

# NORTH WALKDEN PRIMARY

## NEWSLETTER – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### Headteacher's Weekly Awards - WELL DONE TO OUR STARS OF THE WEEK

All the children get a special mention in the Achievement assembly on Friday and will bring home a certificate detailing the reason for their award.

Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and didn't eat too many Easter eggs!

**Summer Fair planning** – Each year we host a summer fair which is a fantastic fun day for everyone. This year we are planning to make it even more special with stalls, bouncy castle or assault course and lots of opportunities to win fantastic prizes. It takes a lot of planning for the staff and I wanted to reach out to see if any parents can help with raffle prizes. Please take a look at the matched funding letter that was emailed to you on Tuesday this week and get in touch if you think your employer can help. They may not be able to help with funding but may be able to offer a prize to raffle!! If you could ask your employer or even family members to ask their employers so that we can make our summer raffle a fantastic chance for you all to win something extra special!! Please get in touch with the school office if you can help.

**Year 6 SATS:** Next week we have MOCK Sats week. This week is very important in supporting children understand what will happen for the real SATS. We find that is reassures the children so they know what to expect being in exam conditions. This is essential practice for them so please ensure they attend every day. SATS week is from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May.

#### Place2Be:

These resources are great for parents to access at home if they're unable to visit Laura in school. The next Parenting Smart Online Course starts in June, however, registration needs to be completed before the end of May.

Please see the links below.

- [Parenting Smart school toolkit](#)
- [Webinar introducing Parenting Smart](#) - Passcode: jgZQ5Yi#
- [Parenting Smart – Online Course page](#) which include a promotional video and testimonial from previous participants.



# Parenting Smart



We all want the best for our children, but parenting can be really tough sometimes. We've all been there.

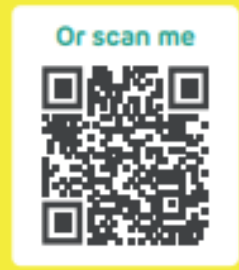
Place2Be's Parenting Smart is a site for parents and carers of 4-11 year olds, offering practical advice on supporting your child and managing behaviour.

All of our content is created by Place2Be's parenting experts. It's based on evidence and their experiences working with children, young people and their families.

Designed with busy parents in mind, the site has short videos and articles on topics from meltdowns to bullying, from sleeping difficulties to encouraging self-confidence.



Learn more at [parentingsmart.org.uk](https://parentingsmart.org.uk)



Exclusive to schools supported by Place2Be

# Parenting Smart – Online Course

Parents and Carers of 4-11 year olds can access our free online course providing you with **extra tools to deal with everyday parenting challenges.**

All of the content is based on the latest evidence and experience from Place2Be's Parenting Team, in partnership with South London and Maudsley-NHS Foundation Trust.

The course aims to help you **strengthen your relationship with your child and respond helpfully to challenging behaviour.** You can also join discussions with other parents and carers in your group from across the UK.

Designed to fit around busy family lives, the 4-week course can be **broken down into short 15-minute sections** and you can access it from your mobile phone, tablet or any other device.

- ✓ Free
- ✓ No fixed times
- ✓ Accessible from any device
- ✓ Hear from other parents around the UK
- ✓ Place2Be professional on hand to support learning



**Free Uniform:** Woodstreet Mission Smart Start Uniform Grant is now open for families.

If you need support with uniform for September, please make an appointment to see Mrs Blemmings who will complete a referral and order form to the service for support.

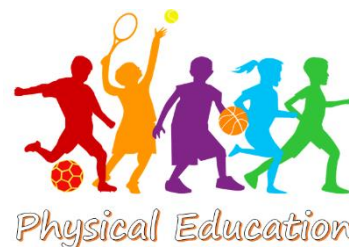
*free uniform packs include;*

- 4 polo shirts or 4 shirts/blouses
- 1 pair of trousers or a skirt
- 1 sweatshirt (no logo)

Low Income is a priority for Wood Street Mission. The service is open to both working families and families in receipt of benefits.

