

10th January 2025

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are pleased to welcome all the children back to school this week following the Christmas break. They have all returned full of enthusiasm and keen to get on with their learning this term. Despite the cold and inclement weather it has been wonderful to see the children out and about in the school grounds making the most of the winter weather to support their learning.

It is also our pleasure to welcome our new Nursery children who started school for the first time this week as well as our other new starters across the school. They have all settled in so well. I would also like to thank the other children who have made them all feel so welcomed into our school family. For parents of all our new starters you may wish to check out our 'Welcome Videos' for your child's class. They are available to view on our YouTube channel and provide key information and expectations for each class. They can be found by [clicking here](#).

Welcome also to Mrs. Kenyon who has joined our school team and also to Mrs. March who is now teaching Year 4.

Please check out later in the Flyer for information from the Northumberland Family Hubs regarding their workshops being run this term. This includes a free virtual workshop to support parents in understanding their child's behaviour. Should you wish to book a place on this workshop please call Hexham Family Hub on 01434601698.

We are aware that your child may have received a smart device for Christmas and have therefore provided a parents guide to help your child use them safely. Please check this out later in the Flyer.

Well done to Nursery with the best attendance this week: an amazing 100%!

Well done to Year 1 for the best attendance for this year: 98.3%.

I hope that you enjoy reading this flyer and you have a relaxing weekend.

Mr. A. Wheatley,
Headteacher



Attendance Matters



ATTEND today...
ACHIEVE tomorrow...
ATTENDANCE matters.

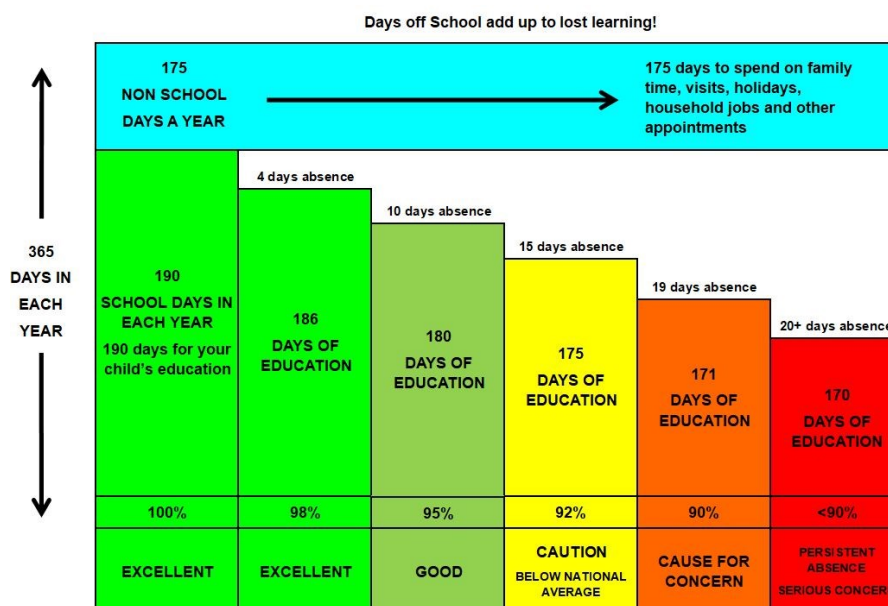


We continue to focus on attendance and punctuality so please remember that our School starts at 8.55am (9am for Nursery) and anyone arriving after this time will be marked as late.

Attendance for this week is summarised below:

Class	Attendance this week	Attendance this year	Class	Attendance this week	Attendance this year
Nursery (Hedgehogs)	100%	96.9%	Year 3 (Gibside)	92.7%	94.9%
Reception (Owls)	99.3%	95.5%	Year 4 (Lindisfarne)	94.8%	96%
Year 1 (Wallington)	99.3%	98.3%	Year 5 (Bamburgh)	96.9%	97.1%
Year 2 (Cragside)	92.4%	95.6%	Year 6 (Dunstanburgh)	99.7%	97.8%

Please see the graphic below which shows the significant impact of absence over time.



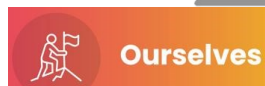
'Let all that you do be done with love'

1 Corinthians 16:14

What a brilliant week we have had in Nursery! We have loved getting to know our new friends this week. We are so proud of our new children for settling so well and our older children for being fantastic role models!



