



Newsletter Summer 2 2023

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to the final half term of this school year.

Children have had an incredibly busy summer term so far and June will see our final assessments of the year completed then we have an exciting few weeks planned with many trips, parties, discos and sports days being organised - please familiarise yourself with all the important dates provided below.

Phonics/ Multiplication screening checks

Year 1 will be taking their Phonics screening check **WB 12th June**. Those children in **Year 2** who did not meet the threshold last year, will also have the opportunity to repeat this on these dates.

Year 4 will be taking their Multiplication check **WB 5th June - Friday 16th June.**

Attendance and punctuality is vital on these dates.

Transition Day/ Morning

On Tuesday 4th July, children will move up to their new classes for the morning and meet their new staff for next academic year. Please bring children to their normal doors and their current teacher will take them to their new class once the registers have been taken.

Year 6 will spend the day in their new secondary school. Students/ families are to make their own way there and back.

Sports Day/ Sponsor Week

In the week commencing 10th July, your child will be taking part in their annual sports day events. We will also be carrying out a number of sponsored activities in order to raise money for school resources. The sponsored events will take place within their year group (each teacher will send out further information closer to the date).

We unfortunately cannot accommodate spectators throughout the events, however photographs/videos will be uploaded onto individual Class Dojo pages.

Sports Day will take place on Wednesday 12th July - spectators welcome:

* Nursery/Reception and KS1 9.30am-11am

* KS2 1.30pm – 3pm

Summer Parties/Disco



On Thursday 15th June, we will be having our summer parties/discos.

Playgroup, Nursery and Reception - 9.30am-11am

Key Stage 1 - 1.30pm-3pm

Key Stage 2 Disco - 4.30pm-6pm

Posters will be uploaded onto Class Dojo pages later this week and payments can be made via ParentPay.

Water Bottles/ Hats/ Sun Lotion

Please remember that children should have a water bottle in school each day and as per school policy, this should contain **plain water only**.

On the hotter days, we recommend children bring a sun hat as we will be outside a lot and children should arrive to school wearing sun lotion. Children can bring a named bottle of sun lotion to keep in their drawer or school bag but they must be able to reapply this themselves.

School Closure for Summer Break

School will close to pupils at **1.30pm on Friday 21st July 2023** and reopen on Tuesday 5th September 2023

E-Safety Guides

Reminder about our E-Safety link to lots of guides for Parents/Carers. Please let school know if there are any platforms your children are using that you would like some advice /guidance on and we can try and source this for you and add to the page.

[Fact Sheets and Guidance Link](#)

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is tagged as 'Restricted' (suitable for users aged 18 and over) but children can still view some inappropriate material. This can include profanity and swearing, which some young users may find upsetting.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS
YouTube is a social media platform that allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders have access to, as well as, messaging other users directly. Communicating with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to and harassed by cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

SUGGESTED CONTENT
YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will be of interest to them. This is intended to help increase the time of screen utilisation, especially if users play 'Infinite Scroll' videos. However, children are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which may not always be appropriate.

HIGH VISIBILITY
Content creators can also be put off, not especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible, creating and uploading content regularly (often to generate income) and reacting to comments. The possibility of direct messaging from strangers, unless posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES
YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and easy to use. Children often feel a need to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may require children to engage in risky behaviour. It's important to be very quick to act if you notice anything suspicious.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS
Pop-ups that look like they're regularly featured, posing as a well-known influencer or the government, are attempting to lure users into clicking on suspicious links, comments or messages. Pop-ups may also offer 'fast-track' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they seem to be.

Advice for Parents & Carers

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE
Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from displaying inappropriate content. It can be turned on in the account settings. It is designed to help protect children from viewing violent and sexual (adult) content, as well as inappropriate content on the platform. It also prevents children from creating accounts on the platform. It is not a guarantee that your child won't see inappropriate content.

TRY GOOGLE FAMILY
Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, searching and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In parent's Google Family account gives you an overview of how your child is using YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS
YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos privately, so only you and your family can see them. Comments on videos can also be disabled. If you have a child who is under 18, you can set their account to private. If your child is only 13 or older, you can set their account to private. If you have a child who is under 13, you can set their account to private. If you have a child who is under 13, you can set their account to private.

CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS
Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts where they encourage their fans to follow, having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator. It's also important to check for other platforms that your child is using, such as Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, etc. It's also important to check for other platforms that your child is using, such as Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, etc.

