

Wraxall's School News



Inspiring – Nurturing – Achieving

What a lovely first week back!

It was great to see the amazing costumes on World Book Day. The staff looked brilliant with characters from a wide range of books and Lisa acting as combination of different characters from different decades. The effort of parents in organizing the costumes hasn't gone unnoticed – the children were fantastic and a great day exploring books, stories and being imaginative was had by all.

We have a busy few weeks coming up, with Year 5/6 highly anticipating their skiing lessons next week. I am very jealous that I won't be on the slopes with them, but can't wait to see some lovely photos, which we will share in the newsletter soon. We also have Comic Relief on Friday 18th March with the children invited to wear red clothes including hair boppers, red noses, etc. and non-uniform can be worn by all. The final week of term is going to be a special Easter Festival, with further information to follow soon.

I am also beginning to make plans for our annual Health and Wellbeing week. I have activities already booked and it looks like it will be an action packed week but if you have any further suggestions, please send them my way! We will also be holding a special Platinum Jubilee event during the final week of Term 5, so watch this space for lots of upcoming fun.

Have a lovely weekend,

Amy Townsend

Diary dates for March 2022

7th March 2022 - Year 5 & 6 Skiing Lessons at Mendip Activity Centre (4 weeks of lessons)

8th March 2022 - Year 3 & 4 Swimming - Afternoon (1st Lesson after half term)

18th March 2022 – Comic Relief – Red Nose Day – Wear red clothes, including hair boppers, red noses, etc. Non-uniform!

Tuesday 22nd March 3.30-6pm and Thursday 24th March 3.30-6pm Parents Evening Year 1- Year 6 (MS Teams)

Monday 21st March 3.30-6pm and Tuesday 22nd March 3.30-6pm. Parents Evening Reception (MS Teams)



Start of the Week

Reception – Harper Year 1/2 – Samuel

Year 3/4 – Sienna, Christopher & Abigail

Year 5/6 – Oscar

Headteacher's Award

Tommy, Jakob, Saoirse, Levi

Wellbeing

Don't be full of excuses;
Commit to Seeing things
through to the end



Year 5/6 Fundraising – Compassion Project

Two of our Year 5/6 pupils hand delivered funds raised from their Animal Antics Obstacle Course. Holly Hedge Animal Sanctuary and Portishead RNLI were very appreciative of the donations and praised the well mannered and kind pupils who delivered the donations. Well done Year 5/6 for raising so much and well done boys for being such great representatives for the school!



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kindness, your ears for
compassion, your hands
for charity, your mind
for truth, and your
Heart for Love.

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WAYS TO HELP THE WORLD

Do a chore for someone
without them asking.



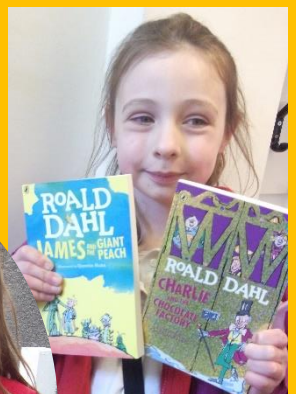
Miss T's Word of the Week

Earworm

A song that keeps on playing over
and over in your head, even when
you try not to think about it.

Birthday Books

Thank you to our birthday
pupils for their kind
Birthday book donations!



In class learning

I loved Book Day and dressing up for it.

Annie, Oak

I am really looking forward to Skiing next week. I also enjoyed writing a diary entry.

Ada, Oak

I really liked my lunch time playtime this week.

Layla, Willow



I had a good time doing Art this week and we had extra time.

Charlotte, Willow



I really liked bringing my teddy bear to school on Monday and listening to the stories

Alys, Willow

I liked finding new places in and around the School.

Henry, Willow

WORLD BOOK DAY

As you can see from the few examples below, the World Book Day costumes this year were amazing! A big well done to all of the pupils who took part in the Book Cover Design Competition. It was really clear that all of the entrants had really thought about their designs and had put a lot

of effort into them. The winner from EYFS/KS1 was Belle and the winner from

KS2 was Sienna.

