busy times.



Car Parking

Just a reminder for some parents when parking outside of the School that it is very important to park as considerately as possible. Parents and carers dropping their children off at school should not be parking on pavements. Car number plates may be reported to the Police if this continues to happen. Can parents also remember that parking in the Staff car park or the Kitchen car park is also not permitted. Thank you.