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Newsletter 27

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

Welcome back to Term 5! Many of the teachers have commented on not being able to believe that it is Term 5 already – it is true, time flies when you are having fun! We hope that you all had a wonderful Easter, whether you celebrate this time of year or not we hope that your family time was filled with fun, laughter and memory making.

On Tuesday we celebrated the world by learning all about Earth Day – to bring our learning to life we pledged to not use any electricity all day long! The teachers had to complete paper registers, and the kitchens created packed lunches instead of hot dinners. To conclude Earth Day Miss Spellar and Mrs Jackson held a no electricity assembly and encouraged all the children to play a game that doesn't require electricity once they got home that day.

This week the children have enjoyed discovering their new year group topics, there has been much excitement and lots of engagement in learning. The EYFS children were thrilled to see how much the Robin Class tadpoles have grown over the holidays. Mrs Jackson has been feeding them up and caring for them all holidays which has resulted in some rather large froglets evolving from the once tiny tadpoles!

The EYFS children will learn all about Gardens and being outside this term; we hope that they enjoyed showing you their very own seed packs.

In Year 1 the children visited a rainforest! They were amazed to discover that our school woods had been replaced by a huge canopy, many vines and lots of exotic animals. After visiting the humid forest, the children used their senses exploration to support them in writing some descriptive sentences.

In Year 2 there has been uproar as the children have begun to learn all about Rosa Parks and segregation, it is hard to believe that once upon a time, not so long ago, people were so unkind to one another.



### **Change of date – VE Day Celebrations**

We will now be celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day with our junior school friends, therefore children are invited to wear red, blue and/or white to school on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May. On this day the children will learn all about the importance of VE Day before enjoying a picnic lunch on the junior school playground. Please can we request that you order your child's lunch as soon as possible for this day so that the kitchen can prepare ahead of time – thank you.

### **Celebration Assembly**

There was no Celebration Assembly this week, we look forward to celebrating with families next Friday!

Invitations to Celebration Assembly are sent on a Friday for the following week, plus a reminder the day before. Please check your email inbox carefully.

Please look at the 'WEEK 2 Menu' for week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025:

REMEMBER TO PRE-ORDER ONLINE

**Dinner Times**

**CHOICE SUMMER**

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

V = Vegetarian, VC = Vegan  
GF = Gluten Free. \*NEW RECIPE for 2025\*

Week 1 21st Apr, 12th May, 2nd Jun 23rd Jun, 14th Jul	Week 2 28th Apr, 19th May 9th Jun, 30th Jun	Week 3 5th May, 26th May 16th Jun, 7th Jul
<b>Margherita Pinwheel (V)</b> * Summer Pesto Pasta (VC) * Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)	<b>Hand Stretched Margherita or Pineapple Pizza (V)</b> Mild Bean Chili Loaded Nachos & Potato Wedges (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)	<b>Hand Stretched Margherita Pizza with Garlic Slice (V)</b> Spinach & Potato Curry & Rice (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)
Carrots, Sweetcorn Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Fruit Ice Lolly (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Baked Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn, Green Beans Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread * Strawberry Mousse (V) * Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Carrots, Sweetcorn Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Chocolate Crispy Cake (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Chilli Con Carne with Nachos &amp; Steamed Rice (GF)</b> Authentic Vegetable Curry & Steamed Rice (VG) (GF) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)	* Summer Pastitsio (Greek Bolognese Pasta Bake) * Plant Based Pasta Bolognese (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)	<b>The Dolce All Day Breakfast</b> The Dolce All Day Breakfast (V) (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)
Peas, Cauliflower Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Peach Upside Down Cake & Custard (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Sweetcorn, Carrots Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Red Velvet Brownie (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Hash Brown, Baked Beans, Peas Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Fresh Fruit Salad (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Roast Chicken (GF)</b> Vegetable Burrito (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)	<b>Roast Chicken (GF)</b> * Roasted Vegetable Tart (VG) * Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)	<b>Roast Chicken (GF)</b> Ratatouille Pasta (VG) or Salmon Pasta Salad (GF) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)
Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Savoy Cabbage, Gravy Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Fresh Melon Slices (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	New Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli, Gravy Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread * Rocky Road Traybake (V) * Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Savoy Cabbage, Gravy Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread * Oaty Fruit Crunch (VG) * Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Hand Stretched Pepperoni or Sweetcorn Pizza with Garlic Slice (V)</b> * Indian Butter Chicken & Rice (GF) * Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)	Oven Baked Sausages or Plant Based Sausages (VG) * Creamy Cajun Pasta Bake (V) * Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)	Macaroni Cheese (V) Cottage Pie (GF) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)
Broccoli, Carrots Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread * Cherry & Apple Crumble & Custard (V) * Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Mashed Potatoes, Sweetcorn, Cabbage, Gravy Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Jelly & Fruit (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Broccoli, Sweetcorn Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread * Jelly & Ice Cream (V) * Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt
<b>Breaded Fish Fingers</b> Vegan Sausage Roll (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Soft Roll with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)	<b>Breaded Fish Fingers</b> Vegan Cottage Pie (VG) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Baguette with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)	<b>Breaded Fish Fingers or * Fishless Fingers (VG) *</b> Broccoli & Cheddar Quiche (V) Jacket Potato & Fillings (V) (VG) (GF) Sandwich with a Choice of Fillings (V) (VG)
Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread * Snickerdoodle Cookie (VG) * Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Ginger Cookie (VG) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt	Chips, Peas, Baked Beans, Ketchup Fresh Daily Salad Selection, Homemade Bread Blueberry Swirl Cake (V) Dolce Homebake, Seasonal Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt

If your school has dietary requirements, such as halal, this will be automatically applied to your menu via SchoolKifid and does not change the type of menu you select here. Please contact your Area Manager if you ever need to change this.

