

NEWSLETTER Thursday 18th September 2025

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone is settling in well to the routines of our new term. There certainly seems to be a 'buzz' in the air! Please read on for all the latest.

LANDSCOPE LEARNERS



CLASS 1

Class One have been learning about positional language and matching objects and shapes in their maths learning – they certainly enjoy sharing what they know!

CLASS 2

What a start we have had in Class 2! In English the children been busy making tiny friends ready to write all about their new adventures. This week the adventures have begun – imaginations are in action! Do ask your children what adventure their tiny friend went on!



CLASS 3

Class Three have started the year well; we have already visited Riverford Organic Farm and taken part in The Link Academy annual cross country competition. A massive well done to Leo for coming third in his race! We are looking forward to more fun activities throughout the term.



CLASS 4

Class Four have had a busy start to term. We enjoyed a tour of Riverford Farm, learning all about sustainable farming techniques, started a unit on databases in Computing, and made a cracking start to learning in Maths and English. I cannot wait to see how the year unfolds for us!





PE- KS2 Cross Country Event

KS2 had a wonderful time yesterday at the cross-country event – even though the weather wasn't as kind as last year!! Huge thanks to Mr Tanner – the scale of organisation is huge with 22 schools attending the event and all having their own special moment...Fab! All the children represented the school well, running to the best of their ability and cheering everyone on! We ended in fourth place overall, so a great result for the children – perseverance in action 😊. Well done everyone!



SAFEGUARDING & ATTENDANCE

With over 900 million monthly users, Snapchat continues to be a favourite among children and young people; however, with its ever-evolving features, the risks have evolved too. From AI-generated filters and chatbots, to disappearing messages and the Snap Map location-sharing tool, it's easy for children to stumble into unsafe territory. This guide breaks down the latest updates, including the Lens+ subscription service, and web browser access.

Attendance: (Our school target is 96.8%)	
Whole school	97.9%
Class 1	97.3%
Class 2	99.1%
Class 3	98.1%
Class 4	97.0%
Well done to Class 2!	

If you are concerned about a child's wellbeing, please contact the school or in non-school hours contact MASH on 0345 155 1071. Our designated safeguarding officer is Mrs. Ryder and the deputy safeguarding officer is Mr. Ansermoz

FOLS

Monday 22nd September – FOLS AGM
3:30pm at school, children can go into after school club free of charge.

LANDSCOVE SCHOOL ONLINE AUCTION-CALL FOR DONATIONS

This Autumn, FOLS (Friends of Landscope School) will be running an exciting online auction, full of interesting items and experiences. You will be able to bid on lots via an online platform, with all funds raised going to our school projects and enrichment. We have already bagged some great donations from lovely businesses, including a day in the beach house at Mothecombe, cocktails at The Bull Inn and a celebration bunch of flowers.

We are asking all family and friends of Landscope school to have a think about items, experiences and promises you could offer into the online auction. Do you have connections to a local business? Can you promise an activity or experience for a family or individual? Handyperson skills for a couple of hours? Could you blag a personalised autograph? Promise a tray bake or lunch hamper? Babysit?

We know our school community has great skills and intriguing extended networks, let's share them and raise some money

The **deadline is Friday 10th October** to let us know about your contributions, the online auction will kick off the following week and will run until mid-November.

Please speak to Becky Drew 07779034755, fols@outlook.com or drop items/vouchers into the school office. Thank you for all the ideas and donations so far!

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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SN PCHAT

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 tools may show 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 is broken for a few days, users will see a 'streak' icon. 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 blackmail the victim. 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 2023, Snapchat introduced a new tier called 'Lenses+', 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 unregulated communication or exposure to inappropriate content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat isn't suitable for children. The hashtags 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 or impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB

Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat 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 your child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.

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 'Nudity and Sexual Content' category. In this category, there's the option to report someone for threatening to leak sexually explicit images, or 'nudes'.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. Talk about warns and blockchain before letting your child set up an account, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgmentally about sexting, emphasizing it's a serious issue. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

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


Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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COMING UP- DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

22nd Sept	Class 2 visit to Sparkwell Orchard – apple harvest
1st Oct	School photographer – individuals and siblings (school hall)
9th Oct	Class 2 Forest School day @ Broadhempston community woods
16th Oct	Class 3 Forest School day @ Broadhempston community woods
17th Oct	Harvest festival 9:15-9:45 @ St Matthew's. Parents invited. Donations of non-perishable goods for Buckfastleigh foodbank gratefully received. 
20th Oct	Arts week begins
24th Oct	Break up for half term

Advance notice!

4th & 5th Nov	Parent consultation evenings – Bookings will be available later this half term
6th Nov	Class 4 Forest School day @ Broadhempston community woods
9th Dec	EYFS/KS1(classes 1&2) Nativity @ St Matthew's 2pm
10th Dec	KS2 Christmas Concert for Class 3 families@ St Matthew's 2pm
11th Dec	KS2 Christmas Concert for Class 4 families@ St Matthew's 2pm
19th Dec	End of term carols in church – bring your singing voices and join us at 2:45pm for a good old sing song!

That's it for now. Have a great weekend.

Jill Ryder.