All the children in school have brought home a £1 book token.

Enjoy some weekend reading!



NATIONAL ONLINE SAFETY – SUPPORT FOR PARENTS/CARERS

We are delighted to announce that **our school** has shown our commitment to protecting our pupils online by working with National Online Safety- providing resources for all parents and carers. The resources include Parents & Carers courses, online video resources and weekly guides covering a huge range of topics, including:

- Online Relationships
- Fake Profiles & Social Bots
- Online Bullying
- Online Grooming
- Child Sexual Exploitation
- Sexual Harassment & Violence
- Sexting
- Live Streaming
- Online Identity
- Screen Addiction
- Online Challenges
- Overspending
- Social Media Platforms
- Online Gambling
- Radicalisation, Terrorism & Extremism
- Age Inappropriate Content
- Copyright & Ownership
- Hacking
- Fake News
- Online Fraud
- Online Reputation
- Personal Data
- Pornography
- Targeted Adverts & Pop-Ups
- The Dark Web
- Games & Trends

To create your account, please follow <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/wraxall-c-of-e-va-primary-school> and complete your details. When you're set up, you'll be able to set 'Parent/Carer' as your user type.

You can access National Online Safety online via any device- including via our brand-new smartphone app. To download the app, please go to:

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/national-online-safety/id1530342372>

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.nationaleducationgroup.nos>

Alternatively, search for 'National Online Safety' in the App Store/Google Play Store. Answers to frequently asked questions and customer service can be accessed at <https://helpdesk.thenationalcollege.co.uk/helpcentre>.

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

Churches open for Reflection

All Saints' Church in Wraxall is open during the day all week and St Bartholomew's at Failand is open during services should you wish to take time out to reflect, light a candle or spend time praying for those who are suffering at this time around the World and across our nations.

The Bereavement Journey: A place to talk

The Bereavement Journey is for anyone who has been bereaved at any time and in any way. By means of a series of films and discussion groups, it gently guides bereaved people through the most common aspects of grief, enabling them to process the implications for themselves and discern next steps. Our next 6 - session course will run weekly at Christchurch Clevedon, from 7.30-9pm, starting on Tuesday 8th March. For more information, please email: curate@christchurch-clevedon.org.uk

Toby's Fun Day

Many of you will remember young Toby Riley who tragically died last year. His mother, Suzy, is organising a special fun day, in his memory, for the community and to support his family and friends. It will be a Multi-coloured Fun Run with BBQ, bouncy castle, face painting, games live music and more on Sunday 8th May 2022 10am-5.00pm at Grove Fields and The Ring O' Bells. This event will raise money for an outdoor gym and activity area in Nailsea and the Young Minds Charity. You can buy tickets and T-shirts for the event from Toby's Fun Day Facebook Page or email tobysfunday@hotmail.com

Sunny Saplings

Our Toddler group runs weekly during term time 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.

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/net 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 NFTs (NON-FUNGIBLE TOKENS)

A non-fungible token, or NFT, is a unique digital record of a particular file – such as an image, audio track or video (non-fungible meaning it can't be replaced by an identical item). NFTs let digital content producers like artists and designers control how their work is distributed and monetised. The offline equivalent would be owning a limited-edition art print, signed by the artist, with a certificate of authentication. The value of the tokens is incredibly volatile, unregulated and very much based on hype, publicity and marketing. These digital assets – typically collectibles, avatars for social media profiles or character add-ons for online games – are traded in specialised marketplaces using cryptocurrency.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

FAKE COLLECTIONS

When searching for a particular collection of NFTs, it is common for fake versions to display alongside the originals, which can easily fool a less experienced buyer. Larger projects will be verified, but small ones will not, so check the volume that has been traded and check the activity to verify authenticity – fake collections will have almost no trading history.

