



Dear Families,

We are so proud of our pupils for their hard work and resilience during this week's assessments. They approached each task with focus and determination, showcasing what they have learned and helping their teachers identify the next steps to ensure they continue to reach their full potential.

Alongside this, we are delighted to see so many of our children demonstrating our value focus of kindness. It has been wonderful to watch pupils supporting one another, showing respect, and making thoughtful choices throughout the school day. Many pupils have already received kindness stickers in recognition of this, and we look forward to celebrating even more acts of kindness in the weeks ahead.

Next week is Parliament Week, and our pupils will be taking part in a range of activities linked to British values and the rule of law.

We are delighted to finish the week with another visit from our MP Daniel Francis, who will be speaking about the voting system in parliament and sharing his professional journey with years 5 and 6. MP Daniel Francis also has a deep rooted interest in SEND provision, so we will be sharing the impact of our year 5 flexible environments with him as part of his visit.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Ferla and the PWP Team

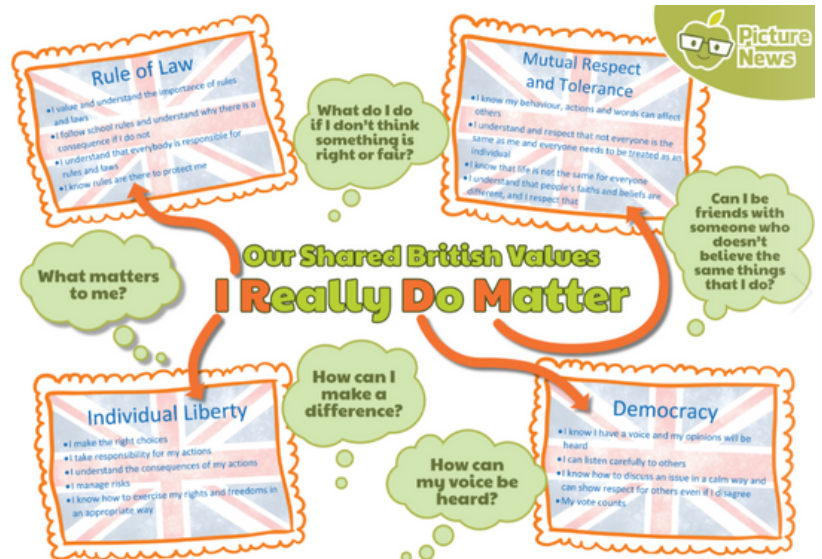




Upcoming Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
Year 1 Phonics Workshop	Year 1 Phonics Workshop	Year 1 Phonics Workshop Year 6 Trip to St Augustine's Church - WW2 Exhibition	Year 2 Phonics Workshop	Year 2 Phonics Workshop MP visit

Next week is UK Parliament week! We will be participating in activities over the week and learning about our British Values.



ELSIE



Happy Friday from Elsie and Juliana!

ATTENDANCE

Current Attendance- 94.6%

Nursery AM - 87%
Lime - 89.1
Poplar - 87.3%
Bay - 84.8%
H/Chestnut - 92.4%
Bamboo - 92.1%
Box - 95%
Ash - 91.1%

Nursery PM - 89.1%
Cypress - 86.8%
Acacia - 90.2%
Palm - 95.1%
Holly - 92.4%
Myrtle - 96.5%
Eucalyptus - 85.5%
Willow - 96.3%

Green=met the minimum attendance rate



WRAP UP LONDON

If you have any unwanted coats, please could you drop them off to the office by the end of November and they will be donated to charities, including homelessness organisations, women's refuges, and family centres.

www.handsonlondon.org.uk/wrap-uplondon



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Congratulations!
We hope you enjoyed your well
deserved Hot Chocolate!



WELL DONE!



Ready



Safe

Class	Pearsewood Champion
Nursery AM/PM	Cooper/Melissa
Lime	Harvey
Poplar	Femi
H/Chestnut	Noah
Bay	Amina
Bamboo	Harry
Box	Rais
Cypress	Lacie
Ash	Raiana
Acacia	Jordan
Palm	Jayden-Lee
Holly	Alfie
Myrtle	Sharon
Willow	Alina
Eucalyptus	Archie



Respectful

SCHOOL VALUES

The value this term is Kindness.

The focus value for this term is Kindness

EYFS - This week the children in Nursery have been sharing books in the book corner. They are being kind and reading books together, taking it in turns to turn the pages.

KS1 - Year 2 have been looking at seasonal changes now it has started to get colder. They are helping each other keep warm by making sure everyone is wearing their coats.

KS2 - This week Year 4 went on a trip to the British Museum. They all learnt a lot about Ancient Egypt and were kind to one another on the journey to and from school.

This updated online safety guide examines Snapchat's latest features, including AI tools, Snap Map, and subscription content, and the potential risks they pose to young users, from screen addiction to sextortion.

At The National College, our WakeupWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit thenationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SNAPCHAT

With over 900 million active monthly users and billions of "snaps" sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

AGE RESTRICTION 13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the 'My AI' chatbot and AI-powered filters, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These bots may share unfiltered or inaccurate responses, promote unrealistic beauty standards, and collect personal data. Advanced filters and deepfake-style lenses can distort reality, potentially leading to manipulation, impersonation, or inappropriate content.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Snapchat boosts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks (daily Snapchat exchanges between you and a friend). When a streak's been going for a few days, users will see a . The number alongside it shows the number of days, but if users miss a day and break the streak, the only way to restore it is to pay. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app even more often.

SEXTORTION

Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may foster a sense of safety, users may become targets of sextortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images, then somehow capture those images to threaten and intimidate the victims. This might involve claiming they will share the images with friends or family unless money is paid.

SNAPCHAT+

Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2025, Snapchat introduced a new tier called Lense+, giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing snaps. These paid features may encourage young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of overspending or feeling pressured to make in-app purchases.

ACCESSIBILITY

Snapchat is now accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make activity harder to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of unsupervised communication or exposure to inappropriate content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat isn't suitable for children. The guidelines used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's disappearing messages feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB

The National College has developed a Family Safety Hub that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this guidance before allowing a child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Online risks can be easier to handle if you nurture open dialogue. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger connects with a child on Snapchat and makes them feel uncomfortable by pressuring them to send or receive unwanted or inappropriate images, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile to report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user, with a tailored reporting section under the 'Nude and Sexual Content' category. In this category, there's the option to report somebody for threatening to look sexually explicit images, or 'nude'.

USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Sit down with the children in your care and explore Snapchat's privacy settings as a shared activity. You can help them adjust who can contact them, view their stories, or see their location on Snap Map. It's a good opportunity to explain why some settings are safer than others, reinforcing their understanding of online boundaries. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes in their friendship groups.

Meet Our Expert

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