

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week our year 6 children have been away on a residential trip to Glasbury in Wales – it has certainly been quiet in school without them!

Our year 5 children have also been having lots of outdoor experiences this week too, all have taken part in forest School, led by our forest school leader Miss Staniland. As you know, forest school takes place whatever the weather, so as you can imagine there were lots of muddy children at the end of each session! The children very much enjoyed the opportunity to learn outdoors.



The year 5 also had a visit to Clip and Climb in Bicester. The children were able to challenge themselves on the various climbing activities.



Many thanks to everyone who was able to take part in Children in Need last week, the children looked wonderful dressed in yellow and spots. We raised a total of £249 which we will be sending off to Children in Need, the money will help so many children who find themselves in challenging circumstances.



Last week was UK Parliament week, all of the children in years 3 and 4 took part in sessions learning about parliament. They have all written letters to our local MP Layla Moran, with many of the children keen to learn more about her role as a politician. These sessions have supported our work around British values which all schools are required to teach.

A reminder from last week that Mrs White our computing co-ordinator has organised for you to attend a free online safety workshop which takes place on Thursday 1st December, joining by clicking on the link below:

<https://youtu.be/jyUj6zW55T8>

Our children in years Foundation stage to year 4 have begun preparing their Christmas plays with their teachers. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased from the school office.

Best wishes Deborah Nind and The WF team

**Our assembly theme for the month of November is Respect**

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 75 nights of reading at home: Luke, Finn, Luca & Saffy in Swallows. Hamish, Amelia, Senay, Emily & Ingrid in Owls. Serenity, Nate, & Nathan in Eagles. Luka, Isla, Aaron & Alissa in Sky Larks.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 50 nights of reading at home: Ruby & Albie in Swallows. Phoebe D, Zeko, Dexter, Tom, Luka, Violet & Alfie in Owls. Ellie Mae in Eagles.

Congratulations to the following children who have reached their 25 nights of reading at home: Jack in Red Kites

### Attendance

School starts at 8:45am, can you please make sure your child is in class by 8:45am.

#### EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!

There are only 190 statutory school days in one year and 175 days (weekends and school holidays) available to use for holidays. Parents should avoid taking their children out of school during term time in order to go on holiday.

Class	Attendance for 14.11.22 – 17.11.22
Eagles	97.16%
Kestrel	98.15%
Kingfishers	99.11%
Nightingales	97.32%
Owls	98.25%
Peregrine Falcons	97.92%
Red Kites	94.44%
Sky Larks	98.86%
Swallows	97.17%
Wrens	90.95%
Total	96.85%

### Christmas Play Dates

14.12.2022	Key Stage 1 Christmas Play at 10am
14.12.2022	Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) Christmas Play at 2pm
15.12.2022	Foundation Stage Christmas Play at 9.45am
15.12.2022	Key Stage 1 Christmas Play at 2pm
15.12.2022	Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) Christmas Play at 5.00pm

### Christmas Play Tickets

Christmas play tickets went on sale on Monday, if you have not picked yours up yet, please do so **by tomorrow at the latest**. Tickets are £2.50 each purely to cover the cost of hiring lights and play licences.

**Every child has an allocation of 2 tickets each in Year 1 to year 4 and 4 tickets in Foundation Stage, this is due to Health & Safety guidelines and entrance is strictly ticket only. If you do not collect your allocation by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November, they will go on resale on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November.**

### Children's Christmas Shopping Day

Each year we hold two non-uniform days on the Fridays leading up to Christmas to support this event.

**1st Non-uniform Day: Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December (in exchange for a male gift)**

**2nd Non-uniform Day: Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December (in exchange for a female gift)**

On each of these non-uniform days we ask for the children to bring in a gift suitable for a parent, carer, sibling, grandparent or anyone they decide they want to buy for. We have asked for it to be male and female gifts however chocolates, biscuits and sweets are ideal! Other ideas include items such as toiletries, socks, mugs, gloves, games...anything you would like to receive. (no alcoholic gifts please!) These are to be brought into the

classrooms and will then be checked, sorted and stored until the shopping event. Please can we ask that these are new, unopened and in date where applicable.

