

NEWSLETTER

Thursday 28th November 2024

Autumn 2 Term

Hello everyone!

This week has been a buzz of the launch of our very own rock bands, joyful singing around school for our 'Wriggly Nativity' as well as myself having the pleasure of visiting lessons to see how well the children are progressing in their writing. Next week officially sees the start of CHRISTMAS at Leavening and we delighted with the amount of festive fun we have planned for our children (please read on in the newsletter)

In order to keep things as calm and routinely as we can over the next few weeks, we are keen that our morning routines are still well established as this certainly ensures our children start the school day in a focussed, calm and positive way. Can we remind parents and family members who drop off that the children should be left at the school door when their class teacher has collected them and adults should not come into school with them. This ensures that there is consistency and calm for all children. Often the presence of unfamiliar adults in the corridor at the start of the day can disrupt and deregulate some of our children. Please be supportive of this.

If your child is having a particular issue then please come to the office door where Ms Kemp or a member of staff can assist you. Thank you.

I hope you have a lovely weekend

My best wishes.



Sian Mitchell
Headteacher

School Attendance

18 November 2024 - 22 November 2024

Our school weekly attendance was: 85.3%

This was below the **primary national average of 93.9%**

Attendance **this week** so far: 90.3% | Attendance **this term** so far: **90.8%**

Children In Need

Thanks to everyone for their support.
We raised **£66.55** - a great result! 😊



TERM DATES

DECEMBER

Weds 4th

Yr5/6 Dodgeball Tournament

Thurs 5th

Christmas Craft afternoon
(Parents/carers welcome*)

Christmas dress up day
in exchange for a tombola prize
Pop-up Library- book collection only

Fri 6th

Oak Trees carol singing in village
FOLS Christmas Fair after school

Sat 7th

FOLS Christmas bag-packing event

Tues 10th* amended date

Dress rehearsal for school show

Fri 13th

Christmas Production 9.30am & 2pm

Tues 17th

Christmas Movie Afternoon 3.15-5pm.

See FOLS page for more info

Weds 18th

Pantomime trip
(Conkers & Oak Trees only)

Thurs 19th

Christmas lunch & parties

End of term

Fri 20th

Training day.

JANUARY

Mon 6th

Training day.

Tues 7th

Start of term

Mon 13th-Fri 24th

Careers/Aspire Fortnight

Weds 15th

Yr3/4 Dodgeball Tournament

Thurs 16th

Popup library in school

*School need to know if you wish to attend this event, so we know in advance for safeguarding and planning purposes.

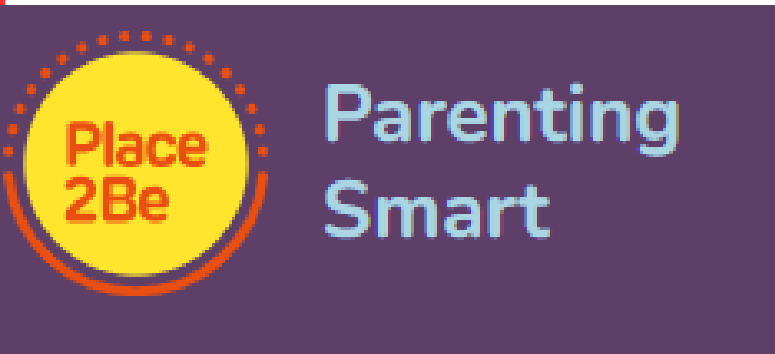
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Our Safeguarding Team at Leavening CP School:

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is: **Mrs Mitchell**

Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is: **Mrs Bennett** | Our Safeguarding Governor is: **Mrs Isaacs**



Place 2 Be

At Leavening, we work with the children's counselling and emotional health and well being service,

Place 2 Be.

Please take a look:

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>

Advent Calendars

We would like to say a **big thank you** to Rob Allenby and Sophie Wood, parents of Everlie for gifting each child a Cadburys advent calendar. This is such a generous thought and testament to our community spirit at Leavening. We hope the children enjoy them.

Christmas jumper jumble

In preparation for our Christmas Jumper day on Thursday 5th December, The Young Leadership Team would like to invite you to take part in our Christmas jumper jumble!

We are asking **for donations of any pre-loved Christmas jumpers or festive clothing** which can then be re-homed at our jumper jumble.

