



School News

A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy week of fun-filled learning here at East Tilbury Primary School!

'Hello yellow' day

Next Tuesday (10.10.23) we will be celebrating our annual 'Hello Yellow' day to raise awareness of mental health and wellbeing. Both children and staff will have the opportunity to wear something yellow. This could be anything from a yellow hairband, a pair of yellow socks or even a yellow top, and links in with the #HelloYellow campaign from the Young Minds charity. This isn't a fundraising day but a day to raise awareness for Mental Health.

Parent/Teacher Consultation meetings - save the date!

Please put the following dates in your diaries for our teacher/ parent consultation meetings:

-YR, Y1 and Y2 will take place on Monday and Tuesday 13th and 14th November

-Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 will take place on Wednesday and Thursday 15th and 16th November

More details around timings and the booking procedure will come out prior to the half-term break. The meeting will be face-to-face and take place in our dance studio hall from 3.30pm.

Harvest

This year the school will be donating your food donations to Thurrock Food bank. On Thursday of the first week back after half term break (9th Nov), please bring any donations to the gate that you usually bring your children through in the morning. At each gate there will be a black container that you can leave your donation in, and this will then be collected by the food bank staff later that day. The Thurrock Food bank provide meal packs for vulnerable families across Thurrock and perform amazing practical support to the local communities of Thurrock. Please see the information poster later in the newsletter for information on the types of food that can be donated. Thank you in advance for your food donations.

Bike Sheds

Very sadly, one of our pupils has had his bike stolen from the front of the school. Please ensure that bikes and scooters are stored in the secure bike shed at the rear of the building and locked to the stands. The stolen bike was red with the word 'outrage' in white writing on the frame. If you have any knowledge relating to the whereabouts of this bike, please inform the school office on 01375 846181. Thank you.

We hope that you and your families have a relaxing weekend.

The Leadership Team

Upcoming Events



Children in Need

We are having a SPOTacular “dress up and donate” day for Children in Need. Pupils may wear spotty clothing for a SPOTacular look on Friday 17th November 2023.

Hello Yellow

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#HelloYellow



During October, we celebrate ADHD Awareness Month. ADHD stands for [Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder](#). It's a neurological condition that can affect how you pay attention, your impulses and your hyperactivity levels. 1 in 20 children are diagnosed with ADHD and boys are more likely to have it than girls. ADHD can't be prevented or cured. Although, spotting it early means that children can be supported to manage it in their everyday lives.

Symptoms of ADHD are grouped into three types: Inattentive, hyperactive-impulsive, or combined - whereby the child will show traits from both.

Inattentive

A child will often:

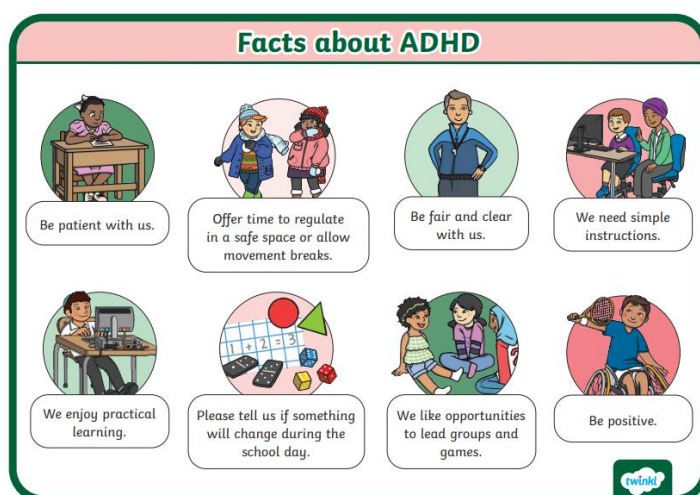
- Be easily distracted
- Be unable to follow directions or finish tasks
- Struggle to listen
- Struggle to pay attention to task directions and makes careless mistakes
- Forget about daily activities
- Have problems organising daily tasks
- Dislike activities that require them to sit still for too long
- Loses their things
- Tend to daydream

Hyperactive-impulsive

A child will often:

- Squirm, fidget or bounces when sitting
- Get up from their seat
- Have trouble playing quietly
- Enjoy moving, such as running or climbing on things
- Talk excessively
- Be 'on the go'
- Have trouble waiting their turn
- Blurt out answers
- Interrupt others

Support and empathy play an integral role in helping individuals with ADHD navigate their daily lives.