MONITOR ENGAGEMENT
YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch content, interact with other users, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and if possible, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.

LIMIT SPENDING
Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases, such as buying TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not confident about your child's spending habits, you can limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. It's also important to check for other platforms that your child is using, such as Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, etc.

Meet Our Expert
Claire Goodwin, E-Safety Specialist, has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2005, providing advice and expert commentary on gaming guides. She is the author of 'Gaming: Learning and Creativity' which is a book on gaming, and 'Gaming: Learning and Creativity' which is a book on gaming, and 'Gaming: Learning and Creativity' which is a book on gaming.

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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it needed. This guide is one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationonline.com for further guides, tips and top ten lists.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of YouTube which offers a colourful and easy-to-navigate environment that's suitable for young children. This app is easily accessible and available for mobile devices, which can be downloaded without needing the YouTube app on the device. Despite YouTube Kids seeming like a very child-friendly platform, it has raised concerns over its advertising and inappropriate content seeping through the curation process.

SETTING UP

- Download the YouTube Kids app and connect your own YouTube channel.
- Input your child's name, age and birth month.
- Select the types of videos you want to include for your child based on their age and your own personal choice.
- If you decide to approve the content yourself, the app will present you with sample videos for you to accept and reject.
- Once you've made your choice, you're ready to use the app!

Advice for Parents & Carers

REMOVE ADVERTISEMENTS

Like YouTube, adverts on YouTube Kids are also being exposed to adverts, you can subscribe to YouTube Premium which will remove adverts on YouTube Kids, however it's worth remembering that this doesn't block adverts that content creators decide to make as part of their content, and children are still able to access channels from branded content or toy companies.

BE WARY OF UNSUITABLE CONTENT

YouTube Kids has a far lower chance of showing unsuitable material than YouTube but there are still reports of malicious users, deliberate reporting, inappropriate content and it's important that your child has to talk to you if they were ever exposed to upsetting content in the future. It's also advised to report inappropriate videos; tap the three dots in the corner of the video and select 'Report'.

DISABLE SEARCH OPTION

YouTube Kids allows you to disable the search feature, which you may find useful in preventing your child from unintentionally finding inappropriate or offensive content. Doing this will also give you more control over what your child is watching. It's also worth noting that setting on 'age' will ensure that your child is only exposed to recommended videos that are deemed suitable for their age group.

RESTRICT VIEWING TIME

The YouTube Kids app provides you with the option of setting up a timer to monitor and restrict your child's daily usage, which is automatically reset to 0 when the timer expires. It's important to note that this doesn't block adverts that content creators decide to make as part of their content, and children are still able to access channels from branded content or toy companies.

MONITOR WATCH HISTORY

You tube Kids has also made it possible for parents and carers to see what their children are watching on the app by clicking on the 'Parental Controls' icon in the top right corner of the home screen. It may also be worth having a look at what your child has recently watched by clicking on their history tab. The red bar on the video cover shows the history of the video has been watched.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for your child. This may require spending time finding channels and content that you and your child will enjoy and benefit from. Try introducing family sessions where you can share the most enjoyable videos together and your child may be more likely to watch. This can be a great way of having a shared activity and your child may be more likely to watch. This can be a great way of having a shared activity and your child may be more likely to watch.

Meet Our Expert
 Our expert, Gill, is a former journalist, an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2005, providing insights with expert coverage, advice and gaming guides. She is the owner of [lunaticgaming.com](http://www.lunaticgaming.com) and is currently working on various gaming related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.

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Family Hubs





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Supporting Your Child With Their Mental Health And Emotional Wellbeing



A series of six practical, interactive and helpful workshops, aimed at providing you with information and tools to boost your confidence in supporting your child.

Workshops for parents and carers to attend with children aged 5-18years.

Workshops taking place at *Bedlington Family Hub* from Monday 12th June 2023 12.30-14.30. For further information or to book your place, please contact Louise at either Bedlington or Ashington Family Hub.
 Ashington Family Hub: 01670 819988
 Bedlington Family Hub: 01670 822714




Forest School Dates

Week	Forest school
2 Friday 9 th June AM	Y6
2 Friday 16 th June AM	Y5
3 Friday 23 rd June AM	Y4
3 Friday 30 th June AM	Y3
4 Friday 7 th July AM	Y2
4 Friday 7 th July PM	Y1
5 Friday 14 th July AM	Rec

Please ensure your child comes to school with appropriate clothing and a change of footwear for their allocated session.