Simply bring in your donations to the school office by **Friday 29th November** and then come along at 3:15pm and grab yourself a new pre-loved festive item!



We will also be running a fantastic **second-hand book stall**, full of some amazing fiction and non-fiction titles. All books priced at **20p** each.

Thank you for your continued support,
The Young Leadership Team.



Christmas Craft Afternoon

Parents & Carers of children in ALL classes are warmly invited to join their child/ren in class for a fun afternoon making Christmas items with their child/ren.

We ask that parents/carers leave at 3pm prompt and wait for their child/ren in the playground as usual, so we can effectively organise the end of the school day in a safe and orderly fashion.

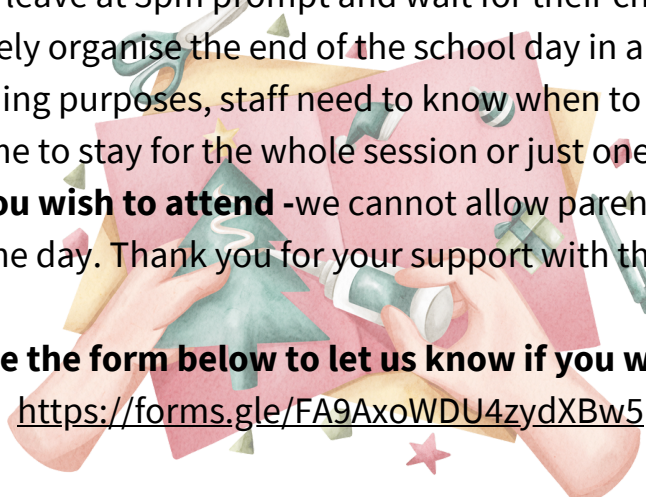
For planning and safeguarding purposes, staff need to know when to expect you in their class(es).

You are welcome to stay for the whole session or just one afternoon slot.

You MUST specify when you wish to attend -we cannot allow parents/carers just showing up on the day. Thank you for your support with this.

Please complete the form below to let us know if you will be attending:

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School Reminders

Christmas Play Dress rehearsal: Tuesday 10th December

Please ensure your child brings their outfit on this day.

Christmas Parties: Thursday 19th December (Conkers & Oak Trees)

Please can we ask that food be brought in (on the day) as follows:

Conkers - to bring **sweet** items

Oak Trees - to bring **savoury** items.

Acorns will have their *own* Christmas party on the morning of **Wednesday 18th December**.

Miss Cooke will organise the food for this.

It will be **non uniform/Christmas party clothes** ALL day, across ALL classes on the day of your child's party.

The Christmas school lunch will also take place on Thursday 19th December.

Aladdin Pantomime: Wednesday 18th December

Children in Conkers and Oak Trees classes will be going to see the Aladdin pantomime show at York Theatre Royal. The cost of the trip including transport, ticket and ice cream is **£20** per child. The payment deadline is **2nd December via ParentPay**. Any problems with this, do get in touch.

Please also ensure you have given **consent** for your child to attend by clicking this link:

<https://forms.gle/SY1HCRMuguGvDQKN8>

Children should **wear uniform** as usual on this day and bring a **packed lunch** to school.

Training days: Friday 20th December 2024 & Monday 6th January 2025

Please note the above dates will be training days. Children are not to attend.

School will reopen on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

Reminder that all children need warm coats in school for playtime!

Careers week: 13th January-24th January 2025

As part of our planned 'Start Small, Dream Big' career related learning curriculum next half term, we are holding our annual Inspire/Aspire Fortnight. During this time, we would like to warmly invite parents/carers and family members to share with our children the jobs they do or interesting hobbies that they have. This can in person or via a pre-recorded video. Please sign up here:

<https://forms.gle/mpRXgDGCZ763cfBM9>

Leavening School are registered for the Asda Cashpot for Schools scheme. An AMAZING **£161** has already been raised so far!

Please help us get to our of **target of £200**. We only have between **now and November 30th** to achieve this...

If you use the Asda rewards app, please select our school and then (at no extra cost to you) every time you shop this month,

Asda will donate to Leavening School. Thank you for your support.



Recent School Highlights

All children in Conkers learnt about road safety awareness in PHSE last week. We were able to recount the important message we need to remember when crossing the road and would like to share this with our grown ups...