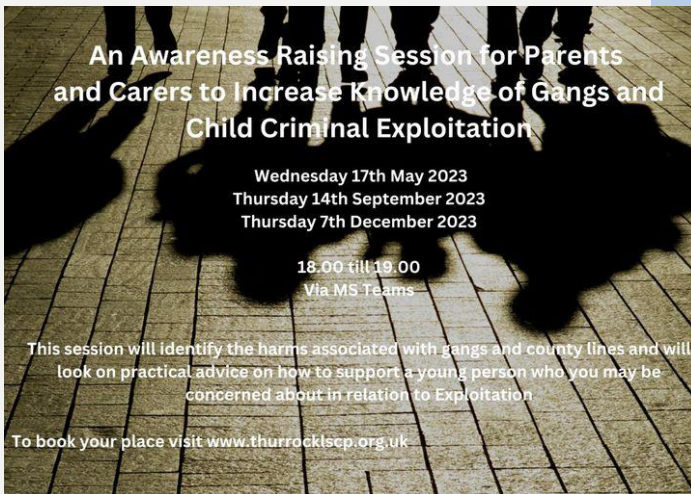
If you would like any further information about ADHD, please see the following websites:

[ADHDAwarenessMonth 2023](#)

[Home - ADHD Foundation : ADHD Foundation](#)

[ADHD Support For Your Child | Parents Advice Guide | YoungMinds](#)

Important Information



The next awareness session is on Thursday 7th December. You can book your place by visiting www.thurrocklscp.org.uk

This session is designed to show parents and carers how they can support their children navigate the online world. You can book your place by visiting www.thurrocklscp.org.uk

Walk Online Roadshow for Parents, Carers and Practitioners
Wednesday 22nd November 2023
- 20:00 till 21:30

Thurrock LSCP have offered the Walk Online Roadshow for all Years 5s. We are pleased to be able to offer a session for parents, carers and practitioners.

This session explores how parents, carers and practitioners can support their children to navigate the online world. Visit the website to access the link. Please note that this session is for over 18s only.

www.thurrocklscp.org.uk

THURROCK LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP

If your child has an injury and has been given medical advice that we need to follow as a school, please bring them to the school office for 8.15am on their first day back at school following the injury so that we can complete a risk assessment. Thank you for your cooperation.

Absence

If your child is too ill to attend school, this must be reported to us by no later than 9.00am. Please telephone the school, press one and leave a message on the voicemail box stating your child's full name, class, the reason for absence and when we can expect them to return to school (if known).

Home Visits will be carried out for any child that is absent for 3 or more school days without reason.

We need you



If you are collecting Year 1 or 2 pupils from the school playground, please go back out of the blue gate you came onto the playground through rather than waiting on the inside of the Key Stage 2 silver gate.

Thank you

Please label all children's school uniform. This helps us return lost property to the correct child and prevents parents from having to replace missing uniform as often. This is particularly important as the weather is getting colder and children are beginning to wear jumpers/cardigans to school.

On Friday 13th October, year 6 will be creating collages using photos from newspapers and magazines. The collages will mainly focus on images of faces. If you have any newspapers and magazines that you are happy to donate, could you please pass them to the year 6 teachers. Thank you for your support

Please be reminded that pupils should not be wearing jewellery to school. Children with pierced ears may wear stud earrings but hoops are not permitted.
Thank you for your support

In the final week of this half term, year 1 will be creating their own toys using junk modelling. If you have any recycling/junk modelling resources (clean yoghurt pots, kitchen roll tubes, cereal boxes etc) that you are happy to donate, could you please pass them to the year 1 teachers. Thank you for your support..

We are continually updating our OPAL resources and would gladly accept donations of:

- Tennis balls
- Footballs
- Bats
- Dressing up clothes
- Colouring books
- Crayons
- Big cars
- Lego



We need you



Harvest Collection 2023 – 9th November

Thank you for collecting for Thurrock Foodbank. Here is a list of items you may be able to donate. Please make sure everything is in date. We are very grateful for your support.

