



Modbury Primary School Newsletter

Friday 6th February 2026



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week our Year 5 children have enjoyed a wonderful residential with all the other Year 5 children from the federation. We are very proud of how well they behaved and how brave they all were. We have also had our first class assembly of 2026 and our Year 6 children amazed the rest of the school with all the learning that they have experienced so far this year.

Forest School – Reception

Recently, the Reception children had a great time making some tasty soup at forest school. Well done Reception class. They demonstrated super cutting skills and enjoyed tasting their creation.



Year 6 SATS club – It was great to see a few more children this week! Please encourage your child to attend this club – It will be very beneficial in preparation for the SATs in May. Free biscuits are included. Next week is Oreos!

Achieve4All – Spring Term – *NEW* for after February Half Term

If your child would like to join/continue this Multi-Sports club on a Wednesday after school **AFTER February half term** – 3.30pm-4.30pm, please follow the new link below to book.

Modbury	Wednesday	KS1+2 Multi Sports Club	https://activities.bookpebble.co.uk/activity/achieve4all-multi-sports-club-ks12-modbury-wednesday-ivybridge-fe504e4d-f52f-4a64-8f05-aec7424ffbe7
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If you have any queries or questions you can contact them on: info@achieve4all.co.uk

AI Safety

The remarkable growth of generative AI tools like ChatGPT has opened up exciting new opportunities for young learners. Used wisely, AI can be a powerful ally in boosting creativity, learning and problem-solving skills. However, without proper guidance, young people may stumble into challenges including inaccurate information, data security risks, and a growing reliance on AI over their own critical thinking.

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 GENERATIVE AI SAFETY

Generative AI tools – such as ChatGPT – are now commonly used by children. In fact, 3 in 4 pupils in the 2024 Annual Literacy Survey reported using generative AI, up from just 2 in 5 the previous year. While these tools can boost learning and creativity, they also raise concerns around misinformation, privacy and overuse. This guide explores the key risks and how to support safe use.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- MISINFORMATION AND ACCURACY**
Generative AI can sometimes produce false or misleading content. Children – and even adults – may assume the information is accurate and trustworthy. This can affect learning and understanding of important topics. It's vital to teach children to critically assess all information, even when it comes from AI.
Icons: Real (checkmark), Fake (cross)
- REDUCED CRITICAL THINKING**
Relying too heavily on AI-generated responses may reduce children's willingness to think independently. If they consistently use AI to solve problems or complete tasks, it could impact their ability to reason, analyse and form their own ideas. Encouraging thoughtful reflection is key.
Icon: Lightbulb with slash
- EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**
Because generative AI is trained on vast datasets from across the internet, there is a chance it may occasionally generate harmful or inappropriate content. Without supervision, children could encounter disturbing or unsuitable material. Active monitoring and clear usage boundaries can help reduce this risk.
Icons: CENSORED, MATHS
- DIGITAL DEPENDENCY**
Regular use of generative AI can contribute to increased screen time and less real-world interaction. If left unmanaged, it may affect physical activity levels, sleep, and social development. Striking a healthy balance between online and offline activities is important for wellbeing.
Icon: Child with phone
- PRIVACY AND DATA SECURITY**
Some AI tools ask for personal details or store users' interactions. If privacy settings are not correctly configured, children's personal data could be exposed or misused. Teaching good digital hygiene and setting strong privacy controls is essential for protecting children online.
Icon: Child with laptop
- UNCLEAR ETHICAL BOUNDARIES**
Children may not fully understand the ethical implications of using AI to complete homework or creative tasks. This can lead to unintentional plagiarism or dishonest academic practices. Conversations around responsible use and academic honesty are crucial.
Icon: Scales of justice

