

Our value this month is:

## Respect



### Reminders

Please make sure your child is wearing the correct school uniform. Complete guidance can be found on the school website. If you have any questions regarding uniform, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Remember that we have plenty of pre-loved uniform in our Unicycle centre. If you'd like to access this service, please contact Mrs Browne or Mrs Tyrer via **Pastoral ClassDojo**.

### Dates for your diary

- 6<sup>th</sup> Oct- Black History Month
- 13<sup>th</sup> Oct- Firework Safety
- 20<sup>th</sup> Oct- Diwali



Catch that **sneeze**, don't let it roam,

Use your elbow, keep germs at home!

**Yawn, cough or sneeze?**

Don't let them fly,

Trap those germs, wave them goodbye!



## This Week's Highlights

In **Nursery** we have listened to the song "We're all amazing!" the children considered what makes them amazing. The children have taken part in their first session of dough gym – which will help to strengthen their fingers and hands in preparation for writing. The children also used the musical instruments to play loudly and quietly.

In **Reception**, we have read the story The Leaf Thief and begun our learning about Autumn. We went outside to spot signs of Autumn and enjoyed investigating different Autumn items. We have been looking at repeating patterns in maths and how we can continue them and how to make them.

In **Year 1** we have been listening to the Big Bad Wolf's side of the story Little Red Riding Hood and seeing how this changes our opinion of him in English. In Maths we have been using number lines to explore numbers. We went for a walk around our local streets to see the different types of houses and other uses of land then used this to make a map in Geography. In Science we planned an experiment to carry out next week.

In **Year 2** we have enjoyed carrying out lots of science investigations to test the properties of different materials and recording our results. In Art we are continuing to display our creative skills as we make our sculptures and in English we have enjoyed reading a non-fiction book to help us learn more about the continents of the world.

In **Year 3**, we have been working on adding 1, 10 and 100 more to a given number, and finding 1, 10 and 100 less to a given number. In English we have learned about Rosa Parks and used our knowledge to write poems about her and the changes that followed the courage she demonstrated. We have explored a range of materials and how reflective they are during science.

In **Year 4**, we have been enjoying our new text The Tunnel. The children loved spotting the references to famous fairy tales and predicting what would happen to the characters next. In History we have been studying the Ancient Maya beliefs and investigating the different ways in which they worshipped their many Gods and in Art Mrs Rooney has been very impressed with our completed Banksy inspired pictures!

In **Year 5** we have enjoyed conducting our experiment to see how the size of a parachute affected the air resistance it encountered. The children loved seeing the results and did a great job writing their own conclusions. We have also moved onto looking at mental addition strategies in maths this week, trying to be efficient mathematicians.

In **Year 6**, we have been exploring riffs and using percussion instruments to recreate them. We found out all about the formation of the NHS after World War 2 and we've even been involved in a Spanish session with a teacher from St Cuthbert's.



## This Week's Value Stars!!



<b>Nursery:</b> Dominic, Luca, Alex, Bryan	<b>Reception:</b> Havana, Asher, Reuben D, Reuben B
<b>Year 1:</b> David, Mason, Ivy-Rose and Theodor	<b>Year 4:</b> Amber F, James M,
<b>Year 2:</b> Oliver V, Zoey, Linden B, David	<b>Year 5:</b> Katherine A, Layla S, Bobby and Ethan
<b>Year 3:</b> Freya, Ethan, Lyanna, Theo	<b>Year 6:</b> Bianka L, Muhammad A, James P, April A

## Weekly Winners

The top Reading Pupil readers this week are:

### Leaderboard

Top Classes - Total Avg. Reading Lessons (SR)

1. Y5GW (25/26)	10.4
2. Y5EK (25/26)	9.9
3. Y3NO (25/26)	8.9

A new Times Tables Rockstars battle starting this week!

**3rd October - 9 October 2025**

Y6

Y5

Y4

Y3

Y2

Y1

## Attendance

**School Target:**  
96%

<b>KS1 –</b>	<b>RKL 97.3%</b>	RMC 95%
	Y1PT 96.5%	Y1LA 95.1%
	Y2TE 92%	Y2LB 95.8%
<b>LKS2 –</b>	Y3MC 92%	Y3NO 92%
	Y4EH 93.3%	<b>Y4MM 98.3%</b>
<b>UKS2 –</b>	Y5EK 94%	Y5GW 96%
	Y6JM 95.3%	<b>Y6KK 96.9%</b>

(This week's winners are highlighted in yellow)



## This Week's Learning at Home

Word of the Week:

**Nursery** – difference

**Reception** – Autumn

**Year 1** – Waterproof

**Year 2** – sculpture

**Year 3** – protest

**Year 4** – descendants

**Year 5** – refugee

**Year 6** – civilian

With new kits, updated squads and refined gameplay, EA FC 26 brings the thrill of top-tier football to living rooms once again. While it continues to offer family-friendly fun in modes like Kick-Off and Career, the ongoing popularity of Ultimate Team – where players spend money to build fantasy squads – brings a mix of excitement and risks.

