



Modbury Primary School Newsletter

Friday 5th June 2026



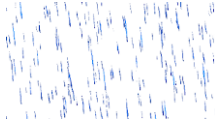
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We are still getting all sorts of weather within the space of a day so please make sure your children are coming to school prepared for anything. We do try to get the children out as much as possible so waterproof coats are a must. Thank you!

Year 3

Before half term, Year 3 enjoyed doing an investigation into friction on different surfaces - Good team work!



They have also enjoyed painting their food Modroc sculptures in Art today. Some great detail and texture were added.



Year 5/6 Mobile Phones

Please may we remind you that, if your child walks home/uses the school transport and brings a mobile phone to school with them, they must hand it in to the office each morning and collect it at the end of the school day. Many thanks!

SEND Coffee Afternoon - All Parents welcome!

The next coffee afternoon will be a whole federation event based at Loddiswell Primary school on Tuesday 23rd June 2-3pm. We are excited to have Linda Willmott, who previously worked for the Devon Social, Emotional, Mental Health team, joining us to share information on: supporting children with worries, anxiety, emotional regulation and emotional based school avoidance. This will be a really informative session with opportunities to ask questions. We hope to see lots of you there.

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

Access to advice and help

The half-term break is almost here! This issue of the Scomis Online Safety Newsletter signposts parents and carers to organisations specialising in educating children and young people in Online Safety issues. Find out from the [NSPCC](#) about the risks of social media for children:

Oversharing including:

- their personal information
- other people's personal information
- photos of themselves
- photos and videos of their body

Sharing their location including:

- tagging photos with the geo-location
- checking into venues
- sharing journeys
- sharing images or videos that contain street names

Talking to people they don't know including:

- Some social media sites will promote connecting users to chat with other people

NSPCC's advice is to talk to your child about what they're doing online. Review the NSPCC's website and find out more about the use of social media including tips and lots advice on:

- Safety and privacy
- Location settings
- Age ratings and features

Many social media sites have a minimum age of 13 years.

Check Age Ratings and features of Social Media Apps on the NSPCC website, click on the links below:

[Facebook](#) [Instagram](#) [TikTok](#) [Snapchat](#)

Visit the NSPCC's website and:

find out how to [Talk to your child about Online Safety](#) including: 'How to start the conversation'

The NSPCC teamed up with Lego—check the Lego resources '[Build and Talk](#)'

Play the [NSPCC Online Safety Quiz](#) with your child

Find out how to [Set up parental controls](#)

- Home broadband and WiFi
- Games consoles
- Mobiles, tablets and computers
- Apps and online services
- Search engines
- WiFi and being away from home

Find out more about [Livestreaming Platforms](#) such as

[Twitch](#) [Clash](#) [Monkey](#)

Access the South West Grid for Learning's [Social Media Checklists](#)



Don't forget! Support for Grandparents

The [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) has published a resource to support grandparents with online safety.

The guidance includes:

- how to respond if something goes wrong
- How to talk to your grandchild about their online life?
- Where to go for help or to report something worrying or inappropriate?
- Find out more [here](#)

Help and Advice available at Childnet

Visit [Childnet.com](#) Lots of Help, advice and resources for parents/carers including:

- In-depth information and key advice on [Social media](#)
- how to identify [Online bullying](#) with key advice on how to deal with [Online bullying](#) and the types of bullying

[information and guidance for 4-11 year olds](#)

- What to do if someone is mean to your child online
- What makes a good online friend
- How much time should you spend online

[Help and advice for 11-18 year olds](#)

- Gaming
- Social media
- Fake news
- Influencers
- Video Calls

[Parent's and carers Toolkit](#)

3 resources offering practical tips and advice on different aspects of keeping your child safe online.

