

W E E K L Y

# NEWSLETTER



## AUTUMN 1 – WEEK 4

What a great time our learners have had on Outdoor Ed this week, enjoying the sunshine as Autumn approaches!

We have our first Therapy Team coffee morning this week, 10-11.30am on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October for Aspen class parents. Please let the school office know if you are planning to attend.

**Upcoming coffee mornings:**  
**Aspen 9<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Larch 16<sup>th</sup> October**



## Headteacher's Award



This week the Headteacher's Award goes to  
**Connor**  
for fantastic 'green' behaviour this week!

## CAREERS FAIR

Discover your future at our exciting  
Careers Fair, where opportunities await!

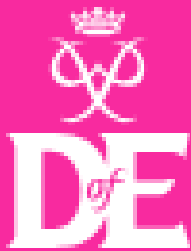


 Magdalen Court School  Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>  
October  
3pm - 5pm

We are looking forward to our upcoming Careers Fair and Parents' Evening event. Teachers will be in touch to make appointments next week.

We would love to have some of our parents and carers speak to the learners about their careers. If this is something you are able to do, please contact Sophie: [shaney@magdalencourt.org](mailto:shaney@magdalencourt.org). Thank you!

# Congratulations!



A huge well done to our learners who completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award:  
Evie, Oliver M, Oscar Mc, Seth & Kai!

## PARENT GOVERNORS

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor to join our termly Governors' meetings, working alongside staff to make key decisions and support the development of the school.



**BE PART OF IT**

If you have skills and qualities that you think would bring something to the team, and you'd like to contribute to the life of the school in this way, please contact the office for an application form before half term.

It's been a great week in the Food Tech department. Hawthorn and Sycamore loved making cheese and onion waffles with grilled sausages, learners worked together to make the batter and took turns filling the waffle maker. Laurel class have continued with preparing pancake batters and made a wonderful batch of Scotch pancakes. Aspen and Larch class made their personalized savoury breakfast muffins with a greater level of independence measuring and weighing ingredients and practiced folding technique. Oak and Juniper prepared a classic weekend lunchtime brunch snack: toasted cheese and ham sandwich, we spiced them up a bit with some pickles and English mustard. Beech, Ash, Elm, Rosewood and Palm prepared bacon and egg rolls after completing a skills record for their winter spiced poached pears from the previous week. Year 10 learners Hazel and Maple prepared a delicious Kedgeree with smoked fish, curried rice and boiled eggs. KS4 learners following the L2 curriculum in Holly, Lime, Palm and Rosewood prepared a Lancashire Hotpot, what a great opportunity for learners to continue developing their vegetable prep skills with further independence. I was lucky enough to try some of their food and it was fantastic, well done.

Next week, Hawthorn and Sycamore will make homemade oatcakes with scrambled eggs. Laurel class are making a muesli pancake with fresh fruit compote. Larch and Aspen will make a harvest fruit breakfast muffin. Oak and Juniper are making one cup pancakes with yogurt and fresh mango. Beech, Ash, Elm, Rosewood and Palm are making baked fruit with an oatly crumble topping. Hazel and Maple will make sweetcorn fritters. Holly, Lime and Rosewood will prepare leek and potato soup with sour dough bread.





Our Values **MAGDALEN**  
Stars of the Week COURT SCHOOL



**Respect**  
&  
Resilience

Health  
&  
Happiness

Kindness  
&  
Independence

The value this term is **respect** and we've seen some great examples of this quality in school this week.

**Sycamore**

Ronel for communicating and interacting respectfully.

**Laurel**

George Y for superb manners and positive interactions.

**Elm**

Poppy G for teaching Elm class to make an origami frog with care and patience.

**Aspen**

Jay-Lee for listening well to instructions.

**Ash**

Maisie Boxhall for always showing patience and growing confidence within herself.

**Holly**

George for always being respectful to the views and opinions of others.

**Maple**

Otto for his respectful attitude towards peers and staff.



### **Palm**

Nikita for respecting the new routines of Alley House.

### **Oak**

Kat for consistently showing respect toward their peers and adults in school.

### **Hazel**

Lola for consistently being kind and considerate towards her peers.

### **Hawthorn**

Riley Mc for navigating challenging situations with respect.

### **Birch**

Daylun for being very respectful when asked to review his own work, look again at a mistake or to wait for others to catch up.

## **Name our Café**



Birch Class and the Therapy Team host parent coffee mornings in our café in Mulberry building, but it doesn't currently have a name. So we have set up a competition in school to invite everyone to come up with a name for the café.

We are asking students to drop their ideas into a box in reception by next Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> October.

# NEXT WEEK



## MONDAY

**Outdoor Ed**  
Hawthorn, Laurel &  
Sycamore  
-nature trails

**Food Tech**  
Aspen  
Ash  
Holly

## TUESDAY

**Outdoor Ed**  
Larch, Aspen, Oak, Juniper  
-nature trails

**Food Tech**  
Beech  
Sycamore  
Elm

## WEDNESDAY

**Outdoor Ed**  
Elm, Beech, Ash  
-mountain biking

**Food Tech**  
Lime  
Palm  
Rosewood  
Juniper  
Hawthorn

## THURSDAY

**Outdoor Ed**  
Hazel & Maple  
Rosewood & Palm  
-mountain biking

**Food Tech**  
Laurel  
Larch  
Oak  
Birch

## FRIDAY

**Outdoor Ed**  
Lime, Holly & Birch  
-mountain biking

**Food Tech**  
Hazel  
Maple

## Safeguarding

This week's safeguarding focus is on the latest edition of FIFA, the popular football game. On the next page you'll find a guide with some helpful information about FC26.

If you would like any support with any of our safeguarding topics, please reach out to Jane.

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



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

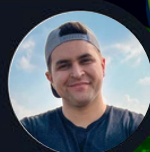
As in-game chat is open, be sure to adjust the settings in EA Sports FC 26 to lock it down. If children want to chat with their friends while they play, consider setting up a safe space for them to call, to allow them to play without fear of outsiders.

### 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

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