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PROUDLY WORKING TOWARDS



UPCOMING EVENTS

Dragon's Den - all year groups
- get creative - design a
product to pitch to the SWRA
Dragon's - 17th October - see
Mrs Francis for more details.

CAREERS WEEK

10-14TH
NOVEMBER 2025

SHREK THE MUSICAL!

10-12TH DEC 2025



See page 7 for rehearsal dates.



COMING UP NEXT WEEK

SPORTS FIXTURES

see page 2

Monday 6th October - Deadline for Duke of Edinburgh Application forms to be handed in to the PE office .

This is the link to the DofE information evening.

[Duke of Edinburgh Information Evening 02.10.25.mp4](#)

Tuesday 7th Oct. - Y12/13 BTEC Sport (Triple) Outdoor Education 5km "Park Run".

Wednesday 8th Oct. - Geography fieldtrip, Lincoln.

Friday 10th Oct. - Biology Spelling Bee - The Final.

Friday 10th Oct. - Deadline for the House Poetry competition - see P6

FINAL REMINDER - Year 8 & 9 Skiers must return the "Ski Pupil Booklet" for the 2026 trip.

Reminder - Wrates photo's free delivery expires 09.10.25

Please note the school gates are open to students at 8:20am. Students should not be on site before this time. Any child on support prior to this time will not be directly supervised by a member of duty staff.

PE FIXTURES

Tuesday 7th October – Year 7 netball (away) vs St George’s Ruskington.
New finish times – 16:45 from Ruskington or 17:15 from SWRA.

Wednesday 8th October – Year 8 and 9 girls cricket taster session,
during school time.

Wednesday 8th October – Y10 netball (home) vs St George’s
Ruskington. New finish time – 16:45 from SWRA.

Wednesday 8th October – Year 9 boys rugby (away) at Newark Rugby
Club. Collection is 17:00 from Newark or 17:30 from SWRA.

Thursday 9th October – Year 7 and 8 boys football vs St George’s
Ruskington (home). Collection is 17:15 at SWRA.

Thursday 9th October – Year 9 and 11 netball (away) at St George’s
Sleaford. New finish time – 17:30 at Sleaford, or 18:00 from SWRA.

Please see the updated list for sports clubs on
pages 9 & 10.



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

Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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Please can all parents ensure they have access to the MCAS app.

This platform is used for important announcements and updates from the school.

To ensure you do not miss any important messages, we recommend that you have the app installed on your phone with push notifications turned on.

Please go to the following link for more information.

[Sir William Robertson Academy - Parent Apps and Forms](#)

IS MY CHILD TOO ILL TO GO TO SCHOOL?

- ✓ Minor coughs & cold
- ✓ Sore throat
- ✓ Conjunctivitis
- ✓ Respiratory infections
- ✓ Ear infection
- ✓ Cold sores
- ✓ Tonsillitis
- ✓ Head lice

GO TO SCHOOL



COLD SYMPTOMS



loss of appetite



sneezing



cough



runny nose



lacrimation



sore throat

COLD or FLU?



FLU SYMPTOMS



heat



weakness



headache



drowsiness



increased sweating



muscle pain



**National Poetry Day took place on
Thursday 2nd October 2025.**

The theme is 'play'.

Calling all budding poets...

SWRA Library challenges you to write a poem based on this theme. You choose your style.

This is a House Points Competition.

The WINNER will receive 50 points, RUNNER UP, 25 points and THIRD PLACE, 10 points.

Along with your poem, please include your:

Name/Base Group/House.

Please hand your poem into Mrs Costello, in the Library by

Friday 10th October.

Good luck!



REHEARSAL SCHEDULE 2025

SWRA's Performing Arts Department is REALLY looking forward to working with you on



SHREK THE MUSICAL

We have around 10 weeks of rehearsals ahead of us!

We would be grateful if you could attend all rehearsals. We understand that it's a busy time, so if you cannot attend a rehearsal please let Mrs Jex (in the School Office) know as it may lead to us having to change our plans.

