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Dear Parents and Families,

It's been another busy week and it's been great to see some of the excellent work the children are already producing. Here is this week's news.

Celebration Assembly

We had our first celebration assembly of the year, and some children have received their first certificates towards the STAR award. This week's award winners are:

Showing Kindness: Ava and Harper

Taking on New Challenges: Sophie, Faith, Alfred, Seb H and all of Brambles!

Achieving Your Goals: Albie

Well done everyone!

Celebration assemblies are open to any parent who would like to attend. We will notify parents on Thursday if your child is going to be receiving a certificate.

Healthy Snacks

Please ensure that the snacks children are bringing for break time are healthy. We want to ensure that they are getting the energy they need for their learning. Please try to avoid chocolate and sweets. Thank you.

PTA AGM

The PTA Annual Meeting will take place at school on Wednesday 24th September at 7pm. The latest PTA newsletter is on the following page.

Celebration Assemblies

Dates for this term are:

Friday 19th September

Friday 26th September

Friday 3rd October is our Harvest Festival (no certificates)

Friday 10th October

Friday 17th October

Secondary School Open Evenings

For parents with children in Year 6, the local secondary schools are holding open days over the next few weeks. Attached to this newsletter is a flyer for the Open Evening at Bishop Perowne on Thursday 2nd October.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Templeton and Staff

Diary Dates (these will be added to over time)

Tuesday 23 rd September	Open Morning – prospective parents welcome
Friday 3 rd October	Harvest Festival – Parents Welcome – 2.40pm
Tuesday 14 th October Wednesday 15 th October	Parents Evening
Week of 20 th – 24 th October	International Theme Week
Friday 24 th October	PTA Halloween Disco
Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October	Half Term
Friday 28 th November	INSET Day – School Closed
Wednesday 10 th December	Whole School Christmas Concert (there will be morning and afternoon performances)
Friday 12 th December	Music Assembly
Wednesday 17 th December	Whole School Trip (Details coming Monday!)
Friday 19 th December	End of Autumn Term



Sytch PTA Newsletter

Autumn Half-Term 2025



Welcome

Welcome back to all our families, and a special greeting to those joining our school community for the first time. We hope you enjoyed the summer break and are ready for the exciting term ahead.

As a Parent Teacher Association, our role is to support the school by organising events, raising funds, and fostering a strong sense of community. Throughout the year, we will be hosting a variety of activities designed to enrich our children's experiences and bring families together.

We look forward to working with you this year and wish all our pupils a happy and successful term.

Annual General Meeting

We invite all parents & teachers to attend the upcoming PTA AGM. This is a great opportunity to hear about the work of the PTA, review the past year, and discuss upcoming events.

We will also be electing committee members for the year ahead. New volunteers are always welcome – whether you would like to join the committee or simply find out more about what we do.

Your continued support is invaluable, and attending the AGM is a fantastic way to have your say and get involved in shaping the year ahead.

Festive Quiz & Fizz

Gather your colleagues, friends, or family and enjoy a festive evening in support of our school.

The evening will feature:

- 🍷 A festive-themed quiz
- 🏆 Prizes for the winning team
- 🍷 Seasonal refreshments
- 🥳 Plenty of laughter and cheer!

Tickets are now available to book! Please email [syтчpta@outlook.com](mailto:sytchpta@outlook.com) to reserve your place.

Calendar

24th
Sept

PTA Annual General Meeting
held at school, 7:00pm
All welcome!

24th
Oct

Halloween Disco
KS1 17:30 - 18:45
KS2 18:30 - 19:45
More details to follow!

5th
Dec

Festive Quiz & Fizz
Tickets now available!

200 Club

The PTA 200 Club is a lottery open to all families and friends of the school aged 16 and above.

Join the 200 Club today!

- Cash prizes to be won
- Funds raised go straight back to our children
- The more who join, the bigger the prize pot!

£2 per number. 4 or more numbers will qualify for FREE transport on school trips.

To sign up, please collect a form from the school office or email us for more information at [syтчpta@outlook.com](mailto:sytchpta@outlook.com)

Pre-Loved Uniform

We are looking for donations of pre-loved school uniform. If you have any items that your child no longer needs, we would be very grateful to receive them.

All items should be clean and in good condition. We kindly ask that clothing is free from stains, holes, or excessive wear.

Please take donations to the school office.

If you require any pre-loved uniform please ask a member of the committee or speak to Mrs Bishop.