ROCK STEADY

The children had their first 'Rock Steady' lesson on Monday, led by their rock band coach, Owen. Every child participated in this, in groups of 9, throughout the morning. The first lesson involved getting acquainted with their role/instrument in the band and learning about these. They started to learn the piece of music and song that they will be performing. The lessons were great fun and there was a buzz around the whole school. We are looking forward to seeing how the children progress in their role in the band and develop their confidence in performing over the coming weeks.



Sophia, Year 5 says:
"Rock Steady was really fun. The teacher was kind and helped us a lot if we were struggling. The instruments were easy to learn because the teacher showed us what to do. He was very patient. I can't wait for the next Rock Steady session!"



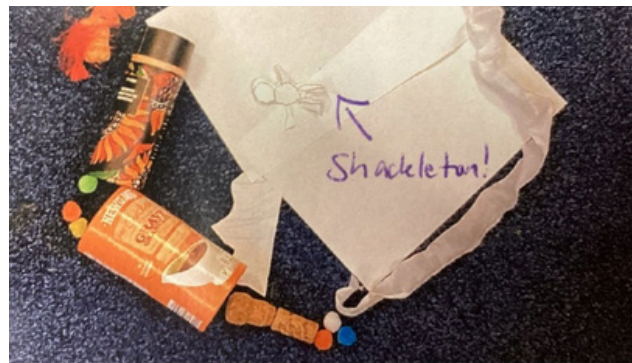
Conkers Highlights

This week, the Conkers have enjoyed their first 'Rock Steady' session. All the children took part and had a fabulous time! We cannot wait to enjoy their performances together!

Also, this week as part of our 'Ice Explorers' historical theme (and tying in nicely with our 'Land Ahoy!' whole school topic), we have learned about Ernest Shackleton and his voyage to Antarctica.

As part of our session, we learned about the artist Frances Hatch and looked at her Antarctica portraits. Before she visited Antarctica, Frances Hatch was very excited about her trip. She started to 'see' the shape of the continent of Antarctica all around her - on a breadboard and even in tree bark! After studying the globe and maps to locate Antarctica, we set off to 'make and locate' Antarctica wherever we could!

All children were thoroughly engaged and the collaborative effort was really wonderful to behold!



Message from the Leavening Allotments & Gardens Team

This coming Saturday 30th November will see the planting of the orchard trees, as well as getting some more bulbs planted AND moving the new greenhouse components up to the greenhouse site ready for professional assembly in mid-December.

The idea with the orchard is that those people who sponsored the orchard trees at the Village Fete can plant "their" tree on Saturday. Some people might need help to plant their sponsored tree. There are 30 trees to be planted, and it is very likely that not every tree's sponsor will come.

Can you spare some time between 10.00am and noon on Saturday to help someone plant a tree? Or to plant a tree yourself? Or to plant some bulbs? Possibly do some lifting and shifting of greenhouse parts? Or just give out encouragement and buns?

It would be really good to see as many people as possible getting involved with the orchard planting. The orchard is something to be enjoyed for many years to come and it'll be good to be able to say to the grandkids a) this was a field when I was young and b), I helped to plant the orchard.

Saturday's will likely be the last volunteering event of 2024, and someone did mention mince pies and chocolates. So come along and lend a hand, or just eat the pies. Bring the family or a neighbour – it is for all the village residents, and everyone is welcome. Bring gloves and a spade if possible!

Please note; school use the allotment and the communal area there a lot and so any help with this would be benefitting to all children at school. Thanks for your support!

Christmas Movie Afternoon

We are very excited about our upcoming Christmas Movie Afternoon! This will take place on **Tuesday 17th December 3.15pm-5pm**. Children in **Conkers and Oak Trees class** are invited to this event. The cost is **£5 per child**, which will include a drink and a snack.

The film choices will be: Home Alone (PG) or Arthur Christmas (U). Once you have paid via ParentPay, you **MUST** use the link below in order to give consent and to select the film choice for your child. **PLEASE COMPLETE ONE FORM PER CHILD.**

<https://forms.gle/Lzpz6mU7dbREsivM8>

Thanks for your support!

Non-Uniform/Christmas Jumper/Dress Up Day Thursday 5th December

Children are invited to wear **non-uniform/Christmas jumpers** in **exchange for a tombola prize** (for the Christmas Fair). Please bring this to school on the morning of the 5th. Thank you.

