



# Hob Moor Oaks

## 23RD JANUARY



Across the school there has been some wonderful learning taking place.

Forest Phase have been learning about space and planets through the topic “Infinity and Beyond”. Woodland Phase have had a topic of “Where to?” which is giving children opportunities to explore and learn about different modes of transport, leading to a curriculum visit which includes a local journey on the First York bus. Finally, Orchard Phase’s topic is “We all go travelling by” where they will be learning about vehicles which they will see or travel by.

Just a reminder about making sure that children have appropriate wet weather clothes in school, this may include all in one puddle/water suits, wellies or a waterproof coat. Please remember to send in spare clothes for your child, so they have them available should they be needed in school. If your child is sent home in school spare clothes, please could these be washed and returned to school as soon as possible, so that we have them available for others to use should they be needed.

Have a restful weekend.

Date	Event
W/C 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Woodland Educational visits week
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	9:30am-11am The Toilet Journey part 1/4
W/C 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Forest Phase educational visit week
W/C 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Orchard Phase educational visit week
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb	1:30-2:30pm EYFS Stay and play
16 <sup>th</sup> - 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	February Half Term
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Wheelchair Dancing
30 <sup>th</sup> March - 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Break
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Return to school for Summer term

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February is Internet Safety Day and we will be inviting parents for an Internet Safety Workshop from 9am-10am. We will discuss current digital trends, age ratings, and how to have open conversations with your children about their online lives. A separate letter will follow.

If your child has a medical or dental appointment, there must be proof of appointment shown **directly to the office** either via physical copy or email. These should **not** be sent to class. If they are sent to class rather than the office, we will still have to call parents to confirm.

For any other absences, these must also be reported **directly to the office**, not to class. We **cannot** accept messages passed on by transport. If a message is passed on from the taxi we will still have to call parents to confirm.

### Online Safety

After Christmas, many younger may be enjoying new devices or apps. We encourage you to take a little time to explore these together, use parental controls where helpful, and have gentle conversations about staying safe online and speaking to a trusted adult if anything doesn't feel right.

Also see attached parental controls helps help. If you require any support please contact the admin team for the attention of Laura Moyse.





# Top Tips for SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online. If you don't sort those out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose such controls later. Here's our rundown of what to look for when setting up the various internet-enabled devices that might be lurking under the tree at this time of year.

## IPHONE

If your child's lucky enough to be getting their own iPhone, parental controls can help avoid issues like screen addiction and unsuitable content. Go into the settings and scroll down to 'Screen Time'. From here you can customise important settings including time limits on using the device, communication restrictions and content blockers. You can also lock your changes behind a passcode.

## ANDROID

With Android devices, Google's Family Link app is your friend. You'll need a Google account – and a separate one for your child, which you should use when first setting up the device. Then, in Family Link on your own device, select 'Add Child' and enter their account details. This lets you specify limits on daily usage, restrict certain apps, block particular content and more.

## PLAYSTATION

You can prep for a PlayStation before it's even unwrapped. At [myaccount.sony.com](https://myaccount.sony.com), create an account, then go to Account Management > Family Management > Add Family Member to set up your child's account, which you'll use to sign in on the console. You can restrict the age ratings of the games they can play and who they can talk to. On the PS5, you can make exceptions for any games you think are acceptable despite their high age rating.

## IPAD

iPad parental controls are identical to those on iPhones. However, if you've got a shared family iPad and want to ensure your children aren't seeing anything age-inappropriate after you hand them the device, there's a feature called Guided Access (under Settings > Accessibility > Guided Access). With this switched on, young ones can only use the app that's currently open.

## XBOX

The Xbox Family Settings app helps you manage which games your child can play (and when). You'll need to set up the console with your own account and then add a child profile. Make sure your account's password is protected, so your child can't alter your choices later. You'll be walked through the functions at setup, but you can also reach them manually via Settings > Account > Family Settings.

## NINTENDO SWITCH

Download the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app on your phone, and you'll be shown how to link it to the console. Once that's done, you can limit how long your child can play each day, decide what age ratings are permitted and more. You'll also get weekly updates on how often they've used the device. These controls are accessible through the console itself, but the app is usually easier.

## WINDOWS 11 PCs

On Windows 11, account management is key. Set up the device with your own account as the admin. Then go to Settings > Accounts > Family and Other Users and create your child's account (if you've already done this on a previous PC, just log in with those details). Microsoft Family Safety (either the app or the site) then lets you control screen time, what content children can view and more.

## CHROMEBOOKS

Chromebooks' parental controls are managed via the Family Link app. Unlike an Android device, however, you need set up the Chromebook with your own account first, then add your child's. Go to Settings > People > Add Person and input your child's Google account details (or create a new account). Your child can then log in, and you can monitor what they're up to via Family Link.

## MACS

Like iPhones, parental controls for Macs are managed via the Screen Time settings. Again, the crux here is to set yourself up as the administrator before adding any child accounts. In the settings, look for Users & Groups to create your child's account, then – while on their profile – use the screen time options to place any boundaries around apps, usage and who your child can communicate with (and vice versa).

## SMART TVs

Smart TVs typically have their own individual parental controls. One of the most popular brands is Samsung – and on their TVs, you can control the content available to your child. In the Settings menu, under 'Broadcasting', you can lock channels and restrict content by its age rating. Even this isn't foolproof, however: some apps (like YouTube) might still let children access unsuitable material.

## Meet Our Expert

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