Tuesday	16th September	3:10pm – 5:30pm	Lead Cast & Chorus A
Thursday	18th September	3.10pm – 5.30pm	Lead Cast & Chorus A
Tuesday	23rd September	3:10pm – 5:30pm	Full Cast
Wednesday	24th September	3.10pm – 5.30pm	Lead Cast & Chorus A
Tuesday	30th September	3:10pm – 5:30pm	Full Cast
Wednesday	1st October	3.10pm – 5.30pm	Lead Cast & Chorus A
Sunday	5th October	10:00am – 4:00pm	Lead Cast & Chorus A
Tuesday	7th October	3:10pm – 5:30pm	Full Cast
Wednesday	8th October	3:10pm – 5:30pm	Lead Cast & Chorus A
Sunday	12th October	10.00am – 4.00pm	Lead Cast & Chorus A
Tuesday	14th October	3:10pm – 5:30pm	Full Cast
Wednesday	15th October	3:10pm – 5:30pm	Lead Cast & Chorus A
Tuesday	21st October	3:10pm – 5:30pm	Full Cast
Wednesday	22nd October	3:10pm – 5:30pm	Lead Cast & Chorus A
Tuesday	4th November	3:10pm – 6.00pm	Full Cast
Wednesday	5th November	3:10pm – 6.00pm	Lead Cast & Chorus A
Sunday	9th November	10.00am – 4.00pm	Full Cast
Tuesday	11th November	3:10pm – 6.00pm	Full Cast
Wednesday	12th November	3:10pm – 6.00pm	Full Cast
Thursday	13th November	3:10pm – 6.00pm	Lead Cast & Chorus A
Tuesday	18th November	3:10pm – 6.00pm	Full Cast
Wednesday	19th November	3:10pm – 6.00pm	Lead Cast & Chorus A
Sunday	23rd November	10.00am – 4.00pm	Full Cast
Tuesday	25th November	3:10pm – 6.00pm	Full Cast
Wednesday	26th November	3:10pm – 6.00pm	Full Cast
Thursday	27th November	3:10pm – 6.00pm	Lead Cast & Chorus A
Tuesday	2nd December	3:10pm – 6.00pm	Full Cast
Wednesday	3rd December	3:10pm – 6.00pm	Full Cast
TECH Saturday	6th December	10.00am-5.00pm	Full Cast
TECH Sunday	7th December	10.00am-5.00pm	Full Cast
Monday-Off Timetable	9th December	9.00am – 6.00pm	Full Cast
Wednesday	10th December	Primary Performance and SHOW NIGHT	
Thursday	11th December	SHOW NIGHT	
Friday	12th December	SHOW NIGHT	

☺ Please attend all rehearsals. Please stay hydrated. Please be positive. ☺

Please bring homework to complete when not rehearsing. LET'S GO!!!!

PLEASE FIND DETAILS FOR INDIVIDUAL REHEARSALS ON THE DOOR OF D1

As always, our THANKS go to you for your continued support

Miss Scorrer, Mr Willson, Mrs Jex, Mr Robinson and Miss Callow

Our House competition is Spelling Bee, don't forget to sign up. Winners from the school are put forward to the national final.

Homework is set on Educake, so please do check your child can login, any problems Science teachers can support.

When your teacher has set you a quiz, it'll be here. Click on it to take it. Your progress is always saved, so you can return to it later.

Find all of your quizzes in one place. Click on one to go over your results and see if your teachers have left you any feedback.

The screenshot shows the Educake interface. At the top left is the Educake logo. At the top right, there is a 'Contact Us' button and user information for 'Lulu Bun Bean Markham School' with 'My account' and 'Log out' links. Below the header is a 'My Educake' section containing a 'Revision wizard >' button. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, 'Your Upcoming Quizzes', has a 'View all your quizzes' link and a table with columns for Subject, Quiz name, Assigned by, and Due. The right column, 'Study and Quiz Yourself', has tabs for 'KS3' and 'GCSE' and a list of subjects with their respective scores. Five callout boxes with arrows point to specific features: 1. Points to the 'View all your quizzes' link. 2. Points to the 'Revision wizard >' button. 3. Points to the 'Study and Quiz Yourself' section. 4. Points to the 'GCSE' tab. 5. Points to the 'Working Scientifically' row in the 'Study and Quiz Yourself' section.

Your Upcoming Quizzes				Study and Quiz Yourself	
Subject	Quiz name	Assigned by	Due	KS3	GCSE
English	The Secret Garden (10 Qs)	Dr Vander	16-11-2021		70%
Chemistry	Pure Substances (39 Qs)	Dr Vander	19-11-2021		66%
Geography	Urban change quiz 1 (10 Qs)	Dr Vander	22-11-2021		67%
Computer Science	Algorithms (10 Qs)	Dr Vander	25-11-2021		69%
					86%
					0%
					54%
					52%
					71%
					65%

The revision wizard calculates your strengths and weaknesses and sets you exactly the quizzes you need to improve. Take the quizzes to improve your knowledge and understanding.

View your progress by clicking on any subject to see a breakdown of your topics.

To set yourself an Educake quiz, choose the topics and how many questions you want.



