



Newsletter
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Together

Important Dates Coming Up

Life at Lutley

This morning, your child found out who their new class teacher in September will be. Teachers have visited their new class and spent time with them to begin building positive relationships through conversation and sharing a favourite story or book with the children. It was a gorgeous morning, filled with cheers and elation from both children and teachers!

On Friday 4th July, the children will spend the day with their new teacher in their new classroom. Teachers are currently planning transition activities for the classes, which will help them learn about each other and set expectations for the year ahead. Children should go to their usual teacher at the start of the day and will be dismissed in the usual places.

There will be further opportunities for the children to get to know their new teacher as staff will maintain regular contact with their new class throughout the remaining weeks of term.

An exciting year lies ahead!

June 2025

Change of date - Due to heat forecast, *EYFS Sports Day on Monday 30th June has changed to Monday 7th July at 9:15am.*

Saturday 28th June – PTFA Summer Fair – 12:00pm

Monday 30th June – Year 5 and 6 Sports Day – **9:15am – change of time due to cooler temperature in the morning**

Transition Meeting for parents (for current Year 5 parents) – **10:30am – change of time due to earlier Sports Day**

Monday 30th June – EYFS moving to Year 1 Transition Meeting for parents (for current EYFS parents) – 2:15pm

July 2025

Tuesday 1st July – Year 3 moving to Year 4 Transition Meeting for parents (for current Year 3 parents) – 9:15am

Tuesday 1st July – Year 3 and 4 Sports Day – 10:00am

Tuesday 1st July – Year 4 moving to Year 5 Transition Meeting for parents (for current Year 4 parents) – 11:15am

Wednesday 2nd July – Year 1 moving to Year 2 Transition Meeting for parents (for current Year 1 parents) – 9:15am

Wednesday 2nd July – Year 1 and 2 Sports Day – 10:00am

Wednesday 2nd July – Year 2 moving to Year 3 Transition Meeting for parents (for current Year 2 parents) – 11:15am

Monday 7th July – EYFS Sports Day – 9:15am

Learning

Attendance

23rd - 27th June 2025

Class	%	Class	%	Class	%
RJG	96.77	RLS	95.86		
1KH	93.08	1NF	99.55	1SB	96.25
2TR	98.00	2LO	95.33	2HM	98.62
3EG	96.92	3AC	99.29	3ES	96.79
4GO	89.03	4KM	96.67	4LH	92.07
5LO	91.94	5ZB	96.90	5SM	94.67
6BR	97.19	6EG	95.52	6AO	97.10

Worker of the Week

27th June 2025

Class	Name	Class	Name	Class	Name
RJG	Gracie-May W Zachary W	RLS	Henry D Violet H		
1KH	Myles O	1NF	Rory T	1SB	Aniyah S
2TR	Jessica P	2HM	Ada C	2LO	Zachary F
3EG	Harry T	3AC	Frankie M	3ES	Milana A
4GO	Rose L	4KM	Sam T	4LH	Felix B
5LO	Tyler G	5ZB	Jack R	5SM	Oliver-Lewis J
6BR	Poppy P Deah S	6EG	Benji M	6AO	Francesca H



Learning

Year 2 Educational Visit to the Nailmaker's Cottage

This week, Year 2 have explored our local history when they visited the Nailmaker's Cottage.

As part of our local history study on nail making and the links to the industrial revolution, the children were shown not only the outside of the cottage, which is currently undergoing renovation to a private buyer, but a very kind workman also took a photograph of the inside where the original fireplace still stands. Fascinating!



Year 6 Transition to High School

This week, our Year 6 pupils took part in a road safety session to support their transition to high school.

As they begin to travel more independently, it is vital they understand how to stay safe on their journeys. The road safety officers facilitated an engaging and informative session, focusing on the importance of crossing roads safely and always staying alert.

The session helped to reinforce key messages about being vigilant, using designated crossings, and making sensible decisions when near traffic. We hope this will empower our pupils to travel confidently and safely as they take this exciting next step.

Bookworms

This week, our bookworms held an exciting vote to select their new focus author of the fortnight. The winner? Annabel Steadman - a much-loved British children's author known for her thrilling stories filled with adventure, magic and the triumph of courage. Her books have captured the imaginations of young readers, and the bookworms are eager to share her inspiring tales with their peers.



Well done to KS2 for their TTRS work this week with a good percentage of usage.

A special congratulations to our star class, 4KM, for 97% usage.



Well done KS1 to all who have worked so hard on NumBots this week.

Congratulations to 1NF and 2TR for being our star classes of the week with 86% usage.



Learning

Hales Valley Trust Council Meeting

On Thursday, our Trust Council shared with other schools the impact they have had throughout the year, including encouraging healthier eating at school and further improving lunchtime activities. They also shared the amount we have raised for our charities (Ups n Downs and Cancer research) and the amount donated to the Black Country Food bank.

Our new trust councillors, Sophia and Harry were introduced to the council, and we cannot wait to see the impact they have on our school next year!

Chance to Shine Showcase

On Sunday 22nd June, our Year 5 and 6 pupils took to the stage at the Crescent Theatre in Birmingham for their *Chance to Shine* performance and they truly did just that. They represented our school brilliantly, not only with their fantastic performance but also through their caring attitude and respectful behaviour towards all other performers. Their kindness, teamwork and enthusiasm shone just as brightly as their talent. Mrs Sherratt, Miss Marshall and Mr Barnsley were immensely proud of every single child – it was a day to remember!



Year 3 Inspire

Year 3 had a fantastic Inspire workshop where parents joined their children in school for a fun and creative morning of sewing!

