



Weekly Bulletin

24th November 2023

Attendance and Lates this week...

	Cairo	Cardiff	London	Lisbon	Paris	Prague	Washington	Warsaw
Attendance	95%	98%	97%	97%	96%	89%	99%	98%
Lates	0	1	7	1	3	0	0	0

Well done Washington Class!

Brainiacs of the Week:

Cairo	Muska and Jacob
Cardiff	Adan and Ella
London	Luna and Amannya
Lisbon	JJ and Lili
Paris	Gus and Teddy
Prague	Frankie and Fred
Washington	Jack G and Bruno
Warsaw	Jack K and Rajveer

This Week In School...

Year 3 – have been busy building their times-table knowledge in Maths. This week, they have been focusing on the 5 times and 10 times tables, working on how to multiply and divide. They were able to transfer this knowledge to solve word problems. In English, Year 3 have been using their creativity skills to develop a brand new animal! They have put their fantastic ideas into non-chronological reports working hard to include lots of detail and fascinating facts. Finally, Year 3 had a brilliant end to the week with their WOW Pre-Historic Britain Day! The children were transported back to Pre-Historic Britain for the day using their recent work in History to complete a variety of activities including den building, Pre-Historic PE and animal fact files. A busy and brilliant week – well done year 3!

Year 4 – have been working hard to continue their narrative poems they had paused writing to rescue Dog Man last week. They are very excited to share their poems with each other and some are looking forward to sharing them at the poetry party. In Maths, they have been solving multiplication problems using the 7 times tables. In History, they have learnt about ancient Greek warfare, they have looked at a soldier's uniform and learnt about the origins of the marathon and were shocked that the Trojan War was won using a wooden horse. In Science, both classes have now finished their experiment into finding the best sound proofing material as part of their topic on sound.

Year 5 – have worked hard all week to continue their learning on fractions. They have learnt how to order and compare fractions with different numerators and denominators, by converting them using their times table knowledge. In English, they have also completed our Dogman comics, where the children have really impressed us with their artistic talents. They have also introduced some new features on our Year 5 success criteria, including modal verbs and parenthesis, which they have understood brilliantly. In Humanities, they have consolidated their learning on the Vikings by producing some detailed timelines of the major events in this historical period.

Year 6 – have completed their comic strips and solved the mystery of the disappearance of Dog Man. They produced some fantastic stories whilst ensuring to include as many features from the Year 6 writing success criteria as possible. In maths, Year 6 have compared and ordered fractions and also solved problems involving adding and subtracting fractions. In science, the children have planned and investigated how harmful micro-organisms grow; they will be observing and recording their results over the course of the next few weeks.

Ivertastics!

Well done to:

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**YOU CAN RSVP TO
MONDAY'S POETRY
PARTY HERE!**

<https://forms.office.com/e/zTe2Af5YWw>

**Please remember to make sure
that if your child has a smart
watch, they leave them at home
as they are not allowed in school.**

School Pledge: 'I pledge to do all that I can, so that we can all learn and be happy at school.'



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Don't forget we are a **NUT AND SESAME FREE SCHOOL** - we have children who have allergies! (let's leave them for the squirrels)



Date	Event
27 th Nov	Poetry Party, from 5.30pm
6 th Dec	Carol Concert at St Peter's Church
7 th Dec	Xmas Lunch Day
7 th Dec	Washington Class Coffee Morning
8 th Dec	FISA Santa Dash Day
8 th Dec	IVJS Xmas Jumper Day NON-UNIFORM
19 th Dec	Last Day Of Term, 1pm Finish NON UNIFORM

Y3 PREHISTORIC DAY

This week the year 3s have been travelling back in time! They strapped themselves into the IVJS time machine and whirled backwards through the ages. They journeyed 5,000 years into the Stone Age era. During their adventures, they built shelters, met prehistoric animals and heard stories about life in 5,000 BCE.



Any child with 100% attendance for the week will enter the 'Wheel of Fortune' prize draw! The winner will be drawn live with a chance to win a book!



This Week's Winner: Shania

Early birds Charging

Due to increased running costs the following changes are being made to Early birds Club charges with effect from 4th December 2023

The new prices will be £6 from 7.30am and £4 from 8am

Bookings made before today will be honoured at existing prices.

Carol Concert

On Wednesday 6th December, we are having a Christmas Carol Concert at St Peter's Church, from 6pm to 7pm. There will be performances from the school choir and Y3 pupils as well as opportunities to sing together as a school community. If your child is a member of the choir or Y3, please ensure that they are at the church for 5.45pm to meet school staff. They will need to wear their school uniform though they can also wear festive accessories like tinsel or a Christmas hat if they would like to.