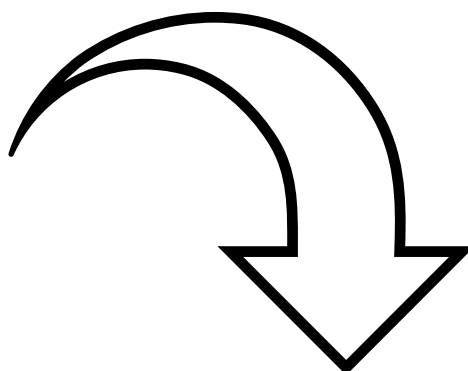
Children can encounter issues such as gambling-like mechanics, voice chat with strangers, and potential exposure to scams. This guide breaks down the game's most important features, highlights the key risks to be aware of, and shares practical advice for helping young players stay safe while gaming and interacting online.

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# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 26

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## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Our guide looks at the risks surrounding EA Sports FC 26 and our top tips to minimise them. This marks the third year since EA left the FIFA licence, and the game is mostly unchanged from last year. While Kick-Off mode is great for playing with friends and Career Mode allows players to fulfil long-term ambitions as a manager or player, Ultimate Team remains the main draw for many players – and it can get out of hand in terms of how much money players can invest.

### AN ANNUAL RELEASE SCHEDULE

As was the case with the last two EA Sports FC games and the FIFA series before it, the franchise rolls out once a year with updated squads and new features. This can make it expensive to keep up with, particularly when so many dedicated players are keen to get their hands on the latest edition.

### VOICE CHAT

Voice chat can be enabled across all platforms, meaning young people can speak to anyone they play with or against. While it can be switched off, some children will no doubt want to speak to their friends while they play. This also means they may encounter strangers much older than them, which can expose them to inappropriate language or behaviours.

### IN-GAME PURCHASES THROUGH ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is the big draw for EA Sports FC, letting players spend real money on packs that they can open to build a squad of the world's best players. They're not always easy to obtain, and new, improved versions of players will be regularly added as limited-time offerings. Young people could feel pressured into spending money and experience fear of missing out.

### SCAMMERS IN ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is managed by EA itself, but that hasn't stopped scammers from looking to dupe players out of money and in-game coins. Some scammers sell their accounts, which is a violation of EA's terms of service, while others will 'sell' coins – something the developer is still working to crack down on. Some try to gain access to others' accounts, potentially giving them access to payment information.

### POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

While EA Sports FC is potentially addictive, thanks to its fast-paced gameplay and mirroring of the real-world skill and glamour of football, Ultimate Team's focus on limited-time rewards and the lottery of winning packs can make it feel closer to gambling than gaming, which may lead to addiction and impulsive spending of money.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### PREPARE FOR ANOTHER GAME IN A YEAR

The annual-release cadence aligns with the return of the school year, and can be a great way to incentivise good behaviour at the start of term. If children are applying themselves and preparing for a new year of school, or were particularly well behaved in the summer, EA Sports FC 26 could make a great reward.

### LIMIT SPENDING

If you're worried about children accidentally spending real money in Ultimate Team, whether in game or on the EA Sports FC companion app, don't link a payment card to their account. Reclaiming funds can be a mountain to climb, and the dopamine hit of opening flashy packs with slick animations means one purchase can lead to another very quickly. It's also worth adding a prepaid card if you'd prefer them to make their own choices with their budget.

### MONITOR VOICE CHAT

As in-game chat is open, be sure to adjust the settings in EA Sports FC 26 to lock it down. If children want to chat with their friends while they play, consider setting up a safe space for them to call, to allow them to play without fear of outsiders.

### BE VIGILANT

As with last year, there are ways to keep scammers at bay. Ensure passwords are locked down, and consider using a password manager application to keep them secure. EA will never contact players through the game itself, so be vigilant with incoming messages, and block and report suspected spam. EA will contact players by email if needed, but they will never ask for usernames or passwords. Players should also avoid buying in-game currency from unofficial websites – doing so can lead to accounts being banned and could cost players money in the process.

### Meet Our Expert

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