**After School Clubs:** Our new clubs started this week. Children attending a **sports club** should come to school in their PE kit on the day they are in the club. The clubs running are as follows

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 1	Sophie - Mindfulness Club (Max 10)	Tennis Club - wear PE kit		
Year 2	Nicola - Media Club (Max 10)	Tennis Club - wear PE kit		
Year 3	Tennis Club - wear PE kit	Julie O'R - Handwriting and creative writing (Max 10)		
Year 4	Tennis Club - wear PE kit	Polly - Cutting Skills with arts and crafts (Max 12)		
Year 5	Julie - Targeted Booster (SPAG/ENG)	Bill - Debate Club	Cricket Club - wear PE kit	
Year 6	Targeted Booster	Bill - Debate Club	Cricket Club - wear PE kit	Targeted Booster



**Reminder - PE Days and Swimming:** Please note the days below for PE and swimming. On these days children should come to school in their PE kits.

- Reception – PE on FRIDAY
- Year 1 – PE on Wednesday
- Year 2 – PE on Wednesday / Swimming on Thursday from 18.04.24 – 23.05.24
- Year 3 – PE on Tuesday
- Year 4 – PE on Tuesday
- Year 5 – PE on Monday
- Year 6 - PE on Monday



Reception class were all in on time every day this week, well done.

**Children should be in school by 8.45am if you arrive after this time you are late!**

Well done to Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 6 who all achieved the attendance target this week!

**Punctuality and Attendance**

Please remember school starts at **8:45am** – Doors will be open from 8.35am. Children arriving after 8.55am must enter through the school office and be signed in.

**Last week's attendance – Our School target and individual pupil target is 96%**

	Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
Class attendance award	<b>96 BRONZE</b>	93	<b>99 GOLD</b>	94	93	<b>96 BRONZE</b>	92	<b>97 SILVER</b>	95
Late arrivals	2	1	5	3	3	5	3	3	25

**Online Safety:** We have some helpful advice below about online safety and we will share different supportive advice each week in the newsletter.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION  
**13+**

Snapchat is an instant messaging app which allows users to send images, videos and texts to people in their friends list. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures and messages 'disappear' 24 hours after they've been viewed; however, this content isn't as temporary as many believe - with some users saving screenshots or using another device to take a photo of their screen. This year, Snapchat added 'My AI': a customisable chatbot with which people can chat and share secrets, as well as asking for advice and suggestions of places to visit.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

Even if your child only connects with people they know, they may still get friend requests from strangers. The Quick Add option lets users befriend people the app recommends - but these 'friends' are merely a username, which could have anyone behind it. Accepting such requests reveals children's personal information through the Story, SnapMap and Spotlight features, potentially putting them at risk from predators.

### EXCESSIVE USE

Snapchat works hard on user engagement, with features like streaks (messaging the same person every day to build up a high score). Spotlight Challenges tempt users into spending time producing search term content of cash prizes and online fame, while it's easy for children to pass hours watching Spotlight's endless scroll of videos.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some videos and posts on Snapchat aren'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 (teens in particular) to share explicit images on impulse - so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

### ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

My AI is Snapchat's new chatbot, which replies to questions in a human-like manner. However, the software is still in its infancy and has significant drawbacks, such as biased, incorrect or misleading responses. There have already been numerous reports of young users turning to AI for medical help and diagnoses, which could be inaccurate and therefore potentially dangerous.

### ONLINE PRESSURES

Although many of Snapchat's filters are designed to entertain or amuse, the 'beauty' effects on photos can set unrealistic body-image expectations - creating feelings of inadequacy if a young person compares themselves unfavourably with other users. Snapchat now also has 'priority' notifications (which still get displayed even if a device is in 'do not disturb' mode), increasing the pressure on users to log back in and interact.

### VISIBLE LOCATION

Snap Map highlights a device's exact position on a virtual map which is visible to other users. There are options to restrict who can see this information: all friends, only you (Ghost Mode) or selected friends. Snapchat also has real-time location sharing, which is intended as a buddy system to ensure friends have reached home safely - but which could also be used to track a young person for more sinister reasons.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### TURN OFF QUICK ADD

The Quick Add feature helps people find each other on the app. This function works based on mutual friends or whether someone's number is in your child's contacts list. Explain to your child that this could potentially make their profile visible to strangers. We recommend that your child turns off Quick Add, which can be done in the settings (accessed via the cog icon).

