



Dear Parents, Carers and Guardians,
I am delighted to share the news that **Phelim Byrne** has been successfully appointed to the role of **Headteacher at North Star 82°**.

Phelim brings a wealth of experience, a strong commitment to inclusive education, and a clear vision for the continued development of the school. We are confident that under his leadership, North Star 82 will continue to thrive and provide the

highest quality of education and support for our students.

Please join me in congratulating Phelim on his appointment and in offering him a very warm welcome as he steps into this important role.

Kind regards,

Kaye Palmer-Greene
Chief Executive Officer



Thank
You!

A Note from the Assistant Headteacher

As we come to the end of Term 1, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our parents, carers, and guardians for your continued support throughout the term. Your partnership with us has been invaluable in helping our pupils thrive—whether through encouraging attendance, supporting learning at home, or celebrating personal achievements. It's been a pleasure to see the progress and positivity across the school, and we're incredibly proud of what the children have accomplished.

As we head into the half-term break, I hope you all enjoy some well-earned rest and quality time with loved ones. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Tuesday 4th November** for the start of Term 2, ready for more exciting learning and opportunities ahead.

Warm regards,

Mr Marsh



Our Mission

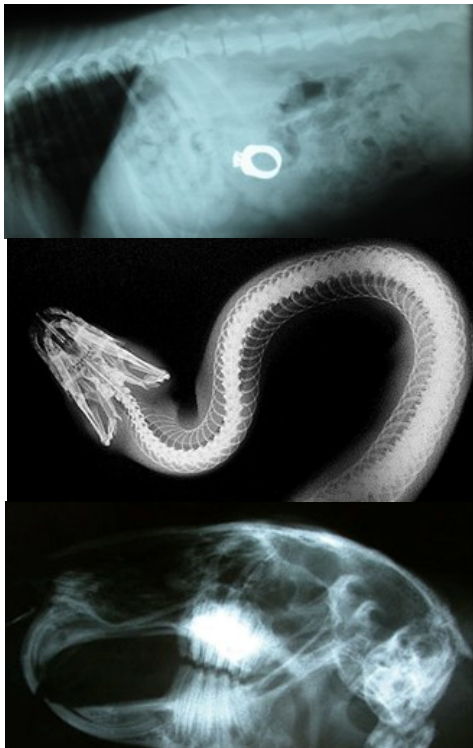
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What have we done this week?



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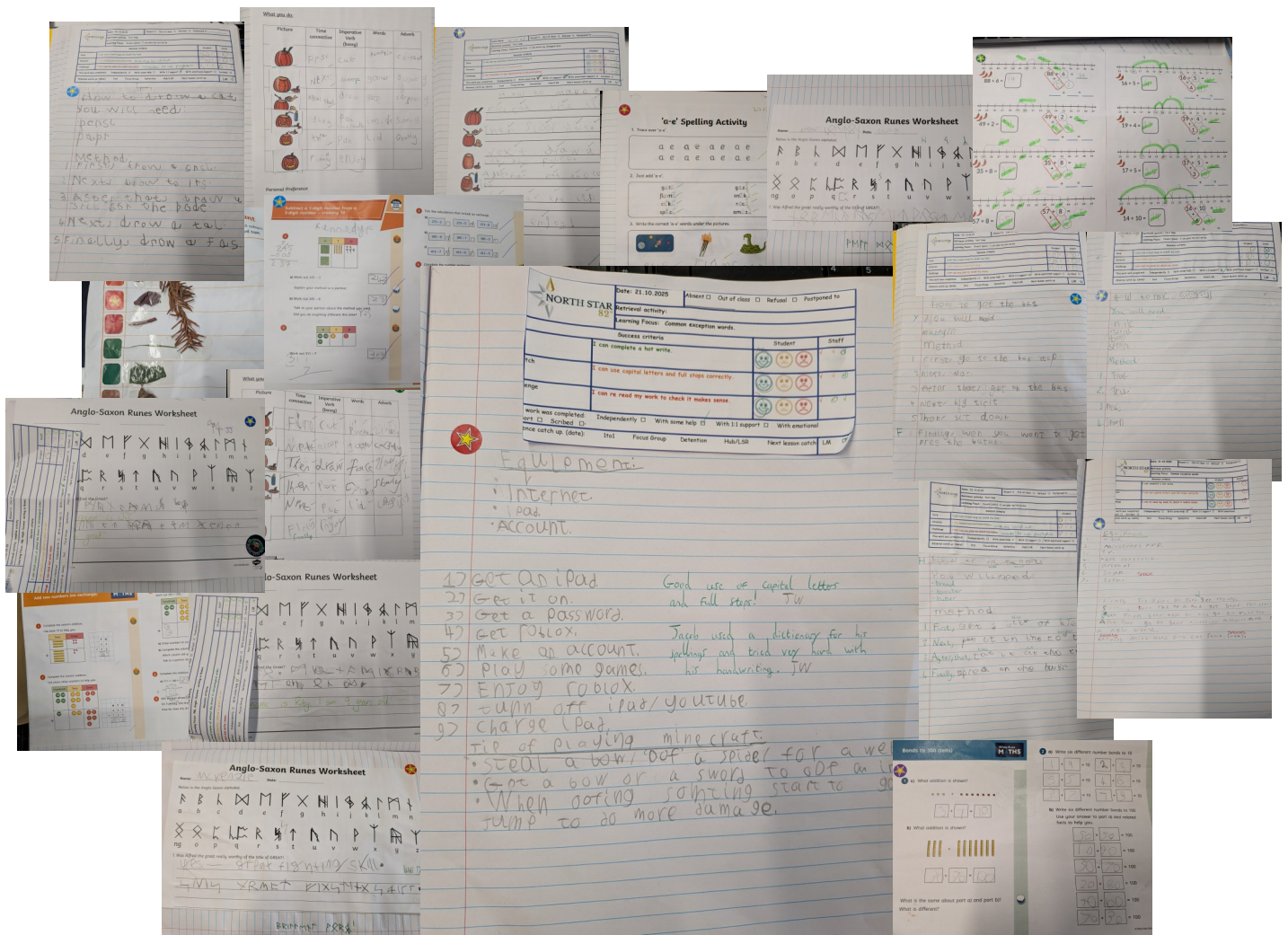
Who is this?

