



Important Dates:

Date	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
March		
Fri 27 th	All All	2.15pm FOEBS coffee & cake in the Church - below 3pm - Family celebration assembly in the hall.
April		
Weds 1 st	All	2.30pm – Easter service in the church – all welcome to attend.
Thurs 2 nd	All	FOEBS Easter egg hunt in school time. Last day of term
Fr 3 rd to Fri 17 th	All	Easter holidays – Holiday club running at Lymphsham Pre-School. Contact them 01934 750473 to book.
Mon 20 th - 22 nd	Year 4	Year 4 Residential to Mendip Outdoor Activity Centre Letter coming home on Monday ref details of kit and drop off.
Weds 22 nd	Year 3	Trip to Shepton Mallet- Field to Farm Education Day. Coach leaving at 8.30am and returning at 4.00pm.

Red Nose Day: Thank you for your generous donations.



Together we raised £114.00 plus £28.50 Gift Aid.

Thank you for supporting such a wonderful cause.

Lunches: Please order your child's lunch choices for the first week back after Easter by **next Tuesday 31st March**. Any orders after this date will not be included and you will have to provide a packed lunch from home.

Mendip residential: All outstanding balances must be paid by **the 1st April 2026**. Don't forget to order your child's hoodie- <https://shop.teamhoodies.co.uk/eastbrent26>.

Meningitis

We understand that recent news reports about the meningitis outbreak in Kent may be concerning for parents and staff working with children and young people. Please see guidance below for your information:

Routine Prevention

Recognise the signs and symptoms www.meningitis.org/about-meningitis/symptoms.

If a suspected case of meningitis were ever identified in your setting, the Health Protection Team would advise you directly on immediate steps, communication, and any required risk assessment. Further information on meningococcal disease is available from: -

The NHS - <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/meningitis/>

The Meningitis Research Foundation - www.meningitis.org 0808 800 3344 (24 hours)

Meningitis Now - www.meningitisnow.org 0808 80 10 388 (9am – 8pm)

UKHSA Blog - <https://ukhsa.blog.gov.uk/2025/10/31/what-is-meningitis-symptoms-risks-and-how-to-protect-yourself/>

Useful Information

Further information can be found on our website: www.eastbrentcofeacademy.co.uk

Our values
'Peace, Endurance, Aspiration, Respect, Love & Service'

Our Christian Value this term
'Respect'

Safeguarding

Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. If you are worried about a child, please email

office@eastbrentcofeacademy.co.uk

Designated Safeguarding Lead:
Katie Whiting

Reporting Absence

If your child is feeling unwell, please contact the school office on 01278 760490 or email using the school email address: -

office@eastbrentcofeacademy.co.uk

Current Job Vacancies within WLT

Please visit the Wessex Learning Trust website for all current vacancies [HERE](#)

East Brent CofE Academy
Church Road, East Brent
Somerset, TA9 4HZ

Main Office: 01278 760490

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Attendance Round up

Ladybird Class: 98.2%

Bumblebee Class: 96.3%

Dragonfly Class: 96.3%

Whole School: 96.6%



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SNAP STREAK

97

SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 900 million active monthly users and billions of 'Snaps' sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the 'My AI' chatbot and AI-powered filters, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These tools may show unfiltered or inaccurate responses, promote unrealistic beauty standards, and collect personal data. Advanced filters and deepfake-style lenses can distort reality, potentially leading to manipulation, impersonation, or inappropriate content.



SCREEN ADDICTION

Snapchat boosts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks (daily Snapchat exchanges between you and a friend). When a streak's been going for a few days, users will see a 🌟 emoji. The number alongside it shows the number of days, but if users miss a day and break the streak, the only way to restore it is to pay. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app even more often.



SEXTORTION

Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may foster a sense of safety, users may become targets of sextortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images, then somehow capture those images to threaten and intimidate the victim. This might involve claiming they will share the images with friends or family unless money is paid.



SNAPCHAT+

Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2023, Snapchat introduced a new tier called Lens+, giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing Snaps. These paid features may encourage young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of overspending or feeling pressured to make in-app purchases.



ACCESSIBILITY

Snapchat is now accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make activity harder to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of unsupervised communication or exposure to inappropriate content.



INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat 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.



Advice for Parents & Educators

ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB

Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat has developed a Family Safety Hub that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this guidance before allowing a child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.



BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger connects with a child on Snapchat and makes them feel uncomfortable by pressuring them to send or receive unwanted or inappropriate images, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile to report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user, with a tailored reporting section under the 'Nudity and Sexual Content' category. In this category, there's the option to report somebody for threatening to leak sexually explicit images, or 'nudes'.



ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. 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.



USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Sit down with the children in your care and explore Snapchat's privacy settings as a shared activity. You can help them adjust who can contact them, view their stories, or see their location on Snap Map. It's a good opportunity to explain why some settings are safer than others, reinforcing their understanding of online boundaries. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes in their friendship groups.



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.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/snapchat>

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