

WEEKLY NEWS

FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2025

The Willoughby Exchange is Officially Open!

The Willoughby Exchange has officially opened for pupils to spend their Green Points! Having carried forward their Green Points from last year, pupils were very excited to trade their points for prizes. With Y6 Willoughby Workers on hand to deduct pupils' spent points from their totals, the Willoughby Exchange was jam-packed every lunchtime this week. There are so many great prizes to choose from and some are as little as 50 points! The tough decision is whether to spend or save as there are new prizes added every week...



Anti-Bullying Ambassadors' Kindness Cup



Who will win the Kindness Cup this half term?

Voting is now open!

Spotlight on... Pupil Leadership



Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

Attendance Champions

Nursery - 97.9%
Year 2 - 97.4%
Year 3 - 96.6%
Year 6 - 96.6%
Year 1 - 94.7%
Year 5 - 93.6%
Reception - 91.1%
Year 4 - 89.0%

Sneak Peek in the Classroom



There has been lots of exciting learning in our classrooms this week!

Reception

Do you know who Andy Goldsworthy is? Just ask your children! They have blown Mrs Stafford away by how much they have learnt about this talented artist. Andy Goldsworthy is an English sculptor, photographer and environmentalist who creates sculptures using natural materials. The children have enjoyed creating their own sculptures inspired by Andy Goldsworthy using cankers, pebbles, leaves, acorns and sticks.

Year 3 and Year 4

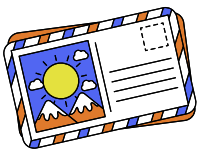
In history, the children explored what people of the Stone Age and Bronze Age believed. They learned about rituals, ceremonies, and incredible monuments like Stonehenge. The children were intrigued by how beliefs shaped people's lives thousands of years ago, and they had some fantastic ideas about why these traditions were so important.



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Year 1 and Year 2

Year 1 / 2 had a very exciting delivery this week! During our talk for writing lesson, we received a post card from Sunny the Meerkat who told them all about his exciting adventure! The children then showed off their creative ideas and artistic skills when text mapping the post card. We even added in our own actions to help us remember the text.



Year 5

Our children are really getting to grips with the Reading Enhanced Curriculum History lessons - we have learnt about the Roman Army and compared them to the Vikings. We have also learnt how it took them three attempts before they successfully invaded Britain! Ask us all about why it took so long.



Year 6

It's been mock SATs week in year 6! The children have all tried really hard this week and have given every test their best effort! I'm really proud of the progress some of the Year 6's are making, keep up the hard work!

In an afternoon, to wind down from the morning, we have started look at our new geography topic and have recapped places we have already learnt about. We then added our new learning of Antarctica and biomes to our maps.



SAVE THE DATE

Monday 6th October:

SEND Parent Meetings this week

KS2 Fit and Fun 3:15pm - 4:15pm

Tuesday 7th October:

KS2 Choir 3:15pm - 4:15pm

KS1 Fit and Fun 3:15pm - 4:15pm

Wednesday 8th October:

Year 5 / 6 Stay and Read 9.00 - 9.30am

Thursday 9th October:

KS1 Fit and Fun 3:15pm - 4:15pm

KS2 Boxercise 3:15 - 4:15pm

Friday 10th October:

Wear Yellow for Mental Health Day

KS2 Fit and Fun 3:15pm - 4:15pm

Celebration Assembly at 2:40pm

Monday 13th October:

Parent Meetings this week

KS2 Fit and Fun 3:15pm - 4:15pm

Tuesday 14th October:

KS2 Choir 3:15pm - 4:15pm

KS1 Fit and Fun 3:15pm - 4:15pm

Wednesday 15th October:

EYFS Stay and Read 9.00am - 9.30am

Travelling Book Fair

Thursday 16th October:

KS1 Fit and Fun 3:15pm - 4:15pm

KS2 Boxercise 3:15 - 4:15pm

Travelling Book Fair

Friday 17th October:

KS2 Fit and Fun 3:15pm - 4:15pm

Work Celebration Event at 2:30pm - all parents welcome

Travelling Book Fair

Monday 20th October:

KS2 Fit and Fun 3:15pm - 4:15pm

Travelling Book Fair

'Headed for Success' Attendance Week

Monitoring begins

Tuesday 21st October:

KS2 Choir 3:15pm - 4:15pm

KS1 Fit and Fun 3:15pm - 4:15pm

Wednesday 22nd October:

