

# Wraxall's School News



## *Inspiring – Nurturing – Achieving*

It has been a lovely week with the children. On Monday I spent time visiting all of the classrooms and celebrating the children's hard work with them. They are putting huge amounts of effort into working on their presentation and it has really paid off this week – with some very proud children who have frantically waved their books at me whenever I pop in the room or pass the classroom. I have seen amazing vocabulary, interesting turns of phrase and beautiful letter formation and layout in books. A BIG well done to all of the children! We are hoping to provide all parents the opportunity to come and see some of the children's work next term, as part of some shared learning time...more details to follow soon. I was super impressed with our cross country runners this week. They put a lot of effort in and showed a lot of support and care for each other as they worked hard to finish the course. Well done Team Wraxall!

Next week we are launching our first ever compassion week. As part of this week we are holding a Foodbank harvest collection, a compassion art morning with our Year 5/6 pupils working with the younger classes to make some artwork to be shared with the wider community, some pupil led fundraising for a Ukrainian Charity and pupil led funding for the school. It should be an exciting week. We are also holding our annual Harvest Service. All our families are welcome – we hope to see you there.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Amy Townsend

### **Dates for October 2022**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October - Harvest Service 2.15pm – Parents and families invited**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October – Year 5/6 Football @BGS, Year 1/2 multiskills with St Mary's @Wraxall**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Last day of term non-school uniform**

### **Dates for November 2022**

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October – Inset Day - School closed to all pupils**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November - Term 2 - School open to pupils**

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Nasal Flu Immunisations**

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November - Year 3,4,5 and 6 Trip to Tyntesfield – Victorian Workshop**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November - Book Fair - Details to follow**

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November - Remembrance Service at All Saints**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November - Old Vic Nativity for the whole school - Details to follow**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November - Individual School Photos for the whole school**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need**



### **Star of the Week**

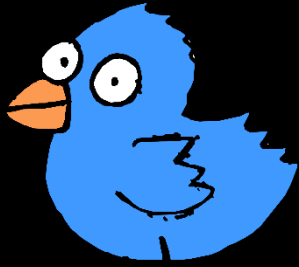
Reception - Hallie, Year 1 & 2 - Matthew  
Year 3 & 4 - Abigail, Year 5/6 - Annie

### **Headteacher's Award**

Edward



Take a few moments  
to listen to bird song



## HARVEST SERVICE

Invite to all our parents and families

Please join us to celebrate at our Harvest  
Festival on

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

**2.15pm**

We would love to see you there!

This event is being kindly led by All Saints'  
Church, with some lovely songs and readings  
from the children.



## WAYS TO HELP THE WORLD

Donate food to the local  
foodbank when possible



## BIRTHDAY BOOKS

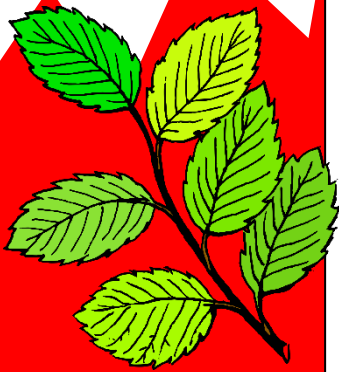
A big birthday thank you to all our children who have  
donated Birthday Books to the school this week – more  
photos and thanks to follow next week!

A reminder that we ask families to donate books (new  
or second-hand) instead of sweets and treats if it is your  
child's birthday. It means that everyone can celebrate, is  
a healthier option and helps support the school's  
reading for pleasure provision.

Thanks to everyone who donated last year!



# What have we been learning in class this fortnight?



## Maple Class have been...

RE- We have been looking at our feelings and how things make us feel. We have talked about our senses and linking them to Autumn. eg. crunchy leaves

We have been looking at Superheroes and have written letters.

## Willow Class have been...

Talking about how important hygiene is, eg. the importance of handwashing.

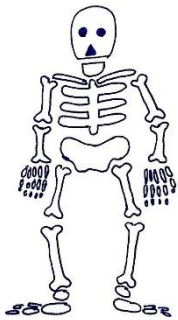
We have been making a map of the world

Learning ball skills in PE



I liked making the hedgehog.