Parent/Carer & Child Christmas Craft Afternoon Thursday 5th December (1.30pm-3pm)

Parents & Carers of children in **all** classes are warmly invited to join their child/ren in class for a fun craft afternoon. **Please complete the form to let us know if you will be attending:**

<https://forms.gle/ofHMBUcqyeC1n69K8>

Village Carol Singing

**Friday 6th December
2.30pm-3.10pm**

Starting on Main Street and proceeding to The Rise then Dam Lane before returning to school. Please do support this event if you can and spread the word!

Christmas Fair

**Friday 6th December
3.15pm-5pm**

Please do come and support this fantastic event. There will be some great stalls, with lots of food, drink and much more! We look forward to seeing you there!

Bag-Packing Fundraising Event

This will take place at **Morrisons in Malton: Sat 7th Dec 10am-4pm**. We are still very much in need of volunteers. If you are able to help with this, we would be **VERY GRATEFUL!** This is a great opportunity for the school to raise much needed funds and is also a lot of fun to take part in 😊 Please let the office or Mrs Jacques know if you can help by Monday 1st December.

We would really appreciate all the help we can get. Thank you!

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2025?



Look and learn beyond the classroom | Have high aspirations and fulfil our potential
Care, share and belong | Lead, teach and learn with passion

We warmly invite you to visit our school over December and January

before the deadline of applying for a school place on 15 January 2025.



**Further information about school admissions
(via North Yorkshire Council's website) can be found here:**

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/starting-primary-school-and-junior-school>

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"There is a positive culture of learning and development for all.
Children thrive and flourish at this nurturing school."

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PRIMARY SCHOOL
Together We Can

- Meet the staff
- Chat with our Headteacher
- See the pupils learning first hand
- Experience our outstanding outdoor learning provision
- School rated 'Good' in latest Ofsted inspection



All welcome!

Please contact the school and make an appointment:

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Leaving Community Primary School. Back Lane, Leavening, Malton. YO17 9SW

www.leaving.n-yorks.sch.uk



LEAVENING PRIMARY SCHOOL

Christmas Jumper Jumble!

FRIDAY 29TH
NOVEMBER, 3:15PM

PLEASE BRING IN YOUR PRE-LOVED CHRISTMAS JUMPERS AND FESTIVE CLOTHING TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY FRIDAY 29TH, THEN COME ALONG TO THE JUMPER JUMBLE TO GRAB YOURSELF A NEW FESTIVE ITEM!

We will also have a second-hand book stall with a fantastic range of children's books for all ages. All books 20p each

Thank you for your support!

CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING AROUND LEAVENING

WITH CHILDREN FROM



Friday 6th December 2024

2.30pm - 3.15pm

Starting on Main Street and proceeding
to The Rise then Dam Lane before
returning to school



**Any donations would be gratefully received towards
'Friends of Leavening School'**



Leavening Primary School
are looking for stall holders
for our



Christmas Fair




FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER
3.30PM



£10 per stall
Please contact

Emma for further information
eisaacs@leavening.n-yorks.sch.uk





We will have a tree at the festival that has been decorated by all the children at Leavening School.

The tree was very kindly donated to us by Alison Gaskell and the team at Burythorpe House Hotel. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

7 & 8th December
12 noon - 7pm
in Leavening Church

Entry by donation to support **SASH** and **Foundation** Charities for local homeless

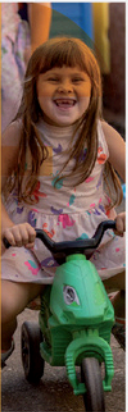
There will also be a tree to hang labels in memory of loved ones.

For more details contact sian@slangton.org.uk

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Free activities for

eligible children and young people
this school holiday.



**Packed with sport, art, fun
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for everyone.**

Everyone in North Yorkshire from Reception to Year 11 can join in, with FREE places available for eligible children and young people.

Discover what's on offer at
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Malton Library

Mon 9.30-5 Tues 9.30-7 Weds 9.30-5 Thurs CLOSED Fri 9.30-5 Sat 9.30-12.30

What's on in December

**WE WILL BE CLOSED FROM 1PM ON TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER
AND WILL RE-OPEN AT 9.30AM ON FRIDAY 3 JANUARY**

LIBRARY EVENTS AND PROMOTIONS

ALL FREE!