Advice for Parents & Educators

- ESTABLISH CLEAR GUIDELINES**
Set clear, age-appropriate rules for when and how generative AI can be used. Reinforce these regularly to help children develop a healthy, respectful and informed relationship with the technology.
Icon: Book
- ENCOURAGE CRITICAL EVALUATION**
Help children to question the accuracy of AI-generated information and seek out additional trusted sources. This builds essential digital literacy skills and supports better decision-making.
Icon: Question mark
- PROMOTE ACTIVE SUPERVISION**
Keep an eye on how the children in your care use AI tools. Check in regularly to ensure they're using them appropriately and be ready to step in if something doesn't feel right.
Icon: Parent and child
- ENHANCE PRIVACY AWARENESS**
Talk to children about the importance of keeping personal information private. Make sure privacy settings are in place and explain how data shared with AI tools could be used.
Icon: Padlock

Meet Our Expert

Brendan O'Keefe, Deputy Headmaster and Director of Digital Strategy at Eaton House Schools, has extensive expertise in digital safety, safeguarding, and generative AI in education. As an author and speaker on digital literacy and online safety for institutions such as The National College, Brendan guides parents and educators in creating safe digital learning environments.

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Diary Dates - New dates in bold

20th March - Red Nose Day - Wear red
24th March – YR & Y6 Child Measurement Programme
2nd April - Rocksteady concert 10am Time TBC
2nd April - Easter Service (afternoon) TBC
20th April - Year 3 extended day trip
6th May - Year 5 sailing
13th May - Year 5 sailing
13th May - Year 6 SATS week
3rd June - Class photos
16th June - Year 4 residential
24th June - Year 6 residential
1st July - Sports Day (am)
2nd July - Year 6 transition day ICC
8th July - Reserve sports day (am)
9th / 10th July - Year 6 play
16th July - Rocksteady Summer concert 10am (Time TBC)
17th July - Leavers assembly 9.30 Time TBC

Class Assemblies - Thursdays

(Starting at 2.55pm)

12th February Year 4
26th February Year 5
5th March Year 2
12th March Year 3
19th March Year 1
26th March Reception



Stars of the Week **This week's focus - Respect**



Reception – Immy
Year 1 – Millie
Year 2 – Ashley
Year 3 – Grace
Year 4 – Woody
Year 5 – (at Heatree)
Year 6 - Jago



AR This week's highest word count...

Year 2 – Emily, Louis, Barney
Year 3 – Harvey, George, William
Year 4 – Theo, Becky, George
Year 5 – Otis, Juliet, Rose
Year 6 – Arlo, Lewis, Tristan



AR This year's highest word count...

Overall - Otis 1,001,082!! This year's first Millionaire!

Year 2 – Emily, Louis, Finley
Year 3 – Harvey, George, William
Year 4 – Theo, Becky, George
Year 5 – Otis, Juliet, Rose
Year 6 - Arlo, Lewis, Tristan

TTRS

Coins earned

Year 2 – Barney, Erin, Emily
Year 3 – Arthur, River, Ellen
Year 4 – Woody, Ollie, Macy
Year 6 – Flo, Sam, Ivy

Louise Nicholls
Head of School

Mrs T Coulthard
Executive Head Teacher

PTFA News

We now have the date confirmed for our **School Disco!** This free event is taking place in the school hall from 3:30pm on **Friday 13 March**. See poster for year group times.

Each week, the **Fabulous Friday Cake Stand** will be in the lower playground (or in the school hall if raining) to sell wonderful baked creations and contributions for just **50p** per item. The money raised goes towards loads of cool stuff the PTFA support. Here are the dates for each year group *Thank you everyone for your support!*

6 February | Yr 4 (swapping with Yr 5 due to residential this week)

13 February | Yr 5

20 February | None as Half Term

27 February | Yr 3

6 March | Yr 2

13 March | Yr 1

20 March | Reception

27 March | Yr 6

Notes from the PTFA meeting in January:

- *Disco - Free event - School Hall - Friday 13 March
- *AGM - School Hall - Friday 1 May, 9am
- *May Fair - Pirates & Lost Boys from Peter Pan - Carnival entry
- *Colour Run - Fundraising event - Thursday 21 May
- *Summer Fair - Fundraising event - Wednesday 15 July
- *School Garden - Replacing boards in veg beds
- *Outdoor classroom - Fundraising required