## TD Days 2025-2026

Below you will find the dates of TD days for next academic year, the school will be closed to all children on these days.

1<sup>st</sup> September  
 2<sup>nd</sup> September  
 22<sup>nd</sup> October  
 5<sup>th</sup> January  
 15<sup>th</sup> June

## HSA Chocolate Bingo

The HSA are looking for a Bingo caller for the upcoming Chocolate Bingo, on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May. If any parents are keen bingo callers or know someone that is, please get in touch with the HSA by emailing Jennie via [harnhamschoolassociation@gmail.com](mailto:harnhamschoolassociation@gmail.com). Payment would be made in the form of chocolate!

Booking for the Chocolate Bingo event on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May will go live on Arbor at 5pm on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April.

• WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025 •

# NON SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY

PLEASE BRING IN A CHOCOLATE ITEM TO  
DONATE TO THE CHOCOLATE BINGO NIGHT

This could be a single bar or a box of chocolates, whatever you can spare,  
BUT IT MUST BE NUT FREE. Dairy free/Gluten free/Vegan items welcomed too!



### PSHE Update from Mrs Allexant

Today you will have received a letter from me about PSHE in Terms 5 and 6. In addition to this we are offering parents an opportunity to come and observe a No Outsiders lesson at 2pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June followed by an opportunity to look at our picture book resources which support our work. Further details about this can be found on our school website: [No Outsiders | Harnham Infant School](#)

In Term 6 we are going to trial two Philosophy for Children Family Sessions, and we would love you and your family to be part of this! P4C is a way of children exploring 'big issues' together and we would like to extend this approach to involving older siblings (7-11 year olds) and their parents.

The dates for these are Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 in the school hall, 3.30-4.30pm. If you and your family would like to take part, then please email me:

[nallexant@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:nallexant@harnham-inf.wilts.sch.uk)

This is open to all children in Years 1 and 2 and their parents/older siblings. All children attending must be accompanied by a parent/carers. Please commit to attending both sessions.

If these sessions prove to be successful, then this will continue in the new academic year so our current EYFS children and their parents will have the opportunity to take part.

Please email me with any questions about either of our two PSHE events.



### Zoolab – Year 1

Thank you to everyone who has already given consent, on Arbor, for your child to experience the Zoolab session this term. If you haven't already given consent, please could you do this as soon as possible. We would be very grateful for some more financial contributions towards this experience too, currently unless more payments are made the experience won't be financially viable and we may have to cancel the event.

### Be tick aware

UKHSA is encouraging people to 'be tick aware' this tick season.

Ticks can be active all year round, but they are most active in the months April to July.

As the warmer weather encourages more of us to be out and about enjoying the great outdoors, the UK Health Security Agency are encouraging we are 'tick aware'. This includes knowing where ticks are found, how to reduce the risk of being bitten and how to remove them safely and quickly as some tick bites can result in infections such as Lyme disease.

Find out more on the UK Health Security Agency's blog, link below.

<https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2024/03/21/what-is-lyme-disease-and-why-do-we-need-to-be-tick-aware/>

### Morning drop off

This is a polite reminder that before school opens your child/children should be stood waiting with you. We have seen an increase in children swinging on the white bars and playing chasing games, which in turn leads to an increase in injuries before the school day has started. We would appreciate your support in ensuring the safety of your child by keeping them with you before the doors open for the day – thank you.

## Social Media

Find our Harnham Infant School accounts on Facebook and Instagram – give us a follow!

<https://www.facebook.com/HarnhamInfant/>

<https://www.instagram.com/harnhaminfant/?hl=en>

## Upcoming Dates

Whole School	
Term 5	
29.4.25	Accessorise with Purple – Month of the Military Child Little Heroes and families breakfast, 9am
30.4.25	Non Uniform day – chocolate donations for HSA Chocolate Bingo
8.5.25	VE Day Picnic Lunch (children to wear red, blue and/or white)
9.5.25	HSA Chocolate Bingo event
12.5.25	Class Photos
15.5.25	Summer Census Day
23.5.25	End of Term 5
EYFS	
1.5.25	Stay and Forest School (1.30pm)
16.5.25	Local trip to Harnham Watermeadows
Year 1	
19.5.25	Zoolab visit to school (Letter sent out)
20/21/22.5.25	Local trip to the allotments, shop and Harnham Watermeadows
23.5.25	Stay and share a book (2pm)
Year 2	
7.5.25	People who changed the world day (staff to dress up)
14.5.25	Trip to the Lyceum Theatre
19.5.25	Stay and Celebrate (2pm)
New EYFS Cohort – September 2025	
16.6.25	Parent Information Evening, 7pm
24.6.25	Children and families to visit Forest School (class times TBC)
2.7.25	Children and families to workshop in the school hall (class times TBC)
11.7.25	Children to visit their classroom, refreshments provided in the hall for parents (class times TBC)

## Attendance

Weekly whole school attendance:	93% ↑ from the last week of Term 4	Number of late marks in the Registers:	27 ↓ from last week
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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).