### **Shopping Day: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

On the actual shopping day, we ask for your child to bring in £2 and to hand to their teacher, please put it in an envelope with their name on if possible, to avoid cash handling. This allows them to buy 2 gifts for whoever they choose. They will choose their gifts from a class selection and they will then wrap and label their gifts to come home with them. We hope this answers some questions but if not please email [williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com)  
The children thoroughly enjoy choosing the gifts themselves, the wrapping and the surprise for the recipients.

### **Key dates:**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** - non-uniform day in exchange for male gift

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December** - non-uniform day in exchange for a female gift

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas School Lunch

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Shopping Day

### **PTA Update**

The children's Art Project work has been delivered to school. If you sent your child's work to school, the children will bring it home today.

The first Book Swap will take place on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 3pm in the school hall. More details to follow.

The next Uniform Exchange and Sale is due to take place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 3pm on the bottom playground, weather permitting.

The two non uniform days for the Christmas Shopping event are booked in for -

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December - This is in exchange for a male gift.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December - This is in exchange for a female gift.

Donations of chocolates, biscuits and sweets are ideal!

Other ideas include items such as toiletries, socks, mugs, gloves, games...anything you would like to receive. (No alcoholic gifts please)

The Christmas shopping Day will take place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December.

Any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch [williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:williamfletcherschoolpta@gmail.com)

To keep up with everything PTA related don't forget to follow and like our Facebook page @WilliamFletcherPTA

We have a pile of lost property in a box in the school hall, if your child has lost any school clothing please come to the school

### **Christmas Hockey Club**

Williams Hockey Coaching are running a Christmas hockey camp from December 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> at Oxford Hawks Hockey Club, for children aged 5 - 16 years. Please see attached for full details and below for registration form:

[www.forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=1psWpRy2xUS79XR1D31bwbqDBBEE2ddlrWQhabGgcShUOTVEVEoxNkZJWUo4WFE2VFZMVTZUMkhOUi4u](http://www.forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=1psWpRy2xUS79XR1D31bwbqDBBEE2ddlrWQhabGgcShUOTVEVEoxNkZJWUo4WFE2VFZMVTZUMkhOUi4u)

### **Christmas Tennis Club**

Woodstock Tennis Club is running a two-day Christmas tennis camp on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2022. Children aged 5+ of all abilities are welcome. Rackets can be borrowed for the sessions and children should come in trainers and comfortable clothing.

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/Fortyfiveentenniscoaching/Coaching/Camps>

### **Ignite After School Club Term 2**

Ignite are running an after school sports club for children in Foundation to Year 6. If you would like your child to attend Ignite Sports Club for term 1, which will run every Thursday from 3pm to 4pm, starting on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, please complete the Parent Pay form. It is based on a first come first serve basis and will cost £4.50 per session (£31.50 for term 2).

### **Lego Club**

Lego Club is now full, if you would like to go on the waiting list please email the school office at [office.2354@william-fletcher.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.2354@william-fletcher.oxon.sch.uk)

### **Friday cafe**

*Starting Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 8.45am- 10.30am in the Howard Hillsdon Room.*

Pop in, meet other parents and carers, everyone welcome. Information available at each session, including:

\*Helping your child with maths \*Healthy lunchbox ideas \*Money matters \*Reading with your child.

Tea, coffee and biscuits available and younger siblings always welcome. For more information, please contact: Clare Pink, Family Support Worker [clarepink@william-fletcher.gov.uk](mailto:clarepink@william-fletcher.gov.uk) or, Karen Ariss: [karen.ariss@abingdon-witney.ac.uk](mailto:karen.ariss@abingdon-witney.ac.uk)

### **Breakfast Club**

Breakfast club runs every day from 07:30 – 08:45 in the Howard Hillsdon building (old playgroup). The children enjoy a range of breakfast cereals, fruit juices, yoghurts and toast, followed by the opportunity to play indoor games. The cost is £5.00 per child. If you would like your children to take part in breakfast club, **please see the staff in the office to book prior to attendance.**

### **Knitting For All**

We have a knitting club at school run by Steph Radda on Tuesday's from 3pm - 4.15pm (term time only). If you would like your child to attend or for more information, please contact Steph on 07940564486 for further details.

