

Dear Parents/Carers

It is difficult to believe we are now in the last term of the academic year! This brings with it excitement for the future but can also be a worrying time for some children. We have thought carefully about transition arrangements. Children will get the opportunity to meet their new teachers on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 9th July. Staff will spend considerable time discussing the children's strengths, areas for development, likes, dislikes and any areas of need so they are fully prepared for September. There will be further information about transition arrangements, later this term. Please speak to your child's current teacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team, if you have any questions or concerns.

Our wonderful Year 6 pupils have worked so hard this year, and in particular over the last few months. We are so proud of how well they conducted themselves during their Key Stage 2 SATs last month. Many thanks to the year 6 staff who have supported them so well and to the rest of the

school for supporting them and for being so understanding with the alterations that were made to break times etc.

Please remember that as we get further into the summer term, it will be really important to apply sunscreen on your children in the morning, send them with sun hats and ensure that they have bottles of water. We will take shade breaks, when it gets really hot and will always put the safety of the children first. This may mean being outside for short periods of time or in extreme heat, having indoor playtimes.

Mr Milner
Headteacher.

Out of school Achievements

We really want to know about your child's out of school achievements, please email the school office on enquiries@isaacnewton-cit.co.uk with information or send their hard work into school, and we will celebrate this in our next Newsletter which will be published on Friday 20th June.

Attendance

It is parents and carers responsibility to inform the school office if their child(ren) are going to be absent from school. Please do this by calling 01476 568616 **before 9.30am**. In addition to this, please ensure the children arrive in school by 8.50am. If they are late, they miss out on valuable learning time. **Both gates open at 8.40, classroom doors are open at 8.45am and learning starts from 8.50am.**

Here is a reminder of the impact of having below 90% attendance. If this continues over a five-year period, this is equivalent to half a school year's worth of lost learning that will result in significant gaps. Mr Richards and the attendance team continue to work hard to support families, offer advice and help get children back in school so they can flourish.

Attendance by Class for the last two weeks.

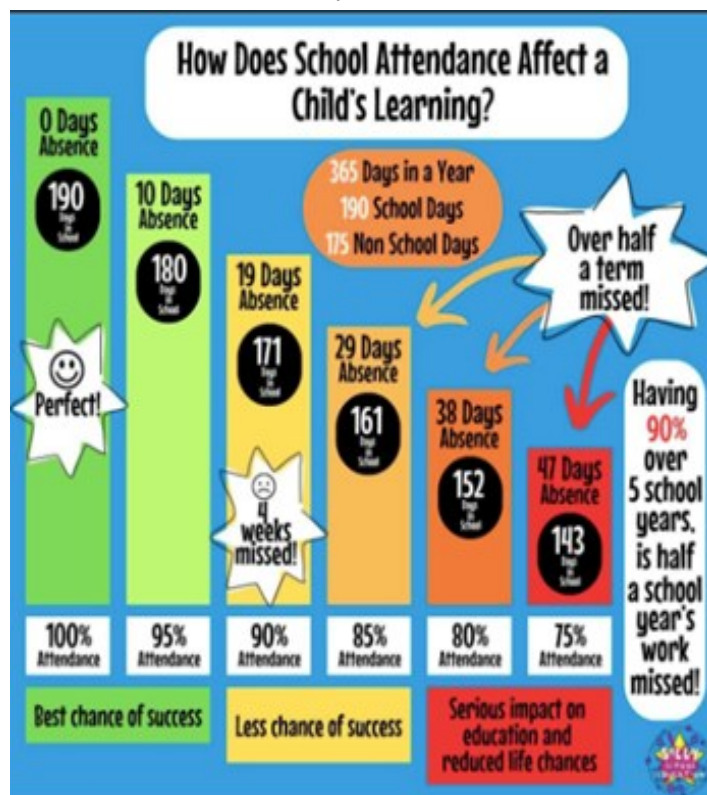
How many classes are above 96%

Class 1	96%	Class 8	97.8%
Class 2	95%	Class 9	93.2%
Class 3	91.3%	Class 10	98%
Class 4	92.1%	Class 11	95.1%
Class 5	96%	Class 12	96%
Class 6	96.8%	Class 13	90.5%
Class 7	90.1%	Class 14	93.5%

Congratulations to classes 1, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 12 for having attendance above 96%.