- Tinned fish
- Tinned meat
- Rice
- Sponge Puddings
- Tinned Potatoes
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Biscuits
- Tea/Coffee
- Long life fruit juice
- Pasta Sauce
- Tinned custard
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Toiletries eg.soap, shower gel, deodorant



Sporting News



Congratulations to all 23 children who represented our school at the Thurrock schools cross country event. We are so proud of you all! A special congratulations to Ronnie in year 4 who won the boys race. Well done Team ETPS!

Congratulations to the year 4 boys cross country team as they placed 1st overall in Thurrock. The top four boys will now go through to represent at the Essex finals. Well done boys!

Congratulations to Charlie and Callum both of year 6 as they have made this year's Thurrock district football team. Well done boys!

Congratulations to the year 6 boys football team on beating Tudor Court in the home cup game last Friday. We now go onto face Giffards on the 19th of October.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 10th October 2023	Hello Yellow Day
Friday 13 th October 2023	Curriculum Enrichment Day
Thursday 19 th October 2023	Individual photos (Sibling photos from 08:00-08:40)
Monday 23 rd October – 3 rd November 2023	October Half Term
Thursday 9 th November 2023	Reception Phonics Parent Workshop and stay and play 9:00-10:00 and 2:00-3:00
Friday 10 th November 2023	Reception Phonics Parent Workshop and stay and play 9:00-10:00 and 2:00-3:00
Monday 13 th November 2023	EYFS and KS1 Parent Consultations
Tuesday 14 th November 2023	EYFS and KS1 Parent Consultations
Wednesday 15 th November 2023	KS2 Parent Consultations
Thursday 16 th November 2023	KS2 Parent Consultations
Friday 17 th November 2023	Children in Need
Friday 1 st December 2023	Reception Speech and Language Parent Workshop and stay and play
Thursday 4 th January 2024	INSET day (school closed to pupils)
Friday 5 th January 2024	Trust Conference Day (school closed to pupils)
Monday 8 th January 2024	Pupils back to school
Thursday 25 th January 2024	Y6 SATs Meeting for parents/carers
Friday 26 th January 2024	Reception Parent Workshop and stay and play
19 th – 23 rd February 2024	Half Term

Do you need support?



East Tilbury Primary Schools Online Pastoral Support.

We are very excited to launch our new Pastoral service to our school community. From today you can access support by completing a simple and quick online form.

We have been working hard over the last few months to set up extra support for our families which is very much needed at this challenging time. If you require support, then please do not hesitate to reach out. We are hoping this service will be a fantastic addition to the support we can provide for our school community. Please reach out if you need anything, we are always here to offer you support.

To make the process simple we have created a QR Code (at the top of the poster) which you can just scan, and this will take you directly to the form.

WE CAN HELP WITH

- Food
- Wellbeing
- Trip Payments

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

www.easttilburyprimary.thurrock.sch.uk

Our school uniform shop is currently closed due to our stock room being affected by RAAC. If you need support with school uniform please visit the 180 project in Chadwell St Mary.

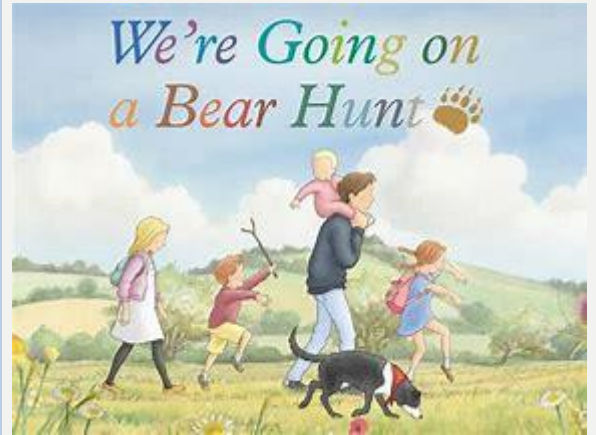
mycommunitychurch.org.uk/community/projects

Class News

Reception

This week in reception we have been looking at the story 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' by Michael Rosen. We have all played in water, mud and with grass and flowers, just like the characters in our story. We have tried to think of good adjectives to describe the events of the story. We came up with squishy, yukky and dirty to describe the mud.

