

## Learners of the Week

Ash Class: Max, an amazing Engineer  
 Oak Class: Indiana, a super Author Reader  
 Beech Class: Thea, an amazing Athlete  
 Chestnut Class: Hugh, a wonderful Author Writer  
 Sycamore Class: Henry, a super Author Writer



## Next Week's Menu

WHISKED	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN COURSE	BIG BREAKFAST	MEATBALL PASTA BAKE	BEEF LASAGNE	HOT DOG	FISH FINGERS AND CHIPS
SIDES	BAKED BEANS	BROCCOLI	GREEN BEANS	BROCCOLI	BAKED BEANS OR GARDEN PEAS
HEAT-FREE	VEGGIE BIG BREAKFAST	MAC 'N' CHEESE	VEGGIE LASAGNE	VEGGIE DOG	QUORN NUGGETS AND CHIPS
DESSERTS	FROSTED BANANA SQUARE	MARBLE CAKE	FRUIT JELLY	SPRINKLE CAKE	CHOCOLATE CHIP BITES

AVAILABLE DAILY: FRESH BAKED BAGUETTE, HOT PASTA BAR, EVEN BAKED JACKET POTATO, ALTERNATIVE DESSERT, SALAD TABLE.  
 HOMEMADE FRESH BREAD ALSO AVAILABLE DAILY FROM THE BREAD STATION.  
 ALLERGENS & INTOLERANCES: All Whisked items are free from allergens and intolerances only naturally. If your child has any food allergies or intolerances they need to be noted on parent's permission slip and brought with us. We have a full breakdown of the allergens on our primary school menu link on our website: www.whisked.co.uk  
 OUR MEAT IS BEEF TRACER APPROVED.  
 WEEK THREE 3 (Autumn / Winter 2025, 26) Dates: 17/11 - 19/11, 2/12 - 5/12, 2/3  
 WHISKED by Cleverly

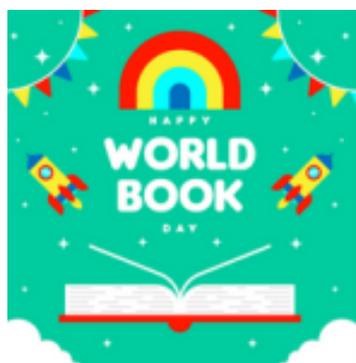
## TD Days for 2026-2027 for your diary

Pickwick Academy Trust and the Governing Body have approved the following dates as Teacher Development Days for the next academic year ***please note a correction from last week's newsletter:***

- 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026
- 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October 2026
- 12<sup>th</sup> February 2027

## Mrs Wills

Our congratulations to Mrs Wills who has been appointed as the Headteacher of her own school, closer to home. Mrs Wills will be leaving us at the end of this term. She will be replaced by an experienced teacher, Mrs Noyce, from our Pickwick Academy Trust family who will join us for the summer term. Whilst we recruit and appoint a new member of staff, I am pleased to share that we will be well supported by a very experienced SENDCo, again from within our Pickwick family - Mrs Groth.



## World Book Day

A reminder that next **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March** is our Gomeldon World Book Day. Children are invited to dress in something inspired from their favourite book. Don't forget that this year our GPA will also be hosting a celebratory disco after school! Booking for this is available on SCOPAY and details can be found on the GPA newsletter.

## Oak Class Curriculum Showcase

A reminder that the first of our class curriculum showcases is taking place this coming Monday afternoon the 2<sup>nd</sup> March from 2:45pm. We look forward to welcoming you to school to enjoy sharing the learning of Oak Class! Please check into the office in the usual way.

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](http://nationalcollege.com).

# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators ESSENTIAL ONLINE SAFETY

Children and young people use the internet every day to learn, play, and connect, but the online world is not always safe. For adults, it can be hard to keep up with the risks, including harmful content, cyberbullying and scams. These 10 tips provide clear and practical advice to support safer and healthier digital habits, helping young people to make informed, secure choices when using technology.