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Our topic for this half term is people who help us, we have had fun exploring this topic in our role play area. We also chatted to people in school who help us. On Thursday we had great fun watching the tree surgeons trimming the trees. We watched them climb the tree, hoist the equipment up and use the chainsaw!



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We are learning about the composition of 5 and have been singing 5 speckled frogs. On Friday we made fruit kebabs with 5 pieces of fruit and compared them to our friends.



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Woody is our class mascot. Joseph was our first friend to take Woody home. We enjoyed listening about his adventures and asking questions. Who will it be this weekend ?



We have a new calm area in the classroom where we can have some quiet time, this has been very popular.

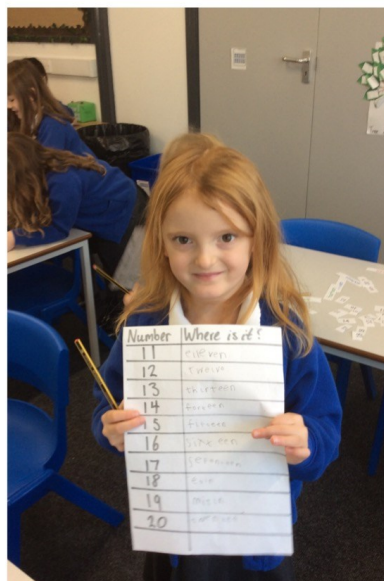
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Learning

Teen Numbers with Year 1

What a great first week back we have had in Year 1! We have been super busy learning all about teen numbers, we have been learning how to not only write them as numerals but also how to write them as words. In addition to this, we have also been learning how we can represent teen numbers in different ways using our tens frames as well as starting to use dienes to show our tens and ones. Super job Year 1!

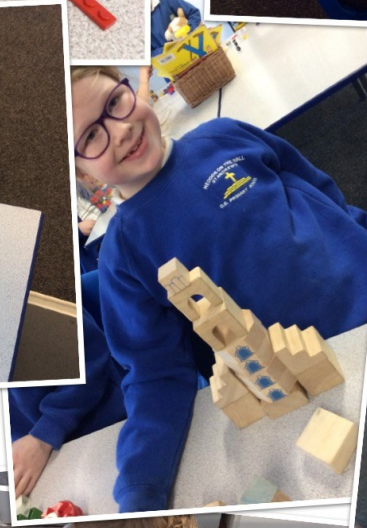
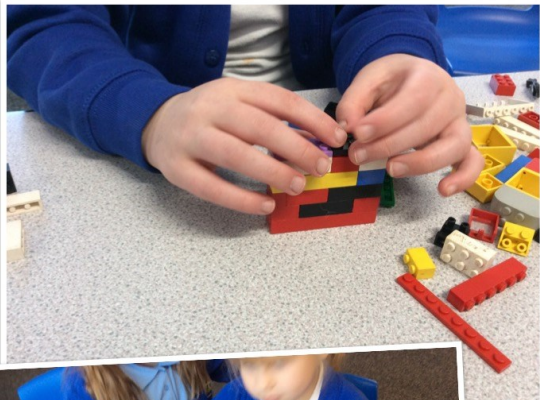