In maths we have been looking at matching, sorting and comparing. We have used objects to see if we can notice what is the same or different. We have also compared groups of objects to see which group is bigger and smaller.



Year One

In Year one, we have been sequencing the story of Pinocchio. We used our knowledge of the book to write sentences about the key events and characters. We focused on using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces to make the perfect sentence. In Science, we were testing the properties of materials by looking at objects that are made from that material. We tested the object to see if they were waterproof and transparent or opaque.



Class News

Year Two

This week in English, the children have been continuing with the Write Stuff and completing a range of sentences independently based on the Crow's tail story. During Maths, the children have been practising the 2, 3 and 5 times table and completing a range of activities based on those tables. In Geography, the children have been comparing the capital city of Kanya (Nairobi) and the capital of England (London), looking at similarities and differences.



Year Three

We have had an exciting week in Year 3, full of learning and creativity! In our maths lessons, we have been revising our place value topic. We have been working hard to secure our knowledge of hundreds, tens, and ones. Our confidence has grown when tackling place value number problems, such as adding and subtracting 1, 10 and 100 to a number.

In English, we have been beginning to plan our independent write, which is inspired by the book "Stone Age Boy". Year 3 have been bursting with so many creative ideas, and they cannot wait to start writing their own adventure stories! Our history lessons have helped us to come up with some incredible ideas. This week we learned what the stone age looked like in the palaeolithic, mesolithic and neolithic periods.

In Science this week, we have been exploring the fascinating life of Mary Anning. Year 3 have delved into the world of palaeontology, learning about this remarkable scientist who made groundbreaking discoveries about ancient creatures. They have been captivated by her story and the world of dinosaurs and fossils.

It has certainly been an action-packed week in Year 3! Remember to log into TT Rockstars at home to practice our times tables! It is such a fun way to become more confident with our times tables!

Class News

Year Four

In English we have continued our work around Shaun Tan's book 'The Lost Thing', we have started creating our own version of 'The Thing' and pupils have been using their sentence stacks and chottings from the previous lessons to help their narratives.

In Maths, we have started looking at addition and subtraction and considering how patterns can help us add and subtract certain numbers.

Alongside our morning subjects, we have been focussing on History this week. We have explored the contents of an Anglo-Saxon settlement as well as various ideas for locations. 4NM have created their own model village which they are preparing to explore their contents. The other classes designed their own Saxon village, tactically choosing what goes where, as well as the location of the actual village in order to be successful in defending themselves against raiders!



Class News

Year Five

This week in Year Five, we completed a practical lesson based around filtration in our science lesson. Things got a little messy, as we made our own muddy puddle, which we then filtered to make the water cleaner. Firstly, we used a sieve to remove the larger objects, and then we used filter paper to extract some of the excess mud. While we wouldn't want to drink the water, we did notice how the cleanliness did improve with each filtration.



Year Six

In English this week Year 6 we have begun to write our own narrative inspired by 'The Arrival' by Shaun Tan, using the sentences we have developed over the past couple of weeks as a basis. In maths, we have been revising multiplication and division, reminding ourselves of the various methods we can use to solve arithmetic and reasoning problems – as well as remembering the importance of knowing our times tables! In science, we conducted an experiment to discover how voltage can affect the brightness of a bulb, by repeatedly adding batteries to a circuit to increase its voltage. In history, we discussed the Blitz and role played what it might have felt like to be in a shelter during an air raid.



a WW2 Anderson Shelter in VR!



Reach for the Stars



Our 'Stars of the Week' are the children that have gone over and above in their efforts. We are very proud of them for their achievements and thought they deserved an extra-special mention!