Parent's Evening

Parent's evening is scheduled for Tuesday 18th July. You will receive your child's annual report on Thursday 13th and this parent's evening is to discuss anything arising from the report you wish to discuss further with their class teacher. If you would like an appointment, please ensure you sign up to a suitable time using the online link which will be sent nearer the date.

School Uniform

Thinking ahead to September and starting to buy new uniform? Please find our [School Uniform Policy](#) attached

School uniform consists of the following:

- White polo shirt
- Purple jumper or cardigan
- Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore/shorts
- Purple gingham summer dress
- Black school shoes/plain black school trainers with black soles (no large distinctive logos)
Boots can be worn in winter months – these must be plain black, ankle height and with no heel.
- Wellies (optional)

- One small watch and a pair of stud earrings (no other jewellery or smart watches permitted). For health and safety reasons, children must be able to remove their own earrings.

PE Uniform:

Our PE uniform consists of:

- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain black shorts or jogging pants
- Plain black hoody (optional)
- Black trainers (as plain as possible) or suitable black footwear for outdoor PE sessions.

We have a selection of pre-loved uniform in school, please contact the school office if you would like to come in and look through this. We will also display this outside, at home times, a few times over the next half term.

Parking - Local Residents and Yellow Lines

You may have noticed our new art work across our railings outside of school to help educate all pupils and parents about safer parking outside of our school.

Please continue to be mindful of our local residents when parking outside school and **remember the yellow lines should not be parked on at any times**. Despite numerous communications and reminders from school, it is disappointing that these issues are still ongoing.

We need to rely on parents/carers to help keep all our children safe outside of our school.

School Calendar for Summer 2 Term 2023

Monday 5 th June 2023	Children return to school
Monday 5 th June 2023	Online Safety Parent Workshop in school 1.30pm
WB 5 th June 2023-Friday 16 th June 2023	Year 4 Multiplication Check
Tuesday 6 th June 2023	Year 5 River Wansbeck Activities
Friday 9 th June 2023	Reception – Rockpool Workshop (in school)
Friday 9 th June 2023	House winners non-uniform
Friday 9 th June 2023	Year 6 Forest School
WB 12 th June 2023	Year 1 Phonics screening check.
Monday 12 th June 2023	KS2 Parliament assembly
Tuesday 13 th June 2023	Year 6 River Wansbeck Activities
Wednesday 14 th June 2023	Water Safety Virtual Assembly (whole school)
Thursday 15 th June 2023	Summer Disco/Parties
Friday 16 th June 2023	Dogs Trust Assembly
Friday 16 th June 2023	Year 5 Forest School
WB 19 th June 2023	Assessment Week – Rec/Year 1/Year 3/Year 4/ Year 5.
Tuesday 20 th June 2023	Year 3 River Wansbeck Activities
Thursday 22 nd June 2023	Nursery trip to Northumberland Zoo.
Friday 23 rd June 2023	Year 4 Forest School
26-28 th June 2023	Year 6 Residential visit to Ford Castle
Tuesday 27 th June 2023	Year 4 River Wansbeck Activities
Friday 30 th June 2023	Year 3 Forest School
Wb Monday 3 rd July	Battle of the Bands
Tuesday 4 th July 2023	Transition day
Wednesday 5 th July 2023	Year 5 STEM visit
Thursday 6 th July 2023	Year 1 Visit to Wallington Hall
Friday 7 th July 2023	Year 3 and 4 Ingram Valley visit
Friday 7 th July 2023	Year 2 Forest School AM
Friday 7 th July 2023	Year 1 Forest School PM
Wed 12 th July 2023	Sports day: Nursery/Reception and KS1 9.30am-11am KS2 1.30pm – 3pm Sponsor week
Thurs 13 th July 2023	Reports go out to parents
Thurs 13 th July 2023	UKS2 girls football friendly at Ringway
Fri 14 th July 2023	REC Forest School
Fri 14 th July 2023	Year 6 leaver's party 5.30pm-7.30pm
Monday 17 th July 2023	Year 6 leavers assembly 2pm
Tuesday 18 th July 2023	Nursery Graduation 9.30am (for those moving into Reception in September)
Tuesday 18 th July 2023	Parents Evening
Wed 19 th July 2023	House winner's celebration
Friday 21 st July 2023	School finishes 1.30pm

- Year 2 Visit to The Grace Darling Museum – date still to be confirmed.

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