• Christmas Monster Competition, Sat 30 November - Sat 14 December

- Draw a Christmas Monster

Enter our Christmas competition by drawing your very own Christmas Monster!

- Write a short story about a Christmas Monster

Tell us a tale (no more than 500 words worth) of a Christmas Monster!

A prize for each entrant, plus a special prize for the winner of each category. Ages 7+

• Christmas Tree, Sat 30 November - Tue 24th December

Call in and see the amazing 'Pins and Needles' Christmas tree, specially created for Malton library by our resident craft group.

• North Yorkshire Rotters' Smoothie Bike

Friday 6 December, 10.30am-12.30pm

Join North Yorkshire Rotters and use your pedal power to make your own smoothie.

• Bonanza Book Sale!

Saturday 7 December, 10am-12noon

Love second hand books? Come and grab a bargain read!

• Dungeons and Dragons Club

Saturday 14 December, 10am-12noon

Come along to the first session of our new monthly table-top role playing club!


Suitable for 11-18yrs



REGULAR SESSIONS

- **Junior Code Club***, Monday, monthly 4pm-5pm 2nd of December
- **Children's Stay and Play Session**, Mondays, 2nd, 9th and 16th, 10.30-11.30am
- **Junior Book Club***, Tuesday, monthly 4pm-5pm 17th of December
- **Children's Storytime and Crafts**, Tuesdays 3rd, 10th and 17th, 10.30am
- **Pins & Needles Craft Club**, Tuesdays 5pm-7pm
- **Advocacy Drop In**, First Tuesday of the month 10am-12 noon
- **IT Help Appointments**, Wednesdays 1pm-3pm, Fridays 12pm-2pm*
- **Lego Club**, Wednesdays 1pm-3pm and Saturdays 10am-12 noon

**Booking essential, please email or phone the library*

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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators EDUCATING CHILDREN ON SPENDING AND SAVING

Evidence shows that children's spending habits begin to form as early as seven years old. With primary schools in England not required to teach financial literacy, many young people are reaching adulthood without knowing the basics of budgeting. This guide explains how to teach young people about money in a practical way, giving them the understanding to become savvy spenders and savers.

1 PROVIDE POCKET MONEY

Giving children money – even a small amount – can help them learn to make their own budgeting decisions about how to spend or save it. Research shows that youngsters who receive pocket money are more likely to become adults with strong financial skills and significantly less debt.

2 USE A PREPAID CARD

Being able to pay by card is essential these days, with some retailers not accepting cash since the pandemic. Prepaid debit cards are available for children from the age of six, allowing them to get used to spending like they will as adults with no risk of dipping into an overdraft. Learning about money is like learning to swim – you need to get in the pool and have a go!

3 PRACTISE BORROWING

Although official borrowing is only available to over 18s, kids need to understand how debt and interest works before they become adults and are exposed to credit cards or 'buy now, pay later' schemes. For a safe means of teaching them about this, parents could offer them extra pocket money but explain that it needs to be paid back by a certain date, plus an extra couple of pounds as interest.

4 ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATION

Chatting about money and how much things cost will teach children that finance is a part of everyday life and not some "scary adult thing". Parents can involve them in budgeting for the weekly shop, for example, working together to get everything on the list while keeping the total below a certain number. Letting young ones make spending decisions in a safe space can build up their confidence regarding money.

5 DISCUSS THE PRESSURE TO SPEND

Whether it's YouTube ads or a hint of envy at a friend's recent purchase, spending triggers are everywhere. Encourage children to notice how clever shop design (like placing sweets at the checkout) and offers such as '2 for 1' deals entice us to spend more. Challenge them to resist impulse buys by getting them to sleep on it before deciding to spend.

6 TELLING 'NEED' FROM 'WANT'

Learning how to prioritise spending is an important life skill: the difference between life's essentials and "nice to haves" is key to budgeting. If children pester you for treats while shopping, it's the perfect time to say "That's a want. We're getting our needs first." You could show how you budget for food, electricity and so on before buying fun things.