### **Yarnton Brownies**

Yarnton Brownies currently have spaces. Come and join the fun! Open to girls aged between 7-10. We run Wednesday's during term time from 6.30-8pm. Please visit <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/> for more information and to register interest. Alternatively call 07866122863 - Heather Kimber Moss for any additional help.

### **Forthcoming Dates**

#### **December 2022**

02.12.22	Non-uniform day in exchange for male gift
09.12.22	Non-uniform day in exchange for female gift
14.12.22	Key Stage 1 Christmas Play at 10am
14.12.22	Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) Christmas Play at 2pm
15.12.22	Foundation Stage Christmas Play at 9.45am
15.12.22	Key Stage 1 Christmas Play at 2pm
15.12.22	Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) Christmas Play at 5.00pm
16.12.22	School Christmas Lunch
19.12.22	Christmas shopping day
20.12.22	School Carol Service
20.12.22	End of term 2

**William Fletcher School Term Dates 2022/2023**

**Term 2**

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October to Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November INSET Day

**Term 3**

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January to Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February

**Term 4**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February INSET Day

**Term 5**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

**Term 6**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June INSET

**William Fletcher School Term Dates 2023/2024**

**Term 1**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September INSET Day  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September INSET Day

**Term 2**

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October to Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November INSET Day

**Term 3**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

**Term 4**

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February INSET

**Term 5**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

**Term 6**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June INSET

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# TIKTOK



TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy. Now available in 75 languages, it has more than a billion active users worldwide (as of spring 2022) and is most popular with the under-16 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform for posting content, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's "Following" feed only displays videos from users someone follows, "For You" is a stream of clips based on their previously watched content. Most videos on a child's "For You" feed will therefore be light-hearted and amusing, but it could potentially surface something unsuitable. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the sheer volume of uploads mean they aren't manually monitored and vetted.



### DAINGEROUS CHALLENGES

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have unfortunately been influenced by videos challenging them to perform harmful, criminal or even deadly acts. One extreme example was the 'blackout' trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. It led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With around 1.1 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-16s (or youngsters using a false date of birth) are set to public by default. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to everyone else on the app; it also lets their videos be suggested to others and enables anyone to comment on them or download them.

### IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase emojis in the app. These emojis are then sent as rewards (retaining their monetary value) to other users for videos they've created. Coin bundles range from £3.99 to an eye-watering £99; TikTok's policy is that they can't be bought by under-18s, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birthday.

### ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social networking platforms, TikTok can be addictive: figures show that young people are investing increasing amounts of time in it. In the UK, children with TikTok spend an average of 102 minutes per day on the app, versus 53 minutes on YouTube. This compulsive repeated use can interfere with their sleep patterns – leading to irritability – and distract them from other activities.

### TIKTOK NOW

Introduced in late 2022, the 'TikTok Now' feature lets users post a daily video or photo at the exact same time as their friends. Users receive a synchronised notification at a random time of day, giving them three minutes to take a video or real-time photo. This addition can not only be a distraction to young people but could lead to them inadvertently sharing private content such as their location.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account with their child's and control their settings remotely. Parents can then, for example, turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content); set screen time limits; and manage their child's ability to send messages (and to whom). Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

### MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Although under-16s will have their TikTok account set to private by default, bypassing this setting is relatively easy. However, parents have the ability to manually set their child's account to private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to strangers and they won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.

### LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it's quite easy for a young person – without realising what they're doing – to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins so they can unlock more features of the app.

### DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If your child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's crucial to talk about the potential risks in this type of app. For example, ensure they understand not to share any identifying personal information – and that they realise they could be exposed to inappropriate content. Thinking critically about what they see on TikTok can help children become generally more social media savvy.

### READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something inappropriate or upsetting that they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the possible signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as are failing to complete homework or regularly not eating meals.

### Meet Our Expert

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