



## Wesley Methodist Primary School

Weekly Newsletter: WC 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025



The return to school following the half term has been fantastic and in just the past two weeks we have had so much taking place throughout school with many more exciting events to take place on the run up to Easter. We have seen the children return to school thinking very carefully about their attitudes to learning and behaviour and ensuring that they are working to their full potential to shine like stars as children of God. Each week we talk about our school rules of: Ready, Respectful, Safe with the children and have seen their understanding of these develop significantly and are able to articulate what these mean and why they are important to our school.



### Worship

This week we have been focusing on shining like a star with willpower. This has enabled us to speak with the children about their resilience and attempts to do all they can at all times. We shared the story of Samson and how he had to show willpower and self-control. The children could articulate when they have had to do that in both school and their home

lives. We have been really impressed with the children's involvement in our collective worships and their ability to discuss the Fruits of the Holy Spirit together.

### Freddy Fit – Play Leader training for Year 5's

At the start of each school year we have Freddy Fit visit us to train our Year 6 children to become Play Leaders, this role involves going on the Reception and KS1 playground at dinner times to provide a range of games and activities for the children to become involved in. When we get to March, Freddy Fit returns again to begin training our Year 5 pupils to take on this role. Our Year 5 children will now apply to become a Play Leader in school and if successful will begin over the summer term working alongside the Year 6 children. This is a great opportunity for our pupils to gain leadership skills and develop their communication to work with younger pupils and support them with physical activity. We are excited to be introducing our new Play Leaders very soon!



### Our Habits for Learning: How to be a Wesley child!

At Wesley, we are very structured in our approach to learning behaviours and attitudes and have some clear habits for learning throughout school to ensure all of our children are a 'Wesley child'.

Our habits for learning involve: wonderful walking, smart sitting, lovely lining up, unbelievable uniform, stop signal and entering and exiting. We work with the children on what this looks like and how best to do these through school. We have spent a lot of time particularly working on 'wonderful walking' and 'lovely lining up'. Over this half term, we will be have a large focus on 'smart sitting' within classrooms and talking to children about the importance and impact of this for their learning.



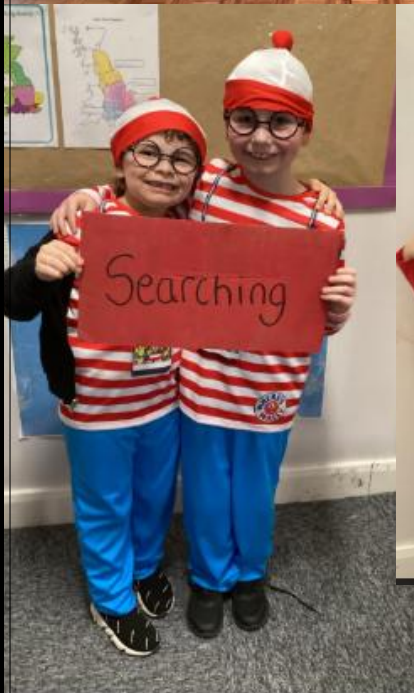


### World Book Day 2025 at Wesley!

This week we celebrated World Book Day in school. This was an amazing day for the children with a wide range of incredible outfits on show! Our English lead, Mrs Webster, set up a range of activities to take place over the day with opportunities to listen to authors and complete book based tasks. During the afternoon, we had a whole school parade where every class showcased their outfit to the rest of the school with a lap of the hall. There was lots of cheering, clapping and singing and



it was a wonderful time to see the joy of our children in action. We did celebrate 'best dressed' in each class for a prize and we also did this amongst staff with a very close run competition that saw Miss Diveli win for her 'Lorax' outfit!





### International Woman's Day



On Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March we celebrated International woman's day at Wesley. Our PE lead, Mrs Thomasson, had organised for us to take part in the biggest game of girls' football which is an initiative that we have taken part in for three years now where we encourage all girls' to take part in football. This year we had coaches and players from Bury FC Ladies team to come and do

activities with the girls. We actively give all of our girls' opportunities to be involved in football and they are able to play football on their designated days with the boys Monday – Thursday, but we also dedicate Fridays to girls' only football which Coach Lewis organises on our KS2 playground. During the day our children also completed work on inspirational woman, it has been a brilliant day!



### Wesley at Gigg Lane!



Due to the recent involvement we have had with Bury FC, we were gifted tickets for the match last Saturday. As well as free tickets for the game, we also had 20 children as flag bearers on the pitch! The children who attended loved this experience, and even better with a 7-0 win for Bury! We are incredibly grateful for the support from Bury FC and hope we can further links with them into the future too. We also want to say a huge thank you to Mrs Whittaker who attended this game with the children and supported them being involved as flag bearers!



### Next Weeks events!

Next week we have Freddy Fit coming for a wellbeing day all day on the Tuesday – this will be for the whole school and all children are invited into school in their **school PE kits**.

On Wednesday and Thursday we have our cinema trips that have been organised by Mrs Clowes.

Each half term we have a wide range of events taking place for the children and we pride ourselves on giving all of our children every opportunity and do all we can to ensure they have the best possible educations and experiences.

### 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>

You can check and keep track on your child's attendance on the Arbor App.

**Our attendance winners this week are: Year 5 Boyle with 99.6%**

Class name	Average attendance this week
Reception Sissay	97.5%
Reception Neville	98%
Year 1 Peel	95.3%
Year 1/2 Wood	93.3%
Year 2 Rashford	96%
Year 3 Garvey	97.8%
Year 3/4 Walsh	93.5%
Year 4 Lowry	95.8%
Year 5 Boyle	99.6%
Year 5/6 Turing	96.9%
Year 6 Pankhurst	95.2%



## Online Safety – 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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### Star Award

The following children received their Star Award this week:

Reception Neville: **Lilah H**

Reception Sissay: **Mia K**

Year 1 Peel: **Spencer E**

Year 1/2 Wood: **Archie H**

Year 2 Rashford: **Oliver Q**

Year 3 Garvey: **Jacob W**

Year 3/4 Walsh: **Frankie W-H**

Year 4 Lowry: **Alina A**

Year 5 Boyle: **Ronnie J**

Year 5/6 Turing: **Jack C**

Year 6 Pankhurst: **Heidi B**

These children have done amazing:  
"shining like stars with willpower"

### Gold Award

The following children received their Gold Award this week:

Reception Neville: **Percy C**

Reception Sissay: **Heidi L-P**

Year 1 Peel: **Olivia B-B**

Year 1/2 Wood: **Miya H**

Year 2 Rashford: **Noah P**

Year 3 Garvey: **Scarlett Mc**

Year 3/4 Walsh: **Olivia-Grace M**

Year 4 Lowry: **Amelia H**

Year 5 Boyle: **Matthew R**

Year 5/6 Turing: **Jack O**

Year 6 Pankhurst: **Isla M**

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

