



Autumn TERM 2025/2026 Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October

#### Attendance

Whole school attendance this week was 91.6 %. Remember anyone arriving at school after 8:50 am will be marked late. Let's be an attendance HERO!

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	Attendance	Lateness	Class Dojo
Nursery	74.59%	0	
Reception	<mark>99.43%</mark>	4	8.0
Year 1	96.17%	2	7.9
Year 2	97.86%	<mark>1</mark>	<mark>11.4</mark>
Year 3	91.85%	3	9.1
Year 4	87.58%	6	7.7
Year 5	96%	<mark>1</mark>	3.5
Year 6	90.58%	6	.5

Year 2 win the bonus break for most average dojos this week.

#### St Martin's Stars

Well done to all our certificate winners this week!

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	Shining Star	Purple Tie	Our Values
Nursery	Ellie M		Ariella L
Reception	Jerry D	Isla S	Bobby T
Year 1	Thomas F	Arthur D	Maddison M
Year 2	Fraser H	Romaisa A	Ava-Grace C
Year 3	Jason D	Dylan W	Anthony A
Year 4	Joshua N	Harper MK	Ellzah B
Year 5	Olina C	Amelia F	Damien C
Year 6	Lillie J	Winter K	Oliver P

## Safety Advice

This guide explores the issue of youth violence – what causes it, where and when it often occurs, and how adults can help keep young people safe and informed.

# Message from Mrs Ming

Another busy week...Well done to Ella, Sophia and Demi who represented our school so well on Tuesday at the wellbeing event in Widnes.

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October we will be dressing in red to 'Show Racism the Red Card' in conjunction with the FA for a £1 donation, to be paid via the gateway.

Don't forget to get your tickets for our Autumn

Disco after school too.

#### Parent Notice Board

Book fair NEXT WEEK

Y6 Stay and Pray Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 8.50am

Mass with Y1 and Y3 on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 10am PARENTS EVENING 15<sup>th</sup> October 1.40pm-6.30pm

School CLOSES at 1.30pm

Y3 Residential to Burwardsley Monday 20th - 21st October

INSET DAY Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

## Clubs

## Last week for clubs!!!

Tuesday:

Y3 and Y4 Commando Joe's with Mrs Ming and Miss Rowe Y1 and Y2 Book and Biscuit club with Mrs Monks Homework club With Mrs Wilson for all children Thursday:

Y5 and Y6 Multisports club with Mr Cullen Friday:

Choir KS2

#### School Discos

The Fundraising committee are holding Autumn discos on FRIDAY 17<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER. The children can dress up in party clothes or fancy dress.

These will be in the school hall and will be

YR, Y1, Y2 from 3.25-4.30pm

Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 from 4.45-6.15pm

Places are limited! Tickets cost £2 per child and are available to buy via gateway.

There will be a tuck shop available but more details will go out nearer the time.

# Catholic Life and Reflection

The Wednesday Word is a resource for parents to use when discussing the <u>weekly Gospel</u> with their families.

All parents and families are welcome to join Y3 and Y1 for Mass on WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER at 10am.

Y5 and Y6 will be praying the Rosary with Fr Emeka after

Mass.

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Our guide looks at the risks surrounding EA Sports FC 26 and our top tips to minimise them. This marks the third year since EA left the FIFA licence, and the game is mostly unchanged from last year. While Kick-Off mode is great for playing with friends and Career Mode allows players to fulfil long-term ambitions as a manager or player, Ultimate Team remains the main draw for many players – and it can get out of hand in terms of how much money players can invest.

#### AN ANNUAL RELEASE **SCHEDULE**

As was the case with the last two EA Sports FC games and the FIFA series before it, the franchise rolls out once a year with updated squads and new features. This can make it expensive to keep up with, particularly when so many dedicated players are keen to get their hands on the latest edition.

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#### **VOICE CHAT**

D@\*#! ce chat can be enabled across all platforms, meaning young people can speak to anyone they play with or against. While it can be switched off, some children will no doubt wan to speak to their friends while they play. This also means they may encounter strangers much older than them, which can expose them to inappropriate language or behaviours.

#### **IN-GAME PURCHASES** THROUGH ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is the big draw for EA
Sports FC, letting players spend real
money on packs that they can open to
build a squad of the world's best players.
They're not always easy to obtain, and new,
improved versions of players will be regularly
added as limited-time offerings. Young people
could feel pressured into spending money and
experience fear of missing out.

#### SCAMMERS IN ULTIMATE TEAM

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Ultimate Team is managed by EA itself, but that hasn't stopped scammers from looking to dupe players out of money and in-game coins. Some scammers sell their accounts, which is a violation of EA's terms of service, while others will 'sell' coins - something the developer is still working to crack down on. Some try to gain access to others' accounts, potentially giving them access to payment information.

#### **POTENTIAL FOR** ADDICTION

While EA Sports FC is potentially While EA Sports F.C is potentially addictive, thanks to its fast-paced gameplay and mirroring of the real-world skill and glamour of football. Ultimate Team's focus on limited-time rewards and the lottery of winning packs can make it feel closer to gambling than gaming, which may lead to addiction and impulsive spending of money.

# Advice for Parents & Educators

#### PREPARE FOR ANOTHER GAME IN A YEAR

2027 The annual-release cadence aligns with the return of the school year, and can be a great way to incentivise good behaviour at the start of term. If children are applying themselves and preparing for a new year of school, or were particularly well behaved in the summer, EA Sports FC 26 could make a great reward.

#### MONITOR VOICE CHAT

As in–game chat is open, be sure to adjust the settings in EA Sports FC 26 to lock it down. If children want to chat with their friends while they play, consider setting up a safe space for th to call, to allow them to play without fear of outsiders.

#### LIMIT SPENDING **BE VIGILANT**

If you're worried about children accidentally spending real money in Ultimate Team, whether in game or on the EA Sports FC companion app, don't link a payment card to their account. Reclaiming funds can be a mountain to climb, and the dopamine hit of opening flashy packs with slick animations means one purchase can lead to another very quickly. It's also worth adding a prepaid card if you'd prefer them to make their own choices with their budget.

As with last year, there are ways to keep scammers at bay. Ensure passwords are locked down, and consider using a password manager application to keep them secure. EA will never contact players through the game itself, so be vigilant with incoming messages, and block and report suspected spam. EA will contact players by email if needed, but they will never ask for usernames or passwords. Players should also avoid buying in-game currency from unofficial websites - doing so can lead to accounts being banned and could cost players money in the process.

#### Meet Our Expert

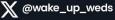
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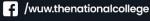


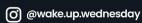
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