7 ENCOURAGE SAVING

Getting children saving early can set them up with a useful habit for their adult life. Suggest that they set something aside every time they receive money and help them set a target for how much to put away, so they feel motivated to continue. For example, encouraging them to save for a friend's birthday gift can get children much more invested in what they buy.

8 SPARK INTEREST IN INTEREST

Motivate children by telling them about interest; you can describe it as a reward for saving money. Explain how everything they put away will grow over time. As an exciting example, explain that 1p doubled every day for a month would amount to approximately £10 million. Some prepaid cards for young people also offer interest; parents and carers could also add a little to supplement what their child saves and show how it works.

9 PAYING FOR CHORES

This is a complex debate with no right or wrong answer: it depends on what works for each individual family. However, it can be one of the best ways to teach children that money needs to be earned and helps to create more mindful spenders. If parents aren't keen on paying for everyday chores, they could ask the children to suggest their own ideas for earning a little extra.

10 PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SCAMS

Scams are a terrifyingly easy way to lose money, and children are generally more likely to be taken in due to a lack of experience with these financial criminals. As a minimum, make sure they're aware of the most common scams they could be exposed to – by text, email and phone, for instance. Young people should tell a trusted adult about any unexpected message or call and never give out their personal information.

Meet Our Expert

GoHenry is a prepaid debit card and financial education app with a mission to make every young person smart with money. Co-founder and CEO Louise Hill is a passionate campaigner for better financial literacy among school children and strongly believes that money management is a crucial life skill.

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

SNAP STREAK

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DAYS

Snapchat is a messaging app which allows users to send images, videos and texts to others. Its best-known feature is that anything sent 'disappears' 24 hours after it's been viewed; however, users are known to take screenshots or use another device to obtain a photo of their screen. In 2023, Snapchat added a chatbot function called 'My AI'.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

My AI is Snapchat's new chatbot, which replies to questions in a human-like manner. However, the software is still in its infancy and has significant drawbacks, such as biased, incorrect or misleading responses. There have already been numerous reports of young users turning to AI for medical help and diagnoses, which could be inaccurate and therefore potentially dangerous.

PREDATORS AND SCAMS

Predators can exploit Snapchat's disappearing messages by, for example, telling a user they have naked photos of them and will post them unless they're paid. Snapchat's own research found that 65% of teenagers had experienced this – on this app or others. This likely isn't helped by 'SnapMaps' – a feature which highlights your exact position in real-time. This is meant to help friends keep track of each other, but could be used for more sinister reasons.

MY EYES ONLY

Snapchat has a hidden photo vault called 'My Eyes Only'. Teens can conceal sensitive photos and videos from parents and carers in this folder, which is protected by a PIN. You can check for this by clicking on the icon which looks like two playing cards. This takes you to the 'Memories' folder which stores photos, stories and the My Eyes Only folder.

SCREEN TIME ADDICTION

Snapchat prioritises user engagement, with features like streaks (messaging the same person every day to build up a high score). The app also has sections called 'Discover' and 'Spotlight', which show tailored content to each user. However, this could also be seen as an attempt to hook users into watching videos endlessly. Furthermore, constant notifications can lure people into using the app.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat simply isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's 'disappearing messages' feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

ONLINE PRESSURES

Although many of Snapchat's filters are designed to entertain or amuse, the 'beautify' effects on photos can set unrealistic body image expectations – creating feelings of inadequacy in younger users. Snapchat now also has 'priority' notifications (which still get displayed even if a device is in 'do not disturb' mode), increasing the pressure on users to log back in and interact.

Advice for Parents & Educators

UTILISE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Snapchat's 'Family Centre' lets you view the details of the child's account – their friends list and who they've spoken to in the last week – and report any concerns. You must invite a child to the Family Centre for them to join. To keep the child's location hidden on the app, go into settings and turn on 'Ghost Mode' and 'Hide Live Location', and ensure they know not to share their location with anyone.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger *does* connect with a child on Snapchat and begins to make them feel uncomfortable through bullying, pressure to send explicit images or by sending sexual images to them, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile and report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user – such as annoying or malicious messages, spam or masquerading as someone else.

FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

Before you allow a child to download Snapchat, download it yourself and familiarise yourself with the app. Snapchat has produced a parents' guide to the app to help you understand how it works and any protections they have in place. A link for this can be found in the sources below.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. For example, discuss My AI's responses to questions and how reliable they are. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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