Mimi - Maple Class



## Pine Class have been...

Learning why the River Severn is so important.

In Science we were investigating what would happen to our bodies if we had no bone structure.

## Oak Class have been...

Learning about Trade in the Benin period.

We did an experiment to track a shadow over the course of a day to show how the earth moves.

We have written a story based on the text we have learned in English.



The Wessex Water Workshop was really interesting. I enjoyed making the Remembrance Day items and talking about Remembrance Day.

Michael - Oak Class



## New PATHWAY – From ‘The Grove’ to our school

On Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October the official opening of a new pathway from ‘The Grove’ in Wraxall to our school took place.

This has taken a huge amount of effort and generosity on the part of local landowners, working with the Parish Council and has now provided an option for families to use to walk to and from school.

There was a great turn-out with delicious cakes provided by the Vowles family.

Well done to our amazing Year 6 pupil who cut the ribbon!



## Cross Country Competition

On Wednesday 12th October 15 children from Oak class took part in the North Somerset Schools Cross Country Running event, at BGS sports ground in Failand. Everyone ran brilliantly, running all the way around without stopping. We were so proud of the way each runner tackled the challenge, they all displayed our school values of determination and perseverance. Well done to Eloise in year 6 for coming 6th in her race. She will represent North Somerset in a regional event in November.

If your child is interested in furthering their running and athletics, then please email our local club, the North Somerset Athletic Club at [contact@nsac.org.uk](mailto:contact@nsac.org.uk)

Mrs Gritten - PE and Sport Lead

## Wine Tasting Evening

There is a Wine Tasting Evening at the Cross Tree Centre on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> October which has been organised by the FWSA. This year there will be samples of regional delights from South Africa. Tickets are £23 and are available from [friendsofwraxall@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofwraxall@gmail.com).



## TEDDY TOMBOLA

One of our entrepreneurial Year 3s is eager to raise some funds for the school and has kindly donated a big bag of teddies and soft toys which she will be offering as prizes next week as part of a Teddy-tombola!

If the children would like to enter then they need to bring 50p to school on Wednesday to take part.



## **UKRAINE FUNDRAISING EVENT – organized by Year 4**

On Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October, three compassionate Year 4 pupils lead by Elsie are organizing a fundraising event for a Ukrainian charity.

Please look out for an email popping into your inbox on Monday with a list of suggested donations, should you wish to make one.

A HUGE well done to Elsie, Sophie, Abbie and Charlotte who have made some great posters to advertise this event and explained their idea very well in Celebration Service last week.

Please look out for updates coming next week.

## **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, Vicki Sheppard 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: If your concern is regarding the Headteacher you should contact Gary Lewis, CEO for Lighthouse Schools Partnership

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

North Somerset Social Care 01275 888 808

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

Emergency Duty Team 01454 615165 (outside office hours)

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**

### **School Harvest Appeal 2022**

The children will be taking part in a Harvest Service in All Saints' Church on Tuesday 18th October at 2.15pm. Parents are welcome to come along to the service, please don't send your child in with foodbank items for this service. The children will be bringing home a tin can message today (14<sup>th</sup> October) with details regarding this. In the meantime, if you do want to get items ready for the school's Foodbank collection, these may include:

Milk (UHT or Powdered)	Fruit Juice (Carton)	Pasta Sauces	Tinned Fruit
Rice	Sponge Pudding	Biscuits or Snack Bars	Tinned Soup
Rice Pudding (Tinned)	Tea Bags/Instant Coffee	Instant Mash Potato	Tinned Meat/Fish
Jam	Breakfast cereals	Sugar (500g)	Tomatoes (Tinned)
Toothpaste	Toothbrushes	Toilet Rolls	
Soap	Washing up liquid	Washing powder/liquid	

### **Sunny Saplings!**

Our Resident toddler group, Sunny Saplings is running again with a new time slot of Friday Mornings 9.00am-11.00am in The Cross Tree Centre at Wraxall Church. Come along with little ones for snacks, drinks, activities and friendly chat. Contact Elize in the Parish Office for more information: [wraxallwithfailandparish@gmail.com](mailto:wraxallwithfailandparish@gmail.com).

