

Newsletter



Week Beginning

16/06/25

Dates for your diary

Friday 18th July - Family Beach Day

Class Assemblies

<u>18/06/25</u>	<u>25/06/25</u>	<u>02/07/25</u>	<u>09/07/25</u>	<u>15/07/25</u>
<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 6</u> <u>Leavers</u>

Walsall School Term date

Summer term 2025

- Term starts: Monday 28 April 2025
- Half term holiday: Monday 26 May 2025 to Friday 30 May 2025
- Term ends: Monday 21 July 2025
(Closed to Pupils this day)

Autumn term 2025

- Term starts: Monday 1 September 2025
- Half term holiday: Monday 27 October 2025 to Friday 31 October 2025
- Term ends: Friday 19 December 2025

Attendance

It is important that your child attends school everyday that the school is open unless they are unwell or for unforeseen circumstances. Taking children out of schools for holidays will not be authorised and therefore could result in a fine. Please remember that taking a child out of school can have an impact on their learning for the time that they are off and they can miss key concepts to learning. Not only can it impact academically but it can also have an effect on their social skills and confidence too.

Reception	96	Academic Year Attendance Ladder
Year One	95	
Year Two	95	
Year Three	89	
Year Four	96	
Year Five	90	
Year Six	95	

Well Done Year 4 & Reception - A trip to the Education Garden for you this week with milkshakes.



SUMMER FAIR

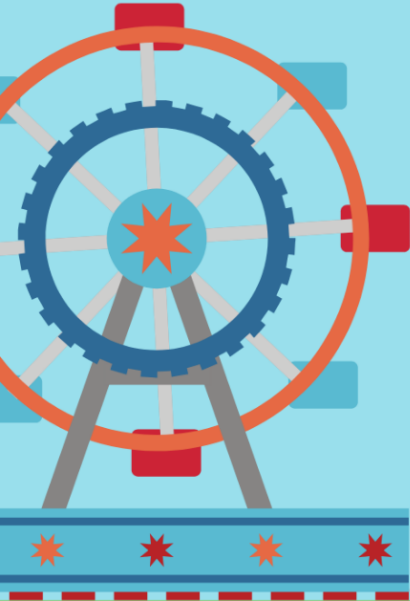


LEAMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Thursday 10th July
3.30pm to 4.30pm



FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

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- Ice Cream Van
 - Hook a Duck
 - Face Painting
 - Sweets
 - Penalty Shoot Out
 - Coconut Shy
 - Cakes
- and much more!
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Dear All,

Please can we remind you of our aims to keep our school nut-free. Nut allergies can be very serious - even fatal in some cases! It is for this reason, as a school, we ask that no nut products are provided for lunchboxes or snacks.

Please help us keep EVERYONE safe.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SALES 2025

Deal	When?
 £5 school uniform bundle	29th June * confirmed
 25% off uniforms (with Clubcard)	24th June * predicted Another predicted end of Jul
 25% off uniforms (with Nectar)	18th June * predicted
 £5 school uniform bundle	3rd July * confirmed
 20% off uniforms	23 June * confirmed

PE Champions

Each week, one pupil from each class will get to bring home their class PE Champion trophy! This will be a pupil who has shown resilience, dedication and hard work during their PE sessions. Can we ask that the trophy is returned the following week, ready to be awarded to the next pupil.

