



# St Nicks Weekly News

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023



We hope all our pupils and families have a spooktacular half term break. We return back to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023.



## Headteachers Message

It was so lovely to see you all this week for the Stay and Read, I hope that you enjoyed your visit to school. Please do help us by completing the survey that Miss Agnew shared on Class Dojo about reading. As you will see from the box on the right we have lots more dates coming up when you can come into school to share in your child's learning in a number of different ways. This half term has been a very busy one but very enjoyable and we look forward to continuing to work with you when we return to school. We are seeing more and more children arriving late to school so can I please ask that you try your best to get your child in on time. The days at school are meticulously planned and every minute is accounted for so if your child is regularly late they are missing vital parts of their learning. If there is an issue that is causing your lateness please do come and talk to us and we will see what we can do to help.

After half term we have what is traditionally one of the busiest half terms of the school year coming up – we will endeavour to share dates with you as far in advance as possible. I hope that you all have a happy and healthy half term break and that everyone stays safe over Halloween and Bonfire Night. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 8.50am.



Thank you to all of you for your generous donations to today's non-school uniform day and the Halloween bake sale.

Your support with these events is very much appreciated.

## A look at the term ahead....

- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov – return to school
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov – Flu vaccinations and Odd Socks Day
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Parent consultations
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov – Parent consultations
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need sponsored event
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November Friends Wreath Making Evening
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – FS Stay and Christmas Crafts at 11.30am
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Stay and Christmas 11.00am-12.00pm
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Christmas performance PM
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – FS2 performance AM
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 performance PM
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 to panto
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Rudolph charity run
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Friends of the School Disco
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 to panto AM
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 performance at the Minster 4.00pm
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December - Christmas dinner day
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Finish for Christmas

# School Dinner Menu WC -06/11/2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Mexican style chicken enchiladas	Italian Style Mince Beef Pasta Bolognese	Roast gammon Yorkshire pudding & gravy	Yorkshire all day breakfast	Jumbo Fish Fingers & Tomato Sauce
Golden Veg rice Mixed veg	Crusty Roll Baby Carrots & Garden Peas	Broccoli, cauliflower mix Sweetcorn	Baked beans Bread	Chunky Chips Garden Peas Bread Sweetcorn
Shortcake and custard	Oaty fruit crunch and cream	Chocolate Crackle & fruit	Chocolate cookie and fruit	Jam coconut sponge & custard
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Fresh Fruit or Low Fat Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit or Low Fat Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit or Low Fat Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit or Low Fat Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit or Low Fat Yoghurt

## Flu immunisation for pupils in school years Reception - Year 11

DEAR PARENT/CARER,

The flu vaccine is being offered at your child's school again this autumn/winter.

To give consent for your child to have the flu vaccine, please click here:

<https://humber.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2023/eastriding>

Even if you do not wish for your child to have the vaccine, please complete the online form so that we can record your wishes.

**What Parents & Carers Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 24**

After two decades of holding the official FIFA licence, EA Sports' phenomenally successful football video game franchise has embarked on a bold run of games. This autumn's iteration marks the debut appearance of a new mascot, from the lowest to highest of player levels to the highest of player levels. EA Sports FC 24 is a very similar proposition to last year's FIFA 23. Popular features such as Ultimate Team remain a big focus, meaning that potentially costly in-game spending is still among the line-up of risks that parents and carers should be aware of.

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

**RECURRING RELEASES**  
EA Sports FC 24 effectively picks up the EA Sports mantle, meaning that other of your, or your child's, EA Sports titles are likely to be replaced by EA Sports FC 24. EA Sports titles are known for their frequent releases, so you should be aware that your child's EA Sports titles may be replaced by EA Sports FC 24. EA Sports titles are known for their frequent releases, so you should be aware that your child's EA Sports titles may be replaced by EA Sports FC 24.

**OFFENSIVE VOICE CHAT**  
FIFA 23 introduced voice chat, allowing players to communicate with each other in-game. EA Sports FC 24 has taken this a step further, allowing players to communicate with each other in-game. EA Sports FC 24 has taken this a step further, allowing players to communicate with each other in-game.

**IN-GAME PURCHASES**  
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**DEFEND AGAINST SCAMMERS**  
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**AVOID EXTRA TIME**  
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**SHOW TOXIC CHAT THE RED CARD**  
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**CELEBRATE THE VARIETY**  
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**National Online Safety Day**  
#WakeUpWednesday

Beverley Minster

## FAMILY MORNING

ROOM ON THE BROOM



MONDAY 30 OCTOBER

10.00 - 12.30

Contact Ben at Beverley Minster Parish Centre

01482 868540 or ben@beverleyminster.org.uk

## Friends Of The School Events

\*Friday 27th October – Non Uniform Day and Halloween Bake Sale after school

\*Christmas Raffle - We are planning another raffle like the one we did in May, we are reaching out to people for prizes so you may start to see prizes arrive. If you could let us know we will collect them as soon as possible.

\*Wreath Making - We sent out a message to say if there was enough interest we would look to put on a workshop, there was enough, so we are looking at dates now. This is an adult only evening event, priced at £30.

