

# THE LISCARD BULLETIN

LISCARD PRIMARY, WITHENS LANE, WALLASEY, CH45 7NQ



## #EVERYDAYCOUNTS

98% = 4 Days missed from school

97% = 6 Days missed from school

96% = 8 Days missed from school

95% = 10 Days missed from school

94% = 12 Days missed from school

93% = 14 Days missed from school

92% = 16 Days missed from school

### POOR ATTENDANCE

91% = 18 Days missed from school

90% = 20 Days missed from school

### VERY POOR ATTENDANCE

89% = 21 Days missed from school

88% = 23 Days missed from school

87% = 25 Days missed from school

86% = 27 Days missed from school

85% = 29 Days missed from school

84% = 31 Days missed from school

82% = 35 Days missed from school

**EVERY SCHOOL DAY  
COUNTS!**

**SCHOOL TARGET**

**NATIONAL AVERAGE**

When you take 10 days holiday you will only be able to achieve 95% attendance. If you have additional sick days/appointments you will fall below 95% which may make your child become a persistent absentee.

95% or below will raise concerns with school.

**PERSISTENT ABSENCE**

90% or below means your child is a persistent absentee and will raise concerns with school and the local education authority.

School are here to help if you are having difficulties with attendance. Please do not leave it until your child becomes a persistent absentee.

Please talk to us.

## Attendance

It is really important that your child attends school 5 days a week. The week before half term the overall school attendance was only 90.3%. The chart to the left provides a break down when school days are missed during a school year.

We monitor each child's attendance regularly. Where a child's absence is 90% or below the child is classed as a persistent absentee. If you take your child on a holiday in term time it is likely that your child will be categorised as a persistent absentee.

As part of the absence monitoring process you may receive a letter inviting you to an attendance meeting. We want to support you in improving your child's attendance.

However, if attendance does not improve you may receive an Education Penalty Notice (EPN).

## Lost Property

There has been a lot of lost property since we came back in September.

The unclaimed sweatshirts and black hoodies have been washed and will be available for any parent/carer to take home on Treat Friday.



## Healthy Snacks

Just a reminder that children can bring in a healthy snack, (such as a piece of fruit), for break time. Chocolate, high calorie breakfast bars and crisps are not allowed.

## Family Support Workers

We have recruited family support workers who are new to Liscard. We have already welcomed Graham Caldwell. Graham works on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Marie Caton will be working full time in the role from November 7th. Jennifer Rannard will be working in the role on a Thursday and Friday from November 16th.

## School Disco - November 9th

Children need to bring their ticket money (£3) into school. Their name will be typed onto the electronic register and checked on entry.

**Engage - Enrich - Empower**



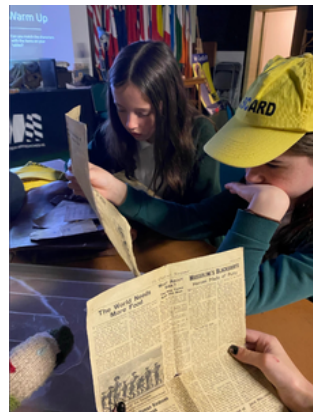
New Website

[https:// www.liscard.co.uk](https://www.liscard.co.uk)



## Celebrating Great Learning Outside the Classroom at Liscard

### Year 6



Year 6 children went on a trip to the Western Approaches war museum in Liverpool. At the Western Approaches HQ the children had a brilliant time walking through hidden rooms and discovering the stories locked in the WWII bunker that protected the tactics of the British Armed Forces. They learnt that the national gold reserve was moved from the Bank of England to Liverpool to protect it from the Germans.

