



New Brighton

Weekly News

Friday 24th January

Pastoral Coffee Afternoon

The Pastoral Team are holding a coffee afternoon on **Thursday 6th February.**

Come along to meet the team and find out more about what they do and how they support our families.

2pm - 3:15pm



Rudolph Run Grand Total

We raised an incredible **£3140.65**

in total for Wirral Hospice St. Johns! Well done to Everyone who took part and a huge thank you for generous donations!



Wirral Hospice St John's

Wirral Fostering

We need loving homes for children of all ages up to 18 years, including babies and toddlers, older children and teenagers, sometimes for brothers and sisters who need to stay together. Some children have special needs, these could be physical disabilities and/or learning difficulties and need special care. Children from different backgrounds may have special requirements and have cultural or religious needs.

If you decide you'd like to become a foster carer, we'll support you at every stage of the process. The assessment process usually takes between 3 and 4 months, and is very much a two-way process, where we learn a lot from each other. The thoroughness of the process ensures that everyone has enough information to achieve the best possible experience and outcomes for you, and the children you'll be caring for.



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Visit foster4.co.uk or give the team a call on 0345 646 0098 or email enquiry@foster4.co.uk

THE CHRISTOPHER SALMON

POETRY

COMPETITION 2025

FOR POEMS ON THE THEME OF

HOPE

For Wirral residents under 19 in full-time education

Entry closes on 7 March 2025 at 12:00

£100 prize for the winner in each age category

7 & under 8-11 12-13 14-15 16-19

For full details visit

wirral.gov.uk/libraries

wirralpoetryfestival.org.uk/christophersalmon

chrissalmon.org.uk



 **WIRRAL**

WIRRAL
Poetry
FESTIVAL



1EG have been learning about the UK and the capital cities. We also became weather reporters, learning about the different weather symbols and placing them on each capital city.



This week 4HB have been investigating the connection between multiplication and division. We found our times tables facts were very helpful!





WIZARDRY ACADEMY SPORT'S CAMP

AGES 5 TO 11

17TH-21ST

FEBRUARY

8:45AM-3:30PM

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WIZARDRY CRAFTS

AND MUCH MORE!

TO BOOK: VARA-SPORTS.CLASSFORKIDS.IO

ADMIN@VARASPORTS.CO.UK

07389 739176





Our winner of a £20 voucher for The Vale Park Cafe is...



Remember, all you have to do to be in a chance of winning our weekly prize draw is be in school by 8:50am... simple!
One raffle ticket for each day.

Home Reading Champions

Class	%	Class	%
		3LC	81%
SWEETPEAS	65%	4LJ	59%
POPPIES	38%	4HB	74%
BUTTERCUPS	83%	4LM	68%
1EG	56%	HUB 2	79%
1BT	68%	5NM	93%
1OT	43%	5JH	72%
2DC	72%	5MC	85%
2RB	72%	6HC	92%
2SA	85%	6RS	64%
3NF	95%	6TS	89%
3CC	88%	Total	77%

Well done to class 3NF who have the highest reading average this week and to class Poppies who have the most improved score. Please try to read 5 times a week with your child - the results of regular reading make such a difference to them across all subjects in the curriculum.



School Nurse Drop-in Clinic

We offer confidential support and advice for your child around:

- bullying and keeping safe
- dental health
- emotional and mental wellbeing
- friendships
- healthy eating and exercise
- immunisations
- neurodiversity
- puberty
- social media safety



Every Thursday, 3.00pm - 5.00pm
(including school holidays)

Health Visiting Hub
1st floor, St Catherine's Health Centre,
Derby Road, Birkenhead CH42 0LQ



This week's Makaton sign is:

STORY

Brought to you by children from Poppies.



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION

13+

(Certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Adults tend to associate online videos with YouTube – but among teens, TikTok is king. The app provides a stream of short clips tailored to users' interests, based on what they've already watched. Around half of British children use TikTok, and while much of the content is benign, Ofcom considers it the app where youngsters "were most likely to encounter a potential harm".

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's Following feed only displays videos from familiar creators, For You is a collection based on a user's previously watched clips. Most of these videos will probably be inoffensive, but the app *could* potentially show something unsuitable. If children then engage with this content, more like it will follow. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the huge number of uploads means that a small amount inevitably slips through.

