# School Office Friday Update

| REMINDERS FOR THE WEEKS AHEAD | |
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| Monday 10th February | • **Parents Evening – Classes 2, 3 and 4**<br>• KS2 Qualitas After School Club – Badminton |
| Tuesday 11th February | • **Parents Evening – Classes 2 and 4**<br>• KS1 Qualtias After School Club – Dance |
| Wednesday 12th February | • **Parents Evening – Classes 1 and 3 plus Nursery**<br>• KS2 Qualitas After School Club – Benchball |
| **Thursday 13th February** | • Little Smiles Toddler Group 9.00am – 10.30am<br>• LAST SWIMMING FOR CLASS 2<br>• **Parents Evening – Class 1 and Nursery** |
| **Friday 14th February** | • **PTFA VALENTINES DISCO – Tickets are available now on Parent Pay.**<br>**Nursery 3.00pm – 3.30pm – Parents must stay**<br>**Whole School 3.30pm – 5.00pm – Children can be collected from 4.30pm**<br><br>**Wishing everyone a lovely half term break** |
| **HALF TERM** | |
| **Monday 24th February** | • **INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS** |
| **Tuesday 25th February** | • **BACK TO SCHOOL**<br>• World Book Day Costume Swap – see PTFA Newsletter<br>• KS1 Qualtias After School Club – Fundamental Skills – Book and pay on ParentPay |
| **Wednesday 26th February** | • **Class 2 MAD Fun Run – AM – Children to arrive at school in PE kit. Consent required via ParentPay**<br>• KS2 Qualitas After School Club – Athletics – Book and pay on ParentPay<br>• **Walesby Forest meeting for Parents 5.00pm in school** |
| Thursday 27th February | • **First swimming for Class 3**<br>• Little Smiles Toddler Group 9.00am – 10.30am |
| Friday 28th February | |

## OTHER NEWS

- **Parents' Evenings** Monday 10th February for Class 2, 3 and 4 - 3.30pm – 5.50pm
  Tuesday 11th February for Class 2 and 4 - 3.30pm – 5.50pm
  Wednesday 12th February for Class 1 and 3 and Nursery – 3.30pm – 5.50pm
  Thursday 13th February for Class 1 and Nursery – 3.30pm – 4.30pm
  **If you have not already booked, appointments are still available. Please use SchoolCloud or contact the office.**

- **Qualitas Clubs – Spring Term 2 – These will be available to book and pay for on Parent Pay from next week.**
  **Mondays – KS2 Archery – starting Monday 3rd March**
  **Tuesdays - KS1 Fundamentals – starting Tuesday 25th February**
  **Wednesdays – KS2 Athletics – starting Wednesday 26th February**

- **ParentPay – Please ensure you check your Parent Pay account on a regular basis. Accounts should be kept up to date to prevent balances increasing. Thank you for your continued support with this.**

- **WORLD BOOK DAY COSTUME SWAP** During the week commencing 25th February we are holding a costume swap ready for World Book Day which is on Thursday 6th March. Please donate any unwanted costumes and feel free to take one for your child.

- **Walesby Forest Residential – The next instalment of £30 is due at the end of February. Thank you if you have already paid. There is a meeting for parents on Wednesday 26th February at 5.00pm in school. A separate letter will be sent about this.**

Please do not hesitate to contact us on 01629 56813 or by email with any questions or queries.

Friday updates can be found in the Newsletters section of our school website.

| FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY | |
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| Monday 3rd March | KS2 Qualtias After School Club – Archery. Please book and pay on ParentPay |
| Tuesday 4th March | KS1 Qualitas After School Club – Fundamentals. Please book and pay on ParentPay |
| Wednesday 5th March | KS2 Qualitas After School Club – Athletics. Please book and pay on ParentPay |
| Thursday 6th March | WORLD BOOK DAY |
| **Friday 7th March** | **PTFA Book and Cake Sale** |
| Monday 10th March | KS2 Qualtias After School Club – Archery. Please book and pay on ParentPay |
| Tuesday 11th March | KS1 Qualitas After School Club – Fundamentals. Please book and pay on ParentPay |
| Wednesday 12th March | KS2 Qualitas After School Club – Athletics. Please book and pay on ParentPay |
| **Friday 14th March** | **Class 3 Benchball event - Ashbourne Leisure Centre. Children should arrive at school by 8.10am** |
| **Tuesday 22nd April** | **Back to school – Start of the Summer Term** |
| Wednesday 30th April | Class 2 Multi Skills Festival at All Saints Juniors<br>This Girl Can – Whitworth Park 9.30 – 11.30 |
| **Monday 5th May** | **MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY** |
| Monday 12th May | KS2 SATS – English Grammar Punctuation and Spelling |
| Tuesday 13th May | KS2 SATS – English Reading Paper |
| Wednesday 14th May | KS2 SATS – Maths Papers 1 and 2 |
| Thursday 15th May | KS2 SATS – Maths Paper 3 |