Y1/2 Stay and Read 9.00am - 9.30am

Thursday 23rd October:

EVERGREEN BINGO NIGHT - 3:15pm - 4:15pm

Friday 24th October:

'Headed For Success' Attendance Celebration

Celebration Assembly at 2:40pm

SCHOOL CLOSING FOR HALF TERM

Monday 3rd November:

School reopens for Autumn Term 2

KS2 Fit and Fun 3:15pm - 4:15pm

Tuesday 4th November:

KS2 Choir 3:15pm - 4:15pm

KS1 Fit and Fun 3:15pm - 4:15pm

Wednesday 5th November:

Y3/4 Stay and Read 9.00am - 9.30am

Thursday 6th November:

KS1 Fit and Fun 3:15pm - 4:15pm

KS2 Boxercise 3:15pm - 4:15pm

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PUPILS
THIS WEEK



THIS TERM'S

EVERGREEN

THURSDAY 23rd OCTOBER

3:15pm - 4:15pm

BINGO NIGHT

WILLOUGHBY ROAD MINI-LIFE COACHES

Invite you to wear yellow as we focus on the
importance of mental health and wellbeing

#HelloYellow

10 October



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 26



Our guide looks at the risks surrounding EA Sports FC 26 and our top tips to minimise them. This marks the third year since EA left the FIFA licence, and the game is mostly unchanged from last year. While Kick-Off mode is great for playing with friends and Career Mode allows players to fulfil long-term ambitions as a manager or player, Ultimate Team remains the main draw for many players – and it can get out of hand in terms of how much money players can invest.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AN ANNUAL RELEASE SCHEDULE

As was the case with the last two EA Sports FC games and the FIFA series before it, the franchise rolls out once a year with updated squads and new features. This can make it expensive to keep up with, particularly when so many dedicated players are keen to get their hands on the latest edition.

VOICE CHAT

Voice chat can be enabled across all platforms, meaning young people can speak to anyone they play with or against. While it can be switched off, some children will no doubt want to speak to their friends while they play. This also means they may encounter strangers much older than them, which can expose them to inappropriate language or behaviours.

IN-GAME PURCHASES THROUGH ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is the big draw for EA Sports FC, letting players spend real money on packs that they can open to build a squad of the world's best players. They're not always easy to obtain, and new, improved versions of players will be regularly added as limited-time offerings. Young people could feel pressured into spending money and experience fear of missing out.

SCAMMERS IN ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is managed by EA itself, but that hasn't stopped scammers from looking to dupe players out of money and in-game coins. Some scammers sell their accounts, which is a violation of EA's terms of service, while others will 'sell' coins – something the developer is still working to crack down on. Some try to gain access to others' accounts, potentially giving them access to payment information.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

While EA Sports FC is potentially addictive, thanks to its fast-paced gameplay and mirroring of the real-world skill and glamour of football, Ultimate Team's focus on limited-time rewards and the lottery of winning packs can make it feel closer to gambling than gaming, which may lead to addiction and impulsive spending of money.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PREPARE FOR ANOTHER GAME IN A YEAR

The annual-release cadence aligns with the return of the school year, and can be a great way to incentivise good behaviour at the start of term. If children are applying themselves and preparing for a new year of school, or were particularly well behaved in the summer, EA Sports FC 26 could make a great reward.

LIMIT SPENDING

If you're worried about children accidentally spending real money in Ultimate Team, whether in game or on the EA Sports FC companion app, don't link a payment card to their account. Reclaiming funds can be a mountain to climb, and the dopamine hit of opening flashy packs with slick animations means one purchase can lead to another very quickly. It's also worth adding a prepaid card if you'd prefer them to make their own choices with their budget.

MONITOR VOICE CHAT

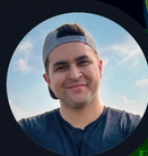
As in-game chat is open, be sure to adjust the settings in EA Sports FC 26 to lock it down. If children want to chat with their friends while they play, consider setting up a safe space for them to call, to allow them to play without fear of outsiders.

BE VIGILANT

As with last year, there are ways to keep scammers at bay. Ensure passwords are locked down, and consider using a password manager application to keep them secure. EA will never contact players through the game itself, so be vigilant with incoming messages, and block and report suspected spam. EA will contact players by email if needed, but they will never ask for usernames or passwords. Players should also avoid buying in-game currency from unofficial websites – doing so can lead to accounts being banned and could cost players money in the process.

Meet Our Expert

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