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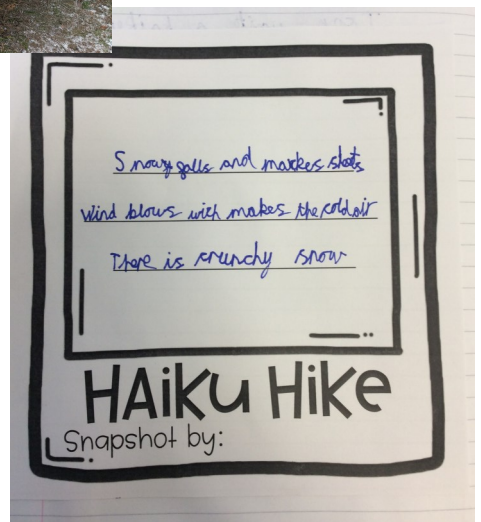
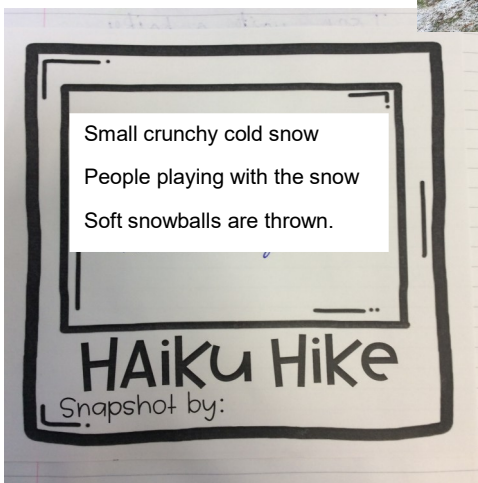
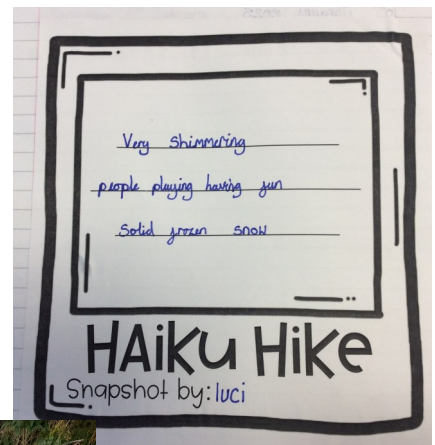
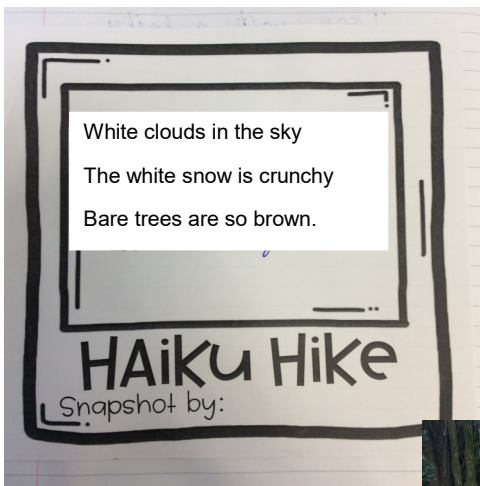
Exploring Structures in Year 2

Year 2 have been very busy exploring free standing, stable structures. We've used interlocking bricks, a wide base and buttresses to help make our structures as stable as possible.



Haikus with Year 3

In Year 3 we have been learning how to write Haikus in English. We found out that they are short poems that are only 3 lines long and each line needs to follow the 5-7-5 syllable pattern. We went on a nature walk around school and made notes of what we could see, hear and feel. We then came back into class and shared our ideas and collectively wrote some Haikus together. We then wrote our own Haiku's based on the notes we had made during our walk.

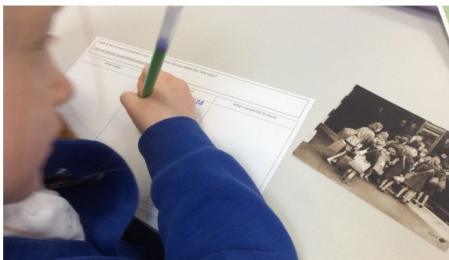


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A Busy Week in Year 4!

Year 4 has had a fantastic first week back at school. We have had our first swimming lesson which we all coped with amazingly. We have loved welcoming Mrs. March as our teacher on Thursday and Friday.

In History we looked at and analysed lots of World War 2 artefacts including posters, identity tags, ration books and photos. We carefully considered what we could find out about the war from these and what else we would like to learn. We are really looking forward to learning more!



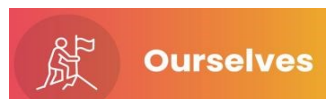
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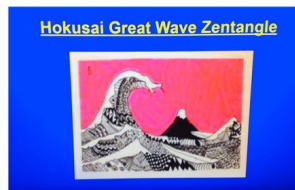
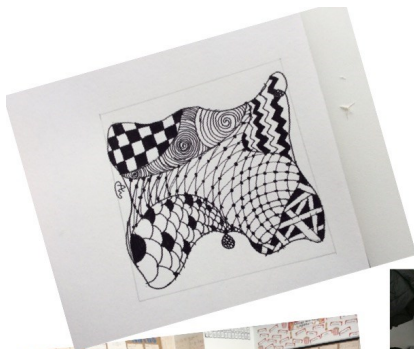
Marvel-lous Dancing with Year 5

This week in Year 5, we began our new PE unit on Dance, with a focus on the theme of 'Marvel.' At the start of the lesson, we created a list of adjectives to describe Superheroes and Supervillains. These descriptive words served as inspiration for movements and poses that we integrated into our dance sequences. We also explored the concept of 'canon,' discussing how it can enhance our routines by adding a fresh, dynamic element.

