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## Newsletter Tuesday 12th May 2025

*"Let your light shine"*

Although last week was only a four-day week, we have still crammed in so many exciting learning opportunities this week! I am always so amazed by all of the fantastic activities that the teachers plan for their children every day. We are all so fortunate to work and learn in an environment filled with love and care where every single member of the school community has the opportunity to flourish!

This week is SATs week, and we would like to wish all of our amazing Year 6 students the very best as they prepare to take their tests. We hope they enjoyed a fun-filled, relaxing weekend to recharge before this week began. Remember, these tests are just one small part of your journey – they do not define who you are or what you are capable of. Each of you is unique, talented, and valued, and we are already so proud of everything you've achieved.

### A prayer for Year 6

Dear God,

As we prepare for our SATs, please help us to remember everything we have learned and to be confident in our abilities.

Thank you for the chance to learn and grow, and for all the hard work we've put in.

Help us to stay calm and focused, and to remember your peace and love even when we feel stressed.

Please guide our minds and help us to do our best.

We ask this in your name.

*Amen*

## Reminders from the School Office

As it is such a busy time of the year, here is a quick check list of things to remember:-

Which class	Action
Year 4 and 5	Ensure Frontier payments are up to date according to the payment schedule. If you are unsure of how much is left to pay, please call or email the office.
Early Years	Pop dates in the diary for parent meeting and "stay and play" sessions.
Years 3 4 and 5	Pay and give consent for Botanical Gardens trip
Years 1 and 2	Pay and give consent for Conkers Trip
All classes	If applicable, sign up for Fathers Day event by Paying on Parentpay.
Year 2	Your Universal Infant Free School Meals expires on 18 <sup>th</sup> July. If you think you may be eligible for free meals past this date due to your income, please apply now with Warwickshire County Council.
All classes	Order Class Photos (to be taken 16 <sup>th</sup> May).

## Swimming

We plan to resume swimming lessons in September at the Alan Higgs Centre in Coventry. This will be for Years 3 and 4 (current years 2 and 3).

## Communication and On-line Payments

At the end of this school year, along with all other schools in our trust, we will launch a new parents app called "My Child At School". This aims to be a "one-stop shop" for all functions such as on-line payments, selecting Parent Consultation appointments, changing parent telephone numbers and much more. It will allow parents to have access to current attendance records for children and also receive notifications and messages from school.

More information about this to follow.



**SPORTS DAY**

**PICNIC**

**PTA FETE**

**8.40am** School starts as normal (ensure your child knows if they are having a school lunch or you will meet them for a picnic).

**10am** Parents/carers can enter the site via the side gate to watch children compete.

**Midday** Children go back to classrooms, parents collect children from classroom doors for picnic. Children whose parents are not attending the picnic will eat with staff.

**1.05pm** The bell will ring for children to return to classes for afternoon register.

**2.00pm** Parents can collect children from classrooms and then enjoy the fete.

**3.15pm** Children who have not been collected by parents will leave school as normal, transport will operate at normal times and so will the Ark.

**4.30pm** Fete ends



**THURSDAY  
10<sup>TH</sup> JULY**



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# **FATHER'S DAY**

**MINI GOLF, GAMES AND DOUGHNUTS**

**WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE (AFTERNOON)**

**IN CELEBRATION OF FATHER'S DAY, JOIN YOUR  
CHILD FOR SOME OUTDOOR GAMES (GOLF, BALL  
GAMES) DOUGHNUTS AND SQUASH**

**£2.50 PER ADULT, TIMESLOTS WILL BE SENT BY TEXT**



**BOOK ON PARENT PAY BY 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**



# MINECRAFT

## Ark News

Tuesday 13th May (Breakfast Club)

Mrs Tombs will be cooking sausage batches for breakfast club, alongside the usual cereal and toast.

Friday 23rd May (After-School Club)

Minecraft and Pizza!

Children are invited to use school ipads/laptops for Minecraft as well as tuck into either cheese and tomato or peperoni pizza for their snack.

As always, booking must be made with the office. There are currently spaces for all sessions.

Thanks

# What Parents Need to Know about

# POKÉMON GO



Pokémon GO has been among the world's most popular mobile games since its spectacular release in 2016. It's recently enjoyed a resurgence, thanks partly to people combining entertainment and exercise during lockdown. In Pokémon GO – like the Pokémon TV show, trading card series and other video games – players capture, train and battle with their Pokémon creatures: physically exploring locations while using augmented reality via their phone's screen. The game generally provides a positive experience, but there are still some safety concerns to consider.

## ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

Pokémon GO requires players to visit in-game landmarks like Pokéstops and Gyms. These are often situated at public real-world locations such as churches or post offices. Sometimes, however, they can inadvertently end up being placed in dangerous areas which are unsuitable for children, even when accompanied by an adult: near a construction site or a main road, for example.

## STRANGERS & MEETING OFFLINE

Players often cooperate with friends in the game, and there are many online discussion hangouts. As well as sharing tips and info, these groups may arrange to meet offline to catch Pokémon or attend raids (communal events where players flock to the same real-world place for a mass battle). This can put children at risk of being messaged and invited to meet by strangers under the pretence of talking about the game.

## DATA COLLECTION

When a player logs into their Pokémon GO account, the game collects personal data about the user and their device. Locations, emails, names, ages and even camera images can all be accessed. What then happens to this information is open to debate. Niantic, the game's developers, maintain that they do not sell user information to third parties – but the fact that they have it at all is a concern, nonetheless.

## VISIBLE PROFILES & LOCATION

Pokémon GO players can add each other as 'friends' in the game by sharing their trainer codes. Two trainers who do this can then view each other's information, such as their username. If a username gives any clues to the player's real name or personal details, a stranger may then be able to look them up online. The game also lets users upload images to social media, which could publicly disclose a child's exact location.

## IN-GAME PURCHASES

The game uses a currency called Pokécoins, which can be bought for real money (in bundles between £0.79 and £99.99) and exchanged for in-game items such as Pokéballs and berries. It's extremely easy for a child to purchase Pokécoins (even accidentally) if there's a payment method connected to their mobile phone – and possibly rack up a sizeable bill without realising it!

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### PLAY ALONGSIDE YOUR CHILD

Finding and catching Pokémon with young ones could turn into a great mutual hobby. At 25 years old, it's one of the few games franchises that spans two generations. Enjoying the game together will give you plenty of new things to talk about with your child – and if you played Pokémon in your own childhood, you might impress them with your knowledge of the digital critters!

### ENCOURAGE AWARENESS

Remind your child of the physical dangers they could face while catching Pokémon and emphasise staying aware of their surroundings. The game will often alert children (through their phone) when they are close to an interesting Pokémon item – usually sending them excitedly rushing off to find it – so they should never play Pokémon GO near busy roads or in places they don't know well.

### DISGUISE THE EXERCISE

One of Pokémon GO's benefits is that it encourages young (and not-so-young!) ones to get exercise outdoors. Some parts of the game can be completed from home, but it's best experienced while walking around your local area. Certain tasks (like visiting Pokéstops) can be repeated every day – and an hour outside having fun catching Pokémon will hardly feel like exercise at all!

### USE AN OLDER PHONE

If children use an older phone to play Pokémon GO, then they won't be walking around with their own new device, which could get broken or stolen. Parents are also far less likely to have left a credit card linked to the old mobile. It also means that you can limit the amount of information used to set up an account, and what companies who gain access to your data can do with it.

### AGREE PLAY BOUNDARIES

Ensure your child knows where they are (and aren't) allowed to go searching for Pokémon, when they have to be home, and how often they can play the game. Talk to other young Pokémon GO fans' parents or carers to see what boundaries they set for their children. Lunchtimes (if allowed by the school) or after school are ideal times for getting some exercise and catching all those Pokémon!

## Meet Our Expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for several years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world: UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGABLE. Having started gaming at a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work – but, more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



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# Ryton-on-Dunsmore Academy Stars