Together, they made beautiful aprons for the children's teddy bears, learning new skills and enjoying some quality time. The children were so proud of their creations, and it was lovely to see everyone working as a team.

A huge thank you to all the parents who came along and made the session so memorable – your support means so much!





Caring

Green Vibes Live

Class 3AC had an amazing time at the Green Vibes Live event - a fantastic celebration of music and sustainability!

The children performed four, wonderful songs on their violins, showing off all the hard work they've put into their music lessons. They also joined in with songs performed by the other Hales Valley Trust schools, creating a magical atmosphere.

It was a brilliant experience that highlighted the power of music and the importance of looking after our planet. Well done, 3AC – you made us all very proud!



Forest School

This week, EYFS children enjoyed spending an afternoon at Forest School with a family member. The theme of the activities was 'Our Five Senses'.

Together, we looked for and identified five tree species, created and smelled exotic forest perfumes, lay down in the woods to listen to the sounds of nature and dared to feel the different textures on our barefoot walkway. After time to play and explore, we sampled elderflower cordial - a taste of summer! Thank you to everyone that came along and got involved. Happy Lutley memories made.



Each week, we will share a useful parent guide on a range of online safety topics. These are also available free to you if you sign up to National Online Safety. Keep your children safe by staying up to date! Also, take a look at <https://parentzone.org.uk/> for more.



TikTok is a video-sharing social media app which lets people create, view and download looping 15-second clips. Typically, these are videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to popular songs or soundbites (often for comic purposes), enhanced with filters, effects and text. Designed with young people in mind, TikTok skyrocketed in popularity in 2019 and has featured near the top of download charts ever since. It now has around 800 million active users worldwide.



What Parents & Carers Need to Know About



TIKTOK



AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most videos appearing on a child's feed are light-hearted and amusing. However, some clips have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, themes of suicide and self-harm, or young teens acting in a sexually suggestive way. The sheer volume of uploads is impossible to moderate entirely – so it is possible for a child to be exposed to explicit and age-inappropriate content.



EXPLICIT SONGS

TikTok primarily revolves around videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to music. Inevitably, some featured songs will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the app's young user-base, there is a risk that children may view older users' videos and want to imitate any explicit language or suggestive actions.



TIKTOK FAME

The app has created its own celebrities: Charli D'Amelio and Lil Nas X, for example, were catapulted to fame by exposure on TikTok – leading to many more teens attempting to go viral and become "TikTok famous". While most aspiring stars hoping to be "the next big thing" will find it difficult, setbacks may in turn prompt them to go to even more drastic lengths to get noticed.



HAZARDOUS VISIBILITY

Connecting with others is simple on TikTok – including commenting on and reacting to users' videos, following their profile and downloading their content. The majority of these interactions are harmless, but – because of its abundance of teen users – TikTok has experienced problems with predators contacting young people.



ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social media, TikTok is designed to be addictive. It can be hugely entertaining – but that also makes it hard to put down. As well as the punchy nature of the short video format, the app's ability to keep you intrigued about what's coming next mean it's easy for a 5-minute visit to turn into a 45-minute stay.



IN-APP PURCHASES

There's an in-app option to purchase 'TikTok coins', which are then converted into digital rewards for sending to content creators that a user likes. Prices range from 99p to an eye-watering £99 bundle. Buying coins is now restricted to over-18s – but TikTok doesn't require users to verify their age on sign up, so a young person could easily access this feature if they were determined to.



Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT ONLINE CONTENT

Assuming your child is above TikTok's age limit, talk to them about what they've viewed on the app. Ask their opinion on what's appropriate and what isn't. Explain why they shouldn't give out personal details or upload videos which reveal information like their school or home address. In the long run, teaching them to think critically about what they see on TikTok could help them to become social-media savvy.



MAINTAIN PRIVACY SETTINGS

In early 2021, TikTok changed the default setting for all under 18s' accounts to 'private'. Keeping it that way is the safest solution: it means only users who your child approves can watch their videos. The 'Stitch' (which lets users splice clips from other people's videos into their own) and 'Duet' (where you build on another user's content by recording your own video alongside their original) features are now only available to over 18s. This might clash with your child's ambitions of social media stardom, but it will fortify their account against predators.



LEARN ABOUT REPORTING AND BLOCKING

With the correct privacy settings applied, TikTok is a relatively safe space. However, in case something does slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report inappropriate content and get them to come to you about anything upsetting that they've seen. TikTok allows users to report anyone breaching its guidelines, while you can also block individual users through their profile.



ENABLE FAMILY SAFETY MODE

'Family Safety Mode' lets parents and carers link their own TikTok account to their child's. Through your mobile, you can control your child's safety settings remotely – including limiting screen time, managing their ability to exchange messages (and with whom) and blocking a lot of age-inappropriate content. TikTok refreshed its Safety Centre in May 2021, providing new resources for parents and carers to support online safety among families. These resources can be found on their website.



USE RESTRICTED MODE

In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' section, you can filter out inappropriate content (specific content creators or hashtags, for instance) using 'Restricted Mode'. This can then be locked with a PIN. You should note, though, that the algorithm moderating content isn't totally dependable – so it's wise to stay aware of what your child is watching.



MODERATE SCREEN TIME

As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child to manage their time on it in the 'Digital Wellbeing' section. Under 'Screen Time Management', you can limit the daily permitted time on the app (in increments ranging from 40 minutes to two hours). This preference can also be locked behind a PIN. That way, your child can get their regular dose of TikTok without wasting the whole day.