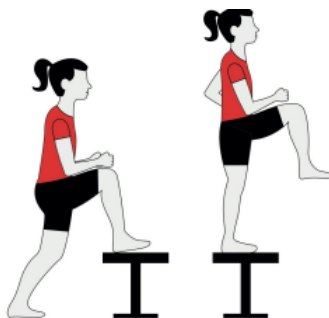
<u>Nursery</u>	Isaiah (wk 09/06/2025) For giving everything a good go and not giving up when things are tricky. Ruby (wk 16/06/2025) - For determination and confidence with her jumping and balancing skills
<u>Reception</u>	(wk 16/06/2025) - Arfah - For always following rules in PE to keep us safe.
<u>Year 1</u>	Miley (wk 09/06/2025) - For brilliant hand eye coordination. All of Y1 (wk 16/06/2025) - For smashing their personal bests!
<u>Year 2</u>	Darcy (wk 09/06/2025) - Excellent rule following in a team game. Oscar (wk 16/06/2025) - Working hard to follow the instructions of the game.
<u>Year 3</u>	Maddie (wk 09/06/2025) - For participating enthusiastically in the whole lesson. Eliza (wk 16/06/2025) - For showing some excellent balance skills.
<u>Year 4</u>	Jak (wk 09/06/2025) - for working hard throughout the whole lesson Zidhan (wk 16/06/2025) - for completing his 25 meter swimming.
<u>Year 6</u>	George (wk 16/06/2025) - For fully supporting his teammates in bootcamp. Poppy (wk 09/06/2025) - Giving 100% in fitness bootcamp.

Weekly PE Challenge - Step Up

The Physical Challenge

How many times can you step up and down a step in 60 seconds?

You must step up and down with one foot at a time.
No jumping!



Achieve Gold

70 Step Ups



Achieve Silver

45 Step Ups



Achieve Bronze

30 Step Ups



Equipment

A step

If you do not have a step
use a foot pouffe or a stool.

Cricket

On Wednesday, we took a Year Five/Six cricket team to Aldridge Cricket Club to play in their first tournament. In the spring half-term, we had visits from Matt, who is from Staffs Cricket Club, who helped train the children in the basics of cricket.

The girls did themselves and the school proud, winning one of their games. All games were played in a great spirit on a beautiful day for cricket!



Singing Festival

On Tuesday the Leamore choir went to the summer singing festival at the Walsall Arena. They were joined by other local schools and performed two songs that they have been working hard on during choir sessions. We then learnt Levitating by Dua Lipa and Fix You by Coldplay and performed these alongside the other school to parents. It was a fabulous day of singing and the children behaved and performed exceptionally well! Well done our Leamore choir!

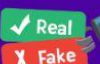


What Parents & Educators Need to Know about GENERATIVE AI SAFETY

Generative AI tools – such as ChatGPT – are now commonly used by children. In fact, 3 in 4 pupils in the 2024 Annual Literacy Survey reported using generative AI, up from just 2 in 5 the previous year. While these tools can boost learning and creativity, they also raise concerns around misinformation, privacy and overuse. This guide explores the key risks and how to support safe use.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MISINFORMATION AND ACCURACY



Generative AI can sometimes produce false or misleading content. Children – and even adults – may assume the information is accurate and trustworthy. This can affect learning and understanding of important topics. It's vital to teach children to critically assess all information, even when it comes from AI.

EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Because generative AI is trained on vast datasets from across the internet, there is a chance it may occasionally generate harmful or inappropriate content. Without supervision, children could encounter disturbing or unsuitable material. Active monitoring and clear usage boundaries can help reduce this risk.

PRIVACY AND DATA SECURITY

Some AI tools ask for personal details or store users' interactions. If privacy settings are not correctly configured, children's personal data could be exposed or misused. Teaching good digital hygiene and setting strong privacy controls is essential for protecting children online.

REDUCED CRITICAL THINKING



Relying too heavily on AI-generated responses may reduce children's willingness to think independently. If they consistently use AI to solve problems or complete tasks, it could impact their ability to reason, analyse and form their own ideas. Encouraging thoughtful reflection is key.

DIGITAL DEPENDENCY



Regular use of generative AI can contribute to increased screen time and less real-world interaction. If left unmanaged, it may affect physical activity levels, sleep, and social development. Striking a healthy balance between online and offline activities is important for wellbeing.

UNCLEAR ETHICAL BOUNDARIES



Children may not fully understand the ethical implications of using AI to complete homework or creative tasks. This can lead to unintentional plagiarism or dishonest academic practices. Conversations around responsible use and academic honesty are crucial.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ESTABLISH CLEAR GUIDELINES

Set clear, age-appropriate rules for when and how generative AI can be used. Reinforce these regularly to help children develop a healthy, respectful and informed relationship with the technology.