LACK OF CLARITY

Buying a limited-edition print of a painting isn't the same thing as owning the original. Likewise, when someone buys an NFT, they're not acquiring ownership rights to an original work. Some buyers don't realise that – since many NFTs are publicly on view – purchasing one doesn't stop other people from making their own copies of your NFT (by saving a screenshot of it, for example). Sneak peeks of NFTs can also falsely advertise what the purchaser is investing in, leaving buyers disappointed in what they actually receive, and as they are unregulated, there isn't a procedure for returns and refunds.

IP THEFT & "WASHTRADING"

Many online thieves steal NFTs to sell, while another common scam is "washtrading". Here, an unscrupulous trader creates aliases to buy the same NFT multiple times at increasing prices (so A sells to B for 10, who sells to C for 100, who then sells to D for 300 – except A, B, and C are actually all the same person). The goal is to lure in naïve speculators with the illusion of a juicy opportunity.

STORAGE ISSUES

An NFT is cryptocurrency which is linked to an additional file containing a digital asset. Due to the cost of storing data on a blockchain, it's typical for a project founder to store only the NFT's transaction record "on chain" to prove ownership – with the accompanying asset stored "off chain". Whether that storage is in the cloud or on a personal server, it must be permanently secure or the asset could be lost. So in a large number of cases, the NFT contains a link that points to the image data: it is not the image data itself.

TRANSACTION COSTS

Issuing an NFT requires "minting" it and any future sales require updating a blockchain ledger to transfer ownership. The cost of this – depending on the blockchain and market conditions – can vary wildly, based on supply and demand of "block space". In 2021, the fees paid for NFT transactions on one blockchain regularly cost more than the value of the asset itself, often by hundreds of US dollars.

PHISHING EMAILS & REPLICAS SITES

There have been instances of messages being sent advertising the availability of new NFTs with a link to a fake website with a very similar URL to an authentic site. Users then link their cryptocurrency to the site, are able to "mint" the fake NFT, and once you press "confirm", the cryptocurrency leaves your wallet and you are left without the NFT you were promised, and very much out of pocket.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CHECK AUTHORSHIP

Don't buy NFTs from unknown sources, and be wary of trading outside of official marketplaces. Branded NFTs, like those sold by sports franchises, are typically available via a platform that's easy to authenticate. However, NFTs sold by individual artists can be harder to verify. Research their online reputation to ensure they have a consistent track record of authorship and a recognised cryptocurrency wallet before you send a payment.

WALLET SECURITY

Wallet security can be the difference between keeping NFTs secure and having them stolen. There are two primary types: a hot wallet (such as metamask) is used for minting NFTs and general day-to-day interactions with third-party sites. A cold wallet (or "vault") is for storing high-value assets, as interactions can't take place without physical confirmation on the hardware. Only buy these from official sites and not from third-party sellers (including Amazon).

DON'T GAMBLE

Beginners should avoid investing significant sums of money and gambling on future NFT prices. Anyone can create NFTs: this potentially infinite supply of "limited-edition" collections means that, eventually, 99% of NFTs will likely be worth nothing. The market is largely based around building hype and making people believe that the next project will be the one that makes them rich. Take time over your decision and ensure you fully understand a project before getting involved.

SPOT THE SCAMS

Learn what type of message a hacker will leave. They'll often try to create the illusion that you're one of a select few who has this incredible, limited-time opportunity. These can appear on official pages via hacking, so be wary of this pressure-buying tactic. Hackers also send links outside official channels, such as on message boards and private messages. Turn off direct messaging from the server when you join, and never click links that aren't on a project's official page.

RESEARCH THE SPACE

If you're interested in NFTs and you've learned the basics of cryptocurrency, talk to people who are already involved in the space (like an NFT alpha group) on authentic marketplaces. Research the projects you're considering investing in to avoid scams: follow the project on Twitter or Discord and review the work they've done before – avoid artists and teams who insist on remaining anonymous.

Meet Our Expert

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