



## Wesley Methodist Primary School



### Weekly Newsletter: WC 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024

What a wonderful start to this year we have had at Wesley – the children have been incredible. We have had a range of visitors over this first month, all of whom have commented on the children's brilliant attitude towards their learning and their attitude towards behaviour. We have our new Year 6 Prefects through school who are being role models and supporting our children to be the very best they can be. We are regularly seeing our children being: Ready, Respectful and Safe in all of their actions and working together to make Wesley the very best place it can be. It is wonderful to hear the children welcoming one another into school, talking about how their day has gone and opening doors for one another, all whilst showing impeccable manners. We are very proud of all of our children and they are certainly shining!



#### Worship

This week during our worship sessions, we have been discussing how we can shine like a star with peace. This means ensuring our school is happy and safe for everyone and that all children know how they can find peace. We looked at what peace means to the children, why it is important and how to find this peace. As a Methodist school we talked about how God can help us find peace

and support us with our troubles, but that also every single adult in school will do this for the children and that if any of them have a trouble or need to talk, every adult in school will be there for them to help. It was lovely listening to the children explain how they find peace with many of the answers referring to being with friends and family because they know they are loved. Each week we focus on a different Fruit of the Holy Spirit to see how we will aim to live out the week.

#### Harvest donations and class assembly

Each year we celebrate Harvest in school and show our gratitude for all we have and the world we live in. In the words of John Wesley, we always 'Do all we can' and this resonates at Harvest time when we donate non-perishable items to our local food bank which serve our local community and is very well used. A letter has come out this week asking for support with donations with some examples; from tins of baked beans to pasta to coffee. Every donation helps and goes to supporting our most at need within our local community.

These have been asked to come into school next Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October and this will also be a non-uniform day for the

children. On this day there will be a class assembly in the school hall for the families of Year 6 Pankhurst as they do their Harvest assembly. Following the assembly our Year 6 Pankhurst pupils will then take the donations down to our local food bank. We thank you in advance of your support with this.



**WALK WITH IMAGINATION**

**WOW** the WALK TO SCHOOL challenge

2024/25



**WOW award**

We have had an incredible month with our WOW walk to school challenge. This is all about being active on our way to school and having at least one journey to school a week either walking, on a scooter, a bike or any other active method of travelling to school. It has been wonderful to see the increase in participation this year and we have our winners for the month of September being the most active class at Wesley: **Year 5/6 Turing!**

During celebration assembly we announced our WOW ambassadors who will have collected badges to hand out today to the children who have completed the September challenge. We have also had confirmation that we are currently 1<sup>st</sup> place in the whole of Bury for the WOW walk to school award! Well done, Wesley and keep it up!

**New to Reception 2025**

We have a range of upcoming dates for open days at Wesley for prospective parents of Reception children for 2025. This is an opportunity to visit school, be involved in our environment, see classrooms and gain a wider understanding of how everything happens at Wesley. Please do share these dates with prospective parents and please visit if you have a child who is a sibling planning to come in September 2025 so that you gain a wide understanding of what Wesley is like for your children. The dates available are:



- **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October: 10:30am**
- **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October: 2pm**
- **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October: 2pm**
- **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November: 10:30am**

**European Languages Day**

What a fantastic day we all had on Thursday this week celebrating European Languages Day. This was all organised by our languages lead, Mrs Clowes, and it was wonderful to see so many children being able to explore new cultures, learn some new languages and taste some new and interesting foods. We are very grateful for

the external support with this too with families coming to share in their culture and experiences.





## Online safety: Top tips for building cyber resilience at home

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# 12 Top Tips for BUILDING CYBER RESILIENCE AT HOME

As a society, we're increasingly using technology and tech services in the home. Digital assistants which can adjust the heating or turn lights on and off; streaming services for shows and movies on demand; games consoles; smart speakers; phones; laptops ... the list goes on. As we introduce each new gizmo to our homes, however, we increase the level of threat from cyber criminals. It's essential, therefore, that we learn to become more cyber resilient in relation to the devices and digital services that the people in our household use.

### WHAT IS 'CYBER RESILIENCE'?

Cyber resilience focuses on three key areas: reducing the likelihood of a cyber attack gaining access to our accounts, devices or data; reducing the potential impact of a cyber incident; and making the recovery from a cyber attack easier, should we ever fall victim to one.

#### 1. PASSWORDS: LONGER AND LESS PREDICTABLE

The longer, less common and predictable a password is, the more difficult it becomes for cyber criminals to crack. The National Cyber Security Centre's 'three random words' guidelines are ideal for creating a long password which is easy to remember but hard to guess.

#### 2. AVOID RE-USING PASSWORDS

When you use the same password across different logins, your cyber resilience is only as strong as the security of the weakest site or service you've signed up for. If cyber criminals gain access your username and password for one site or service, they'll definitely try them on others.

#### 3. USE A PASSWORD MANAGER

A good way to juggle different passwords for every site or service you use is to have a password manager. This software stores all your passwords for you, so you simply need to remember the master password. LastPass, Dashlane, iPassword and Keeper are all excellent password managers.

