



Belgrave Bulletin Parents Evening

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Our upcoming Parents' Evening appointments will be in February.

- **Monday 9th February 2026, 3:30pm – 6:00pm**
- **Thursday 12th February 2026, 3:30pm – 6:00pm**

This is a valuable opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher and talk through key aspects of their progress.

Location:

All appointments will take place in your child's classroom. Please enter the school via the main hall.

Booking Your Appointment:

- Bookings are now live on Arbor
- The booking system will close on Friday 6th February 2026

Additional Opportunities During Parents' Evening:

Uniform 4 You / Food 4 Us -

During Parents' Evening, we will also be running our Uniform 4 You / Food 4 Us initiative in the main hall. If you are in need of school uniform items, you are welcome to take part. Simply bring along a canned or non-perishable food item or a hygiene product, and you can swap it for an item of pre-loved school uniform.

This is a great way to support our school community while helping others at the same time.



Relish -

Relish, our school catering team, will be joining us to offer tasters of the delicious meals served to our children at lunchtimes throughout the year. Come along and enjoy a taste of what's on the menu!



Scouts -

The local scouts will be here to give you and your child a chance to experience scouts first-hand, ask questions and find out how their children can get involved



Attendance

Attendance for week ending 30th

January 2026

Nursery - 91%

Reception - 87%

Year 1 - 97%

Year 2 - 96%

Year 3 - 94%

Year 4 - 94%

Year 5 - 99%

Year 6 - 95%



Congratulations goes to Year 5 for the highest attendance of 99%



Stay and Read

Parents are invited into school to read with their children on the following days:

Nursery - **Tuesdays** @ 8.35-9.00am
Reception: **Tuesdays** @ 8.35-9.00am
Year 1: **Thursdays** @ 8.35-9.05am
Year 2: **Thursdays** @ 8.35-9.05am
Year 3: **Thursdays** @ 8.35-9.05am

The session will end with a member of staff reading a story to the children and parents.

Dates for the Diary

9th Feb - Parents Evening
10th Feb - Online Safety
11th Feb - Year 6 Newarke House Museum Trip
12th - Parents Evening
13th Feb - Inset Day (School Closed)
16th - 20th Feb - Half Term
2nd March - Scouts Assembly
16th March - Year 3 Botanic Gardens Trip
21st March - Rose Nose Day 'Red to Toe'
25th Year 1 Guy Fawkes Workshop
26th March - Easter Service
30th - 12th April - Easter Holidays



Scouts Assembly

On Monday 2nd March, pupils will enjoy a fun and engaging assembly led by Scouts, introducing who they are and what they do. The session will focus on adventure, teamwork and confidence, while highlighting how Scouts help young people develop valuable skills for life.



Work Experience

Unfortunately, we are now at full capacity for work experience placements for this academic year and are unable to take on any further applicants. We truly appreciate the interest shown and the time taken to get in touch with us, and we wish everyone the very best for the future.

Parent webinars on county lines and criminal exploitation

The Ivison Trust (formerly Pace) is a national charity working to keep children safe from exploitation by supporting parents, disrupting exploiters, and working in partnership with police and family services. Their work is grounded in a trauma-informed, family-centred approach.

During March 2026, the Ivison Trust is delivering a series of live webinars for parents and carers focused on county lines and criminal exploitation. The sessions help parents understand how exploitation happens, how children are groomed, what warning signs to look out for, and where to access advice and support. Each webinar includes local context, time for questions, and input from a parent with lived experience.

More information and booking details are available at:

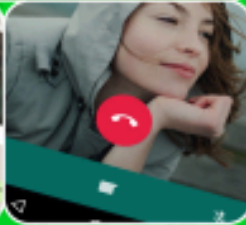
<https://ivisontrust.org.uk/webinars/>



WhatsApp is one of the most popular messaging apps in the world, with more than 1.5 billion people in more than 180 countries using it to send and receive text, photos, videos and documents, as well as make voice and video calls through an Internet or Wi-Fi connection. The free app offers end-to-end encryption, which means that messages can only be read by the sender and the recipient in one-to-one chats, or all members if it is a group chat. Not even WhatsApp can read them.