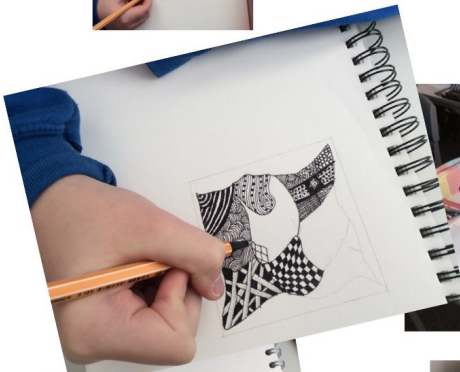
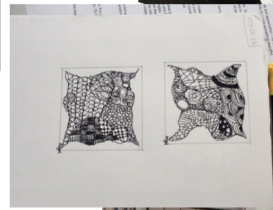


Zentangles with Year 6

A new art unit in Year 6 to start this half term, focusing on creating patterns using the Zentangle method. The children will use this skill to decorate their own version of Hokusai's Great Wave piece in later weeks. A great start with some very detailed patterns created this week. Well done.



Creating our own Zentangles in Art this week.



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Understanding children's behaviour

Free online workshops



Find out
what's driving
your child's
behaviour



Come along and:

- Understand feelings and needs behind children's behaviour
- Discover the importance of listening to children, and how it can support meeting their needs
- Explore responding with empathy, and how it can positively influence children's behaviour

Contact Hexham Family Hub to book a space:
01434 601698

More information

Join our virtual
Workshop on:

Tuesday 11th Feb
5 to 6pm

For ages 1 to 12 years

Facilitated by Family
Hub Practitioners

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We are here for everyone. Feel free to call in at any time when we are open, a member of the team will be able to help or signpost to another service. We look forward to seeing you soon, you will receive a warm welcome.



	 <p>SCAN ME</p>	<p>Wellbeing Service As part of the Family Hub offer, personalised support is now available to new and expecting mothers, fathers, and significant others (up until the child is two) who are experiencing mental health issues.</p>		<p>Universal Services AND Chill Out, Peep Stay & Play, Peep AND, Family Panel We want every family in our communities across Northumberland to enjoy the benefits of our Family Hubs. We offer a wide range of free activities for parents-to-be, babies, children and young people.</p>
	 <p>SCAN ME</p>	<p>HENRY Provides tips and support for parents and carers. Explore how to provide a healthy, happy and supportive environment for the whole family. One-off workshops also available - Starting Solids, Fussy Eaters, Understanding Behaviour and many more.</p>		<p>Neuro Peer Support Groups A peer support group for young people with autism or a similar neurodiversity. Children North East's SEND and Neurodiversity Team offer groups to support young people with neurodivergence, and offer a space to relax, meet other neurodiverse young people and explore interests.</p>
	 <p>SCAN ME</p>	<p>Feeding Friends Whether you're getting started with breastfeeding or starting solids and everything else in between, the Infant Feeding team provide emotional support, both antenatal and postnatal.</p>		<p>Wider Support Parenting Older Children A successful and mutually supportive course that helps with information and ideas that have been found to help parents navigate parenting older children and teens. Focuses on how parents can change what they do in order to help their kids change. A great approach to take the heat out of parenting and help keep mums and dads calm and in control, without shouting, screaming or worse!</p>
	 <p>SCAN ME</p>	<p>Healthy Relationships Arguments are part of every healthy relationship but when they become frequent, intense and poorly resolved, they have a negative impact on you and your family. The Family Hub offers courses to support you and your family.</p>		<p>Partner Services First Aid Courses, Autism drop-ins, Relax Kids and Charge Up We offer services in partnership with other organisations. Contact your Family Hub for dates and times.</p>
	 <p>SCAN ME</p>	<p>DadPad Family Hubs in Northumberland have teamed up with DadPad, which is an essential guide for new dads, developed with the NHS. The resource will support you and your partner to give your baby the best possible start in life.</p>		<p>Digital Services Healthy Relationships, Solihull, DadPad and DadTalk We are here to ensure that support services are accessible to families across Northumberland, and we offer a range of support including a wide digital offer. Contact your Family Hub for dates and times.</p>
	 <p>SCAN ME</p>	<p>DadTalk Free online workshop for dads - during pregnancy and beyond! Topics include the importance of 'Dad', the rollercoaster of change, coping with crying, changing, sleeping and feeding, where to get more help and support and celebrating fathers.</p>		<p>Solihull FREE online courses These courses are designed to help you understand your child's feelings, as well as focus on your own feelings, as you go through life as a family. You will also learn to understand the changes in your child's development and how to make the most out of each relationship.</p>
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What's on at Prudhoe Family Hub



