

Barty Bugle



3RD OCTOBER 2025

MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM

It's been a week full of exploration, creativity, and community spirit!

- 🍄 Acorn and Oak Classes ventured into Poole's Cavern, discovering the fascinating underground world and sparking curiosity about geology and nature.
- 🌾 We visited St Bartholomew's Church to admire the stunning harvest display ahead of the auction—a lovely way to celebrate the season and reflect on gratitude.
- 🌲 Forest School brought hands-on fun, with children using palm drills to craft conker necklaces and hammers to smash conkers in netted bags to make natural soap. A brilliant blend of play and learning!
- 🛡️ Mrs Richardson completed her Level 2 Safeguarding training, reinforcing our commitment to keeping every child safe.
- 🤝 Mrs Pantev attended a Trust SEND network meeting, continuing our work to support inclusive education for all.
- 🎉 The PTA held a meeting packed with exciting ideas—keep your eyes peeled for upcoming events!

Unfortunately, our attendance dipped slightly this week as seasonal bugs begin to make their rounds. Just a reminder: regular attendance is vital for children's learning - being Here, Every Day, Ready, On Time helps them stay engaged, confident, and progressing.

Finally, we would like to share with families that Miss Mellor will be working off-site two days per week as part of her role with the Trust central team, where she will be focusing on Health and Safety across all of the Trust schools. While she is not on site, she will continue to monitor the office email address to ensure ongoing communication and support.

We hope you have a great weekend....don't get blown away!

Team Barty

ATTENDANCE

National Target: 95%

School Attendance: 95.86%



WEEKLY AWARDS

WELL DONE TO ALL OF THIS WEEK'S AWARD WINNERS!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

These are the dates that we have planned in at the moment - please keep an eye out each week for new dates and any changes. Items in bold have been added since the last news letter.

- ☀ **10/10/2025 - World Mental Health Day**
- ☀ 11/10/2025 - Open morning 9:30 to 11:30 (discover and connect)
- ☀ 16/10/2025 - Open day (by appointment)
- ☀ 21/10/2025 - Parent Consultations
- ☀ 27/10/2025 - 31/10/2025 - Half Term
- ☀ 28/11/2025 - Christmas Fair (4:30pm to 7pm)
- ☀ 08/12/2025 - Y1 to Y4 Panto at Buxton Opera House
- ☀ 10/12/2025 - Flu immunisation (Y1, Y3, Y4)
- ☀ 19/12/2025 - Finish for Christmas Break



MENU

Autumn/Winter 2025-26



	WEEK ONE	WEEK TWO	WEEK THREE
MONDAY	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Alt: Choice of Filled Jackets or Sandwiches Veg of the Day Chocolate & Vanilla Swirl Cookie (ve)	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Alt: Choice of Filled Jackets or Sandwiches Veg of the Day Vanilla Snap (ve)	Margherita Pizza with Jacket Wedges (V) Alt: Choice of Filled Jackets or Sandwiches Veg of the Day Lemon Biscuit (ve)
TUESDAY	Classic Mac & Cheese Alt: Choice of Filled Jackets or Sandwiches Veg of the Day Apple Cake (v)	Italian Sausage Pasta Bake Alt: Choice of Filled Jackets or Sandwiches Veg of the Day Jaffa Cake Sponge (v)	Sausage with Mash & Gravy Alt: Choice of Filled Jackets or Sandwiches Veg of the Day Oaty Apple & Rhubarb Crumble with custard (v)
WEDNESDAY	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy Alt: Choice of Filled Jackets or Sandwiches Veg of the Day Fruit Jelly (ve)	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy Alt: Choice of Filled Jackets or Sandwiches Veg of the Day Fruit Jelly (ve)	Roast of the Day with Roasties & Gravy Alt: Choice of Filled Jackets or Sandwiches Veg of the Day Fruit Jelly (ve)
THURSDAY	Homestyle Sausage Roll with Mash & Gravy Alt: Choice of Filled Jackets or Sandwiches Veg of the Day Flapjack (ve)	Cottage Pie Alt: Choice of Filled Jackets or Sandwiches Veg of the Day Flapjack (ve)	Penne with Beef Bolognese Alt: Choice of Filled Jackets or Sandwiches Veg of the Day Choco Krispie Bite(Ve)
FRIDAY	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips Alt: Choice of Filled Jackets or Sandwiches Veg of the Day Banana Custard Ice Cream (v)	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips Alt: Choice of Filled Jackets or Sandwiches Veg of the Day Banana Custard Ice Cream (v)	Fish Fingers or Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips Alt: Choice of Filled Jackets or Sandwiches Veg of the Day Banana Custard Ice Cream (v)
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V – Vegetarian Ve – Vegan