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| Friday 16th May | Year 6 Celebration at Whitworth Park |
| Friday 23rd May | Break up for half term |
| **Monday 2nd June** | **INSET DAY – School closed to pupils** |
| **Tuesday 3rd June** | **Back to school** |
| Wednesday 18th June | Class 2 Dance and Gymnastics Festival at All Saints Juniors |
| Thursday 26th June | Year 6 Primary Athletics at Moorways, Derby |
| Tuesday 1st July | Highfields Transition Day for Y6 pupils |
| **Wednesday 2nd July** | **Walesby Forest Residential – Class 4** |
| **Thursday 3rd July** | **Walesby Forest Residential – Class 4**<br>FINAL SWIMMING LESSON FOR CLASS 3 |
| **Friday 4th July** | **Walesby Forest Residential – Class 4** |
| Wednesday 9th July | Class 2 Sports Day at All Saints Juniors |
| Thursday 10th July | NO SWIMMING FOR CLASS 3 |
| Thursday 17th July | NO SWIMMING FOR CLASS 3 |
| **Thursday 24th July** | **Last day of the school year**<br>**NO AFTER SCHOOLCLUB** |
| Friday 25th July | First Day of the summer holidays |




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# SAFER Neighbourhood NEWS

February 2025

## Matlock and Tansley Safer Neighbourhood

**Operation LIMIT results for Derbyshire Police:**

We would like to share with you, the positive results from our latest drink and drug drive campaign, Operation Limit. More than 120 drink or drug drivers were arrested by officers in Derbyshire during the festive period. Operation Limit, which runs throughout December, saw officers carry out 475 tests - with 125 drivers testing positive for drink or drugs. One drink-driver was caught behind the wheel while nearly five times the legal limit. Another ten drivers returned a positive sample for cocaine, and a further 17 had cannabis in their system. Six motorists were caught with both drugs in their system. The majority of those caught drink or drug driving were men aged over 25-years-old – with 93 arrests made. The figures marked a significant rise in people caught driving while under the influence when compared with last year. In 2023, officers carried out 445 tests with 87 drivers returning positive results.




## Engagements

Weds 5th – Walk around street meet, Tansley – 10.00am-12.00pm

Thurs 6th – Walk around street meet, Tansley – 10.00am-12.00pm

Fri 7th - Engagement at EPIC, Steep Turnpike – 12.00pm-14.00pm

Tues 11th – Crime Prevention Business walk around – 16.00pm-17.00pm

Tues 11th – Darley Dale Guides – ASB input -19.30pm-20.30pm

Weds 12th – Tansley Rainbows – Road Safety input – 17.30pm-18.30pm

Weds 12th – Tansley Brownies – Road Safety input – 18.45pm-22.00pm

Tues 18th – Walk around with Platform Housing – Netherfield Close – 10.00am-11.00am

Sat 22nd – Crime Prevention Business walk around – 14.00pm-16.00pm

**Matlock SNT Team:**

PCSO 12953 Hillman

PC 15159 Green

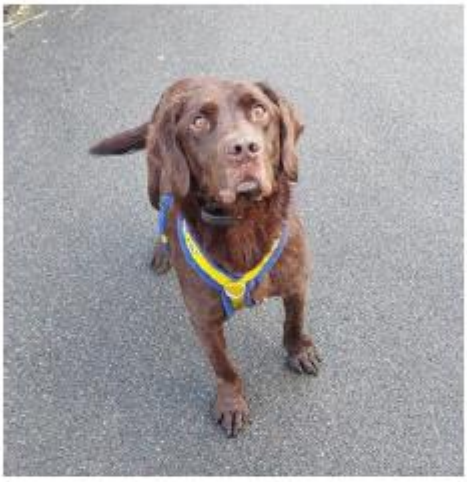
PC 14847 Hussain

PC 3453 Slater

Matlock's Team have also been conducting speed checks throughout areas of concern around Matlock and Tansley, despite setbacks of snow and ice throughout the last month! They have been taking action when individuals have been found exceeding the speed limit.

On 20th January checks were conducted on Chesterfield Road, 119 vehicles were checked, none were found to be speeding.
They then went on to the A615 Tansley and checked 79 vehicles. Only one was found to be exceeding the speed limit at 42mph. The driver was spoken to firmly and issued with the relevant paperwork.

We will be continuing to conduct these checks, so watch this space!






