



# Seascope Primary School

'Be your BEST self and reach for the stars'



## Seascope Primary School Weekly Newsletter

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### Headteacher's Notices

The weeks in school are passing quickly and Christmas preparations are underway! Anti-Bullying Week, Children in Need and lots of other fantastic learning has been happening this week across school!

This half-term in school is always an extremely enjoyable one as the children can look forward to lots of festive fun and learning activities.

**T.E.A.M. = Together Everyone Achieves More**

### Christmas 2025

Information of Christmas dates was posted via Class Dojo yesterday and more information will be released over the next week. All of the children are looking forward to their Christmas performances and Carol services and everyone is excited to welcome parents/ carers into school to share in the festive celebrations!

- **Wednesday 3rd December—Christmas Lunch Day**
- **Week beginning 8th December—Christmas Party Days for each Team**
- **Friday 12th December—Seascope Primary School 'Winter Wonderland'**
- **Wednesday 17th December—Early Years Christmas Performance (10am & 2pm)**
- **Thursday 18th December—Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance (1:30pm)**
- **Friday 19th December—Key Stage 2 Christmas Carole Service and Nativity Reading (12:30pm)**

School will close for the Christmas Break for all children following the conclusion of the Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol Service at 1:30pm.

To build the excitement of the children for the Christmas break, **all children will be given a special Santa hat** to leave school at 1:30pm, ready to get ready for the arrival of Santa Claus!

### Anti-Bullying Week 2025



This week, children across school have been participating in Anti-Bullying Week.

Anti-Bullying Week aims to raise children's awareness of bullying and to highlight ways of preventing and responding to it.

The theme of this year's Anti-Bullying Week has been 'Power for Good' and children have participated in a range of learning activities, supported by Place2Be, so that they can become empowered to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

To mark Anti-Bullying Week, children and staff wore Odd Socks to celebrate, recognise and accept everyone's differences and to acknowledge that we are all unique!

Bullying will NEVER be accepted at Seascope Primary School and staff are committed to establishing a safe, happy and bully-free environment for children so that they can all attend school and grow and develop into their **BEST** selves!

### Remembrance/ Armistice Day Assembly

Children and staff across school took part in a special Armistice Day (Remembrance) Assembly on Tuesday morning and observed a 2-minute silence at 11:00am in solemn respect for those servicemen and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in defence of our freedom and liberties.

The children learned about Armistice Day on 11.11.1918 to mark the end of World War One and heard two WW1 poems being read out by Anushka and Amber from Year 6 - 'In Flanders Fields' and 'Ode to Remembrance'. The children all observed the 2-minute silence exceptionally well! Well done, TEAM Seascope!



### Children in Need 2025



Yesterday, children across all Teams took part to complete the 'Challenge 25' activity and combined ran a total of 25km!

Today, in aid of Children in Need, children have been in school 'wearing something spotty' to raise funds to support the work of this charity! Thank you to the many parents/ carers who have generously supported our school efforts in raising donations!

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr D Christie

Headteacher



Team Donaldson have enjoyed learning this week around Anti-Bullying Week...and wearing their Odd Socks!



### 'NO DAYS OFF NOVEMBER'

During the month of November, all children will be challenged to improve their attendance rates by trying to have 'no days off'.

Children who have achieved 100% attendance by the end of the month will be entered into a special Attendance Prize Draw, with a star prize of a £10 Amazon gift card! There will be three runner up prizes on offer also, for three more lucky children who have achieved 100% attendance across November.

There will also be incentives for parents/ carers, with a star prize draw for the families of children who have achieved 100% attendance during November!

The initiative started on Monday 3rd November and will run until the last school day in November on Friday 28th.

School appreciates that some school absence is unavoidable due to illness etc. Therefore, there will also be a 'No Days Off November' prize for the TEAM with the best overall attendance during the month of November!

The winning TEAM will be provided with a class budget to plan a party afternoon, early in December, to celebrate their achievement of best TEAM attendance!

Come on, TEAM Seascope! We CAN do it! Let's achieve super attendance in November!

## Learning is FUN at Seascope Primary School!

All of the children can be extremely proud of their effort and achievements in school!



Congratulations to all of our pupils for their outstanding effort and hard work in our school!

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## ONLINE SAFETY

### What Parents/ Carers Need to Know about TIK TOK

Among children – and especially teenagers – TikTok boasts approximately 220 million users, providing a near-endless reel of short clips intended to entertain, educate and more. However, along with its enormous userbase comes a significant number of possible risks: Ofcom have dubbed it the most likely app on which teen users would potentially suffer harm.

With the platform reaching astronomical levels of success among the younger generation, it's vitally important for parents and educators to understand the risks it poses. This guide (below) lets you know about the most prominent potential dangers associated with TikTok and offers expert advice on how to safeguard youngsters who are navigating the site.



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# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TIKTOK

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Adults tend to associate online videos with YouTube – but among teens, TikTok is king. The app provides a stream of short clips tailored to users' interests, based on what they've already watched. Around half of British children use TikTok, and while much of the content is benign, Ofcom considers it the app where youngsters "were most likely to encounter a potential harm".

## AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's Following feed only displays videos from familiar creators, For You is a collection based on a user's previously watched clips. Most of these videos will probably be inoffensive, but the app *could* potentially show something unsuitable. If children then engage with this content, more like it will follow. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the huge number of uploads means that a small amount inevitably slips through.

## BODY IMAGE AND DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

According to Ofcom, most online harms for teens are body image related for girls (promoting unhealthy eating, body shaming and so on) and dangerous stunts for boys. Both are prevalent on TikTok. One extreme example of the latter was the 'blackout' trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. This led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

## IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase gifts for content creators. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99; while that may not sound appealing, the app still generated £7.9 billion in user spending in 2023. TikTok's policy is that under-18s can't make in-app purchases, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birth date.

## CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With more than 1.5 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-16s (or young people using a fake date of birth) are set to public by default. This means that not only is someone's profile visible to everyone else on the app, it also suggests their videos to others and enables *anyone* to download or comment on them.

## MISINFORMATION AND RADICALISATION

Although the short videos on TikTok tend to be more frivolous than the longer ones on YouTube, clips can still influence impressionable minds in a negative way. Not only is there plenty of dangerous misinformation on TikTok, but Ofcom reports that nearly a third of 12 to 15-year-olds use TikTok as a news source – so you should be wary of misogynistic, racist or conspiracy-themed material shaping how they see the world.

## ADDICTIVE DESIGN

With its constant stream of eye-catching videos, TikTok can be addictive to young brains. In 2024, UK children spent an average of 127 minutes per day on the app: that's twice as much as in 2020. Excessive use can interfere with young people's sleep patterns – often leading to irritability – and distract them from other, healthier activities. The instantly skippable nature of bite-size videos may also impact children's ability to maintain focus.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account to their child's, and control settings remotely. Parents can then turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content), set screen-time limits, make accounts private and manage whether their child can send messages – and if they can, to whom. Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

### DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If a child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's good practice to discuss the potential risks. Ensure that they don't share any identifying personal information, and that they know to talk to a trusted adult if they're worried by interactions on the app. With more teens using TikTok for news, it's also worth talking about misinformation and propaganda, and how to identify it.

### BLOCK IN-APP SPENDING

If a child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter their settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend enabling this feature, as it can be quite easy for a young person to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins to unlock more features of the app – sometimes without even realising.

### READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that a child is spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as is failing to complete homework or skipping meals. Remember, the parental controls are there for a reason, and it's never too late to introduce limits.

## Meet Our Expert

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