Freshly baked bread, salad, and fresh drinking water available daily

Week commencing 7th October we are on week three

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY - 10TH OCTOBER

On Friday **10th October**, we invite all children and staff to wear something yellow to mark **World Mental Health Day**. Yellow is the colour of happiness, hope, and positivity - and by wearing it, we're showing our support for mental wellbeing. Mental health is just as important as physical health, and this day is a chance to remind ourselves to be kind, to talk about how we feel, and to look out for one another. Let's brighten up the school together and celebrate the power of caring for our minds!

SAFEGUARDING

#WakeUpWednesday from The National College aims to equip every trusted adult with the knowledge and skills they need to keep up with the latest information, implement best practice and heighten their awareness of issues around three core topics; online safety, mental health & wellbeing; and climate change & sustainability.

This week's topic is focused on EA SPORTS FC 26

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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 26

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.

AGE RESTRICTION
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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

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.

VOICE CHAT

Voice 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 want 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

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 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

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 them to call, to allow them to play without fear of outsiders.

LIMIT SPENDING

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. Redeeming 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.

BE VIGILANT

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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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/ea-sports-fc-26>

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TEA AND TOTS TOO

We are excited to launch our "Tea and Tots Too" group. This will take place on the second Monday of every month with the first session on **Monday 13th October 2025 - 10:30am to 12pm.**



Everyone welcome - we would love to see you and your little ones.
A warm welcome waits for you. ❤️

Tea & Tots Too

**Stay and play,
chat and
make new friends**

When: Second Monday of
every month
10:30am to 12pm

Where: St Bartholomew's Nursery,
Longnor, SK17 0NZ
(Please use the rear entrance at the back of the school)

Who: For families and
children age 0-4 years

Join us for a brew, cake,
squash and biscuits

**Suggested
donation £2
per family**

For more information please email:
office@st-bartholomews.staffs.sch.uk

Supported by Longnor Parish Council

FOREST FRIENDS

Staffordshire Wildlife Trust will be continuing to use our stunning forest school area for Forest Friends on the first Monday of each month. Sessions are **free** but can fill up quickly, booking is essential.

Forest Friends

Outdoor stay and play
St Bartholomew's Primary School,
Longnor, SK17 0NZ



**Staffordshire
Wildlife Trust**

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Following the Forest School ethos we'll use nature as our guide and see where our curiosity leads us as we play and explore outdoors!

First Monday of the month
10.30am - 12pm

6th October
3rd November
1st December
5th January
2nd February

Free but Booking Essential

For more info and to book visit
www.staffs-wildlife.org.uk/events



Free thanks to funding from The Staffordshire Freemasons

For more details contact getwild@staffs-wildlife.org.uk

OUT AND ABOUT

FROM FLASH VILLAGE HALL'S FACEBOOK

We are absolutely over the moon to announce that Farnham Maltings will be coming to Flash Village Hall this October 10th with their new show All for Your Delight- a joyful celebration of the world of variety and Saturday night entertainment. Expect "a dazzling mix of comedy acts, songs and games, plus some spectacular roller skating!" For over 50 years Farnham Maltings has been a leading centre for art and culture in the South East and we're very excited to have them here in Flash. We hope you can join us for what is set to be a very special evening.

Friday Oct 10th 7.30pm (doors 7pm) Tickets: £13.50/ £10.50 under 16s

Phone: 07734 058 835

Email info@flashvillagehall.net

Eventbrite: **BOOK TICKETS**

Or visit the [Flash Village Hall Facebook Page](#) for further details

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FLASH VILLAGE HALL (SK17 0SW)
Friday 10 October, 7:30pm

£13.50 (Standard) / £10.50 (Under 16)
BOOK NOW: 07734 058834 or info@flashvillagehall.net or for online tickets visit liveandlocal.org.uk or scan the QR code
Doors open at 7pm. Free roadside parking available.



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Cheadle,
ST10 1HJ**

**Wednesday
4.45 - 6.00pm
6.00 - 7.15pm
7.15 - 8.30pm**

GROUP CLASSES

Give Trampolining a Try!

Discover a new way to have fun and stay active



**Taster session: £5,
then £26 per month
(£6.50 for 1 hr 15 min session)**

★ Open to 4yrs plus ★ Beginner friendly ★ Mixed ages and abilities



Let's Jump 2 It!
**Contact Jenny to book
your session today: 077328 14510**

