

# Wraxall's School News



## *Inspiring – Nurturing – Achieving*

I think I could say this most weeks to be honest, but the children have really loved their learning this week. From chick eggs in the Year 3/4, to Animal Guidebooks in Year 1/2, Reception's first welly walk of 2022 and Year 5/6's science experiments, a great week had by all. Oak class have demonstrated amazing responsibility in planning their own class fundraiser raising funds for the Portishead Lifeboat and Holly Hedge Animal Sanctuary. They showed real creativity in deciding to do a sponsored obstacle course dressed as animals (something I most definitely want to see and plan to pop back to Wraxall for!) We will aim to share some photographs next time.

When asked about her highlight of the week Pippa said "Doing the guides to how to be an animal". I do think this highlight may have changed 5 minutes later though when she was handed a star of the week certificate for just this piece of work. Well done Pippa! It was lovely to hear the excitement with the current Y3/4 class book as Aurora commented "that the Krindlekrax is starting to be a very good book". Something I agree with Aurora – I remember it from when I was at school too. You might find you're a copy short on Monday Miss Madge (not sure who might have borrowed one!)

Today we have waved farewell to Mr Leech who has been training to teach in our school for several months. He will be sorely missed, but we wish him all the best in his future teaching career.

Have a lovely and hopefully not too cold weekend – hot chocolates all round I think!

Amy Townsend

## Diary dates for February 2022

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February - Year 3 & 4 Swimming - Afternoon

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February – NSPCC Number Day – Wear clothes with numbers or on a Maths Theme (shapes, etc)

Wb. Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February - Year 3 & 4 Swimming - Afternoon, Safer Internet Day

Wb. Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Random Acts of Kindness – Compassion Week (more info to follow)

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February - Year 3 & 4 Swimming - Afternoon

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Last Day of Term and non-school uniform day



## Stars of the Week

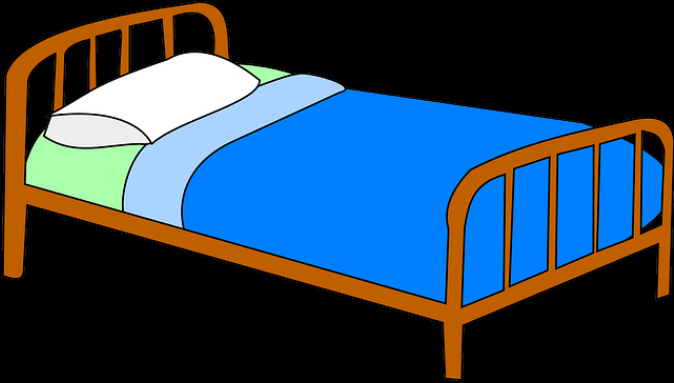
Reception – Ryan & Harper Year 1/2 – Thomas P & Pippa  
Year 3/4 – Zachery, Sienna, Reuben & Michael  
Year 5/6 – Alfie & Rosie

## Headteacher's Award

Rapha, Reuben (Silver Birch), Mr Leech, Connie,

# Wellbeing

Invest in a good Pillow  
Sleep is important



## WAYS TO HELP THE WORLD

Read a book and then  
pass it on to a friend  
who you think would  
enjoy it.



### Reminder: Car Safety

A reminder not to park opposite the school as this causes disruption to our local residents. We also ask you not to park in the layby outside school to reduce footfall on the main road.



## Big Garden Birdwatch

From 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> January the RSPB are holding their annual Big Garden Birdwatch. Get involved using the link below.

It would be great if the children wanted to share their artwork and/or record keeping for the birds they've seen. Email them through to the school office.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>



### Better Health –Let's do this

There are flyers available in the school entrance that help with suggestions for healthier swaps.

Feel free to pick up a copy. The NHS Food Scanner app also makes it easier to find healthier food and drink options.