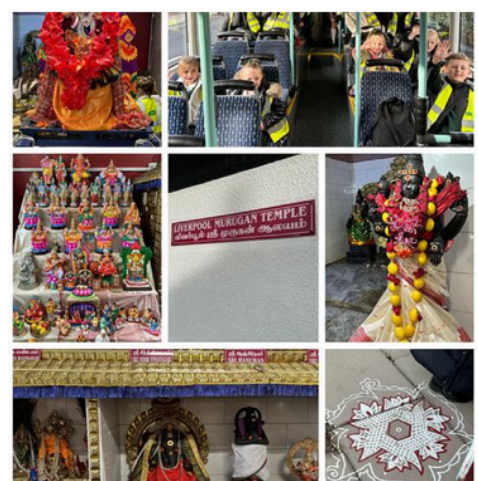
The Operations Room has remained exactly how it was left when the doors were closed on 15 August 1945.

### Year 5



Year 5 visited the Mosque in Birkenhead. The host Rania, spoke to the children about the religion of Islam and showed them the prayer room, and wash room where the wudu ritual is carried out. The children were fortunate to witness the call to prayer by the Imam as well as the midday Dhuhr prayer. This gave the children the opportunity to witness first hand the prayer rituals.

### Year 2



Year 2 children visited the Hindu Temple on Wirral. They listened carefully and were so respectful. They enjoyed learning from Priest Nathan and finding out all about life at the temple.



## ATTENDANCE AWARDS

2RS	97.2%
5JS	96.9%
FSC	95.2%

Let's see which classes have the highest attendance this week!



## WALL OF RECOGNITION

Well done to the following children who have consistently followed the school rules of being kind, working hard and never giving up.

- F1 DAVID
- F2 LOTTIE
- Y1 NATE
- Y2 AARANYA
- Y3 RISHIKA
- Y4 BAILEY
- Y5 JENNIFER
- Y6 ALFIE



## Attendance

Well done to Mrs Sharp's class who were the winners of the attendance trophy for Key Stage 1 for the second week running. Congratulations to Miss Swaby's class who were the winners of the attendance trophy for Key Stage 2. Mrs Cahill's class had the highest attendance across Foundation 2.

The overall attendance was much lower than last week at 90.3%. There were only six classes that had attendance above the national average. Only seven classes improved attendance from the previous week.






Please make sure your children attend Liscard every school day.



Every Day Counts



## School Lunches

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Curry Day</b> Choose from a homemade creamy chicken curry or a vegetable curry served with Rice, Naan bread and Vegetables 	 <b>Hotdogs</b> Choose from a butcher's quality sausage or a Quorn sausage served in a finger roll with homemade potato wedges and corn on the cob	<b>Roast Dinner</b> Choose from either home roasted meat of the week or a Quorn fillet served with roast potatoes, carrots, cauliflower, Yorkshire pudding and gravy 	 <b>Meatball Pasta Bake</b> Choose from beef meatballs or Quorn balls, cooked in a homemade tomato sauce, mixed with pasta spirals, topped with cheese and baked in the oven, served with sweetcorn	<b>Fish &amp; Chips</b> Choose from either cod fillet fish fingers, battered cod fillet or Quorn nuggets baked in the oven and served with chips and peas or baked beans 
<i>Jacket Potatoes are also available daily as a hot alternative</i> Or A selection of sandwiches, served on sliced bread, wraps and assorted batch with a choice filling will be available daily - ham, cheese, tuna and finally finish with a choice of salad - carrot sticks, cucumber, cherry tomatoes, iceberg lettuce, sweetcorn, coleslaw, and peppers. Dessert A selection of homemade desserts will be available every day as well as fresh fruit, fruit salad, yogurts and Cheese and Crackers Drink A selection of drinks will be available daily				

## National Online Safety

The latest guide from the National Online Safety below provides parents/carers in how to support your child with the EA Sports FC 24.

## Diary Dates

**Monday 30th October**

School reopens for pupils  
Photographer to take photos of any child who was absent last time.

