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### Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025

The sound of 'Hakuna Matata' has been heard all around school as the Year 2 children have totally immersed themselves in The Lion King! This week the Yr2s visited London to watch the live theatre version of the show. Everyone – children, staff and parent helpers had a wonderful time and are still buzzing about the experience. We can't wait to see the Yr2s own version of the show in Term 6! Today the EYFS children have enjoyed a local visit to Harnham Water Meadows where they explored the local wildlife and learnt a little bit about why the water meadows are in Harnham.

Next week the Year 1 children will visit the allotments, local shop and the water meadows too!

These trips don't just happen, they take a lot of hard work to put together with risk assessment writing, letter writing, decision making and planning – thank you to all the teachers who have spent time ensuring the children of Harnham Infant School get to enjoy such a wide range of visits, visitors and experiences. Thank you also to all the parent helpers who support our trips – we couldn't run them without you!

### Dolce – School Lunches

Please look at the 'WEEK 2 Menu' for week beginning 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025, this can be found on the SchoolGrid app. Remember to order a meal for your child! Recently we have noticed an increase in the number of families not ordering online – this makes it very hard for the kitchens who need to know numbers ahead of time.



### Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to Sofia - Ladybirds, Ivan - Robins, Simon – Bees, Fraser - Squirrels, Victoria - Woodpeckers, Olivia - Badgers, Nirbhrit – Owls and Sylvie – Dragonflies. We are so proud of you all! 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.

### Year 1 – Local Area Trip (next week)

Due to the weather forecast and nature of the Year 1 trip next week please may you send your child to school in long sleeves and trousers complete with their school jumper on the day of their trip.

Woodpeckers – Tuesday

Squirrels – Wednesday

Bees - Thursday

### Year 2 Families

Don't forget that next week the junior school are running a free Parent Reading Workshop, more details can be found on the poster to the right.

**HARNHAM CE JUNIOR SCHOOL**

**Parent Reading Workshop**  
Supporting Reading at Home

- ★ Get to know your child's literacy needs
- ★ Learn how to support your child's reading at home
- ★ Learn about early reading development

**Date:** Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> May  
**Time:** 8:45am to 9:30am  
**Location:** Harnham CE Junior School

Refreshments will be available

**JOIN US!**

## 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	
23.5.25	End of Term 5
EYFS	
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	
19.5.25	Stay and Celebrate (2pm)
Term 6 – Key Dates	
3.6.25	Sports Day (EYFS – 9.15-10.15am, Year 1 – 10.30-11.30am, Year 2 – 1.30-2.30pm)
10.6.25	Reserve Sports Day
11.6.25	Community Forest School 10am – 12pm
17.6.25	No Outsiders Lesson workshop, 2pm
23.6.25	TD Day (School closed to children)
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)
2.9.25 / 3.9.25 / 4.9.25	Home visits (Invitations will be given out at the Workshop event)
5.9.25	EYFS children start school (Full time)
TD Days 2025 - 2026	
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	

## Attendance

Weekly whole school attendance:	96.3% ↑ from last week	Number of late marks in the Registers:	24 ↓ 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

# ZEPETO

AGE RESTRICTION  
**14+**

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ZEPETO is a fast-growing app blending social networking with a virtual world experience – attracting around 20 million monthly users, with 15% from Europe. Players create 3D avatars to explore immersive environments, play games and interact with others; however, with minimal safety controls, anonymous chat and monetised content, ZEPETO poses a number of online safety concerns that parents and educators should be aware of.

#### NO PARENTAL CONTROLS

Although ZEPETO is intended for users aged 14 and up, it lacks built-in parental controls or age verification, instead relying on safety features on the device it's played on. This lack of a parental controls feature raises concerns about whom children may be interacting with on the platform.

#### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

As a mix between a virtual world and a social media platform, ZEPETO features a wide range of user-generated content. Some areas may reference mature themes, such as TV series aimed at adults, or include inappropriate material created by other users – all of which children may stumble across without warning.

#### STRANGER DANGER

By default, users can message and interact with anyone else. This open communication creates an environment where predatory individuals can pose as peers to gain trust, potentially leading to grooming, scams, and exploitation, such as blackmail.

#### CYBERBULLYING RISKS

As with many social platforms, children can be targeted for bullying, harassment or exclusion by both strangers and their peers. Unfiltered chat and avatar-based interaction can allow bullying and other forms of harassment to continue, impacting children's wellbeing and mental health.

#### ADDICTIVE GAMEPLAY

Daily log-in rewards, such as coins, and in-game incentives can encourage compulsive behaviour, with some users feeling pressure to check in constantly to avoid missing out. This can lead to excessive screen time and conflict with schoolwork or offline hobbies or commitments.

#### SPENDING REAL MONEY

While the game is free to play, ZEPETO includes a store offering virtual clothing and accessories for avatars. These items are bought with 'ZEMs' – a paid currency – and the appeal of exclusive items or branded collaborations can make it easy for children to overspend.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

#### ENABLE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Visit the child's profile settings to restrict who can send messages – options include Everyone, Followers Only, or No-one. Encourage children to avoid sharing any personal information on their profile, as this is visible even on private accounts.

#### CONTROL SPENDING

To prevent accidental purchases, set up purchase approval systems such as Apple's Ask to Buy or Google's Purchase Approvals. Alternatively, consider removing payment methods or using pre-paid cards with set budgets.

#### LIMIT IN-APP TIME

Use parental controls on Android (Google Family Link) or iOS (Screen Time) to restrict app usage by setting hours or daily limits. Encouraging breaks can help children develop healthier habits and reduce app dependency.

#### HAVE REGULAR CONVERSATIONS

Talk openly with children about whom they interact with online and the kinds of things they see or experience. Encourage them to speak up if someone makes them uncomfortable or if they come across inappropriate content. Teach them how to recognise red-flag behaviours such as asking for secrets, giving gifts, or requesting personal information.

#### Meet Our Expert

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## Hospital Open Day

# Explore Salisbury District Hospital

Be fascinated, get inspired and learn

**Saturday 7th June, 10:00 – 15:00**

Free entry • Free parking • Toy hospital • Therapy pets  
Career information • Creative activities • History displays  
Interactive demos • Food and more ...