# In class learning

I really liked doing drawing this week. I like drawing a lot. Annie

I liked practising my handwriting. Rapha

I enjoyed swimming and playing a lot with my friends. Arthur

When I went swimming. Tommy

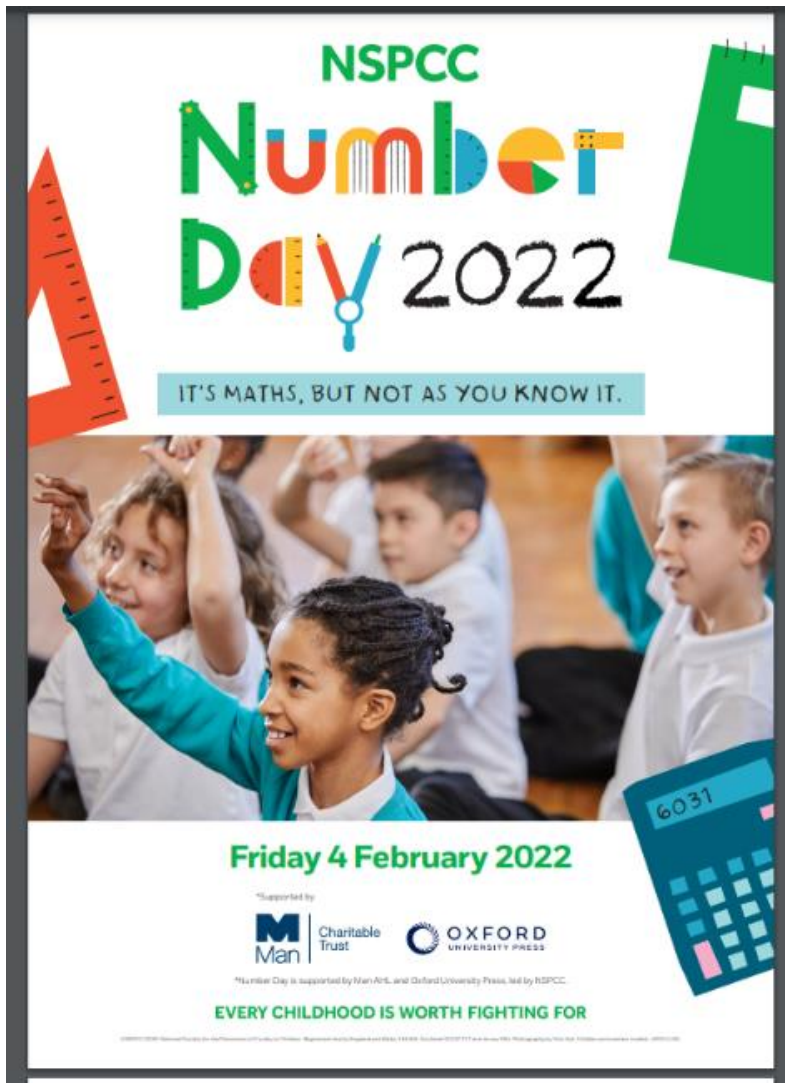
We liked doing English and Maths this week. They were both good fun. Naomi and Charlotte

I really enjoyed doing the SATS assessments. It helped me remember a lot of things. Freddie

I enjoyed assessments because I got to read a lot and PE was great fun. Ethan







We had a lovely message earlier today in the school office when the Guitar tutor mentioned what a polite group of children we have at Wraxall.

Well done guitarists!



### Miss T's Word of the Week

Each fortnight we will be sharing 1 new word of the fortnight with you, in addition to our vocabulary of the week. You may like to talk to your child about the word and try to put it into sentences.

This fortnight's difficult word is...

**BORBORYGMUS**

is the rumbling sound that comes from someone's stomach.

## NSPCC Number Day 2022

We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on **Friday 4 February 2022**.

**Everything the NSPCC does protects children today and prevents about tomorrow.** The NSPCC need our support more than ever. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as Childline – the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern. On average, a child contacts Childline every **25 seconds**

### **Making maths meaningful**

Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it. We are having a fun day of maths activities and we will be taking part in *Dress up for Digits*. **Pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie!). Or get even more creative by dressing in a maths or numbers theme.** To help raise money for the NSPCC, there will be a donation pot in each classroom.

