





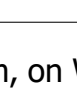




## World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March. To celebrate, all children will be reading a story called 'Once upon a tune' which takes 6 pieces of classical music and creates stories to accompany them

Children are invited to wear non-uniform and dress up in the colour/style/character from their piece of music.

Year group		Song/Story	Colours/Themes
EYFS (F1 and F2)		The Flight of the Bumblebee	Yellow Black Bees Flowers
Year 1		The Sorcerer's Apprentice	Blue orange Stars Magician Witch Wizard
Year 2		Peer Gynt	Green Blue Brown Trolls
Year 3		William Tell	Red Green Brown Robin Hood style clothes Noblemen/ladies
Year 4		Peer Gynt	Green Blue Brown Trolls
Year 5		Scheherazade	Yellow Red Blue Sultan Princess - Think Aladdin!
Year 6		The Swan of Tuonela	Tuonela is a legendary land of the dead in Finnish folk lore (like the Greek Hades) White Blue Red Swan

Later in the term, on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March, the children will have the opportunity to take in a workshop with a poet/author, Paul Cookson!

## Replacement INSET Day

Unfortunately, our last INSET day on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 was cancelled due to flooding in the local area. Staff – and the trainer delivering our first aid course – were unable to access East Leake.

Due to the essential nature of training, our governing body has approved a replacement INSET day on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. We are very sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, but we have explored all other options before confirming this.

We are working with ACE sports to see if they can offer childcare at school on this day and will update you as soon as possible.

To confirm – school will be closed to pupils on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

Please remember these rules when on school grounds:



No dogs are allowed on the school site.



No smoking or vaping on the school site.



Please dismount bicycles and scooters when on the school site.



Please park safely around our school site and be considerate of our local community.

### School Dinners

The cost of a school dinner for children is increasing from 1<sup>st</sup> April to £3.16 per day. The 21p increase is a decision made by Nottinghamshire County Council. They have explained this is because of rises in food, staffing and energy costs since the last review of school meal prices in September 2023.

This will be updated on our payment system. Please ensure your account has sufficient credit.

Children in Reception and Years 1 & 2 all receive free school meals each day. In Year 3 and above, your child may be eligible for free school meals depending on your circumstances. You can find out

### Parents & Carers Evening

We had excellent attendance at our parents and carers evening this week. We really value working with families to ensure our children are happy, confident and successful learners at Lantern Lane.

### Weekly attendance

Our whole school attendance was 95.1% - this is really good! Well done to Mills house, who were 'Attendance Champions' this week for the house with the highest attendance

### Spring dates

Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
w/b 9 <sup>th</sup> March	National Science Week
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2pm & 6pm	Y3 Musical – 'Splash!'
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Castleton Residential
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 Miss Sabin Class Assembly
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Paul Cookson (Poet) Visit
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Y6 watching ELA 'School of Rock' musical
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Y3 Ancient Egyptian Day
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of Spring term
Pupils return to school on Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025	

See next page for this week's online safety update...

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION  
**13+**

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With more than two billion active users, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. The UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging, but for the time being, this controversial feature remains.

### EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency' – plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user they want to message. Therefore, if a child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that the child might be added to a group chat or community (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people they don't know.

### FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allow news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original ... and might not be entirely factual, either.

### CHAT LOCK AND SECRET CODES

In 2023, WhatsApp introduced a feature that lets users keep their chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind their phone's passcode, fingerprint or face ID. There is an additional feature – 'Secret Code' – where users set a unique password for locked chats. Unfortunately, this creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of.

### VIEW ONCE CONTENT

The ability to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate material or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't reopen them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this disappearing content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing protection of privacy.

### VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's Live Location feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child is safe while out, for example. However, anyone in a user's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage children to treat unexpected messages with caution; get them to consider whether it sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

### ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change a child's WhatsApp settings to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval. You can give permission to My Contacts or My Contacts Except.... Additionally, if a child needs to use Live Location, emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

### CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Check in with the child about how they're using WhatsApp, making sure they know you only have their safety at heart. If you spot a Locked Chats folder, you might want to talk about the sort of content they've stored in there, who they're talking to, and why they want to keep these chats hidden. Also, if children send any View Once content, it could be helpful to ask them why.

### DISCUSS GROUP CHATS

Make children aware that there could be members of a group that they don't know well and that words can be misinterpreted. Encourage them to leave a good impression, to avoid joining in if conversations turn towards bullying, and to respond to such situations in an appropriate way. Make sure they know that it's OK to leave a group chat if it makes them uncomfortable – or for any reason, in fact.

### THINK BEFORE SHARING

Help children understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content that a user posts to be shared more widely, even publicly on social media. Encourage children to consider how an impulsive message or forwarding might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

### Meet Our Expert

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