BODY IMAGE AND DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

According to Ofcom, most online harms for teens are body image related for girls (promoting unhealthy eating, body shaming and so on) and dangerous stunts for boys. Both are prevalent on TikTok. One extreme example of the latter was the 'blackout' trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. This led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase gifts for content creators. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99; while that may not sound appealing, the app still generated £7.9 billion in user spending in 2023. TikTok's policy is that under-18s can't make in-app purchases, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birth date.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With more than 1.5 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-16s (or young people using a fake date of birth) are set to public by default. This means that not only is someone's profile visible to everyone else on the app, it also suggests their videos to others and enables *anyone* to download or comment on them.

MISINFORMATION AND RADICALISATION

Although the short videos on TikTok tend to be more frivolous than the longer ones on YouTube, clips can still influence impressionable minds in a negative way. Not only is there plenty of dangerous misinformation on TikTok, but Ofcom reports that nearly a third of 12 to 15-year-olds use TikTok as a news source – so you should be wary of misogynistic, racist or conspiracy-themed material shaping how they see the world.

ADDICTIVE DESIGN

With its constant stream of eye-catching videos, TikTok can be addictive to young brains. In 2024, UK children spent an average of 127 minutes per day on the app: that's twice as much as in 2020. Excessive use can interfere with young people's sleep patterns – often leading to irritability – and distract them from other, healthier activities. The instantly skippable nature of bite-size videos may also impact children's ability to maintain focus.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account to their child's, and control settings remotely. Parents can then turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content), set screen-time limits, make accounts private and manage whether their child can send messages – and if they can, to whom. Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If a child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's good practice to discuss the potential risks. Ensure that they don't share any identifying personal information, and that they know to talk to a trusted adult if they're worried by interactions on the app. With more teens using TikTok for news, it's also worth talking about misinformation and propaganda, and how to identify it.

Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for the likes of Wired, TechRadar, Tom's Guide, The Evening Standard and The New Statesman.



BLOCK IN-APP SPENDING

If a child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter their settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend enabling this feature, as it can be quite easy for a young person to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins to unlock more features of the app – sometimes without even realising.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that a child is spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as is failing to complete homework or skipping meals. Remember, the parental controls are there for a reason, and it's never too late to introduce limits.

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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/tiktok-2025>



Attendance

We aim for 100% our target is 98%

Remember that school starts at 8:50am and any time after this is late. Formal lessons start at 9:05 and the children need to be in, registered and settled for this time.



Class	%	Minutes Late	Class	%	Minutes Late
Nutmeg	96.5	54	3CC	97.7	184
Poppies	93.1	102	3LC	95.1	162
Sweetpeas	88	229	4LJ	92.9	24
Buttercups	97.8	166	4HB	97.8	35
1EG	96.3	257	4LM	97.3	21
1BT	95.7	201	HUB 2	88.7	20
10T	95.3	58	5NM	92.3	12
2DC	97.4	9	5JH	93.3	279
2RB	94.9	98	5MC	96	330
2SA	98.1	134	6HC	94.7	124
HUB 1	100	12	6RS	89.2	165
3NF	95.5	299	6TS	92.3	133
Whole School					
Whole School Attendance	94.8%		Lost Learning	51 HRS 48 MINS	

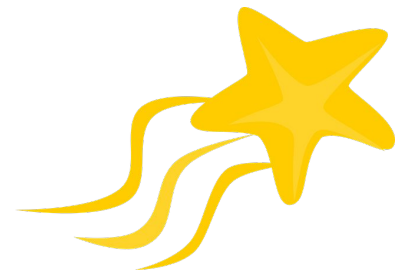
Reporting a child's absence

Please remember to phone each day to report your child's absence. You can speak to the office staff or leave absence reasons on the answer machine. If reasons are not provided each day, an unauthorised mark will be entered on the register.

Punctuality is also very important, we now have a signing in screen for late arrivers and early leavers at reception.



Owl Awards



These children have been exceptional this week.

Nursery Henry	Class 3CC Sophie
Buttercups All of the Buttercups!	Class 3LC Luke
Poppies Marley & Amara	Class 4LJ Cole
Sweetpeas All of the Sweetpeas	Class 4HB Grace
Class 1EG Clay	Class 4LM Toby
Class 1BT Fern	Class HUB 2 Jack
Class 10T Reggie	Class 5NM Sofia
Class 2DC Ellie	Class 5JH Isla
Class 2RB Gracie	Class 5MC Max P
Class 2SA Lily	Class 6HC Jenson T.
Class HUB1 Carter	Class 6RS Ruby F.
Class 3NF Frank	Class 6TS Riley W.