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about BLUESKY SOCIAL APP

AGE RESTRICTION  
**13+**

With an App Store rating of 17+ & Google Play rating Mature

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

While Bluesky has been around since 2019, it's suddenly taken off in a big way thanks to a significant exodus from X (formerly Twitter). Indeed, it looks and behaves a lot like Twitter before Elon Musk bought the platform. Bluesky has been touted in recent months as a safer, more open-minded alternative to X – but like any social media site, it still has its share of risks.

## NO PRIVATE ACCOUNTS

While most social networks allow accounts to be private, at the time of writing, all Bluesky accounts must be public. The development team has indicated this might change in the future, but the app is built on a public-first protocol. If private accounts are ever introduced, it may only be in a limited way – such as through the implementation of group chats.

## INTERACTIONS WITH STRANGERS

Every account being public means that anyone can be contacted by anyone else. While users don't have to respond and can easily block people and move on, it does mean that youngsters are at particular risk of being conned by scammers, messaged by predatory adults or exposed to others with ill intentions. These hazards can be compounded by the fact that Bluesky doesn't require its users to provide their real name.

## TROLLING AND BULLYING

While Bluesky currently feels a lot friendlier than X seems to have become, its lack of private accounts means that there's nothing to stop users from trolling and cyberbullying younger people. While accounts can be blocked and reported, a persistent bully could simply create a new profile, potentially making their victims feel unsafe in continuing to use the app.

## DANGEROUS MISINFORMATION

Established news organisations have fact-checking and editing processes, but social networks have no such controls and can often serve as breeding grounds for misinformation and disinformation. Bluesky will possibly be no different once it reaches a certain size, and children may not have the critical thinking skills to tell fact from fiction – or to discern an informative, honest user from a malicious one.

## ADULT TARGET AUDIENCE

Bluesky isn't designed with children in mind, and there aren't many parental controls on the platform. In an interview with the BBC, Bluesky's CEO originally said that the app would only allow users aged 18 and above to sign up, but a spokesperson later clarified its age restriction as 13+. This could imply the app was originally meant for an adult audience and suggests that making the platform more child-friendly might not currently be a priority.

## RAPID GROWTH

At the time of writing, Bluesky seems calm in comparison with other social networks where moderation is lax and the atmosphere toxic – but that's due at least in part to its smaller community. The app has recently been adding as many as a million users per day, and if that continues, there'll be more unpleasant users to handle, and moderators could struggle to maintain the pleasant environment Bluesky is currently known for.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### USE THE ADULT CONTENT FILTER

Bluesky doesn't have much in the way of parental controls, but there are content filters which can hide sexual and graphic imagery. These are enabled by default for underage accounts but can be manually turned on in the 'Moderation' section of the app's settings. The 'advanced' Bluesky Moderation Service lets you restrict content even further, hiding – for example – self-harm content, extremist rhetoric, and even rude posts.

UNDER 18

### LOOK OUT FOR FAKES

Impersonation is a problem on all social networks. While the consequences are usually benign, imposters sometimes attempt to scam or groom children by pretending to be a popular influencer or online personality. Bluesky is unique in that it can be connected to official domains, with users' handles linking to other sites; while this isn't widely used right now, it could be a reliable way to verify celebrities and public figures in future.

### ENCOURAGE BLOCKING AND REPORTING

Another tool that Bluesky uses to ensure a decent experience is muting and blocking accounts. The former prevents you from seeing a specific user's content, while the latter stops them from seeing yours. If a child is encountering trolls or bullies on the platform, encourage them to use this function, while also reporting the offenders to help make the platform a nicer place for everyone.

REPORT

### KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

As with all social media platforms, moderation and content filters can only do so much; it's highly likely that a child will eventually face something unsavoury. For that reason, it's important to make sure that young people are aware of the risks and know how to handle the technology if anything they see on the app makes them feel unsafe or uncomfortable.

## Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for the likes of Wired, TechRadar, Tom's Guide, The Evening Standard, The Guardian and The New Statesman.



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# Charity Cake Sale

Sat 26<sup>th</sup> April



Raising funds for Restless development



11.00 to 12.30

82 Britford Lane, SP2 8AJ



# A Walk to Remember

Wilton House



**Sunday 21st September**

Join Alzheimer's Support's beautiful memory walk

- Five miles around the Wilton estate
- One mile accessible lakeside route
- Supporting people with dementia with every step

*'A brilliant day out  
for our whole family.  
'We can't wait to  
do it again!'*

fundraising for  
**as**  
alzheimer's  
support



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