Monday

Maths Challenge Club	O1	Miss Spurgeon	KS3	1:30-2:00	
GCSE Art	A6	Mrs Norman	Y10	1.30 – 2.00	
GCSE Business Coursework	R8	Mrs Francis	Y11	1:30-2:00	
Netball	Tennis Courts	PE Department	Y7	1:30-2:00	
Fowlers Fitness Session	Hall	Mr Fowler	All	1:30-2:00	
Football	3G	PE Department	Y9,10,11 and 6 th Form	1:30-2:00	
Sparx Maths Homework Club	O6	Maths Department	All	1:30-2:00	
GCSE Product Design	A2	Mr Nicholson	GCSE	1:15-2:00	

Tuesday

Mindfulness Colouring Club	Library	Mrs Costello	All	1.15 – 2.10	
English Revision	R12	English Department	Y11	1:30-2:00	
GCSE Business Coursework	R8	Mrs Francis	Y11	1:30-2:00	
Football	3G	PE Department	Y7,8 and 6 th Form	1:30-2:00	
Netball	Tennis Courts	PE Department	Y8/9	1:30-2:00	
Badminton	Sports Hall	PE Department	All	1:30-2:00	
Football	3G	PE Department	Y7/8	3:15-4:15	After school
GCSE Product Design	A2	Mr James	GCSE	3:15-4:15	After school
School Show Rehearsals	Hall	Miss Scorrer	All	3:15-5:30	After school

Wednesday

Y10 Book Club	Library	Mrs Costello	Y9	1.40 – 2.00	
GCSE & A Level Graphics Club	A3	Ms Vere	Y10-13	1.15 – 2.00	
KS3 French Booklet Club	F3	Miss Phillips	Y7 – Y9	1.30 – 2.00	
Geography Club	R3	Geography Department	KS3	1:30-2:00	
GCSE Maths Past Papers	O3	Maths Department	GCSE Students	1:30-2:00	
DofE Session	R4	Miss Toote	DofE Students	1:30-2:00	
GCSE Business Coursework	R8	Mrs Francis	Y11	1:30-2:00	
Football	3G	PE Department	Girls and 6 th Form	1:30-2:00	
Rugby	Field	PE Department	All	1:30-2:00	
Football	3G	PE Department	Y9,10 and 11	3:15-4:15	After school
Netball	Tennis Courts	PE Department	All	3:15-4:15	After school
School Show Rehearsals	Hall	Miss Scorrer	All	3:15-5:30	After school



Thursday

A Level Maths Support	O3	Maths Department	Y13	1.15 – 2.10	
A Level Geography Support	R3	Geography Department	R3	1.30 – 2.00	
Media GCSE Coursework	R13	Mrs Mallowney	GCSE	1:30-2:00	
DofE Session	R8	Mrs Francis	DofE Students	1:30-2:00	
GCSE Science Intervention	L1 and L2	Miss Gage	Y11	1:30-2:00	
English Revision	R9	English Department	Y11	1:30-2:00	
GCSE PE Revision	F5	PE Department	Y11	1:30-2:00	
Quadcopter	A2	Mr James	Y8	1:30-2:00	
Y8 Book Club	Library	Mrs Costello	Y8	1:40-2:00	
GCSE Business Coursework	R8	Mrs Francis	Y11	1:30-2:00	
Football	3G	PE Department	Y9,10,11 and 6 th Form	1:30-2:00	
Just Dance	Main Hall	PE Department	All	1:30-2:00	
Table Tennis	Sports Hall	PE Department	All	1:30-2:00	
GCSE Graphics Support	A3	Ms Vere	GCSE	1:30-2:00	
Lego Robotics Club	A2	Mr James/Mr Titmus	Y7 – Y13	1.30 – 2.00	
GCSE Product Design	A2	Mr James	GCSE	3:15-4:15	After school
Football	3G	PE Department	Girls	3:15-4:15	After school
Rugby	Field	PE Department	All	3:15-4:15	After school
Explorers Club (every other week)		Miss Graves	Y7 & Y8	3.15 – 4.15	After school
GCSE & A-Level Art	A5	Miss Crook	Y10-13	3:15-4:15	After school

Friday

F1 in Schools	A2	Mr Ginniff/Mr James	All years	1:30- 2:00	
Football	3G Pitch	PE Department	Y7,8 and 6 th Form	1:30-2:00	
GCSE Business Coursework	R8	Mrs Francis	Y11	1:30-2:00	
Netball	Tennis Courts	PE Department	GCSE and A Level Girls	1:30-2:00	
Table Tennis	Sports Hall	PE Department	GCSE Boys	1:30-2:00	
Media GCSE Coursework	R13	Mrs Mallowney	GCSE	1:30-2:00	
GCSE Geography Revision	R7	Geography Department	GCSE	1:30-2:00	
LGBTQ+ Safe Space	R4	Miss Breward	All	1.30 – 2.00	
Judo	Hall	Mr Costello	All	3.15 – 4.15	After school

Year 11 Learning to Learn Workshop took place on Thursday 25th September.

In preparation for mock exams (and the real things!) pupils have learnt about how the brain works, different learning techniques (for revision) and how and when to timetable their revision. They also had an opportunity to make a start on their revision as there are only 6.5 weeks until their first Maths and English mocks. They have a book with their exam timetable, the revision techniques and blank timetables for them to use to schedule their revision. Little and often is the key, with them starting now.