## 1 START EARLY CONVERSATIONS

Begin talking about online behaviour from the moment children start using devices. Use age-appropriate language and revisit topics regularly, making it clear they can speak to you about anything that upsets or confuses them. Keeping these chats open helps build trust, so children are more likely to come to you when needed.

## 2 PROMOTE SAFER SHARING

Children can overshare without understanding the risks. Remind them that photos, locations, or messages can be copied or shared beyond their intended audience. Explain how even private messages or group chats can be saved and/or misused. Talk about what is appropriate to post, message, and who it's safe to share with.

## 3 ENCOURAGE DIGITAL BALANCE

Many apps and games are designed to keep users engaged through rewards, likes, or constant updates. These features can make it hard for children to switch off. Talk openly about how these systems work and help children recognise when it's time to take a break. Building in tech-free routines supports a healthier balance and awareness of their screen time.

## 4 CREATE A SAFE SPACE FOR CONCERNS

When children come to you with a concern, respond with interest and care, rather than with alarm. Keeping your reaction measured helps them feel safe and supported. This doesn't mean ignoring serious issues; it means showing that you're there to help. When children trust that they can speak openly, they're more likely to feel supported through unpleasant online experiences, and to ask for help in future.

## 5 STAY INFORMED AND CURRENT

With emerging technologies like AI moving and changing so quickly, it's important to stay updated on how children are using new platforms, apps and games. Ask them to show you what they use and let them take the lead as you explore together. This opens up valuable conversations and helps you stay ahead of emerging risks and trends.

## 6 TEACH CRITICAL THINKING

Talk to children about how to recognise unreliable information or scams online. With AI-generated videos, photos, and stories becoming harder to spot, help children question what they see and encourage them to look for evidence, check sources, and ask questions. These skills will help them avoid risks, make smart choices, and develop healthy habits for the future.

## 7 SET CLEAR BOUNDARIES

Involve children in conversations about device usage so they feel included. Agree on digital rules such as screen-time limits, age-appropriate apps, and no devices in bedrooms overnight. Use parental controls to block or filter harmful content and explain that rules are there to protect and support them, not to spoil their fun.

## 8 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Children often copy the behaviour of adults around them. Show them what balanced, respectful, and mindful use of technology looks like, such as avoiding scrolling during family time and speaking kindly in messages. If you expect certain behaviour from them online, make sure your own habits reflect the same standards.

## 9 EXPLORE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Show children how to use privacy tools on apps, games, and websites. Teach them to use strong passwords, block or report others in response to problems, and avoid sharing personal details. Explore settings together so they feel confident and in control, and explain that these features are there to help them stay safe online.

## 10 KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP

Familiarise yourself with tools and organisations that support online safety. The National College offers online safety guides and webinars which provide tips on staying safe. Websites like Report Harmful Content and CEOP can be used to report when something goes wrong. Show children how to report or block users, and where to go if they feel unsafe. Make sure they know that asking for help is always the right thing to do, and be prepared to support them.

### Meet Our Expert

Home to the world's largest CPD library for educators, The National College has transformed the way education establishments go about developing their workforces and managing compliance. Our three memberships help all phases and types of setting raise standards, save time, reduce risk, and build a culture of improvement.

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## Gomeldon dates for your diary

\*Please note that some dates may be subject to change\*

2.3.26	Year 1 & 2 Curriculum Showcase @ 2:45pm
6.3.26	World Book Day & Discos
13.3.26	Beech and Chestnut Curriculum Showcase @ 2:45pm
17.3.26 & 19.3.26	Parent Consultation Meetings – 3:40pm – 6:00pm
27.3.26	Sycamore Class Curriculum Showcase @ 2:45pm
27.3.26	GPA Easter Bake Sale
30.3.26 – 12.4.26	Easter Holidays
13.4.26	First Day of Term 5
17.4.26	GPA first Frozen Friday (weather permitting!)
11.5.26	SATs week for Year 6
18.5.26	Class Photographs
25.5.26 – 31.5.26	May Half Term Holiday
1.6.26	TD Day – no school for pupils
2.6.26	First Day of Term 6 for Pupils
11.6.26	Sports Day
17 – 19.6.25	Avon Tyrrell Residential – Year 5 and 6
3.7.26	Summer Fayre
16.7.26	End of Year Disco and Y6 Leavers party
20.7.26	Year 6 Leavers assembly @ 2:40pm
21.7.26	Last day of school for pupils
22.7.26	TD Day – no school for pupils

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# INCLUSIVE PLAY

IT'S TIME TO BE FREE

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March

## CHILD LEAD PLAY

A space with no judgment or expectation where children feel completely free to be themselves, to explore, express, make decisions and grow.