- Parent and Carers Guide
- Resource Sheet
- Family agreement

Download the Toolkit [here](#)

Where to get help

Visit the [UK Safer Internet Centre's](#) website to access details and links for a number of organisations that can help with:

- Reporting Criminal Content Online and much more!
- Coram [Family Lives](#)—Charity providing help and support in all aspects of family life. They have a 24/7 free Parentline on 0808 8002222.

NSPCC Childline:
0800 1111

SCOMIS
Your ICT Partner

With its end-to-end encryption and huge popularity, WhatsApp is often seen as a private and secure way to stay in touch; however, that same privacy can make it harder for trusted adults to see when things go wrong. This guide explains how features like group chats, disappearing messages, 'Channels' and location sharing can expose young users to pressure, unwanted contact and inappropriate content.

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 WHATSAPP

WhatsApp is a free messaging app owned by Meta, allowing users to send text and voice messages, share multimedia, make video calls, and chat in groups. With end-to-end encryption, only the sender and receiver can view messages. This may offer privacy, but it also comes with risks that parents and educators need to be aware of.

AGE RESTRICTION 13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

GROUP CHAT PRESSURES

Group chats enable multiple users to message in the same space, but this can also make it easier for young people to feel excluded or overwhelmed. Negative comments can escalate quickly, and young people may feel pressure to respond or stay engaged even when the conversation is uncomfortable or upsetting.

SCAMS TARGETING YOUNG USERS

Scammers are increasingly using WhatsApp to trick users into sharing personal information. Common scams include fraudsters posing as family members in an emergency or tricking users into revealing security codes. These can lead to identity theft or access to private conversations.

DISAPPEARING AND HIDDEN MESSAGES

WhatsApp offers features like disappearing messages and 'Chat Lock', which can give users a false sense of security. While intended to protect privacy, they can be used by young users to hide inappropriate conversations or content, making it harder for adults to spot potential issues.

EXPOSURE THROUGH CHANNELS

'Channels' are an optional feature that allows users to follow updates from public figures or organisations; however, there is no way to block this feature or filter its content by age. Young users may encounter adult or distressing content, including misinformation and harmful ideologies.

UNWANTED CONTACT AND LOCATION SHARING

WhatsApp users can share their live location, and if not managed carefully, this can allow others – even those in mutual groups – to track someone's whereabouts. Also, without the right privacy settings, young users may be contacted by strangers.

COMMERCIAL AND AI CONTENT

WhatsApp now includes ads in the 'Updates' feed and has introduced an AI assistant – Meta AI – across the app, which cannot be removed. These additions raise concerns about targeting, privacy, AI use, and the type of content children and young people might interact with.

Advice for Parents & Educators

REVIEW PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Help young users check who can see their profile photo, status, and location. Activate the 'Silence Unknown Callers' setting and set group chat invitations to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...' for added safety.

TEACH HOW TO SPOT SCAMS

Encourage caution around unusual and unexpected messages, especially if they involve money or codes. Help young users understand the signs of scams and what to do if they receive a suspicious message. Enable two-step verification to add an extra layer of protection.

BE OPEN ABOUT HIDDEN CHATS

Discuss why children and young people might use features like disappearing messages or 'Chat Lock'. Encourage them to share if something made them uncomfortable, even if the messages are gone. Let them know that privacy should not mean secrecy.

TALK ABOUT ADVERTISING AND AI

Explain that WhatsApp now includes ads and AI tools. Discuss the difference between genuine and sponsored content, and the potential for AI to share inaccurate or age-inappropriate responses. Encourage young users to think critically before trusting or interacting with these features.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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Lost property!

We have a significant amount of lost property in school. Please take a moment to check through the items when dropping off or collecting your child. To help us return belongings quickly, we kindly ask that all items brought into school are clearly labelled.

The Big Future Survey



The Children's Commissioner has written to all schools asking for support in helping our children to take part in her new survey, The Big Future.

She wants to hear from children aged 0–18 from every background, in every part of the country, and your support will help make that possible. She is asking children about the things they enjoy, the challenges they face, the changes they want to see in their communities, and what they think a good childhood should look like today.