Year 1 Star Learner this week is

*Holly*

EYFS Star Learner this week is

*Devansh*



Year 2 Star Learner this week is

Year 3 Star Learner this week is

*Victoria*

*Evie and Niamh*

Year 5 Star Learner this week is

*Leighton*

Year 4 Star Learner this week is

*Jack W*



*Value Awards*

Year 6 Star Learner this week is

*Samvida*



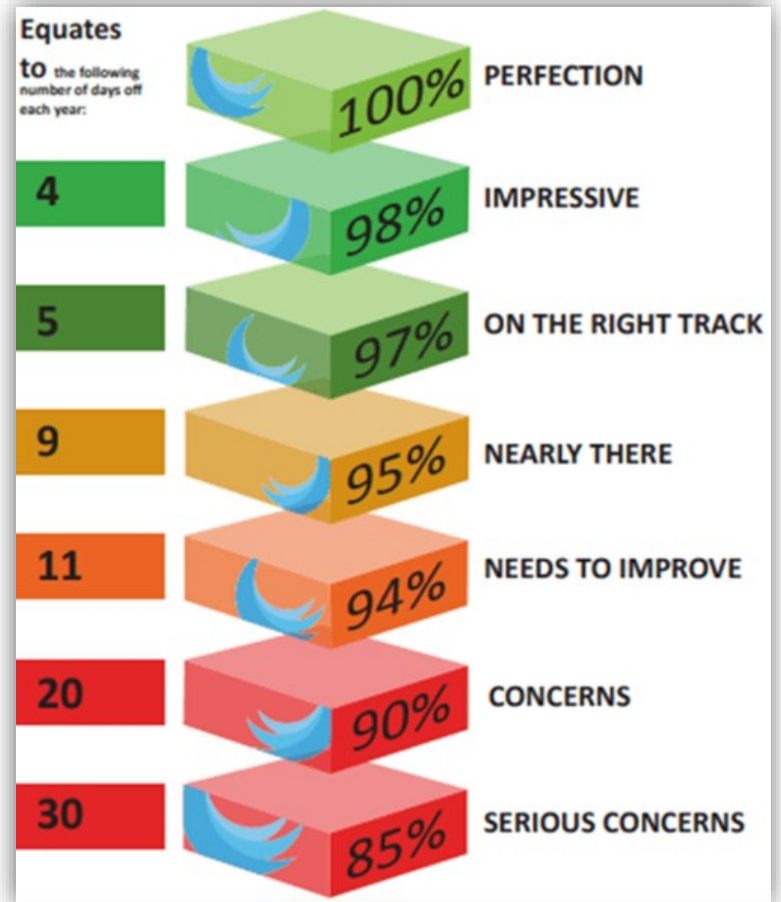
**LOVE**  
**HONESTY**  
**HOPE**  
**FAIRNESS**  
**RESPECT**  
**FORGIVENESS**

Year 3's Cian was the recipient of our Values Award last week. Well done to Cian for showing our school values.

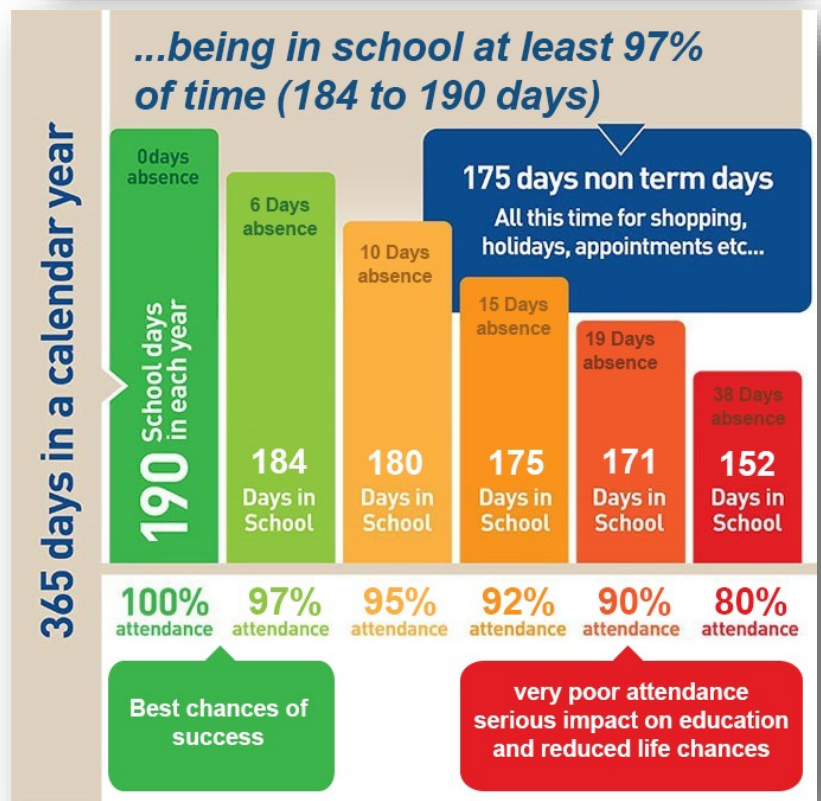
# Attendance Update

Please note that if your child is ill you must still contact us every day to let us know

Attendance	
Nursery	89.6%
Reception	78.8%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	96.2%
Year 3	88.9%
Year 4	97.9%
Year 5	93.3%
Year 6	88%



Well done to the 87 children who achieved a perfect 100% attendance last week.