ENCOURAGE CRITICAL EVALUATION

Help children to question the accuracy of AI-generated information and seek out additional trusted sources. This builds essential digital literacy skills and supports better decision-making.



PROMOTE ACTIVE SUPERVISION

Keep an eye on how the children in your care use AI tools. Check in regularly to ensure they're using them appropriately and be ready to step in if something doesn't feel right.



ENHANCE PRIVACY AWARENESS

Talk to children about the importance of keeping personal information private. Make sure privacy settings are in place and explain how data shared with AI tools could be used.



Meet Our Expert

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SEARCH ENGINES

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Search engines are an integral part of everyday life – with Google alone processing around 100,000 searches every second. Search engines use algorithms to predict which results will be useful to us, though this can expose children to inappropriate content, misinformation and even scams. This guide explains the risks associated with search engines and offers practical advice to help safeguard young users online.

MANIPULATED SEARCH RESULTS

Although search engines take site reputation into account, trustworthiness isn't the main factor. Instead, they use algorithms that can be gamed via tactics like search engine optimisation (SEO), which is big business. As a result, users may encounter misleading content and low-quality commercial products that appear more credible than they actually are.

MISINFORMATION AND DISINFORMATION

Search engines index billions of web pages – and not all of them are factual or safe. Children might stumble across false information or even deliberate disinformation, especially when searching for trending topics or controversial issues.

ENGINES BEYOND GOOGLE

Even if Google's SafeSearch is enabled, children may use lesser-known search engines that don't have similar protections. Some of these alternatives are less effective at blocking unsavoury content – sometimes by design – making it easier for children to encounter harmful or explicit material. Parental controls may also struggle to detect and block these sites.

ILLEGAL CONTENT CAN SURFACE

Search engines are designed to retrieve content based on keywords – not to judge whether that content is lawful. As a result, even illegal or harmful material can appear in search results. Children might assume that anything found through search engines must be safe, just because they're so widely used. This misunderstanding can lead to accidental exposure to seriously inappropriate content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT EXPOSURE

Although parental controls like Google's SafeSearch exist, they aren't foolproof, and search engines may bypass them. Young users may still see inappropriate images or content, especially in image searches, even though they may not be able to click on the results. Some niche search engines lack even basic filtering, posing further risks.

UNRELIABLE AI SUMMARIES

Some search engines now offer AI-generated answers at the top of results. While these can be helpful as webpage summaries, they're not always accurate. There have been instances where AI summaries have presented false or even dangerous information, reinforcing the need for critical thinking.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACTIVATE PARENTAL CONTROLS

While no parental controls tool is perfect, this software can help reduce the likelihood of inappropriate content appearing in search results. Use tools like Google Family Link to set search restrictions and monitor your child's browsing activity.

QUESTION AI-GENERATED CONTENT

While AI content is generated quickly and often appears legitimate, teach children that, just because an AI summary is well presented, it doesn't mean it's accurate. Encourage them to review the sources behind AI summaries and check the information with reputable sites or fact-checkers.

IDENTIFY AND AVOID ADVERTS

One of the ways search engines generate revenue is by showing adverts to their users. Sponsored search results are labelled, but they're not always easy to spot and can sometimes be malicious. Show your child how to distinguish between paid ads and organic search results – explain why some ads might be misleading or unsafe.

PROMOTE DIGITAL LITERACY

Encourage children to question the motivation behind online content and develop critical thinking, as not all sites can be trusted. Some deliberately misinform users in order to sell products or promote misinformation. Developing a critical mindset is one of the best defences against these tactics.

Meet Our Expert

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS

YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

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CENSORED

BE WARY OF ADVERTISING

Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pervasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

BUY NOW!

DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE

YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED

YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.

AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION

There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'scientific' videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.

DATA COLLECTION RISK

While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS

YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.

SET TIME LIMITS

The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

CHECK WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.

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