## INFORMATION



### JOIN US & EXPLORE

Bouncy Castle  
Train set  
Giant Lego  
Tuff trays - sensory play  
Swivel chairs  
Wheelie boards  
Sensory den  
Soft play  
Balance boards  
Sensory steps  
Colouring corner

 Five Rivers Health and Wellbeing Centre

 £5 per child // £3 per sibling  
(Email us for sibling discount)

 [wiltshireinclusiveactivities@hotmail.com](mailto:wiltshireinclusiveactivities@hotmail.com)

 12 years & under // 10.30am - 12.30pm

 To book - scan the QR code



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Time Out For Parents - Children with Additional Needs

Are you a parent/carer for a child (or children) with additional needs? This course was written for you!

Come and meet other parents/carers to support, help and encourage each other to share feelings and experiences about your child with additional needs.

Discuss and share ideas that support you to come up with solutions to problems and behaviours that challenge on the basis of what works - not what's meant to work!

(No formal diagnosis required)

Call us for more information or to ask for a space on: 0800 970 4669 or use the code opposite to sign up directly.

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# March 2026 Timetable

All sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

**£24 each or FREE with School Membership**

Book online at [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

Recordings available for 48 hours (excluding Free Talk)

Improving Family Communication	2 Mar 10am
Autism - Improving Communication	2 Mar 7pm
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	3 Mar 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 Mar 7pm
Anxiety Based School Avoidance	9 Mar 10am
Understanding Anger	9 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	10 Mar 10am
Facing Defiance	10 Mar 7pm
Cannabis and Ketamine Awareness	16 Mar 10am
Anxiety Explained	16 Mar 7pm
Introduction to OCD	17 Mar 10am
What is ACT	17 Mar 7pm
Raising Self-Esteem	23 Mar 10am
Decreasing Depression	23 Mar 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 Mar 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 Mar 7pm
<b>FREE Anxiety Based School Avoidance</b>	26 Mar 7-8pm



Within My Reach

## Time for Us

Would you like some support communicating as a couple?

Do you need help to understand each other and be better listeners to make positive changes in your relationship?  
If so, then come along and join our group of

like minded couples.

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# Triple P Family Transitions

**Struggling With  
Co-Parenting?  
You're Not Alone.**

**Are you finding co-parenting challenging?  
Can't agree on the decisions being made for your  
child?**

Parenting after separation isn't easy — but you don't  
have to go through it alone.

Join our co-parenting programme and connect with

other separated parents/carers on a similar journey.

This supportive programme is designed to help you navigate the  
challenges of shared parenting and will empower you to put your  
child's wellbeing first.

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# Meet your FAMILY NAVIGATOR

"My name is Sam,  
I am your local Family Navigator from Wiltshire Family Hubs, I will be here in the Library and the local community, come and talk to me about what life is like looking after children and young people, and come see what children's groups, events and support we have on offer. I look forward to meeting you."

**Salisbury Library 10-12pm Monday  
and Friday**  
**Wilton Library 10-12pm 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Thursday of the month**  
**Tisbury Library 10-12pm 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
Tuesday**  
**Old Sarum pantry 9.30-11.30  
Wednesday**



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SOUTH WILTS  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

# YEAR 5 OPEN EVENING

This event is an exciting opportunity for you to visit our school and talk to students, staff and subject leaders. There will be a presentation from our headteacher, subject and enrichment information, and tours of the school.

**No booking required**



**Wednesday 25 March 2026**  
17:30 - 19:00



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