

## Learners of the Week

Ash Class: Milo, a super Artist

Oak Class: Rupert, a great Mathematician

Beech Class: Otis, an amazing Artist

Chestnut Class: Hannah, a fantastic Geographer

Sycamore Class: Eden, a marvellous Engineer



As we come to the end of yet another busy and purposeful term at Gomeldon, it's a chance to reflect on the super learning, behaviour and achievements of our pupils. My thanks to the staff who have worked extremely hard to support and nurture them, as well as ensuring that the term had the glitz and sparkle of Christmas in our amazing 'Noisy Nativity', the Christmas Fayre and carols by candlelight at church with our older pupils. My thanks to Kerri Chard and our Gomeldon Parents Association for their unwavering support - and Christmas Alpacas!

And finally, thank you to you - parents who have committed to bringing children to extra events and shown your support at one of the busiest times of the year. It has made the term and this festive time a special one for our Gomeldon family.

Wishing you a peaceful Christmastime from everyone at Gomeldon.



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](https://nationalcollege.com).

# ONLINE FAIR PLAY

## The Dos and Don'ts of Online Conduct

Alongside individual skill, impressive teamwork and some truly epic matches, one of the most enjoyable things about this summer's European football championships has been the sense of sportsmanship and fair play. Players have competed fiercely, but they've (mostly) remembered that they're representing their country – and that bad behaviour, dangerous play or outright cheating tends to last in people's memories for a long time after tournaments are over. The same is true of how we act online – one error of judgement or loss of control might only take a second, but can have results that are difficult to forget. Instead, just like the heroes of the Euros, we should aim for people to see us and feel proud and inspired. So, in a five-a-side line-up (with five "dos" and five "don'ts"), here are our top tips for playing fair online.



### FAIR PLAY



#### 1 ORGANISE YOUR DEFENCE

Use strong passwords to protect your personal information, accounts and data. A trusted adult, like a teacher or a relative, can help you choose one that's easy for you to remember but hard for anyone else to guess.



#### 2 KEEP POSSESSION

Only share personal information online with people you know well, like friends and family. A trusted adult will be able to help you change your online privacy settings so strangers can't find things out about you.



#### 3 USE TEAMWORK

Before you use a device for the first time or download a new app, always check with a trusted adult. They'll be able to check if it's safe for you to use and make sure the privacy settings are right for you.



#### 4 BE RESPECTFUL

Treat people online like you would treat them in real life. Remember your manners and be polite and kind in your posts, comments and messages.



#### 5 CATCH ATTACKERS OFFSIDE

If someone is trying to bully you online, a trusted adult can help you to gather evidence and report that person to the authorities. You should also tell a trusted adult if you see anything online that makes you feel worried, upset, frightened or sad.



### FOUL PLAY



#### 1 DON'T IGNORE POSSIBLE DANGER

Never accept a friend request from a stranger. If somebody you don't know tries to contact you online, tell a trusted adult straight away.



#### 2 DON'T LOSE CONTROL & RETALIATE

Although it can be tempting, it's best not to respond if someone attempts to bully you online or sends you hurtful messages. Tell a trusted adult what happened, and then block the person from contacting you again in future.



#### 3 DON'T HURT PEOPLE DELIBERATELY

It's important to behave online just like you would in real life. Don't post anything that can make you look like a bad person, because the things we put online can stay there for a long time.



#### 4 DON'T CHEAT YOUR WAY TO VICTORY

Don't copy another person's work that you found online or pretend that it's yours. This is called plagiarism and can get you into a lot of trouble.



#### 5 DON'T PLAY FOR EXTRA TIME

It can be easy to spend too much time online. Instead, take a break to go outside for some fresh air and exercise. Not using your device just before bed will also help you get a good night's sleep so you can be fresh and focused the next day.



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## Gomeldon dates for your diary

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

5.1.26	First day of Term 3
13.2.26	TD Day – no school for pupils
16.2.26 – 22.2.26	February Half Term Holiday
23.2.26	First Day of Term 4
5.3.26	World Book Day
17.3.26 & 19.3.26	Parent Consultation Meetings – 3:40pm – 6:00pm
30.3.26 – 12.4.26	Easter Holidays
13.4.26	First Day of Term 5
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
17 – 19.6.25	Avon Tyrrell Residential – Year 5 and 6
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



# Christmas *at* The SALISBURY MUSEUM

As Christmas and the festive season draw near, we're delighted to warmly welcome all our visitors. Whether the weather isn't quite so merry and bright, or you're simply looking for a change of scene, come and enjoy Christmas at The Salisbury Museum.

## Sir Charlie Stinky Socks

**Saturday 06 December, 11am & 2pm**

Step into a joyful quest with Kristina Stephenson and our favourite knight, Sir Charlie Stinky Socks, with interactive storytelling, dressing up, songs, surprises and plenty of giggles!

Pre-booking essential

*Tickets: Adults £8, Children £6, Under 5s Free*

*Tickets include admission to the museum*

## Christmas Takeover

Our studio creative space is yours! Enjoy an entire room full of dressing up, block building, Christmas arts and crafts, and a cosy book corner. Open to all ages for stay-and-play fun!

## Nutcracker Trail

Can you find them all? Spot the hidden nutcrackers around the museum and unlock a prize!

## Under Fives Friday

**Christmas Music Special!**

**Friday 12 December, 10-11.30am**

Join musician Emily Askew for a joyful musical session for under-fives — with singing, dancing, and sleigh bells!

## Discovery Day - Celebrations!

**Tuesday 30 December, 10am -4pm**

Make it. Wear it. Celebrate it!  
Join us for a day packed with fun and creativity.



**Our café is open, serving meals, snacks, mince pies, Christmas treats and delicious hot chocolate.**

## Christmas Opening Times

**Open daily, 10am–5pm, including New Year's Day**

**Closed: 24, 25 & 26 December 2025**

*All events included in museum admission, and booking not needed unless stated otherwise.*

**See website for further details: [salisburymuseum.org.uk](https://salisburymuseum.org.uk)**





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Raising awareness of e-scooter safety this Christmas

Dear Headteacher,

With Christmas fast approaching, we're asking for your support in reminding parents, carers and guardians about the laws and safety concerns surrounding e-scooters, particularly as they are becoming increasingly popular gifts for young people.

Across Wiltshire and nationally, we're seeing more young people riding e-scooters on roads, pavements and in public spaces, often without understanding the legal restrictions or safety risks involved.

It is important that families know that privately owned e-scooters cannot legally be used on public roads, pavements, cycle paths or parks. They can only be used on private land, and only with the landowner's permission.

Police can and will take enforcement action. Officers can seize e-scooters being used illegally and riders may receive warnings, fines, penalty points on a future driving licence or prosecution.

There are also significant safety concerns. Some e-scooters can travel at high speeds, and when ridden without helmets, training or road awareness, they present a real risk of serious harm to both the rider and others.

If you can share the following information with your school community through newsletters, parent mail or noticeboards over the Christmas period, it would be a great help.