RJG	Louisa	For being a kind and thoughtful friend.
REC	Kyrie	For her amazing blending in phonics.
RES	Kendall	For being a good friend and including others.
1GC	Frankie-Lee	For her excellent effort in Phonics this week.
1FK	Abel	For his excellent participation during carpet input.
1BA	William	For his incredible effort in English this week.
2BG	Roman	For his excellent effort across all subjects.
2RS	Luke	For being a kind and respectful member of the class.
2CH	Raye	For being a good role model.
2RM	Bobby	For being really respectful of his classroom environment.
3VP	Taliah B	For being a positive role model for her peers.
3ML	Jesse J	For settling well into his new class and making new friends.
3SG	Ash SL	For always being polite and respectful.
3SA	Nikola B	For trying her best in school and having a positive attitude.
4CP	Aronas L	For his efforts in English.
4NM	Nathan	For his efforts in English, particular his focus on spellings and letter formation.
4JP	Joshua	For his focus, effort and participation in our Maths lessons this week.
5AB	Reuben	For his effort in his independent write.
5TH	Nancy M	Applying what she learnt in English lesson to produce an amazing narrative.
5MR	Marnie	For imaginative and thoughtful ideas and writing in Reading Skills.
6LC	Elsie G	For a great start to her independent writing of 'The Goodbye'.
6NB	Lacey N	For always striving for her best; her commitment to learning has been outstanding.
6JM	Alfred R	For developing independence and a positive attitude to learning.



Maths Marvels



All pupils at East Tilbury Primary have logins for Times Tables Rockstars and are able to log on at home to practice their times tables.

1st October - 6th October 2023



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1st October - 6th October 2023



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1st October - 6th October 2023



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1st October - 6th October 2023



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1st October - 6th October 2023



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Keep in Touch



Our school office is open to receive calls between 8:30am and 3pm.

Tel: 01375 846181
Email: office.etp@osborn
e.coop

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We are also regularly updating our Facebook page and Twitter feed. Log on and have a look!



Twitter:
@EastTPrimary



At East Tilbury Primary School our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) are:

- Mrs Bates
- Mrs Dawson

Due to the size of the school, we have the following designated staff who can deputise in the Headteacher's absence:

- Mr Gowland
- Mrs Jarvis
- Mrs Mylam
- Mrs Allen
- Mrs Sheridan

Pupils can contact any of our Safeguarding Team during the school day.

Worried about a child? You can phone or write to MASH about your concerns. Phone immediately if you believe it is urgent.

Thurrock MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding hub), Civic Offices, New Road, Grays, Essex, RM17 6SL, Tel: 01375 652802. Emergency Duty Team (for out of hours) 01375 372468. · Police Child Abuse Investigation Team 01277 266822 or call 999 if you are concerned a child needs immediate protection. · Childline 0800 11 11 www.childline.org.uk · NSPCC 0808 800 5000 www.nspcc.org.uk; www.facebook.com/nspcc



Tues 14:00-16:00: St. Mary's Church hall, St. Mary's Church, Dock Rd, Grays, RM17 6EX.

Tues 11:00-13:00: St. John the Baptist Church, Tilbury, Dock Road, Tilbury, RM18 7PP

Weds 11:00-13:00: Gateway People's Centre, High Street, Stanford Le Hope, Essex, SS17 0EY

Weds 13:00 -14:30: Sockets Heath Baptist Church, Premier Avenue, Grays, RM16 2SB

Thurs 11:00-13:00: St. Francis Centre, Somerset Rd, Linford, SS17 0QA

Thurs 11:00-13:00: All Saints Church of England, Foyle Drive, Sth Ockendon, RM15 5HF

Fri 10:12:00: St. Stephen's Church of England, London Rd, Purfleet, RM19 1QD

Sat 09:30-11:30: Emmanuel Church of England, Sleepers Farm Rd, Chadwell St. Mary, RM16 4TP

Sat 10:00-12:00: All Saints Church of England, Foyle Drive, Sth Ockendon, RM15 5HF

Sat 10:00-12:00: Christian Gates of Praise International Christian Centre, 79-83 London Rd, RM175YF



Have you received an ASD diagnosis for your child?

Do you have questions or concerns?

Do you need someone to talk to?

The Specialist Health Visiting Team Nursery Nurse will be available for you on the last Monday of every month with a friendly face and a cup of tea at the Child Development Centre, Gifford House, Thurrock Community Hospital, Long Lane, Grays, RM16 2PX
09:30-10:30am



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

AMONG US

A multiplayer 'social deduction' game set in outer space, Among Us enjoyed a surge in popularity in 2020, and has since maintained a dedicated fan-base (globally, around 60 million regular players each month) thanks to its unique nature, simple premise and ease of access across numerous platforms. The game's on-screen action revolves around danger, disguise and deception – and there are certain parallels to be drawn with some of the real-life risks that parents and carers of young Among Us players need to be aware of.