<p> peesp </p> <p>Parents Early Education Partnership</p> <p>A range of groups supporting parents and children to learn together</p>	<p>AND Chill Out Fortnightly, starting Tuesday 14th January 3:30pm-4:30pm A session for children aged 4-14 with additional and/or needs and disabilities and their family, and their family. Come along and meet other young people and families in a safe space.</p>
<p>PEEP STAY & PLAY Mondays (0-5 years) 1:30pm-2:30pm at Richard Coates CE Primary School, Ponteland Tuesdays (0-18months) 10am-11am at Prudhoe Family Hub Wednesdays (0-5 years) 10am-11:30am at Albarbar (for military families only) Thursdays (0-5 years) 10am-11:30am at Prudhoe Family Hub</p>	<p>Feeding Friends (Alongside Peep Stay and Play) Tuesday 10am-11:30am The Infant Feeding team offer support, whether you're getting started with breastfeeding, starting solids, returning to work and everything else in between. The groups are also a great place to chat with other parents about you and your new addition to the family.</p> <p>Welcome Party Monday 20th January 1pm-2pm For expecting parents and babies up to 6 months. Come along and find out what the Family Hub has to offer. Join in with some fun activities for you, bump and baby too!</p>
<p>PEEP AND (Additional needs and/or disabilities) Friday 10am-11:30am A group for families with a child under 5 with additional needs or waiting for assessment.</p>	<p>Family Panel (Contact your Family Hub) Do you want to help make a difference to families like yours? Join the Northumberland Family Panel to get involved in future plans and share your thoughts and views, to help shape the support for families in your community.</p>
<p>PEEP BABIES (0-6 months) & (6-12 months) Explore hints & tips to help you in these first few months with your baby. These sessions create stimulating play experiences, encouraging communication with your baby and an understanding of each stage of their development.</p>	<p>Autism Family Support Drop-in Tuesday 14th January 10am-12pm At Hexham Family Hub Come along for a cuppa and a chat. No diagnosis needed! For parents of pupils aged 0-19 years.</p>
<p>PEEP TODDLERS (1-2 years +) Connect with others and discuss key aspects of your child's development as they learn and grow, which will support you in helping your child make the most of the world around them.</p>	<p>First Aid Courses (Contact us to book your place) Friday 7th February, 12:30pm-2:30pm Babies and children first aid awareness, a free session for parents and carers.</p>
<p>PEEP EARLY COMMUNICATORS (15-36 months) These sessions support young children in learning to express themselves and improves communication between parents and children. Help boost your little ones speech and language, social skills, routine and much more.</p>	<p>Registrar Thursday 30th January & 27th February Register your babies birth at Prudhoe Family Hub</p> <p>Midwife & Health Visitor Appointments You can arrange to see your Midwife or Health Visitor at the Family Hub. Please contact them directly to book.</p> <p>Health Visitor Appointments - 0300 373 2488 Midwife Appointments - 0344 811 8118 Get in touch with Prudhoe Family Hub Phone - 01661 839350 Email - prudhoefamilyhub@northumberland.gov.uk</p>

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Children are using smart devices from a much younger age than ever before. It's why it's essential we talk to our children about how to use them safely. There are so many positive benefits to the new technology at our disposal these days - however there are plenty of downsides too. As a parent, it's important you understand these risks and how you can take steps to protect your family against them.