Can you
guess what
kind of animal
this is?

Maria from Viking Vets came to talk to 5 of our classes today. We discussed differences in skeletons, comparing different animals to humans. We were amazed at the number of ribs snakes have and the way rabbits teeth keep growing.

After this we discussed how we look after our pets at home and practiced being vets by bandaging our soft toys.

The Gold Book



This week's winner of the Gold Book is Jacob Weaver!

For you incredible instruction writing and showing pride in all your work, well done!

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Primary

Boys

- ◇ Black tailored trousers
- ◇ White school or plain polo shirt (with collar)
- ◇ Navy school jumper with logo
- ◇ Black, plain, sensible shoes
- ◇ Hijab – Navy Blue or Black



Girls

- ◇ Black school skirt
- ◇ Sensible black tights to be worn with school skirt
- ◇ Black tailored trousers
- ◇ White school or plain polo shirt (with collar)
- ◇ Navy jumper
- ◇ Black, plain, sensible shoes (open-toed or backless sandals are not appropriate)
- ◇ For safety reasons, high heels are not acceptable

Free school Meals/Pupil premium: Your child could be entitled to receive free school meals as well as pupil premium funding for the school. Please read this important letter for more information about how to claim. You can apply to see if you are eligible for Free School Meals here: [Apply for free school meals - GOV.UK](#)

If you are not entitled to free school meals a hot meal can be purchased for £2.90. Payments can be made over the phone or by sending in cash or cheque, payable to North Star Academy Trust and via Arbor app. Payments for meals are needed in advance.

Our new supplier Aspens will be taking over the catering in our school In term 2. We will keep you updated with any menu changes in due course.

A message from the office;

In the event your child is ill please contact the school office on **01173772175**. Choosing option 2 to report the absence.

If you need to update any information we hold for your child such as contact numbers or address changes you are now able to do this via the Arbor app. If you have yet to log in please visit <https://login.arbor.sc> and click **Forgot your password?** to finish setting up your account.

Year 6 Parents – Secondary School Applications

If your child was born between 1 Sept 2014 and 31 Aug 2015, they are due to start Year 7 in Sept 2026. Applications open from 12 Sept 2025 and must be submitted by 31 Oct 2025.

☐ Apply via your local council:

☐ Bristol: bristol.gov.uk/school-admissions

☐ North Somerset: n-somerset.gov.uk/school-admissions

☐ South Glos: southglos.gov.uk/school-admission [Apply for...ty Council] [School adm...y - GOV.UK]

Late applications may miss out on preferred schools. Apply early!

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FORTNITE

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 650 million registered users, Fortnite remains one of the most played and discussed online games globally. Known for its vibrant graphics, fast-paced gameplay, and cultural crossovers with everything from music artists to superhero franchises, the game continues to capture the attention of young people. This guide outlines the risks trusted adults need to know about, including game updates, and offers practical safety tips to help address them.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player, offline mode in Fortnite; it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about, both in terms of connectivity and using up data. You may find that dedicated, young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about family time or trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – limited-time cosmetic 'skins', music tracks, LEGO items, and battle passes. Children can feel pressured to spend money on V-Bucks – the in-game currency – to avoid missing out, particularly as exclusive items rotate frequently. Some items may not return to the store for years, while Battle Pass rewards are often "gone when they're gone".

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

There's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as mini-games and emotes. Guns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, so discretion is advised. Past seasons have introduced characters and references from mature franchises like The Witcher and Halo.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. Crossplay allows friends to play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC, while the Party Chat feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can put youngsters at risk of exposure to strangers, inappropriate language, and cyberbullying.

FREQUENT UPDATES

Seasonal releases introduce new map changes, gameplay mechanics, and cosmetics. Ongoing updates can increase screen time and potential for obsession as children try to unlock rewards before the season ends. These regular renewals help to hold players' interest, but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back. Seasons often change thematically.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from films and TV shows like Power Rangers and Avatar: The Last Airbender, to comic book characters including Batman. Other collaborations with series, artists, and influencers may expose children to music, language, or ideas that are more suitable for older audiences.

Advice for Parents & Educators

DISCUSS SAFE SOCIAL INTERACTION

Talk with children about who they're playing with online. Coordinate play time with the child's friends for socialisation and safety in numbers. Encourage them to avoid private voice chats with strangers and remind them not to share personal information. Use real-life examples to explain potential risks, and remind them that if they see something concerning, they should tell a trusted adult.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents to do something fun with their child, while making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game. Make sure any young player knows this.

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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