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SENSITIVE PREMISE

In Among Us, up to three players are secretly assigned to be alien imposters, tasked with murdering their colleagues while the survivors try to unmask them. While the concept's not far removed from traditional games like Wink Murder or TV shows such as The Traitors, some parents may feel uncomfortable about their child playing a video game in which deception and killing are prioritised.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

The on-screen death of characters may be fundamental to the gameplay of Among Us, but the majority of the animations depicting this are deliberately cartoonish and only appear very briefly. However, it is worth bearing in mind that the game has a PEGI age rating of 7 – meaning that certain elements (however heavily stylised they may be) could still upset some younger players.

CHAT BETWEEN PLAYERS

With up to 15 people participating in each game online, a large part of Among Us' appeal is speculating with fellow players who the imposters might be and making accusations. This dialogue through the in-game text chat can occasionally become heated – and could, of course, involve your child being put into contact with people (including adults) who they don't know in real life.

GOING OFF PLATFORM

While Among Us provides basic ways to communicate, many gamers prefer to use external services such as Discord, a popular app which offers voice and video chat functions. These undeniably make cooperation easier, but also create a potential route for children to hear inappropriate language – or for strangers to message them privately in an environment which isn't regulated by the game itself.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

Among Us is free to download on mobile devices, and costs less than £5 to obtain on console and PC. A related longer-term pitfall, though, is that the game also includes options to pay for upgrades such as removing ads on the mobile version or adding cosmetic touches to characters (such as different costumes). It's certainly possible that a child could spend a significant sum without realising it.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONSIDER SOFTER ALTERNATIVES

Although Among Us is hugely popular with young gamers, it's possible that some children might find the murder themes unsettling. If so, plenty of similar social deduction games are available (in both digital and traditional board game formats) which downplay the potentially grizzly elements: some centre around undercover spies, for instance, and there's even a Marvel superhero-themed variant.

CHAT ABOUT CHATTING

You might feel it's prudent to talk to your child about the risks associated with voice chat while gaming, explaining in particular that strangers online aren't always who they claim to be. Keeping the conversation relaxed will reinforce your child's confidence that they can always come to you with any online concerns – not just about Among Us, but any potential future issues as well.

DISCUSS DISCORD

In general, Discord is an excellent app for keeping online communities together because of its use of dedicated individual servers, which allow comprehensive control over who can join – and who can't. Once you're familiar with the platform, you could set up a secure server for your child and their friends to communicate during games of Among Us, with no access for people they don't know.

AMONG US, AMONG FRIENDS

When your child and their friends get together, they can enjoy a private game of Among Us by choosing a 'local' lobby – that is, only people connected to the same WiFi (your home network, for example) can enter. This prevents any random online users – who may be total strangers – from joining and removes the need for voice chat, as the players are all physically in the same location.

STOP SURPRISE SPENDING

If you're concerned about the possibility of your child racking up an unexpected bill on Among Us' microtransactions, you could consider using a prepaid card with a set limit. Likewise, you could specify in the game's options that adult authorisation is required for every purchase – or you could make sure that no payment methods are enabled on the device that your child plays the game on.

Meet Our Expert





David Curdson is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports who has worked in the gaming media for around five years. A regular visitor to the app store to try out new tools, he's also a parent who understands the value of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and games, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



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National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

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Autumn Term:	Monday 4 September 2023 – Wednesday 20 December 2023 <i>Half Term 23 October – 3 November</i>	73 days
Spring Term:	Thursday 4 January 2024 – Thursday 28 March 2024 <i>Half Term 19 February - 23 February</i>	56 days
Summer Term:	Monday 15 April 2024 – Tuesday 23 July 2024 (22-23 July twilight inset payback) <i>Half Term 27 May – 31 May, and May Bank Holiday - 6 May</i>	66 days
		195 days

	School Holiday
	Additional autumn half term
	Inset days, schools closed to students
	Trust conference, schools closed to students