**Next First Monday Monthly Coffee Morning: Monday November 7th**



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about FIFA 23

FIFA 23, like its many predecessors, is a massively popular football simulator featuring lifelike recreations of thousands of real-world players, drawn from teams around the globe. While the gameplay is subtly improved year on year, the publisher EA Sports' tweaks tend to focus on FIFA Ultimate Team mode, which can tempt gamers of all ages to spend real money recruiting better players for their side. With each new release of FIFA comes a host of new players to unlock – meaning that youngsters can feel pressured to keep buying to compete with their friends.

AGE RATING  
**PEGI 3**

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### RELEASE RAZZAMATAZZ

FIFA 23 will be the last in the blockbuster series, before EA goes solo with its own football title next season. This 'end of an era' vibe – coupled with a huge advertising budget making the new release almost impossible to miss – will elevate FIFA 23 into even more of a 'must have' for football-mad young gamers, no matter how minor the updates are on last year's version.

### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CHAT

Based on a popular sport which appeals to people of all ages, the FIFA franchise draws a huge audience of both children and adults. Communication is a key element, with many players enjoying in-game audio chat via headsets. With the mixed age range of players and a lack of regulation, however, chats can often turn offensive or toxic – especially in the heat of competitive matches.

### IN-GAME PROMOTIONS

Unless precautions are taken, dedicated FIFA fans can spend significant sums when attempting to improve their Ultimate Team. Most top-level players can be unlocked by simply participating in matches, but some sought-after stars can be obtained more quickly in limited-time promotions which cost a large amount of FIFA points (the in-game currency, often paid for with real money).

### CIRCLING SCAMMERS

The popularity of FIFA Ultimate Team (FUT) mode has led to online scammers convincing many impressionable gamers to pay real money for non-existent FUT coins and player cards, or directing unwary FIFA fans to phishing sites. If your child gives these individuals their login details, the scammers can access not only their carefully built team but potentially your payment information.

### ADDICTIVE NATURE

One match on FIFA (usually around 15 minutes, but often lengthened by extra time and penalties) almost invariably leads to another. It can be a powerful temptation for young players, regardless of unfinished homework or an approaching bedtime. If the "just one more game" mindset starts to impact a child's daily routine, it could be a sign of gaming disorder: a recognised mental health issue.

### GAMBLING-ADJACENT BEHAVIOUR

Ultimate Team has become a major feature in FIFA due to the revenues it generates. It can also be addictive, with children striving to earn coins and level up while swapping, selling and buying players. Spending FUT coins to open a player pack (which many experts have likened to gambling) is designed to be an exciting act – with bright lights, fanfare and attention-grabbing prizes.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### BE SELECTIVE WITH CHATS

It's enormous fun for FIFA players to chat online with friends, even as their teams do battle in the game. It's probably the safest idea, though, to restrict contact with strangers. By turning off voice chat in FIFA and allowing cross-party chat in their device's settings, your child can speak to people who are already on their friends list but won't be able to talk to (or hear) strangers online.

### STAY ALERT FOR SCAMS

There are some key things to remember about potential FIFA scams. Firstly, EA never contacts users via any method other than emails to the account holder (which may well be you). Neither will they ever ask for a player's username or password outside the game itself. EA's terms and conditions outlaw the buying of FUT coins, so anyone selling them should be treated as suspicious.

### CONTROL SPENDING

If your child plays Ultimate Team mode on FIFA, ensure their account isn't linked to your payment methods – so they'll need your permission to make in-game purchases. Alternatively, you could use parental controls to limit spending – or set up a pre-paid 'allowance'. When excitedly clicking options on screen, it's easy for a young person to forget the real-world repercussions of online purchases.