A reminder that the government have updated their guidance connected with attendance. Any holidays, which **have not**

been authorised, will now result in a fine from the local authority. In addition to this, ten unauthorised sessions (five school days) or more in a ten week period, will also result in a fine from the local authority.



Medical Appointments

Photocopies of medical letters or of medical appointments are really useful and will mean that these absences will be authorised. Thanks you for your support with this.

Is my child too ill for school?

The attached NHS link is a really useful resource for parents/carers if they are unsure whether to send their child to school or not. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>



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Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek



Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.

Celebration Assembly



Children who were chosen to receive a Headteacher Award on Friday 16th and Friday 23rd May 2025.

Every Friday afternoon, we spend time celebrating all the successes from the week and present children with a Headteacher’s Award. Staff choose one pupil from each class for a reason connected with our values (Respect, Pride, Responsibility, Kindness and Resilience and for following our simple, but effective, school rules (Be Ready; Be Respectful and Be Safe). All children are encouraged to listen carefully to the reasons for the award and they receive a certificate, sticker and a round of applause from the whole school. We also celebrate those children who have produced exceptional work in school, at home and their out of school achievements. It is always a special occasion and enjoyed by all!

OUR SCHOOL VALUES



School Values

Again this term we will focus on our school value of Respect. Being respectful and responsible for their actions will not only ensure that children are successful in school, but will also serve them well as adults in the workplace. We will also be focusing on our **Resilience** value.

Dates For Your Diary:

10th June	Mini Olympics for Year 4
19th June	Year 5 / 6 Cricket Tournament
19th June	Class 11 to Belvoir Fruit Farm
20th June	Class 12 to Belvoir Fruit Farm
24th June	Burghley House for Year 5
1st July	Transition 1 for EYFS to Year 5
8th July	KS2 Sports Day at the Meres
9th July	Transition 2 for EYFS – Year 5
11th July	EYFS and KS1 Sports Day
14th July	Rocksteady Concert from 10am
17th July	KS2 Disco (Year 6 go for free)
21st July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2 – 3pm
22nd July	End of term 6
2nd and 3rd September	Staff Training Day (School Closed to all pupils)
4th September	Start of new academic year.

Sports/PE update

Year 3 / 4 Cross Country



At the end of last term, we took a team of Year 3/4 children to the Cross Country Event at Grantham Meres Leisure Centre. A distance of 1 mile, the children participated in girls and boys events. They were very excited to take part and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Over 100 children in each race, our children showed perseverance and reliance, particularly in the extreme heat we had been experiencing. Well done everyone!!

Year 3 Tennis Festival



Mr Doughty took Four year 3 children to a Tennis Festival at the Grantham Tennis Club. The Festival consisted of a carousel of activities revolved around tennis to improve their tennis skills. All the children showed great enthusiasm, resilience, and team skills. It was a true pleasure to spend the afternoon with them.

UP THE APPLES!!

Out of School Achievements

Congratulations to Esme-Faith on achieving her Learn to Swim 1 Badge.



Congratulations to Alexia who has achieved her Learn to Swim 2 Badge and certificate. Well done, great resilience! She also achieved her 5 m distance – the hardest swim!



Well done to Leo and Oscar who both received medals and a trophy from their football club, Barrowby. Well done for your perseverance and resilience this season.

Congratulations to Malakey for being presented with this fabulous Football Trophy for being an integral member of Barrowby Football Club Under 6's.

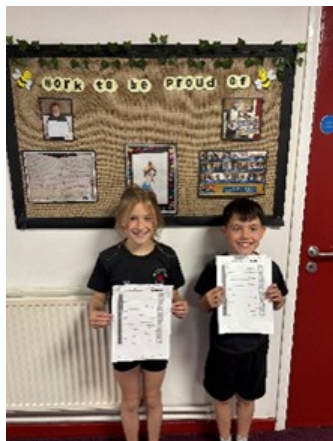


Congratulations to Oscar who took part in the Peterborough Football tournament whilst representing Peterborough Foxes where they win the whole tournament. Also in the tournament were teams such as Arsenal, Crystal Palace, Liverpool, Tottenham and Manchester City. They played 8 matches overall. Well done, what an achievement!



Congratulations to this young man who bumped into a legend while out shopping in a Sports Store. Elijah was pleased to meet Tyson Fury too!

Work to be Proud of!



Well done to Julia and Alfie who both got impressive scores in their maths tests this week! They have both made huge progress this year, excellent work!