1 PUT YOURSELF IN CONTROL

Make use of the parental control settings available to you. With most devices, you're able to change the settings to control the content your child has access to. This isn't difficult to do, as you'll often find guidance in the instructions that come with the device. By setting a private pin code on certain devices, you can make sure your child can only access it when you allow it.



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PROTECTING ANDROID DEVICES

You can set up restricted users on Android tablets through a Google account. Open the settings menu (look for a cog icon) and select the 'Users' option. Here you can add a new restricted user. After setting up a password and username, select which applications you want to restrict access to. On an Android smartphone it's similar, but first select 'Parental Controls' in the play store.

3 PROTECTING APPLE DEVICES

For Apple devices, you can simply visit the preferences/settings menu and within 'General' there is an option for 'Restrictions'. Here you can turn off any applications or features on your child's device that you do not want them to have access to.



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MAKE SEARCHING MUCH SAFER

Most search engines, such as Google, Bing or Yahoo, have a 'safe search' setting. You should activate this. Otherwise, it's extremely easy for a seemingly harmless search on the Internet to return unexpected and inappropriate results. Depending on the browser you're using, go to the settings and search for 'safe search'. Make sure you save the change so it defaults each time you open the browser. This will seriously reduce the chances of your child being exposed to something they shouldn't be.

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THINK ABOUT ALL YOUR SMART DEVICES

As well as tablets and smartphones, you should think about any device in your home connected to the Internet: a games console, a media hub, or a personal computer. In each case you can usually find parental controls in the settings. Think carefully about how much access you want to allow your child, especially when it comes to accessing the Internet.



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9 Top Tips To Get Smart About children's devices

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REGULARLY CHECK SOCIAL MEDIA SETTINGS

Before you allow your child to use social media, you should discuss the dangers with them. You should also make sure you're able to access their profile and privacy settings and check them regularly. The companies behind social media platforms often make privacy changes without making it very obvious to the user, such as Facebook's introduction of facial recognition software.



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DON'T LET PEOPLE SEE WHERE YOU ARE

Location software sounds useful for seeing where your child is, but it also provides the opportunity for others to locate your child too. For safety, it's a good idea to disable location software on all devices or at least turn it off when it's not required. Also, be mindful of specific apps that record running routes or locations where your child might be playing a game. Talk to your child about why these can be dangerous and how to turn the setting on and off as required.



8 WATCH OUT FOR FAKE PROFILES

Sadly, social media presents an enormous opportunity for the likes of paedophiles to set up fake profiles and interact with children. Keep a track of the people your child interacts with on social media and if you do not recognise a user as a friend, consider blocking them.



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9 KEEP A CHECK ON SCREEN TIME

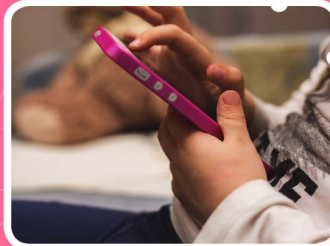
Managing how much time we spend on screens is a new challenge for us all. It's critically important when it comes to children, especially younger children who are still developing. It's not just a case of setting arbitrary time limits. Guidelines published by The Royal College of Pediatrics and Child Health suggests it's more important to consider the 'context and content' of what the screen is being used for. Still, it is helpful to put limits on devices using 'Guided Access' functions, which you can find in the settings of certain devices.



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Meet our expert

Emma Davis was a secondary school Computer Science teacher for more than a decade. Since leaving education, she has been working in a cyber security firm delivering cyber awareness training to businesses and carrying out network testing. She is a mother of a five-year-old, she's had vast experience of controlling and managing how children access online services and use apps.



Dates for your Diary - Spring Term



w/c Monday 3rd February 2025	Children's Mental Health Week
Tuesday 11th February 2025	Year 6 Visit to Nissan
Monday 17th February 2025	Let's Dance at Heddon
Friday 21st February 2025	Break the Rules Day
w/c Monday 23rd February 2025	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 3rd March 2025	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR TRAINING DAY
Friday 7th March 2025	Choir at Ryton Festival
Thursday 13th March 2025	Year 5 Careers Fair at the Metrocentre
Monday 17th March 2025	Individual Photographs