



### Newsletter—Week Ending 28th March 2025

#### TEAM OF THE WEEK!

This week's Team of the Week are:

**P16:** Thomas O, Soraia, William R

**KS4:** Keira, Ethan M, Jayden, Miles

**KS3:** Charlie S, Thomas S, Max R,  
Amelia -Rose, Evan

**Primary:** Archie, Arlo, Nash, Keagan, Kurtis,  
Lucas

**WELL DONE!**



#### DATES FOR THE DIARY:

**Friday 28th March—** P16 Dance Festival @ Weston Playhouse

**Friday 28th March-** PFA Easter Bingo 6:00pm to 8:30pm

**Thursday 3rd April** - End of Term 4 for pupils

**Friday 4th April—INSET DAY—**No pupils

**Tuesday 22nd April** - Start of Term 5



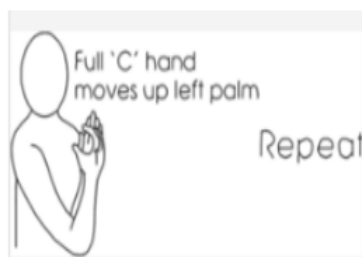
#### SEESAW

As you are aware the school use the Seesaw platform as a form of communication with families. We love sharing the news about the school day and the achievements that pupils are making. We are thankful for this two way communication between home and the classroom.

Please can I ask families to ensure that Seesaw is used ONLY for this purpose. If families do have appointments or indeed any worries or concerns, please can you follow the school policies and either contact the office or ask to speak to a Senior Leader, DO NOT USE Seesaw.

#### SIGNS OF THE WEEK

##### Careers



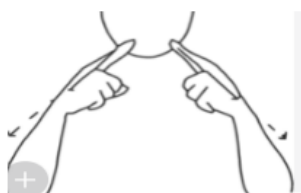
##### Jobs



##### Work



##### Advice



#### ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

A Reminder of the procedures for absence from school.

##### ON THE DAY ABSENCE:

Call the School Office. Please make sure you expand on the reason for absence as this is needed to help keep other students safe and for recording purposes. Please also state a possible return date. If not, then you will need to call each morning of the absence.

Sickness / Diarrhoea—48 hours clear from last bout

High Temperature—24 hours clear without need for medication.

**PRIOR / KNOWN ABSENCES (Such as medical / dental / funerals / holidays, etc)**

E-mail [info@ravenswoodonline.org.uk](mailto:info@ravenswoodonline.org.uk)

Preferably include a copy of the appointment or a screenshot of the notification. If not an appointment but known need for time off—An absence request form must be completed.

Please contact the class as an additional method rather than the only one.



## HAWK CLASS NEWS

This term in Hawk Class we have been studying dinosaurs. We love to talk about dinosaurs we know and how to describe them using adjectives. Here are some pictures of us making our own dinosaur fossils. It would normally take millions of years for a fossil to form but only took us two hours, as we put them in the oven!



## PINE CLASS FUNDRAISER

Pine Class are doing a school fundraiser at the moment. We have just received clothes bags for all the pupils and staff at the school from 'Bags 2 School' and we will be distributing them. Pine Class received them yesterday and the collection is 9.5.25. Pine Class will take the bags around to the classes to take home next week and explain to the teachers. Please look out for clothes collection bags that children will be bringing home.

We wanted to do this as it is a good school fundraiser and also we are talking about saving our planet at the moment so this was an idea we had. Please see the advert below that our students made.

**Please bring your old clothes to school on 9.5.25**

**In the clothes bags you will be given or in bin bags**

**This is because there are hundreds of thousands of people across the world who do not have the ability or the option to buy clothes so the charity bags2school take them for us.**



# BAG 2 SCHOOL

**Things we want, Clothes, coats, Paired shoes, Handbags, Hats, socks, bags, scarves, ties, and belts.**

**Things we don't want underwear mats and rugs**





## RECYCLING CHANGES IN NORTH SOMERSET

Changes are coming to recycling and waste collections in North Somerset this year.

For most households, a new recycling bag will be introduced, a wider range of recycling materials will be collected every week and black bin collections will switch from fortnightly to three-weekly. A brand new North Somerset Council app will also launch to make recycling even easier.

Most people's collection day will change to improve the efficiency of collections, reduce carbon emissions and improve reliability of the service.

Additional support is available for anyone who will struggle with the changes.

## Making recycling easier

Things are **changing** in 2025

Find out more at  
[www.n-somerset.gov.uk/threeweekly](http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/threeweekly)

Find out more  
scan QR code...

WORKING TOGETHER

## NAILSEA MASONIC HALL

# ESTUNE LODGE RACE NIGHT

On the big screen  
Recorded races - Lots of competitive fun!

### SATURDAY MAY 10th

All family & friends welcome

Tickets £11 to include chicken goujon and chips  
Doors open from 6.30 pm - First race 7:30 pm

Contact [eric.sortwell@talktalk.net](mailto:eric.sortwell@talktalk.net)

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## BACKWELL TENNIS CLUB OPEN DAY

Fun? Fresh Air? Exercise? Tennis is for everyone and we'd love to meet you at our Open Day on Saturday 26th April from 2pm. Free coaching tasters for adults and kids, cardio workouts, fun challenges, cake, and much, much more! Beginners, families, returners to tennis, regular players...

EVERYONE WELCOME!

<http://backwelltennisclub.co.uk/open-day>

# OPEN DAY

BACKWELL TENNIS CLUB

## SAT 26 APR 2025 2-5PM





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 [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# TIKTOK

### 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.

### 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.

### Meet Our Expert

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