### CHOOSE GOOD CONNECTIONS

In 2021, Snapchat rolled out a new safety feature: users can now receive notifications reminding them of the importance of maintaining connections with people they actually know well, as opposed to strangers. This 'Friend Check Up' encourages users to delete connections with users that they rarely communicate with, to maintain their online safety and privacy.

### DISCUSS AI

Although My AI's responses can often give the impression that it's a real person, it's essential that young people remember this certainly isn't the case. Encourage your child to think critically about My AI's replies to their questions: are they accurate and reliable? Remind them that My AI shouldn't replace chatting with their real friends, and that it's always better to talk to an actual person in relation to medical matters.

### CHAT ABOUT CONTENT

It may feel like an awkward conversation (and one that young people can be reluctant to have) but it's important to talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting. Remind your child that once something's online, the creator loses control over where it ends up - and who else sees it. Likewise, it's vital that children understand that some challenges which become popular on the platform may have potentially harmful consequences.

### KEEP ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Profiles are private by default, but children may make them public to gain more followers. Snap Stories are visible to everyone your child adds, unless they change the settings. On SnapMaps, their location is visible unless Ghost Mode is enabled (again via settings). It's safest not to add people your child doesn't know in real life - especially since the addition of My Places, which allows other Snapchat users to see where your child regularly visits and checks in.

### BE READY TO BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger *does* connect with your child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending sexual images to them, your child can select the three dots on that person's profile and report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user (annoying or malicious messages, spam, or masquerading as someone else, for example).

### 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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#WakeUpWednesday

Sources: <https://help.snapchat.com/hc/en-gb/articles/209781036802-What-is-My-AI-on-Snapchat-and-how-do-I-use-it> | <https://www.snap.com/en-GH/news/ai-keynotes-from-snap-and-how-ai-will-enhance-our> | <https://www.nos.com/2022/04/19/snapchat-live-location-sharing-challenge/> | <https://help.snapchat.com/hc/en-gb/articles/20220498844>

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**School communication:** Please ensure you are logged into your school spider app so that you receive all the important messages we send out. If you need to download the app again, its 'School Spider' and then you can simply go to the log in page and click forgot password to reset your log in details.

**Contacting School:** If you wish to contact school then you can email us on [NorthWalkdenPrimary.PupilContact@salford.gov.uk](mailto:NorthWalkdenPrimary.PupilContact@salford.gov.uk) and we will respond the same day or call 0161 921 2921.

**DIARY DATES:** Whilst we aim not to change dates once set sometimes circumstances mean we have to, please always check the dates each week and update your plans accordingly. Any changes will be highlighted.

DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT	TIME	CLASS
MONDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	SCHOOL RE-OPENS	8.45AM	WHOLE SCHOOL
MONDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	RECEPTION HEIGHTS AND WEIGHT CHECK	1PM	RECEPTION
MONDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	YEAR ONE PARENTS EVENING	3.30-6.30PM	YEAR ONE PARENTS
WEDNESDAY 17 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	PARENTS EVENING	3.30-6.30	NURSERY AND YEARS 2-6
THURSDAY 18 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	YEAR 2 1 <sup>ST</sup> SWIMMING LESSON	1PM	YEAR 2 CHILDREN
MONDAY 22 <sup>ND</sup> APRIL	MMR 2 <sup>ND</sup> DOSE	9AM	FOR CONSENTED CHILDREN
MONDAY 22 <sup>ND</sup> APRIL	MOCK SATS WEEK FOR YEAR 6	ALL WEEK	YEAR 6
MONDAY 22 <sup>ND</sup> APRIL	RELATIONSHIPS AND SEX EDUCATION MEETING FOR PARENTS	3.30PM	FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN YEARS 2, 5 AND 6
TUESDAY 23 <sup>RD</sup> APRIL	PHONICS SCREENING CHECK MEETING FOR PARENTS	3.30PM	FOR YEAR ONE PARENTS AND SOME YEAR 2 PARENTS- INFO TO FOLLOW
WEDNESDAY 24 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL	YEAR 4 FAMILY TIME WORKSHOP	9-10AM	YEAR 4 PARENTS
WEDNESDAY 1 <sup>ST</sup> MAY	EYFS LEARNING WALK FOR GOVERNORS	9.45AM	GOVERNORS
THURSDAY 2 <sup>ND</sup> MAY	STEPPING UP WITH SAM THOMPSON – sponsored event		WHOLE SCHOOL
WEEK BEG 13 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	YEAR 6 SATS WEEK	ALL WEEK	YEAR 6
THURSDAY 16 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	YEAR ONE CLASS VISITNG CHURCH	1.30PM	YEAR ONE CLASS
MONDAY 20 <sup>TH</sup> MAY	WORLD BEE DAY BY SCHOOL COUNCIL £1 DONATION	ALL DAY	MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN DUE COURSE
TUESDAY 21 <sup>ST</sup> MAY	WORSLEY SPORTS EVENT – children will be trailed and chosen to participate	4PM	TBC
THURSDAY 23 <sup>RD</sup> MAY	YEAR TWO LAST SWIMMING SESSION	1.30PM	YEAR 2
THURSDAY 23 <sup>RD</sup> MAY	SINGING SHOWCASE FOR YEARS 1-6	1.15PM	YEARS 1-6- CHILDREN ONLY
THURSDAY 23 <sup>RD</sup> MAY	BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM	3.15PM	ALL CLASSES
MAY HALF TERM			
DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT	TIME	CLASS
TUESDAY 4 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	SCHOOL RE-OPENS	8.45AM	WHOLE SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS	9-11AM	NURSERY TO YEAR 6
FRIDAY 7 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	Y5 WATERSPORTS – SALFORD WATERSPORT CENTRE	ALL DAY	YEAR 5
WEEK BEGINNING 10 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	PHONICS SCREENING CHECK WEEK	ALL WEEK	YEARS 1 AND 2
WEDNESDAY 12 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	GOVERNORS OPEN DAY	9-3PM DROP IN	GOVERNORS
WEDNESDAY 12 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	YEAR 5 FAMILY TIME WORKSHOP	9-10AM	YEAR 5 PARENTS
THURSDAY 13 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	YEAR 3 SUMMER TRIP TO THE LAKE DISTRICT- PROVISIONAL DATE	8-5	YEAR 3 CLASS- MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW
THURSDAY 13 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	NURSERY STAY AND PLAY	9-9.45 AM	NURSERY PARENTS
THURSDAY 13 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	YEAR 2 VISITING CHURCH	1.30PM	YEAR 2 CHILDREN
FRIDAY 14 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	Y5 WATERSPORTS – SALFORD WATERSPORT CENTRE	ALL DAY	YEAR 5
WEEK BEGINNING 17 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	POLLINATOR WEEK LED BY SCHOOL COUNCIL	ALL WEEK	DETAILS TO FOLLOW
WEEK BEGINNING 17 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	WHOLE SCHOOL ASSESSMENT WEEK	ALL WEEK	YEARS 1-5
FRIDAY 21 <sup>ST</sup> JUNE	Y5 WATERSPORTS – SALFORD WATERSPORT CENTRE	ALL DAY	YEAR 5
SATURDAY 22 <sup>ND</sup> JUNE	SUMMER FAIR	11-1	EVERYBODY WELCOME
MONDAY 24 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	NEW NURSERY PARENTS MEETING	5PM	NEW NURSERY PARENTS
TUESDAY 25 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	NEW RECEPTION PARENTS MEETING	5PM	NEW RECEPTION PARENTS
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY 27 <sup>TH</sup> AND 28 <sup>TH</sup> JUNE	YEAR 6 TRANSITION DAYS TO HIGH SCHOOL	HIGH SCHOOLS TO ARRANGE	YEAR 6 CHILDREN
MONDAY 1 <sup>ST</sup> JULY	NEW TO NURSERY PHONECALLS TO PARENTS	TIME TBC	NEW NURSERY PARENTS
TUESDAY 2 <sup>ND</sup> JULY	NEW TO NURSERY PHONE CALLS TO PARENTS CONTINUED	TIME TBC	NEW NURSERY PARENTS
WEDNESDAY 3 <sup>RD</sup> JULY	RECEPTION CLASS ASSEMBLY	9AM	RECEPTION PARENTS WELCOME
THURSDAY 4 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	YEAR 6 CHURCH VISIT	1.30PM	YEAR 6 CLASS
FRIDAY 5 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	SUMMER HAMPER DONATION IN EXCHANGE FOR EXTRA PLAY	EXTRA PLAY	WHOLE SCHOOL
MONDAY 8 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	SUMMER HAMPER TICKETS GO ON SALE	9AM	ON SALE TO ALL FAMILIES
MONDAY 8 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	NEW NURSERY CHILDREN TO VISIT NURSERY WITH PARENTS	9.15- 10.15AM	NEW NURSERY CHILDREN – DETAILS TO FOLLOW
TUESDAY 9 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	NEW NURSERY CHILDREN TO VISIT NURSERY WITH PARENTS	9.15- 10.15AM	NEW NURSERY CHILDREN – DETAILS TO FOLLOW