Contact us

In person: at pick-up or drop-off

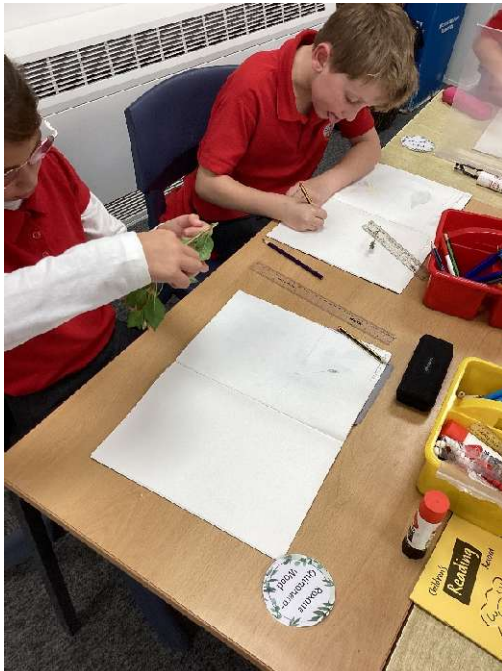
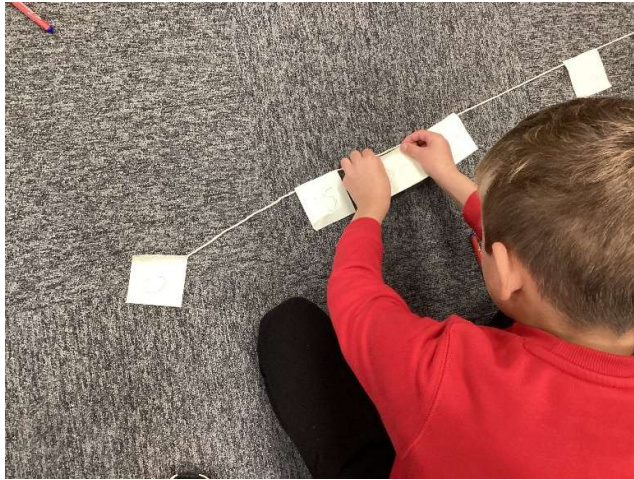
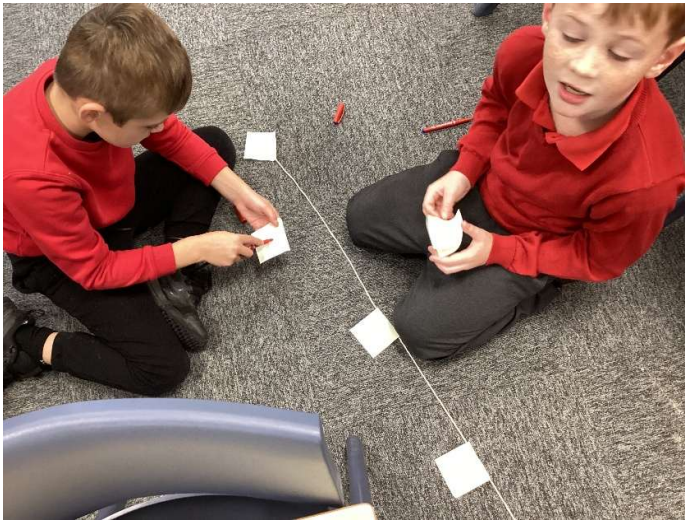
Email: SytchPTA@outlook.com

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Willow Class have been busy creating their own number lines, and adding detail to their drawings.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SNAP STREAK

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SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

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.

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 share 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's been going for a few days, users will see a 🔥 emoji. 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 intimidate 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 2025, Snapchat introduced a new tier called Lens+, 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 unsupervised 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 on 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 a 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 somebody 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 scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgmentally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. 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.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

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We regularly get sent links to organisations that offer help to parents, children and families going through difficult times. We thought it would be helpful to add these at the bottom of the newsletter each week, in case there is anything you would like to find out more about. As always, please do make an appointment at the office if there is any way we can help. We will keep this list updated with services that get in contact with the school.

Foodbank – We are now able to issue foodbank vouchers to people who need them. If you would like one please come and speak, in confidence to Miss Templeton or Mrs Bishop.

CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) - Providing a range of wellbeing and mental health support to children, young people and their families across Herefordshire and Worcestershire <https://camhs.hacw.nhs.uk/>

Lumi Nova - An engaging child-led, parent/guardian supported therapeutic intervention that can be used on most smartphones or tablets. It facilitates graded exposures (the active ingredient of Cognitive Behavioural Therapy) with psychoeducation to empower 7–12-year-olds with mild to moderate needs to learn to self-manage fears, worries and anxiety.
<https://luminova.app/handw>

Melo – Melo takes an innovative and flexible approach to improving the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people aged 0-25 years. It will provide a wide range of services designed to meet individual mental health needs.
Melo :: Onside, Worcestershire & Herefordshire <https://www.onside-advocacy.org.uk/melo>

WEST (wellbeing and Emotional support teams in schools) An in schools service is designed to help children and young people ages 5-18 years access mental health and wellbeing support early on in educational settings. It's all about ensuring children and young people can get access to the right help as early as possible. <https://camhs.hacw.nhs.uk/west/>

- [Family Lives](#)



Phone: 0808 800 2222

Hours: 9am – 9pm Monday to Friday.
10am – 3pm on weekends.



- [YoungMinds Parent Helpline](#)

Phone: 0808 802 5544



- [Action for Children](#)

Phone: 0300 123 2112

Hours: Vary (see website)