If your child is not a member of the choir but you would like to join us for our concert, you are more than welcome. It is a great way to get into the festive spirit and celebrate as a school community. Please RSVP to let us know if you are attending.

<https://forms.office.com/e/p22NxUrJZg>

Letters/Blogs out this week:

[Carol Concert](#)

Copies of school letters are available on our website

Queue Words Of The Week... Extension
Busy Menu Patter Hover
Flash Hop Wheeze Caution

Black Friday deals are all around us! Read through this guide from National Online Safety to ensure you stay safe while shopping.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit nationalonline-safety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Top Tips for Safer Online Shopping on

BLACK FRIDAY AND CYBER MONDAY

Black Friday and Cyber Monday have become established as two of the year's biggest shopping events, giving consumers the opportunity to snap up a stash of stunning bargains. While this is generally good news, of course, the resultant retail frenzy can lead to people dropping their guard – especially online. In previous years, a seasonal surge in cyber-crime has seen schemes such as phishing emails and credit card scams being unleashed on unwary buyers. Our guide has some essential pointers on keeping your details – and your money – safe while you shop.

ENSURE A SITE'S SECURE

Before inputting sensitive information (like your card details) into a website, check that the site's secure. The key thing is to look for a padlock symbol in the address bar and check that the URL begins with "https://" – the "s" indicates that the web address has been encrypted with an SSL certificate. Without that, any data entered on the site could be intercepted by criminal third parties.

TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS

If a deal seems too good to be true, then it probably is. Be especially wary if a site offering unbelievable discounts doesn't look professional (for example, if it's covered with pop-up adverts or it looks particularly outdated) – this often serves as a red flag that the seller might not be entirely trustworthy. Minimise risk by sticking with well-known, reputable retailers instead.

REVIEW BANK STATEMENTS

Even if you've followed all our tips, it's probably worth checking your next bank statement for any unusual transactions. Criminals know that on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, lots of people make numerous purchases online: they're hoping that any stolen money will get lost in the crowd of other transactions. If you see a payment or payee you can't identify, raise it with your bank straight away.

BEWARE OF SUSPICIOUS EMAILS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday often bring a significant spike in phishing emails, as criminals use the events' sense of urgency as cover for stealing personal information. Even if they look legitimate, be wary of emails requiring you to do something unusual or suspicious: providing your personal details in exchange for access to last-minute deals, for example, or clicking on a link to an unfamiliar site.

CHECK IT'S THE REAL DEAL

It's not just cybercriminals you need to be wary of. Research has shown that some online retailers increase the price of certain items in the weeks before Black Friday and Cyber Monday – enabling them to then advertise "discounts" (which, in reality, have simply restored the cost to normal levels). Use an online price comparison tool to verify whether these "reductions" truly equate to a saving.

MINIMISE MICROTRANSACTIONS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday promotions extend to digital items as well as physical ones. Some gaming companies will offer discounts on in-app and in-game microtransactions such as loot boxes. If you're concerned about how much your child might spend on these upgrades, you can restrict their ability to make purchases (via their device's settings) or remove any linked payment methods.

SET STURDY PASSWORDS

A strong, unique password is one of the most straightforward ways to protect yourself from cyber-crime. As most of us have multiple online shopping accounts, it can be tempting to use the same password for them all – but this puts your personal data at greater risk. You could try using a password manager to create a different, robust password for each online retailer that you visit.

DITCH THE DEBIT CARD

Where possible, it's safest to shop online with a credit card (as opposed to a debit card) because it offers additional protection. If a purchase is made fraudulently on your credit card, there's a fair chance of your bank reimbursing you. Should criminals obtain your debit card details, however, they could empty your account in moments – and it can be difficult to recover your money.

RESIST THE INFLUENCE

Recommendations from social media influencers are another thing to remain vigilant for on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. While many of these will be legitimate, remember that influencers are often paid to promote products – and to publicise deals that aren't quite as amazing as they might seem. Don't feel pressured into buying purely on their advice; look at everything with a critical eye.

TAKE CARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media scammers are more active on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, as they know people are hunting for deals online. These scammers tend to concentrate on platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, posting malicious links that can compromise shoppers' personal details. Other scammers, meanwhile, falsely advertise products in an attempt to trick users out of their hard-earned cash.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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