

St John's CE First School

Newsletter

Friday 10th October 2025

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## DIARY DATES 2025-26

13th-17th October

Open mornings at Penkridge Middle School  
9.30am -10.30am and 11.30am-12.30pm

21st October

Diwali Day

15th October

Open Morning at Brewood Middle School 10am-12pm

16th October

Parents Evening

24th October

Autumn Disco afterschool 3.15-4.15pm

Mon 27th -Friday 31st October Half Term

24th November

Flu Immunisation Reception to Year 4

28th November

Bishopswood Village Christmas Lights Switch On  
School to perform 6.30pm Village Hall

8th December

Christingle 2pm Church. \*\*\*\*

9th December

Reception—Year 4 Panto Trip

10th December

Acorns Craft and Singing Session 1.30pm

Parents welcome

11th December

Saplings Nativity 2pm and 6pm performances

12th December

Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Fair

18th December

Oaks Carol Concert at St John's Church 6pm  
All Welcome

19th December

Christmas Party at 1.30pm—Non Uniform Day

### St John's First School

### Christian value

### for this half term is:

## 'Friendship'

'Encourage one another and build each other up'

1 Thessalonians 5:11



### Child of the Week

Well done to the following children, week ending 3rd October 2025

Acorn	Iona Charlotte
Saplings	Flora Tabitha
Oaks	Teddy Evie

### Good as Gold

Well done to the following children, week ending 3rd October 2025

Acorns	Ruby
Saplings	Jonah
Oaks	Isabel

### Attendance

Well done to the following classes for the week ending 3rd October 25

Squirrels	100%
Acorns	97%
Year 1	86%
Year 2	97%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	99%
WS Year to date	96.91%

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Squirrels	100%
Acorns	98%
Year 1	88%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	94%
WS Year to date	96.84%



Thursday 16th October  
Sign up via Class Dojo!

Christmas Fair

12th December 1.30 PM onwards

Families welcome.

PTA ran Christmas Fair, please speak to Abi or any members of the PTA if you are interested in having a stall.



A polite reminder that the morning nursery session ends at 11.50am and children should be picked up promptly.  
Any late pick ups going forward will be charged the lunch hour session.



If your child is absent from school you need to contact us each day by 9am. If you do not contact us we will be contacting the Education Welfare Officer who will make a home visit.

We have a duty of care to ensure your child is safe.

As per NHS guidance if your child has a sickness or stomach bug they must remain off school, until they have been 48 hours clear.

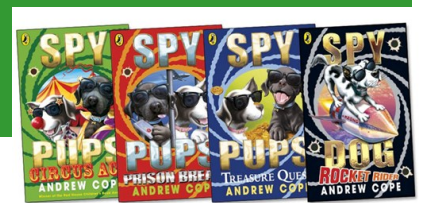
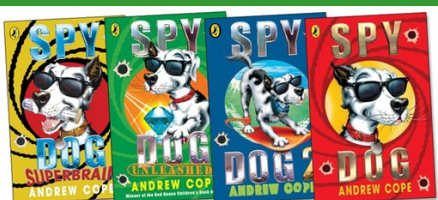
If your child uses an inhaler please supply school with one, in a box with a named prescription label on the box.

We can only issue children under six years old, with prescribed Medication. Children over six can be given medicines such as Piriton or Calpol, but it must be provided by the parent. All medication must be handed in at the office, where you will be required to fill in a consent form.

We have been made aware that several titles in the **Spy Dogs, Spy Pup, and Spy Cat series by Andrew Cope** contain a weblink at the back of the book that no longer directs people to information about the books. Instead, the link has been compromised and now leads to inappropriate and unsafe material, containing pornographic content with no age restrictions.

**We have removed copies of the book from our school library and classroom book corners.**

Below are images of some of the front covers in the series to help you identify the books should you have any at home. We advise you remove them immediately. Should any be the property of the school, please return them and we will dispose of them accordingly.



## Autumn Disco

Ran by our wonderful PTA

Friday 24th October 3.15-4.15

£4.50 payable on parent pay.

**Please pay by 17th October so the PTA have numbers for catering.**

Children can wear their own clothes during the day at school.



*Penkridge Middle School*

# OPEN MORNINGS

13TH-17TH OCTOBER 2025

CLICK TIMES FOR BOOKING

Monday 13th	<a href="#">9.30-10.30am</a>	<a href="#">11.30-12.30</a>
Tuesday 14th	<a href="#">9.30-10.30am</a>	<a href="#">11.30-12.30</a>
Wednesday 15th	<a href="#">9.30-10.30am</a>	<a href="#">11.30-12.30</a>
Thursday 16th	<a href="#">9.30-10.30am</a>	<a href="#">11.30-12.30</a>
Friday 17th	<a href="#">9.30-10.30am</a>	<a href="#">11.30-12.30</a>

CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE FOR MORE DETAILS

TEL-01785 413400

EMAIL-[OFFICE@PENKRIDGE-MIDDLE.ORG](mailto:OFFICE@PENKRIDGE-MIDDLE.ORG)

## Tutoring Sessions

A previous student of St John's is offering tutoring sessions for maths and English for 5 to 18 year olds.

William was a student at St John's till 2011 and has gone on to do great things. He is a post graduate student and is currently preparing to do his PHD. William is a lovely young man and a credit to St Johns.

If anyone would be interested in tutoring sessions then please contact:

**William Tomlinson**  
**Qualifications: A\*s in English & Maths at A-Level**  
**Post graduate student**  
**Hourly Rate: £30**  
**Email: [WillTomlinson55@gmail.com](mailto:WillTomlinson55@gmail.com)**  
**Text on: 07752852468**

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

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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.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### 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

Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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## Be aware!

# Magnets and Button Batteries

Magnets and button batteries are in everyday objects like car key fobs, remotes and children's toys. But did you know that if they are swallowed they can badly injure, or even kill a child?

Batteries react with saliva and if a child swallows a button battery it can burn holes and cause internal bleeding, or even death.

Magnets can rip through a child's gut if they swallow them, causing life-threatening injuries, or even death.

## Tragically, two young children in Staffordshire have died from ingesting a button battery, and a magnet.

- Symptoms may not be obvious.
- Your child might be coughing, gagging or drooling, or pointing to their throat or tummy.
- Unclear or fluctuating symptoms mean it is important to be vigilant.
- Trust your instincts and act fast even if there are no symptoms.

**They can be fatal if swallowed.**

**If you think your child has swallowed a battery or a magnet, take them straight to the nearest A&E department or call 999 for an ambulance**

For further information visit: [Magnets safety](#) | [Top tips to keep children safe](#)  
[Button Battery Safety](#) | [Child Accident Prevention Trust](#)

# Be one step ahead

## How to keep children safe

- Store spare batteries securely, out of reach.
- Avoid small, loose magnets if you have small children.
- Know which toys /gadgets use button batteries, check your home.
- Get rid of 'dead' button batteries immediately – they still have enough power to harm children.
- Teach older children the dangers – why they shouldn't play with them or give them to younger children.
- Teach older children to never put magnets or batteries in their mouths.
- Place strong tape over the battery compartment on remote controls.
- Only buy magnets from reputable retailers or brand names you know.



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Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Child Death Overview Panel  
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