



FRIDAY 9TH MAY 2025

Mrs Wright's Weekly Update

Year 6 - SATS

We are looking forward to our Year 6 children being able to enjoy breakfast together in readiness for their tests next week (8.15am Monday to Thursday). I know that they are all ready to shine and will be able to show off their amazing work over their years with us.

Whole School - Extra curricular Clubs

Clubs letters for the last half term of this academic year will have headed home this week. I would just like to thank our office staff for all of the hard work they do regarding clubs and their organisation. Huge thanks also to all the staff who are involved in making sure that our children have a wide range of activities to be involved in and get home safely after clubs, it's no mean feat.

KS2 Tag Rugby

Our Key Stage 2 Tag Rugby team are enjoying taking part in their competition and we look forward to hearing how well they do at the end of their matches.

Year 1, Year 3 & Reception - Upcoming events

I'm sure Year One will have a great time on their Camping Day on Monday 19th May and that Year 3 are looking forward to their Roman day on 22nd May. Then we have one of my favourite days of the year, our Reception Ugly Bug Ball on Friday 23rd May. I am always stunned by some parents' ingenuity in creating mini beast outfits for their children!



What's on?



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Info
Monday 12th to Thursday 15th May	Y6 SATS	SATS breakfast 8:15am each morning in the Hall
Monday 19 th May	Y1 Camping Day	
Thursday 22nd May	Y3 Roman Day	
Friday 23rd May	Ugly Bug Ball	Reception classes - more info to follow
	School closes for May Half Term	School closes at 3:10 - UP and 3:25 - BW
Monday 2 nd June	INSET DAY	School closed to pupils
Tuesday 3 rd June	Start of Summer Term 2	Pupils return to school

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 24

After two decades of holding the official FIFA licence, EA Sports' phenomenally successful football video game series has embarked on a solo run at goal. This season's iteration marks the debut appearance of a new name and branding, but don't let those fool you – EA Sports FC 24 is still a very similar proposition to last year's FIFA 23. Popular features such as Ultimate Team remain a big focus, meaning that potentially costly in-game spending is still among the line-up of risks that parents and carers should be aware of.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?



RECURRING RELEASES

EA Sports FC 24 effectively picks up the FIFA template – meaning that after a year, we can expect EA Sports FC 25 to hit the shelves. Updates between versions of the FIFA franchise tended to be minor, but young fans of the game are almost certain to want the new edition in around 12 months' time, so they can keep playing with updated team kits, players and squad lists.

OFFENSIVE VOICE CHAT

FIFA 23 introduced cross-platform play, and EA Sports FC 24 goes a step further with Clubs, Seasons and Ultimate Team cooperative modes across PlayStation 5, Xbox Series X and S, and PC. That's exciting news for youngsters who love to play with friends online – but connecting a much wider audience does potentially open lines of communication between children and far older online gamers.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

In FIFA, Ultimate Team proved to be a profitable innovation for developers Electronic Arts (EA), and is now found in many of their other titles. Players spend in-game currency to recruit better footballers for their team, but this process can take a frustratingly long time – so young fans may be tempted to skip the grind by paying real-world cash to unlock that coveted star midfielder.

ULTIMATE TEAM SCAMMERS

Since the mode was introduced, Ultimate Team has been a target of scammers who attempt to coax players into buying or selling outside the terms of service from EA and console manufacturers. This shady practice can lead to accounts being banned and in-game items being lost. In some cases, young gamers have also been hoodwinked into handing over their payment details to the fraudsters.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

Just like real-life football, EA Sports FC 24 offers a thrilling, dynamic blend of tactical awareness and skill that fans find absolutely engrossing. Among younger players in particular, this could lead to identifiers of a gaming disorder as they plead for "just one more game" before bedtime or spend practically all weekend playing more matches to earn additional Ultimate Team packs.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONTROL SPENDING

If your child enjoys Ultimate Team mode, check that your payment details aren't linked to their account. Bundles of FC Points (the game's currency) start at just £1, so multiple payments can easily slip under the radar. You could consider setting your child an in-game allowance, perhaps through a prepaid card, which will help them to realise that online spending has a real-world effect.

DEFEND AGAINST SCAMMERS

EA does contact players via email (although not to ask for usernames or passwords, so watch out for that scam tactic), but never through the game itself – so be wary of incoming messages and consider blocking and reporting suspected spam. Your child should avoid buying coins (the in-game currency) from external sites; it could end with them losing their money and being banned from the game.

AVOID EXTRA TIME

Many parents of young football-oriented gamers worry about their child playing too much EA Sports FC. There's now also a companion mobile app, which can also often provide another indicator that a child is struggling to disengage from the game. You could initiate discussions around set hours of play – or take stronger action by utilising the parental controls on their console or phone.

SHOW TOXIC CHAT THE RED CARD

Playing EA Sports FC 24 with friends is highly enjoyable, but if competitive types start to turn toxic online, it can ruin everyone's fun. You could occasionally listen in on the voice chat of your child's game for any warning signs that things may be about to boil over. This goes double when playing online with strangers: voice contact with unknown players can be turned off in the game's settings.

CELEBRATE THE VARIETY

Ultimate Team may be the game's 'star player', but there's plenty more to do in EA Sports FC 24 – including modes which allow access to all of football's big names without needing to spend money on packs to unlock them. This new version of the game includes even more women's teams, marking another step forward in representation: an important subject to discuss and celebrate with children.

Meet Our Expert

Daryl Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site DO8ace and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. Always eager to test out the latest apps, games and online trends, he's also a parent who understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.

Big questions – Summer 1

HOW DOES
GOD SHOW
HIS LOVE TO
US?

WHAT DOES THE
PHRASE 'GIVE US
THIS DAY OUR
DAILY BREAD'
MEAN?

Each half term we focus on our Big Questions during our class worships. We discuss them with our friends and share our ideas together. You could talk about these at home too.



ARE YOUR APP NOTIFICATIONS TURNED ON?

To help school reduce the increasing costs of messaging, we are now going to send more app notifications instead of SMS.

The only text messages you will receive will be in relation to absence or medical.

All other contact from school will be via app notifications.

Please contact the office if you have not yet registered with the app.

Type of message	Delivery method
Absence & Medical	SMS
Awards / Clubs / Other	App notification

Don't miss out! Turn on your app notifications!



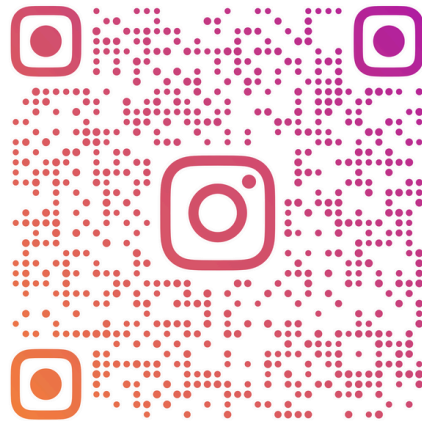
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