## **SAFEGUARDING & E- SAFETY**

***“Everyone is responsible for safeguarding”***

Wraxall CofE Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our pupils. If you are a parent, child, volunteer or member of staff you should share any concern you may have about a child or an adult with either our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Amy Townsend or the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, Tamsin Hayward or the Safeguarding Governor, Hazel Mallett. If this is not possible or appropriate and you need to report a concern yourself the numbers below are the main contacts:

Local Area Designated Officer (LADO) 01275 888211 (weekdays 8.45am-5pm or 4.30pm on Friday)

Emergency Duty Team 01454 615165 (outside office hours)

Anyone can refer a safeguarding issue via the NSSCB website (North Somerset Safeguarding Children Board).

If you would like more information then please check out the school website for the LSP Safeguarding Policy and a Wraxall School Policy Summary.

## **Church News**

**Big thanks to all those who came to our Christmas services, we raised a total of £570.26 for Caring at Christmas!**

### **Sunny Saplings**

We're back with our fresh coffee and fruit/cake treats on Wednesday mornings in the Cross Tree Centre from 9.00am-11.00am, families welcome! For more info contact the Parish Office: 01275 852442.

### **Failand Winter Windows Festival**

Cheer up a dark evening by browsing the illuminated windows around Failand at the weekend. Windows will be lit on Friday and Sunday from 5.30-9pm and on Saturday from 4.30-9pm. Failand village hall will be open on Saturday evening from 4.30pm for hot soup, mulled wine, hot chocolate, teas and coffees. The bar will be open from 6pm. A downloadable map is available on our website here: <https://www.wraxallwithfailand.org.uk/welcome.htm> and paper copies will be available in the village hall on Saturday evening.

Rachel Chapman, Failand Society.

### **Men's Event at Nailsea Baptist Church and Friends**

Nailsea Baptist are holding a men's worship evening with prayer and a guest speaker, Nathan Blackaby from Christian Vision for Men on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February at The Baptist Centre, Nailsea. Tea and Coffee from 7pm with a 7.30pm start finishing 9.30. Please email with your interest to attend to [nbcmen@nailseabaptist.com](mailto:nbcmen@nailseabaptist.com).

# **Pupil Premium (Free School Meals Benefit)**

## **Free School Meals**

There are two schemes for free school meals:

**Universal infant free school meals for all children in reception year, year 1 and year 2** – you don't need to apply as they're automatically given at the school

**Free school meals for people on qualifying benefits** – you'll need to apply for these

If you claim qualifying benefits and your child is entitled to universal infant school meals, you should still apply for free school meals so as the school is given additional funds, known as pupil premium, to support those children with their learning in school and to assist with other school costs. This can include: 1-1 support, extra reading, phonics and contributions towards trips and enrichment activities.

## **Qualifying benefits for free school meals**

Your child will be entitled to free school meals if you get any of these benefits:

- income support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit with annual take home pay/met earnings below £7,400 (which equals £616.67 per month) benefits not included.

## **How to apply**

Free school meals entitlement is for the child, not the family, so you will need to apply for each child when they start school.

If your child is starting school in September, you should apply during the summer holidays as we cannot deal with your application earlier. Applying too early could result in your application being removed.

If you are moving into North Somerset from another area you will need to apply. You will need your National insurance number to apply.

## **When to reapply**

Due to the roll out of Universal Credit, all pupils that are currently eligible for free school meals will be protected until the end of the school stage they are in on 31 March 2022. This means if your child is receiving free school meals at primary school in March 2022, you won't need to reapply for them until they start secondary school. Children do not receive free school meals in college. If your child changes school or address before 31 March 2022, email fsm@nsomerset.gov.uk so we can update your free school meals record.



# 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 flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

## CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to 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 interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if 'auto-play' is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

## HIGH VISIBILITY

Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos 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 join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The painful 'salt and ice challenge', which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

## SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from chancing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.



### TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.

### CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

### CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which 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 online. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.

### MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, 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: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child happily devouring a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!

## Meet Our Expert

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