#### 4. BACK UP YOUR DATA

Keep a copy of your data using OneDrive, Google Drive or another reputable cloud-based storage solution. If it's extremely important or sensitive information, you could even decide to keep more than one back-up version – by saving it to a removable USB drive or similar device, for example.

#### 5. ENABLE MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION (MFA)

Multi-factor authentication is where you need access to your phone (to receive a code, for example) or another source to confirm your identity. This makes it far more difficult for cyber criminals to gain entry to your accounts and your data, even if they do manage to get your username and password.

#### 6. CHOOSE RECOVERY QUESTIONS WISELY

Some services let you set 'recovery questions' – such as your birthplace or a pet's name – in case you forget your password. Take care not to use information you might have mentioned (or are likely to in future) on social media. More unpredictable answers make cyber criminals' task harder.

#### 7. SET UP SECONDARY ACCOUNTS

Some services provide the facility to add secondary accounts, phone numbers and so on to help with potentially recovering your account. Make sure you set these up; they will be vital if you're having trouble logging in or if you're trying to take back control of your account after a cyber attack.

#### 12. STAY SCEPTICAL

Cyber criminals commonly use various methods, including emails, text messages and social media posts. Be cautious of any messages or posts that are out of the ordinary, offer something too good to be true or emphasise urgency – even if they appear to come from someone you know.

#### 11. KEEP HOME DEVICES UPDATED

Download official software updates for your household's mobile phones, laptops, consoles and other internet-enabled devices regularly. Security improvements and fixes are a key feature of these updates – so by ensuring each device is running the latest version, you're making them more secure.

#### 10. CHANGE DEFAULT IOT PASSWORDS

Devices from the 'Internet of Things' (IoT), such as 'smart' home appliances, are often supplied with default passwords. This makes them quicker to set up, but also less secure – criminals can identify these standard passwords more easily, so change them on your IoT devices as soon as possible.

#### 9. CHECK FOR BREACHES

You can check if your personal information has been involved in any known data breaches by entering your email address at [www.haveibeenpwned.com](http://www.haveibeenpwned.com) (yes, that spelling is correct!). It's useful if you're worried about a possible attack – or simply as motivation to review your account security.

#### 8. KEEP HAVING FUN WITH TECH

Consider our tips in relation to the gadgets and online services your household uses. Protect yourself and your family, and don't let the bad guys win; devices are not only integral to modern life but also a lot of fun – so as long as you keep safety and security in mind, don't stop enjoying your tech.

### Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that adults and children alike become more aware of the risks associated with technology, as well as the many benefits.



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### Attendance

At Wesley we see Attendance as crucially important to the success and progress our children make. The more time our children are in school the better progress they will ultimately make. We celebrate attendance on a weekly basis and each class has the opportunity to earn money for their end of year treat. Attending school more gives all children the best possible chance to keep up with their work, achieve better results and the possibility of developing further friendship and social skills.

Number of days off school a year	Percentage attendance	Number of lessons missed	Level of concern
<b>0 days</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Perfection</b>
<b>2 days</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>10 lessons</b>	<b>Excellent</b>
<b>5 days</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>25 lessons</b>	<b>Good</b>
<b>10 days</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>50 lessons</b>	<b>Slight concern</b>
<b>20 days</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>100 lessons</b>	<b>Concern</b>
<b>30 days</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>150 lessons</b>	<b>Significant concern</b>

We will be really working hard on attendance this term and to ensure that all children are in school every day – you can also check your child’s attendance on the Arbor App.

**Our attendance winners this week are: Reception Sissay with 99.4%**

Class name	Average attendance this week
Reception Sissay	99.4%
Reception Neville	96.9%
Year 1 Peel	98.7%
Year 1/2 Wood	98.3%
Year 2 Rashford	98.8%
Year 3 Garvey	90.5%
Year 3/4 Walsh	94.4%
Year 4 Lowry	97.9%
Year 5 Boyle	95.8%
Year 5/6 Turing	91.4%
Year 6 Pankhurst	91.1%



### Star Award

The following children received their Star Award this week:

Reception Neville: **Renesmae K**

Reception Sissay: **Dylan Mc**

Year 1 Peel: **Billie H**

Year 1/2 Wood: **Kiera P**

Year 2 Rashford: **Zidan A**

Year 3 Garvey: **Leo H**

Year 3/4 Walsh: **Bodhi S**

Year 4 Lowry: **Bella B-P**

Year 5 Boyle: **Amber B**

Year 5/6 Turing: **Ruby B**

Year 6 Pankhurst: **Frankie N**

These children have done amazing:  
"shining like stars with peace".

### Gold Award

The following children received their Gold Award this week:

Reception Neville: **William M**

Reception Sissay: **Shay M**

Year 1 Peel: **Theo L**

Year 1/2 Wood: **Katie C**

Year 2 Rashford: **Harley H**

Year 3 Garvey: **Ava C**

Year 3/4 Walsh: **Junior C**

Year 4 Lowry: **Jack C**

Year 5 Boyle: **Evelyn R**

Year 5/6 Turing: **Layland Mc**

Year 6 Pankhurst: **Elliot R**

Well done to all of these children – we are  
so proud of you!