Your local team are also taking positive action in relation to drug related intelligence being received throughout our beat areas. Our Police officers will be continuing to pull vehicles over if they have been reported to be driving whilst under the influence of alcohol or drugs and completing drug swipes and breathalyser tests. They will also be stop searching vehicles and occupants if they are reported to be involved in drug dealing activity and taking the appropriate actions.

Police Dog Ted has assisted them this week in searching a woodland area in relation to drug related activity, whereby cannabis was found.

If you would like to report drug related concerns, and help us to address these issues within our community, you can do so via the below channels:

- Phoning 101.
- Visiting the Derbyshire Constabulary website at https://www.derbyshire.police.uk/
- Via Crime Stoppers by phoning 0800 555 111 or by visiting their website at https://crimestoppers-uk.org/ where you remain 100% anonymous.

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 SCAMS AND FAKE NEWS

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

"Fake news" refers to falsified or misleading material presented as a legitimate account of events. It's often used by malicious actors online to push an agenda, or even by criminals as a way of making scams more persuasive. Scammers can trick us into handing over personal information, security details and even our hard-earned cash.

### "CLICKBAIT" PHISHING SCAMS

A message arrives saying "Have you seen this video of yourself?" or you might be sent an attention-grabbing headline about a celebrity that's been shared on social media. This kind of "bait" is produced by scammers to drive us to click on an unsafe link, where malware could be downloaded to our devices. These scams rely on our curiosity and our "need-to-know" instinct.

### SALES, DEALS & DISCOUNTS

Some scams appear as adverts, offering a chance to buy something – such as designer products, expensive gadgets or tickets to a popular show – at a reduced price. Such ploys often include a time limit or countdown, urging us to hurry so we don't miss out on the deal. This pressure encourages us to input personal details or payment information before pausing to check if it's legitimate.

### YOU'RE A WINNER!

This kind of scam involves fake giveaways, opportunities or freebies. It could be a message saying we've won a prize draw or competition. Or it could be a gift, free trial, bonus credit, and suchlike. It might claim that a package or refund is waiting. All these techniques are used to prompt us to share our personal information, thinking that there's something to be gained by doing so.

### FALSE FRIENDSHIPS

Scammers often pretend to be someone they're not to gain their victims' trust. They might attempt to convince any children they connect with that they're a child of similar age with shared interests. Warning signs include a high volume of messages (often with an intense tone), secrecy, inappropriate levels of intimacy, guilt tripping, emotional manipulation, threats or blackmail.

### PANIC MODE

To trigger a sense of panic, scammers may claim that a child's account has been hacked, or a virus has been installed on their device, or any number of other scary scenarios. They may claim to be able to fix the problem or offer a solution – if the child hands over control of the device or sensitive information. Similar scams involve impersonating a friend or relative, claiming that they're in trouble and need help.

### FAKE CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS

Impersonating influential people online is a common tactic for scammers, who can use technology to create fake photos, audio and even videos that look authentic. These can be used to convince us, for example, to buy products, sign up for so-called "business opportunities" or invest in cryptocurrency schemes – all of which are fake or otherwise malicious. Many scams also involve the impersonation of popular companies' social media accounts, as well as those of individuals.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### STAY INFORMED

Stay up to date with the latest information and best practice on cyber-security. See what scam stories are reported in the news and make note of what tactics were used. Keep up with young people's digital lives: talk about what they're doing online and use properly endorsed resources to learn what risks certain sites and apps pose to their younger users.

### TALK TOGETHER

Chat often and openly with young people about fake news, online scams and how they both work. Encourage them to talk to you about anything they're unsure of or worried about online. If a child claims to have been scammed, don't pass judgement. Blaming the victim may deter young people from asking you for help. Remember: adults are scammed just as often, if not more.

### ENCOURAGE HEALTHY SCEPTICISM

Most scams rely on emotional or psychological manipulation, tapping into our human instincts – whether that's to keep ourselves safe, help others, find answers, make friends, avoid losing out or to secure something we really want. Encourage children to recognise that pressure to act and to always consult with an adult – especially if what's on offer sounds too good to be true.

### BE PROACTIVE

Children increasingly use digital devices for education, socialising, shopping and play. Don't wait for a problem to arise before you discuss the risk of scams, false information and fake news. Highlight what to look out for and clearly communicate under what circumstances the child ought to speak to an adult. Finally, ensure that they're aware of the support services that are available to them (such as Childline).

## Meet Our Expert



Dr Holly Powell-Jones is the founder of Online Media Law UK and a leading expert in digital safety, media law and young people. Her PhD investigates children's understandings of risk online. She works with schools, businesses, and universities to provide award-winning education on the criminal, legal and ethical considerations for the digital age. Visit OnlineMediaLaw.co.uk for more.

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