Wonderful final draft of the Dream giver by Year 5 who have been studying this short film. Powerful imagery and descriptive sentences. Well done to

Kayden, Millie, Julia, Chloe and Lainie!



Inspired by the Artist Irene Jones, Ricky has created this intricate piece of work. Excellent shading detail too, well done!



A fabulous description of a witch. The class were asked to go over the hideous features of the witch as if they were close up. Jennifer and Georgie used amazing vocabulary and punctuation to have an effect on the reader. Well done!"



Fantastic doodles in Clayton's sketch book this week. Brilliant attention to details and accurate copying from some books in his classroom. Well done!



Some more, brilliant emotion related artwork from Year 6 this week. They took photographs of themselves, sketched out the outline and then completed it! Really effective!

Year 6 have designed and created personalised Comfort Cubes with really useful tips and advice on what to do if you are feeling stressed out. Going for a walk, concentrating on your breathing and listening to music were some of the brilliant suggestions. Nicole, Ava-Mae and Ruby.



Phenomenal Emotion Art work linked with PSHE. Well done Class 14!

Safeguarding update

In this week's Safeguarding update, we are focussing on Minecraft. Minecraft is still the best selling game of all time and is a bastion of creativity and community. This guide explains how users can play it safely and parents/carers can decide if it's suitable for their children!

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 MINECRAFT

Still the best-selling game of all time, Minecraft is a bastion of creativity and community, with hundreds of millions of players building and crafting in its almost endless world. The popularity of Minecraft among gamers of all ages means it's important to remain informed about the game, including how to play it safely and whether it's suitable for the children in your care. That's why we've created this guide explaining the risks associated with Minecraft and how to ensure a purely enjoyable gaming experience.

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCARY ELEMENTS

While Minecraft can be seen as a kind of 'digital LEGO', certain game modes include creatures accompanied by eerie sound effects. These can be a bit too frightening for some younger players, potentially leading to distressing in-game combat and other encounters – although the combat is quite basic and free from any real depiction of violence.

GRIEFING

Some players in Minecraft take pleasure in deliberately damaging or destroying another person's creations. This behaviour, known as 'griefing', is a form of bullying – it intentionally ruins someone else's experience by erasing hours of their work and forcing them to start over. Many public servers regard griefing as a serious offence and often ban those who engage in it.

ADDICTIVENESS

Minecraft's focus on creativity means that, as with any creative endeavour, it can be easy to get carried away. If your child is finding it difficult to manage their time because they're drawn in by Minecraft's gameplay loop of resource gathering and building elaborate projects, it could have a knock-on effect on their social interactions and schoolwork.

PUBLIC SERVERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

With public servers being so easily accessible in Minecraft, it's highly likely that children will end up chatting with strangers through the in-game text chat. Some servers even place an emphasis on social interaction, actively encouraging communication between players. While there's nothing inherently wrong with this, it does carry certain risks. In addition to the concerns around speaking with strangers online, players who host their own servers may have their IP addresses exposed, posing a further security concern.

ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

Minecraft is available as a free trial on a variety of devices; however, the full game requires a one-off purchase. After that, players have the option to buy additional cosmetic upgrades or subscribe to Minecraft Realms. Realms is an entirely optional subscription service that allows users to run their own private server to play with friends. Without proper supervision, younger players may end up making unintended or excessive purchases.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Selecting Creative or Peaceful mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is far lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of enemies and creatures attacking you or damaging your building.

HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for children to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given its address and password. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – ban anyone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft. Hosting a private server, however, will cost a monthly fee.

TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone will make contact with a stranger online. Talking to children about online safety, therefore, is essential – as is having a plan for dealing with any hostile or difficult people. It's important that a child knows never to tell a stranger about themselves online and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

Much of Minecraft's early stages can be an exercise in frustration for players who don't know where to start. Thankfully, there's a wealth of material online and in video format to help you learn the basics. Just be mindful that some of this content may not be appropriate for children, so you should consider watching it yourself first.

PLAY MINECRAFT WITH YOUR CHILD

As a creative building tool, Minecraft makes it great fun for children to team up and construct vast buildings accompanied by imaginative landscapes, much like working with LEGO or model kits. Playing in a game mode that includes enemies can encourage critical thinking and teamwork; however, you should consider which game mode is appropriate for the child in your care.

Meet Our Expert

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