TUESDAY 9 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	NEW TO RECEPTION CHILDREN PHONECALLS	TIME TBC	PARENTS OF NEW TO RECEPTION CLASS
THURSDAY 11 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	NEW TO RECEPTION CHILDREN VISIT DAY	9.15 – 11.15	CHILDREN ONLY
FRIDAY 12 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	SCHOOL REPORTS ISSUED TO PARENTS	3.30PM	WHOLE SCHOOL
WEEK BEGINNING 15 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	OLYMPICS WEEK	ALL WEEK DETAILS TO FOLLOW	WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
MONDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	MEETINGS WITH CLASS TEACHERS REGARDING REPORTS IF REQUESTED	ALL WEEK	OPEN TO ALL PARENTS
MONDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	YEAR 6 SUMMER SHOW- DRESS REHEARSAL FOR SCHOOL	10AM	WHOLE SCHOOL TO WATCH
TUESDAY 16 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	YEAR 6 SUMMER SHOW FOR PARENTS	2PM	YEAR 6 PARENTS WELCOME
WEDNESDAY 17 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	KEY STAGE 1 BUMP AND BOUNCE FUN TIME	ALL DAY IN GROUPS	KEY STAGE 1`
WEDNESDAY 17 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	YEAR 6 SUMMER SHOW FOR PARENTS	5.30PM	YEAR 6 PARENTS
THURSDAY 18 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	KEY STAGE 1 SPORTS MORNING – OLYMPIC THEME	9.15AM- 10.30 APPROX	KEY STAGE ONE CHILDREN – PARENTS INVITED TO WATCH
THURSDAY 18 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	KEY STAGE 2 WATER PLAY FUN	1.30-3PM	KEY STAGE 2
FRIDAY 19 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	EYFS SPORTS MORNING	9.15AM- 10.15 APPROX	EYFS CHILDREN – PARENTS WELCOME TO WATCH
FRIDAY 19 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	KEY STAGE 2 SPORTS AFTERNOON – OLYMPIC THEME	1.30PM TO 3PM	KEY STAGE 2 CHILDREN – PARENTS WELCOME TO WATCH
MONDAY 22 <sup>ND</sup> JULY	CHILDREN MOVE UPTO NEW CLASSES	9.15- 10.30AM	YEARS N TO YEAR 5
MONDAY 22 <sup>ND</sup> JULY	KEY STAGE 2 TALENT SHOW	1.30PM	OPEN TO ALL KEY STAGE 2 WHO WISH TO SHOWCASE A TALENT!
MONDAY 22 <sup>ND</sup> JULY	YEAR 6 LEAVERS MEAL	5PM- RESTAUR ANT TBC	YEAR 6 CHILDREN
TUESDAY 23 <sup>RD</sup> JULY	SUMMER HAMPER DRAW	2PM	
TUESDAY 23 <sup>RD</sup> JULY	SPONSORED COLOUR RUN EVENT	1PM DETAILS TO FOLLOW	WHOLE SCHOOL- DETAILS TO FOLLOW
WEDNESDAY 24 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	LEAVERS ASSEMBLY	9AM	YEAR 6 PARENTS WELCOME
WEDNESDAY 24 <sup>TH</sup> JULY	SCHOOL CLOSES FOR SUMMER	2PM	WHOLE SCHOOL

More dates may be added so please keep your eye on the diary dates each week.

Kind regards, Mrs Warburton