Community News

A vibrant poster for a charity bingo night. The background is dark red with a grid pattern. At the top, there are several bingo cards fanned out, with the word 'BINGO' written across the top of each. The central card shows a grid of numbers: 3, 26, 41, 63, 72, 9, 60, 10, 22, 37, 55, 68, 5, 57, 6, 18, 34, 47, 57, 65, 12, 25, 48, 59, 75, 58, 7, 20, 33, 60, 70, 72. Below the cards are several colorful bingo balls with letters: a green ball with 'B', an orange ball with 'I', a blue ball with 'N', a yellow ball with 'G', and a purple ball with 'O'. The title 'Charity Bingo' is written in a large, stylized, cursive font with a red outline and a yellow glow. Below the title, the text reads: '1st Modbury Cubs cordially invite you to their fabulous Bingo Night. Prizes galore and loads of fun! Please bring CASH!'. At the bottom, a rounded rectangular box contains the event details: 'THURSDAY 12TH FEB' and 'START AT 6PM' in bold, and 'Modbury Memorial Hall, Modbury' below it. The background also features several large, colorful circles with numbers: a red circle with '9', a yellow circle with '57', a purple circle with '3', and a green circle with '1'.

Come to our family friendly, fun packed Bingo night next Thursday!

Entry £4 gives you a book of bingo games, and prizes will be given for completing a line or/and a full house in each game.

This is a fundraiser, and Modbury Cubs are raising money for their adopted charity, Hearing Dogs for Deaf People.

Welcome to the February 2026 Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for Parents and Carers

Protect yourself and others from Online Scams

The [UK Safer Internet Centre \(UKSIC\)](#) has advice and guidance for parents and carers which will inform you on:

- starting a conversation about how to spot an online scam
- how to respond to and report an online scam

Use these top tips to keep you and your loved ones safe online.

Enjoy going online together and talk regularly about your family's online lives

Make sure your child knows they can talk to you about anything that they see or experience online.

Take online security measures seriously

Use [strong and separate passwords](#) for online accounts and [set up two step verification](#) (2SV) where it's available. You may also wish to [set parental controls](#) to prevent unwanted online purchases and limit children's access to harmful content.

Look out for warning signs that someone or something online cannot be trusted

"It just seems too good to be true!" – Other common signs of a scam include contact that you were not expecting or being asked for money or personal information (think: bank or contact details, passwords, or phone numbers). Scammers use [other tactics](#) to manipulate their victims into paying, like playing with your emotions, or building a sense of urgency so you are rushed into making a decision. If you aren't sure it's reliable, don't risk it.

Remember that anyone can be a victim of a scam Scammers are good at what they do and will target anyone. We all need to stay vigilant and support those who are **most vulnerable including children and the elderly** by helping them recognise what to look out for.

Know where to get help if something goes wrong

If you or someone you know has been the victim of a scam online, you're not on your own. Help is available and you are not to blame for what has happened, you can report fraud and cyber crime online to Action Fraud or by telephoning: 0300 123 2040.

Remember, if you or anyone else is in immediate danger, call 999 immediately.

Don't forget to re-visit your Social Media Settings and make sure they are up to date!

Social Media Guides

Consider the following questions:

Do you know if your child is using Social Media?

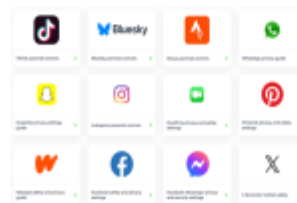
Does your child use chat sites and/or Apps to talk to family and friends?

Do you know if your child is sharing selfies?

Have you set up parental controls?

If you answered 'no' to any of the above questions visit :

[Internet Matters](#) and review their advice and guidance on:



Remember if your child is gaming online, they could be chatting and communicating with other players (**strangers**) or friends. [Internet Matters](#) has provided safety guides and videos to help you keep your child safe.