### AVOID 'EXTRA TIME'

If your child's spending a lot of time on FIFA 23 and seems less enthusiastic about other activities in their life, you could consider restricting how long they can play for each day with the parental controls in their device's settings. Even if they're not playing on their console or computer, there's a FIFA companion app for smartphones – but that can be limited through parental controls, too.

## Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Games Editor of technology and entertainment website Dexerto and has been working in the gaming media for three years. A long-time fan of the FIFA franchise, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have also been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar, among others.



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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about BEREAL

BeReal is the latest trending social media app. The concept is that people see others in their authentic day-to-day lives, sharing candid photos without editing or applying filters. Each day at a random time, users are simultaneously notified to take a picture of what they're doing at that exact moment. The two-minute window to submit an image means there's no time to select a particularly glamorous or exciting activity. BeReal shares two pictures: a selfie, and an image of the immediate surroundings. Users can only view and react to their friends' photos once they upload their own.

AGE RATING  
**13+**  
from the  
App Store &  
Google Play

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### CONTINUOUS NOTIFICATIONS

Like any social media app, BeReal's developers want users to be on it regularly and scrolling for long periods. BeReal only sends one notification to post a picture each day, but there are other alerts for events such as mentions, comments, friend requests and reactions to your photo. This can cause young users to feel pressure to open the app and respond, distracting them from other activities.

### CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

When someone signs up to BeReal, it highlights anyone in their phone's contacts list who already has the app – so users can connect with friends, or invite others from their contacts. The 'Discovery' feed, meanwhile, shows posts from strangers and gives users the option to add them as friends, too. This means your child could potentially connect with – and communicate with – a stranger.

### PUBLIC SHARING

As well as sharing posts with friends in the moment, the app also allows posts to be shared publicly and public content to be viewed. Before a user can see this public content, they must post their own photo first. Unfortunately, there currently seems to be a lack of moderation on the content that's being uploaded, so a young user could be exposed to posts which aren't suitable for their age.

### EASY LOCATION

BeReal's default setting is to share the exact location of where a post was sent from. Given that images are usually shared within the two-minute window, anyone your child is friends with on the app will know exactly where they are (or at least, where they were two minutes earlier). As we've noted, this could include strangers who are intending to use this geographical information for malicious purposes.

### VISIBLE PERSONAL DATA

As with any other form of social media, it's important that your child doesn't share too much personal information on their profile. BeReal allows for a photo, full name, approximate location and a short bio. It's safest to make sure that your child's profile doesn't display anything which could identify where they go to school or exactly where they live.

### REPUTATIONAL DAMAGE

What your child says and does online – their digital footprint – shapes the way that other people see them. It's essential that young people understand that when they post something online, they are giving the app in question the right to do whatever they wish with that image or content, including sharing it elsewhere. This form of permission is explicitly referenced in BeReal's terms of use.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### LIMIT NOTIFICATIONS

BeReal offers the option to turn off individual types of notification. Doing this will significantly reduce the number of times your child is tempted to open the app by incoming comments, uploads, friend requests and so on. Ironically, it will allow them to actually 'be real' by being present in the moment and their current environment as opposed to being engrossed on social media.

### STOP AND THINK

BeReal's goal is for users to be authentic with friends, removing the pressure of that flawless photo or perfectly worded post. It's still vital, though, that children stop and think rather than uploading something risky just to meet the two-minute deadline. Point out to them what kind of information strangers could extract from an image: school crests, street names or local landmarks, for example.

### KEEP IT AMONG FRIENDS

Remind your child why adding strangers to their contacts isn't a good idea, and advise them to decline any friend requests from people they don't know in real life. If something your child sees on BeReal makes them feel uncomfortable, they can report it by clicking on the three dots in the top right. The reporting tool allows them to state the reason that they're flagging up the post.

### CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Remind your child to use an avatar as their profile pic (as opposed to a photo of themselves) and use a nickname or just their first name, not their full name. Any information they add to their bio (which is optional) should be kept vague, and personal details should remain private. It's also worth turning off the geolocation feature either through the device's settings or in BeReal itself.

## Meet Our Expert

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