Every Day Counts



Be In SCHOOL  
Be On TIME



Monday 12th May (2:45pm)

Week beginning 12th May

15th May

Monday 2nd June

Tuesday 3rd June

**Friday 6th June**

2nd-6th June

9th-13th June

11th June 2.45pm

19th June

Monday 30th June

Wednesday 2nd July

**Thursday 10th July**

Friday 11th July

Friday 18th July

Relationships, Sex, Health Education Parent Meeting

Year 6 SATs.

Basketball Club starts, after-school

Rounders and Cricket Club starts, after-school

Teacher Training Day

Back to School

**Crowning of the May King and Queen**

Year 4 Multiplication Check

KS1 Phonics Check

Wilde Class Come and Learn

Father's Day Event (Afternoon, times will be sent on text)

Gypsy Roma Traveller Roadshow at Rugby Library

We will be contributing work and attending this event, more details to follow.

New parent meeting 5pm, Early Years

Moving On Day

**Sports Day Picnic and Fair - New Date**

End of year reports given out

Break Up

**Teacher Training Days 2025/6** These are the Teacher Training days for the next school year. We have one more left to set, which we hope to announce the date for soon.

**1st September**

**Friday 2nd January**

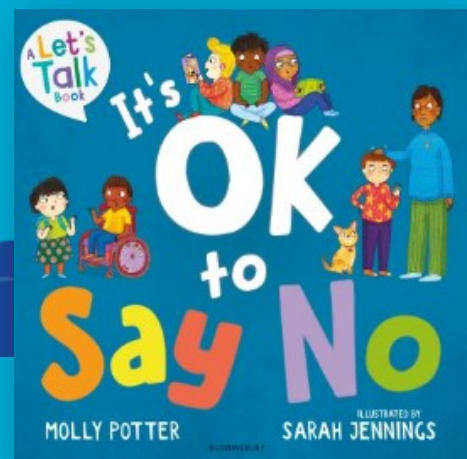
**Monday 23rd February**

**Friday 22nd May**

**Monday 20th July**

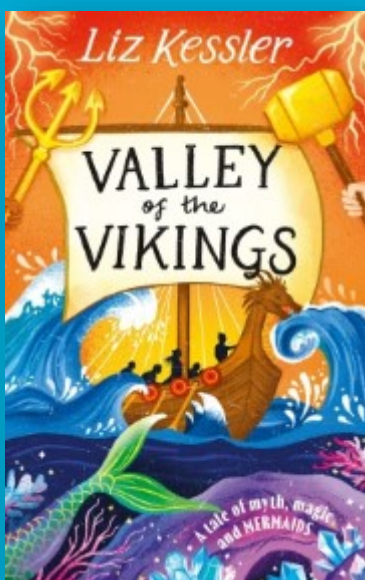


## Miss Cullen's Recommended Reads



This book is all about asking for, giving and not giving permission, which is usually called consent. Using child-friendly explanations and colourful illustrations by Sarah Jennings, this book helps you to teach children that it's OK to say 'no' when they feel uncomfortable, and that they should respect when others say 'no' to them too.

The topics that feel difficult to discuss with your children are probably the ones you most need to talk to them about. From personal space to sharing, and from privacy to asking for help, It's OK to Say No explains why learning to respect yourself and others is so important. Featuring extra notes for grown-ups on tackling these sensitive topics with little ones, this reassuring picture book is the perfect resource to read with children aged 4+ and start important conversations about respect and consent.



Neptune and Thor battle for power and their fight upsets the balance of the world. Lightning strikes, curses fly and towering waves swallow a Viking longship and its crew into a watery valley, taking with it the secret of the magical blue crystals.

A thousand years later, Emily, a girl who is half human, half mermaid, discovers a bangle with a mysterious and beautiful blue crystal. With the help of her human and mer friends, she discovers the truth about the jewel - and the danger the world faces. The team must race against time to persuade the powerful but notoriously selfish gods of sea and sky to make peace with each other, before disaster strikes.



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## HOLIDAY CAMPS

# May Half Term

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Friday **30th** May  
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3.30 to 4pm collection



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EAST WARWICKSHIRE

# Foster for Warwickshire

## Are you looking after someone else's child?

This could be Private Fostering. Private Fostering is when a child or young person under 16 years old (or under 18 if disabled) goes to live with someone for 28 days or more by private arrangement with someone who is not a:

- parent
- close relative (brother, sister, aunt, uncle, grandparent or married step parent)
- guardian or a person with parental responsibility

If you think this may be a Private Fostering arrangement please contact Warwickshire Family Connect on **01926 414144** for support and guidance.

You can also visit [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/privatefostering](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/privatefostering) for more information on Private Fostering in Warwickshire.

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