



A MESSAGE FROM MISS BRUCE, MRS SAXTON & MRS MARSHALL

MUSIC SHOWCASES

Over the last few weeks we have really been treated to some excellent music performances from EYFS, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4.

The week before last, our EYFS & KS1 students delighted their families with an incredible **Musical Showcase**. We were immensely proud of their performances, which truly highlighted their rapidly developing musical abilities.

It was amazing to witness the children's **concentration** as they played. Their performance incorporated a variety of elements, including **body percussion**, **untuned instruments**, and **tuned instruments**. Each child demonstrated remarkable focus, ensuring they followed the rhythm precisely and played every note correctly.

A huge well done to all the children for their fantastic effort!



The music showcase was really fun because we got to show our mums and dads the claves and our singing. We love singing. IJ



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Last week was our Year 3/4 Music Showcase! It was wonderful to see so many parents, carers, and family members join us to celebrate the musical talents of our Year 3 and 4 students.

The children performed brilliantly, showcasing a fantastic range of skills they've developed throughout the year. From singing to instrumental pieces with boomwhackers, ukuleles and recorders, their enthusiasm and hard work shone through in every performance. We were so incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

A huge, heartfelt thank you must go to Mrs. Marshall for her exceptional dedication and tireless hard work this year. Her passion for music and her commitment to nurturing our students' abilities have truly made this showcase possible and, more importantly, have inspired so many of our young musicians. We are so grateful for everything she does.

Well done again to all our talented Year 3/4 performers!



"I was proud of music. Mummy got to see me playing." – BS, Y4

"We did 'Hey Ho!' on the recorder and we sang 'Try Everything'. It was fun!" – CH, Y3

"It was good to show how hard we've worked all year" – GJ, Y4

"I enjoyed it because we played 'Happier' on our recorders" – BD, Y3



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SAFEGUARDING THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

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What We Need to Know about Apple iPads

This guide examines Apple's iPad – a popular device for children – and explores key concerns such as screen overuse, privacy risks and inappropriate content.

iPads are a familiar fixture in many households and classrooms, offering access to educational tools, entertainment, and the internet in one sleek package; however, with great versatility comes notable risk. From accidental spending and data privacy breaches to excessive screen time, there's plenty for parents and educators to consider before handing over the device. While Apple offers built-in safeguards such as 'Screen Time' and 'Family Sharing', these features must be correctly set up and actively managed to be effective.

The National College's #WakeUpWednesday guide walks you through these options and highlights some of the more surprising ways children can get around restrictions – including with Siri – while offering practical advice on how to help keep young users safe and healthy online.

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about APPLE IPADS

Tablets remain a staple of children's digital lives – and Apple's iPad is by far the most popular model. According to Ofcom, over half of younger children regularly use a tablet to play games, watch online content or access apps. With their broad functionality, iPads can be helpful tools, but without supervision, they may expose children to risks ranging from inappropriate content to screen overuse.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

COSTLY TO REPAIR

Unlike some child-friendly tablets, the iPad is not built for rough handling. Its slim design and high cost mean that a drop or spill can result in a costly repair. If a child is using the device regularly, a sturdy case and screen protector are strongly recommended to help prevent accidental damage.

DATA PRIVACY

While Apple is known for strong privacy protections, a recent study found that many iOS apps aimed at children still share personal data. Over 40% of the tested apps sent at least one piece of user information to third parties, raising concerns about advertising and analytics being targeted at underage users.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The App Store and Safari browser provide almost unrestricted access to online material. Children may stumble upon age-inappropriate content, whether through apps, advertisements or online searches. Even recommended content algorithms can surface unsuitable material.

BYPASSING RESTRICTIONS

Siri – Apple's voice assistant – can potentially override restrictions, especially with the newer text-based commands introduced through Apple Intelligence. Without safeguards in place, children may inadvertently access inappropriate topics simply by asking a question, bypassing certain filters previously set by adults.

SCREEN ADDICTION

iPads can be highly immersive, and excessive screen time may affect a child's emotional and behavioural development. Signs of overuse might include mood swings, irritability, and difficulty focusing on non-digital activities.

REDUCED ATTENTION & COGNITIVE IMPACT

Prolonged use of tablets has been linked with reduced memory, slower processing speeds and difficulties in concentrating. Research shows that children who spend excessive time gaming or consuming media on tablets may struggle with language development and executive functioning over time.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Family Sharing allows you to create a dedicated Apple ID for your child and manage their activity. You can approve purchases, control what content they can access, and set time limits – all done remotely from your own device. It's a simple but powerful way to maintain oversight.

FILTER APPS, WEBSITES & IN-APP PURCHASES

Parental controls in iOS let you block explicit content in Safari, restrict app downloads, and manage in-app purchase permissions. You can also filter websites automatically to prevent access to adult material and disable the installation of certain app types completely.

USE SCREEN TIME FEATURES EFFECTIVELY

Tools like Downtime and App Limits can reduce device overuse. Downtime allows you to block access during key times – such as before bed or during homework – while App Limits sets daily time caps on specific games or apps. Alerts help children anticipate when their time is almost up.

PREVENT UNAPPROVED SPENDING

Children can accidentally (or intentionally) make purchases within apps. Activating Ask to Buy under Family Sharing ensures you receive a notification to approve any app or in-app purchase. This stops surprise charges and allows you to discuss purchases together before they're made.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is a seasoned technology journalist with over a decade of experience. Formerly a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly now writes for publications including Wired, Forbes, TechRadar, and Tes. With a deep understanding of online safety, she brings a valuable perspective to parenting in the digital age.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY –

Saturday 5th July 2025 11am to 2pm

Tuesday 8th – Thursday 10th July

Wednesday 9th July – 2:30pm

Thursday 10th July 2:30

Friday 11th July

Tuesday 15th July

Tuesday 15th July 6pm

Wednesday 16th July

Wednesday 16th July

Wednesday 16th July

Thursday 17th July 6pm

Monday 21st July 6pm

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Lakers Family Fun Day

Money Workshops in Y4 and Y6

Rock and Pops Assembly

Choir Showcase to Parents

Back up Sports Day **EYFS & KS1 – PM** **KS2 – AM**

Year 6 Crucial Crew Trip

Nursery Parents Information Evening

Yo-Yo Whole school Assembly

New Reception children taster lunch

Whole school picnic lunch

Year 6 performance to parents

Year 6 Graduation

School closes for summer at our normal time of 3:15pm

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