Screen time

With screentime in the news, you might like to view the following videos:

[How to help your teen reduce their screen time - BBC Bitesize](#)

[Parents of under-fives to be offered screen time guidance - BBC News](#)

Further websites to visit

Check the following websites:

[Childnet's Parent and Carer's Toolkit](#)

[ThinkUKnow's advice for Parents and Carer's](#)

[ThinkUKnow's interactive website for 4-7 year olds](#)

Need Help in the holidays?

Remember FREE advice is just a phone call away from the [NSPCC helpline](#):

0808 800 5000

[Childline](#): 0800 1111

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FREE COMMUNITY EVENT

HOME PARK

CELEBRATION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SPORT

Wednesday, 18 February
Event starts at 2.30pm | Kick-off at 7.30pm

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February
Weds 18th
February



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Halo Hockey	Halo Hockey	Deep Space Dodgeball	Fireball Football	Deep Space Dodgeball
Big Bang BenchBall	Fireball Football	Big Bang Bench Ball	Meteorite Multisports	Cosmic Cricket
Zero Gravity Inflatables session: including zorb wars	Circus Skills & Floor Art	Zero Gravity Inflatables session: including zorb wars	Neon Dodgeball Tournament	Fluro Dance Party including circus skills
Gravity Ball & Mega Art Project	Gravity Ball & Mega Art Project	Gravity Ball & Mega Art Project		Zero Gravity Inflatables session: including zorb wars

DAILY COSMIC CRAFTING - SEND THEIR IMAGINATIONS OUT OF THIS WORLD!

BOOK NOW @ www.high5sportscamps.co.uk

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February Galaxy Explorers.

Embark on an interstellar adventure this February half term with High 5's 'Galaxy Explorers' camp!

Inspired by the wonders of space and popular galactic themes, we invite all children 5 - 12 to dive into a universe of fun and adventure.

Imagine your child stargazing like a guardian of the galaxy, building their very own space rocket, or crafting an entire solar system! Our full range of zero-gravity inflatables offer a unique, defy-gravity experience, while our themed activities, including Jedi training and alien blaster wars, promise endless excitement.

Sports enthusiasts can engage in intergalactic team sports like basketball, dodgeball, football, and tennis, all with a cosmic twist. Here at High 5 we're dedicated to making this camp a 'one small step for man, one giant leap for your child!' experience.

For Feb 2026 our standard days run from 8.30am until 4.30pm, Monday to Friday. The more days you choose to join us the more you will enjoy the full Galactic experience.

Please ensure your child is with us between 8.30am and 8.45am. Ideally, we ask that nobody attempts to collect their children before 4.15 pm. If you are needing to collect before 4.15pm, then please make staff aware at drop-off, as there are many things to get through in our day at camp.

If you need your little adventurers to stay with us for a longer day then please choose the Extended Day option when booking, which allows you to drop off at 8am and collect them again at 6pm.

Don't miss the chance to give your child an out-of-this-world holiday filled with unforgettable memories and fun!

To book, please follow this link

<https://campscui.active.com/orgs/High5SportsCamps?season=3753336>

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Included in the price is a bespoke 2026 Rainbow run medal, an event village full of stalls, games, food vendors and entertainment and 8 colour stations.

As well as making memories on this fun-filled day out, you will be raising vital funds for Children's Hospice South West.

By taking part you're pledging to raise £35 as an individual or £93 as a family. Last year £107,000 was raised!

The earlier you sign up, the more you save! **Our Super-duper early-bird, saving 30% is on sale until 2 April.**

Sign up at: [Rainbow Run Cornwall 2026 | Children's Hospice South West](https://chsw.org.uk/rainbow)

Contact Number for enquiries: 01726 871800

Email for enquiries: kiley.pearce@chsw.org.uk

Keep up to date with the latest announcements on our Facebook page: [Rainbow Run Cornwall 2026 | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/rainbowrun2026)