**Wednesday 1st November**

Anti-Bullying workshops - Altru Drama

**Friday 3rd November**

LA Attendance Officer visiting school

**Thursday 9th November**

School discos - Year 1 to 6

**Friday 10th November**

Film Festival Cinema Trip

**Monday 13th November**

Odd socks day for Anti-bullying

**W/B 27th November**

Christingle celebrations

**Thursday 7th December**

Flu vaccinations in school

**W/B 11th December**

Christmas Performances

**W/B 18th December**

Elf workshops

**Friday 22nd December**

Inset Day



Mrs. Sue Talbot

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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about EA SPORTS FC 24

After two decades of holding the official FIFA licence, EA Sports' phenomenally successful football video game series has embarked on a solo run at goal. This season's iteration marks the debut appearance of a new name and branding, but don't let those fool you – EA Sports FC 24 is still a very similar proposition to last year's FIFA 23. Popular features such as Ultimate Team remain a big focus, meaning that potentially costly in-game spending is still among the line-up of risks that parents and carers should be aware of.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?



## RECURRING RELEASES

EA Sports FC 24 effectively picks up the FIFA template – meaning that after a year, we can expect EA Sports FC 25 to hit the shelves. Updates between versions of the FIFA franchise tended to be minor, but young fans of the game are almost certain to want the new edition in around 12 months' time, so they can keep playing with updated team kits, players and squad lists.

## OFFENSIVE VOICE CHAT

FIFA 23 introduced cross-platform play, and EA Sports FC 24 goes a step further with Clubs, Seasons and Ultimate Team cooperative modes across PlayStation 5, Xbox Series X and S, and PC. That's exciting news for youngsters who love to play with friends online – but connecting a much wider audience does potentially open lines of communication between children and far older online gamers.

## IN-GAME PURCHASES

In FIFA, Ultimate Team proved to be a profitable innovation for developers Electronic Arts (EA), and is now found in many of their other titles. Players spend in-game currency to recruit better footballers for their team, but this process can take a frustratingly long time – so young fans may be tempted to skip the grind by paying real-world cash to unlock that coveted star midfielder.

## ULTIMATE TEAM SCAMMERS

Since the mode was introduced, Ultimate Team has been a target of scammers who attempt to coax players into buying or selling outside the terms of service from EA and console manufacturers. This shady practice can lead to accounts being banned and in-game items being lost. In some cases, young gamers have also been hoodwinked into handing over their payment details to the fraudsters.

## POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

Just like real-life football, EA Sports FC 24 offers a thrilling, dynamic blend of tactical awareness and skill that fans find absolutely engrossing. Among younger players in particular, this could lead to identifiers of a gaming disorder as they plead for "just one more game" before bedtime or spend practically all weekend playing more matches to earn additional Ultimate Team packs.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### CONTROL SPENDING

If your child enjoys Ultimate Team mode, check that your payment details aren't linked to their account. Bundles of FC Points (the game's currency) start at just £1, so multiple payments can easily slip under the radar. You could consider setting your child an in-game allowance, perhaps through a prepaid card, which will help them to realise that online spending has a real-world effect.

### DEFEND AGAINST SCAMMERS

EA does contact players via email (although not to ask for usernames or passwords, so watch out for that scam tactic), but never through the game itself – so be wary of incoming messages and consider blocking and reporting suspected spam. Your child should avoid buying coins (the in-game currency) from external sites: it could end with them losing their money and being banned from the game.

### AVOID EXTRA TIME

Many parents of young football-oriented gamers worry about their child playing too much EA Sports FC. There's now also a companion mobile app, which can also often provide another indicator that a child is struggling to disengage from the game. You could initiate discussions around set hours of play – or take stronger action by utilising the parental controls on their console or phone.

### SHOW TOXIC CHAT THE RED CARD

Playing EA Sports FC 24 with friends is highly enjoyable, but if competitive types start to turn toxic online, it can ruin everyone's fun. You could occasionally listen in on the voice chat of your child's game for any warning signs that things may be about to boil over. This goes double when playing online with strangers: voice contact with unknown players can be turned off in the game's settings.

### CELEBRATE THE VARIETY

Ultimate Team may be the game's 'star player', but there's plenty more to do in EA Sports FC 24 – including modes which allow access to all of football's big names without needing to spend money on packs to unlock them. This new version of the game includes even more women's teams, marking another step forward in representation: an important subject to discuss and celebrate with children.

## Meet Our Expert

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