Christmas Disco is also planned - we will release the date nearer the time.

### Wear Gloves When Holding a Sparkler

Sparklers can heat up to 1600°C, so make sure you are wearing gloves. When a sparkler goes out, give it to an adult to put in a bucket of water to cool.

### Keep Pets Indoors

Fireworks can be very distressing for pets, so make sure they are inside with windows closed and curtains drawn to muffle the loud noises.

### Never Return to a Lit Firework

If a firework is lit but doesn't seem to be going off, do not go near it as it may still explode.

### Never Play With or Throw Fireworks

Allow grown-ups to position fireworks safely, pointing away from people, trees and buildings to avoid any accidents.

### Stand Well Away

Flames and sparks from a bonfire can be unpredictable, so stay well back to avoid being burned.

# Bonfire Night Safety Tips

### Only Let Adults Handle Fireworks

It is illegal to carry fireworks in public if you are under 18 years old! Let an adult do the carrying.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# FIVE NIGHTS AT FREDDY'S

AGE RESTRICTION  
**PEGI 12**

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Five Nights at Freddy's is a series of indie point-and-click horror games whose word-of-mouth success and widespread spin-off content on YouTube have helped each of the nine instalments so far to sell almost five million copies on Steam (the PC gaming platform) alone. Set in various deserted locations at night, with creepy animatronic characters suddenly coming to life, the games are rated PEGI 12 for disturbing/violent content, mild profanity and horror themes.

### FRIGHTENING THEMES

Five Nights at Freddy's (FNAF for short) doesn't feature bloodshed like many horror games – but it does build tension and use jump scares, which may be too intense for young players. The sinister ambience, characters and the suggestion of being trapped and defenceless could be particularly unsettling, as could the inclusion of disturbing elements such as murder or possession by evil spirits.

### STRESSFUL SITUATIONS

Due to FNAF's suspenseful atmosphere, it can be extremely stressful for players. Constantly checking that other's surroundings are safe is a crucial part of the gameplay and could create residual stress or even obsessive behaviours. Several media reports have suggested that some younger children have experienced severe nightmares or sleep anxiety after playing games from the series.

### IN-GAME SPENDING

FNAF doesn't foreground in-game purchases, so it's unlikely to be a major issue for parents. However, some titles in the series do offer additional content that promises to enhance the experience. Five Nights at Freddy's: Help Wanted, for instance, is supplemented by a number of optional expansion packs called "Curse of Dreadbear" (costing £3.99), which unlocks new areas and mini-games.

### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

As a result of FNAF's popularity, a number of mobile apps have developed around the game. While the majority of this material is still child-friendly, there are a number of titles which are geared more towards adult and disturbing themes, for example and (in some cases) age-inappropriate language.

### PLAYING IN ISOLATION

Many parents will be relieved to learn that Five Nights at Freddy's is a single-player game which doesn't feature any voice chat functionality. Conversely, however, this could also make playing FNAF quite an isolating experience – especially if your child is spending a lot of time in the game's dark, spooky, atmospheric environments alone in their room, for example.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Five Nights at Freddy's doesn't have conventional parental controls. However, if you're concerned about the potential impacts of the game's themes on your child, you can simply choose not to let your child play it. If they use an Android or iOS device for gaming, you can also use Apple and Google's built-in parental controls to restrict your child's access to certain content.

### TRY IT YOURSELF

Every child is different, of course, so it could be worth playing Five Nights at Freddy's yourself for a while to gauge how your young gamer might cope with the series' more disturbing and unsettling aspects. If they're old enough, you could spend some time playing it together – after all, it usually only takes between two and ten minutes to complete a level.

### LIMIT SPENDING

Unlike many popular titles, Five Nights at Freddy's doesn't feature in-game purchases, so it's worth noting. However, that some instalments in the series do provide the option for players to spend real-world money. Watch out in particular for items that keep a close eye on your child's expenditure or limit their access to digital payment options.

### SPOT THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on Five Nights at Freddy's, or you're worried that the game's scary themes are taking a toll, watch out for warning signs. Young people may start to prioritise gaming over everyday essentials like schoolwork or sleep, or display other signs of irritability or a lack of concentration, which could indicate that their gaming sessions are going on too long.

### TALK ABOUT THE RISKS

Before you allow your child to play Five Nights at Freddy's, it's a good idea to have a conversation about the game so that they're aware of the potential risks. Ensure that your child understands that the series is purposely designed to be tense and unsettling, and that they should stop or take a break if the intensity of the gameplay is making them feel uncomfortable or putting them on edge.

### Meet Our Expert

Louise Page is an experienced child safety journalist with track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Find out the author of each article in this site. Click to view a detailed biography, previous work and contact details.



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### Parent Survey Autumn Term 2023

Please can we ask you to take five minutes to complete this parent survey for the Trust. The information from the survey will be shared with the Trustees and our Local Governing Board as well as with staff in schools to help inform further developments.

<https://forms.office.com/e/2RJuV9V9yA>

## Parent Survey Questions