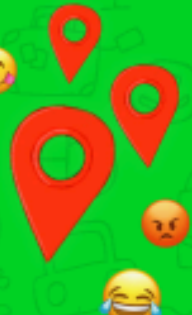


**AGE RESTRICTION
16+**



What parents need to know about

WhatsApp



AGE LIMIT CHANGE

Since May 2018, the minimum age for using WhatsApp is 16 years old if you live in the European Union, including the UK. Prior to this, the minimum age was 13, which still applies for the rest of the world. WhatsApp has not yet stated whether it will take action against anyone aged between 13 and 16 who already hold accounts under the old terms and conditions, such as closing their account or seeking parental permission.

SCAM MESSAGES

Occasionally on WhatsApp, people receive spam messages from unauthorised third parties or from fraudsters pretending to offer prizes to 'lucky people', encouraging recipients to click on a link to win a prize. A common scam involves messages warning recipients that their WhatsApp subscription has run out with the hope that people are duped into providing their payment details. Other scam messages include instructions to forward the message in return for a reward or gift from WhatsApp or another person.

FAKE NEWS AND HOAXES

WhatsApp has been linked to enabling the spread of dangerous viral rumours. In India, for example, a number of attacks appear to have been sparked by false rumours shared on WhatsApp.

THE 'ONLY ADMIN' FEATURE AND CYBERBULLYING

Cyberbullying is the act of sending threatening or taunting text messages, voice messages, pictures and videos, with the aim to hurt and humiliate the receiver. The group chat and group video call features are great for multiple people to chat simultaneously, but there is the potential for people to hurt others with their comments or jokes. The 'only admin' feature gives the admin of a group chat greater control over who can send messages. Whilst this can be good for one-way announcements, the group admin has the power to block somebody from responding to an offensive message in a chat, which could result in a child being upset and unable to reply.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

To start a chat in WhatsApp, you need to know the mobile number of the contact you want to speak to and they also need to have the app downloaded. WhatsApp can find contacts by accessing the address book of a device and recognising which of those contacts are using WhatsApp. If your child has shared their mobile number with someone they don't know, they can use it to get in touch via WhatsApp.

LIVE LOCATION SHARING

WhatsApp's 'Live Location' feature enables users to share their current location in real time to their contacts in a chat, allowing friends to show their movements. The feature, which can be found by pressing the 'attach' button, is described by WhatsApp as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." Location-sharing is already a common feature on other social apps, including Snapchat's Snap Map and Facebook Messenger and can be a useful way for a child to let loved ones know they are safe. However, if your child is in a group chat with people they do not know, they will be exposing their location.



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Top Tips for Parents



CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though somebody would need your child's phone number to add them as a contact, as an extra security measure we suggest altering their profile settings to control who can see their profile photo and status. The options to choose from are 'Everyone', 'My Contacts' and 'Nobody'. We suggest selecting 'My Contacts' or 'Nobody' to ensure their profile is protected.

EXPLAIN HOW TO BLOCK PEOPLE

If your child has received spam or offensive messages, calls or attachments from a contact, they should block them. Messages and status updates sent by a blocked contact will not show up on the phone and will stay undelivered. Blocking someone will not remove this contact from the contact list - they will need to be removed from the phone's address book. To block a contact, your child needs to open the person's chat stream and tap on the settings.

REPORT SCAM MESSAGES

Advise your child not to tap, share or forward any message that looks suspicious or sounds too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they will be given the option to report the number as spam directly inside the chat. They can also report a contact or a group as spam using the following steps: 1) Open the chat. 2) Tap on the contact or group name to open their profile information. 3) Scroll to the bottom and tap 'Report Spam'.

LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is part of a group chat that makes them feel uncomfortable or has been added to a group they don't want to be part of, use the group's settings to show them how to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once, if they leave again, they cannot be added again.

USING LIVE LOCATION SAFELY

If your child needs to use the 'Live Location' feature to share with you or a friend, advise them to only share it for the amount of time they need to. WhatsApp gives the options of either 15 minutes, one hour or eight hours. However, your child can choose to stop sharing at any time.

DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child has sent a message to the wrong chat or if a message they sent has contained a mistake, they can delete it. To do this, simply tap and hold on the message, choose 'Delete' and then 'Delete for everyone'. The app allows seven minutes to delete the message after it has been sent, but it is important to remember that recipients may have seen and screenshot a message before it was deleted.

SET TIME LIMITS

A 2017 study found that by the age of 14 the average child will have sent more than 35,000 texts, 30,000 WhatsApp messages and racked up more than three solid weeks of video chat. Although it is inevitable that your child will use technology, you can still set boundaries. This is not easy, especially since teens use their devices for both schoolwork and free time, often simultaneously.