We would appreciate it if you could take the time to help your child complete the survey – link below...

<http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>.

Schools with particularly high participation rates will receive formal recognition for helping amplify children's voices, along with a summary of their pupils' responses, and an invite to my final Festival of Childhood.



Stars of the Week



This week's focus - Classroom resilience

Reception – Edward K

Year 1 – Imi

Year 2 – Maddox

Year 3 – Logan

Year 4 – Ollie

Year 5 – Jack

Year 6 – Maisy

TTRS

Studio speed

Year 2 - Barney, Steven

Year 3 - River Izzi Ralph

Year 4 - Stanley Theo Ollie P

Year 5 - Jack Otis Juliet

Year 6 - Arlo Ella

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Word Count - Last 7 days

Year 2 - Emily Barney Rosie
Year 3 - George Harvey Arthur
Year 4 - Ollie Jasper
Year 5 - Jack Otis Juliet
Year 6 - Arlo Ella

Highest word counts 2025-26

Otis 1, 960, 628
Jack D 1,579, 263
Felix P 1,170, 174

Diary Dates - New dates in bold

10th 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
15th July – Summer Fair

15th July – Swimming Gala – approx. timings:

Y6 – 1.10pm
YR – 1.30pm
Y1 – 1.50pm
Y2 – 2.10pm
Y3 – 2.30pm
Y4 – 2.50pm
Y5 – 3.10pm

16th July - Rocksteady Summer concert 10am (Time TBC)
17th July - Leavers assembly 9.30 Time TBC

Achieve4All – Summer Term 2 – bookings now available!

If your child would like to join/continue this after school Multi-Sports club on a Wednesday **after May 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



Louise Nicholls
Head of School



Mrs T Coulthard
Executive Head Teacher

PTFA News

Thank you to all the children who participated in the **Colour Fun Run** on 21 May.

We had a marvellous sunny afternoon getting covered in colourful powder. Huge shout out to all the volunteers who helped to plan the event, provide and set up the obstacles, throw powder, bake & sell cakes, manage the slip n slide and clear up afterwards!

We raised £494.15 to put towards our fundraising for an outdoor classroom!



Summer events:

- Summer Fair - Fundraising event - Wednesday 15th July PM

Next meeting	Summer Fair meeting 9/6/26 online at 8pm
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Get in touch by emailing modburyptfa@southhamsfederation.org.uk or speak to any of the committee members.

Thanks, PTFA x

Community News

Dear Families,

The wait is over — our summer holidays are officially here, and we couldn't be more excited to share what we've got in store for you!

This year's themes are live, early bird pricing is available (until 15/06) and spots are already filling up fast. Whether you need childcare for work, want to fill their summer with epic adventure, or simply want them to socialise away from screens, come and check out our 8 Summer Fun Fest Themes, there's definitely something for everyone this summer.



Early Bird Bookings close 15th June — don't miss out!



Explore this summer's themes and secure your spot:

<https://www.high5sportscamps.co.uk/camps/summer-camps-2026/>

Quick booking link: <https://campscui.active.com/orgs/High5SportsCamps?season=3825238>

We can't wait to see you there.

Ben, Aimee & The High 5 Team

A vibrant poster for 'HIGH 5 PRESENTS SUMMER FUN FEST 2026'. The background is blue with colorful triangular bunting at the top. The text is in various fonts and colors, including orange, white, and black. It features a 'TICKET AGES 5-12' badge, a 'MULTI-AWARD WINNING' seal, and a QR code. The bottom has an orange banner with 'Ofsted' and the website 'www.high5sportscamps.co.uk'. Social media icons for YouTube, Facebook, and Instagram are also present.

HIGH 5 PRESENTS
SUMMER FUN FEST
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MONDAY 27TH JULY - FRIDAY 28TH AUGUST

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TICKET AGES 5-12

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