






Autumn TERM 2025/2026

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December

### Attendance

We are back on track this week with 93.8% attendance, Thank you and well done! Remember to visit [Should I keep my child off school](#) for advice when your child is ill.

			
	Attendance	Lateness	Class Dojo
Nursery	87.17%	2	
Reception	98.85%	4	5.9
Year 1	98.24%	2	4.9
Year 2	97.69%	1	5.8
Year 3	95.45%	4	4.2
Year 4	92.81%	7	5.7
Year 5	95.77%	1	10.6
Year 6	86.25%	6	3.1

Year 5 win the bonus break again for most average dojos this week.

### St Martin's Stars

Well done to all our certificate winners this week!

			
	Shining Star	Purple Tie	Our Values
Nursery	Ellie C		Ellie M
Reception	Munachi I	Sienna B	Isla S
Year 1	Harper F	Amira A	Hunter KN
Year 2	Ava-Grace C	Ellenor MK	Ellenor MK
Year 3	Corbyn S	Anthony A	Addison H
Year 4	David B	Elsie C	Vanessa K
Year 5	Imogen T	Chimmy I	Amelia B
Year 6	Aoife N	Laurence J	Winter K

### Ombudsman KS1 Christmas Wonderland

A big thank you the Trust Alliance Group who have invited all of our YR and KS1 children to their winter wonderland again this year. The Children will be going on 15<sup>th</sup> December at 1pm and will be back in time for normal pickup. They always have such a magical time and it is completely free!

### Message from Mrs Ming

Well the festive season is very much underway with many rehearsals taking place ready to perform to the parents next week. I am very excited to see it all. Year 2 had a lovely visit to Frodsham church when they went on the Christmas Journey. The people leading it commented on how lovely and polite the class were.

Next Friday is Christmas Dinner Day and children can come in wearing their own clothes and Christmas Jumpers.



Have a lovely weekend.

### Parent Notice Board

#### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December

EYFS Christmas Nativity – 1.30pm

#### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Y5 Matilda at OBA – 9.15am

KS1 Christmas performance - 1.30pm

#### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Dinner Day

OWN CLOTHES/ CHRISTMAS JUMPERS

### Clubs

Last Week for Clubs.

Tuesday:

Y3 and Y4 Christmas Arts and Crafts with Mrs Moseley

Y4 and Y5 Christmas Film club with Mrs Parker

Homework club With Mrs Wilson for all children in KS2

Thursday:

Y5 and Y6 Multisports club with Mr Cullen

Friday:

Choir KS2 with Mr Scott (extra practice on Tuesdays)

Lego Club YR, Y1, Y2 with Mrs Williams

### Choir

Our wonderful choir are going to be busy over the next week as they will be performing in a number of venues

Carol singing at Town hall open day:

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December 11am

Carol Singing at the Foundry in Widnes:

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 6.30pm

Carol singing at Shopping City:

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm

Thank you to all the children and Mr Scott for your comitment and giving up your Saturday and evening!

### Catholic Life and Reflection

The Wednesday Word is a resource for parents to use when discussing the [weekly Gospel](#) with their families.

A reminder that the Christmas services are as follows

Christmas Eve 4pm Children's Christmas service

Christmas day 9.30am Holy Mass

## Safety Advice

This guide offers helpful tips to help adults support children and young people in the [responsible and safe use](#) of everyday electrical devices.

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](https://nationalcollege.com).

### 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

# ELECTRICAL SAFETY AND DEVICES

Electrical safety is a vital topic for parents and educators, especially with the growing use of devices like smartphones, laptops, and power banks. Electrical fires are a major risk and are the cause of many deaths and injuries each year. There are reportedly nearly 20,000 accidental fires of electrical origin each year in the UK. This guide offers practical advice to help families and schools prevent electrical hazards, and promote safety when using everyday devices.



- CHECK FOR OVERHEATING**  
Devices such as laptops, tablets, and smartphones can overheat if used for long periods or when charging. Ensure that children don't use devices on soft surfaces like beds or sofas, which can block ventilation. If a device becomes unusually hot, turn it off and unplug it. Overheating can lead to fire hazards if left unchecked.
- INSTALL RESIDUAL CURRENT DEVICES**  
Ensure that homes and schools are equipped with Residual Current Devices (RCDs). These devices cut off the power if an electrical fault occurs, preventing electric shocks and reducing the risk of fires. RCDs should be tested regularly to ensure they are working properly. More information about RCDs is available from Electrical Safety First.
- AVOID OVERLOADING SOCKETS**  
Plugging too many devices into one socket can overload the electrical system and cause a fire. In schools and homes, ensure extension leads are not overloaded and never 'daisy chain' multiple extension cords together. Educate children on the dangers of connecting too many devices to a single outlet.
- POWER BANKS: SAFE USE**  
Power banks are a handy way to charge devices, but they can also pose a risk if misused. Ensure power banks are of high quality and comply with UK safety standards. Teach children never to leave power banks charging unattended, and to avoid placing them under pillows or bedding where they may overheat.
- REGULAR DEVICE INSPECTIONS**  
Regularly check devices for signs of wear and tear. Frayed charging cables, cracked device casings, or devices that are slow to charge may indicate electrical problems. If any issues are noticed, stop using the device until it can be repaired or replaced by a qualified technician. This proactive approach helps prevent fires caused by faulty devices.
- UNPLUG DEVICES WHEN NOT IN USE**  
Encourage children and pupils to unplug devices when not in use, particularly overnight. Devices left plugged in unnecessarily can overheat or become fire hazards, especially if left charging unattended for long periods. Simple habits like unplugging can prevent serious incidents.
- USE GENUINE CHARGERS**  
Always use chargers supplied by the manufacturer or from a reputable retailer. Faulty or counterfeit chargers can cause devices to overheat, short-circuit, or even catch fire. Teach children the importance of avoiding poor-quality chargers, and regularly inspect charging cables for signs of wear or damage. More tips on safe charging can be found at Electrical Safety First.
- WATER & ELECTRICITY DON'T MIX**  
Teach children that water and electricity are a dangerous combination. Devices should never be used near sinks, bathtubs, or swimming pools. Parents and educators should ensure that any electrical appliances near water sources have proper waterproof casings and are plugged into RCD-protected outlets.
- KEEP DEVICES VENTILATED**  
Devices need proper ventilation to avoid overheating. Avoid stacking items on top of plugged-in devices like laptops or gaming consoles, and make sure there is enough space around devices to allow for airflow. Proper ventilation helps prevent dangerous heat build-up, reducing the risk of fires.
- SUPERVISE YOUNG CHILDREN**  
Younger children may not understand the dangers of electricity, so it's important to supervise them when they are using devices. Keep electrical cords out of reach and always remind children never to put objects into electrical outlets.

**Meet Our Expert**  
James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings as well as many other industries to help them maintain a safe working environment.



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**The National College**

See full reference list on our website

## Christmas Dates

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Y5 Matilda at OBA Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am

KS1 Christmas performance - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm

Christmas Dinner Day – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December

KS2 Christmas Performance – Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm Y3&4 parents

A Christmas Carol – Y3 – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

KS2 Christmas Performance – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am Y5&6 parents

Christmas Parties – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December (school closes at 1.30pm)