



North Crescent Primary School

Guiding Explorers of the Future

ASK FOR "MRS ANGELA"

This initiative has been set up across The Schools

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for Every Child Trust for any parent, visitor or staff member to signal that they may need help or feel unsafe. If you approach the school office or any member of staff and ask for "Mrs Angela" our staff will respond calmly, safely and discreetly to ensure your safety and offer appropriate support.

Diary Dates

Monday 9th March -
Visions & Values Day

Wednesday 11th March -
Young Carers Day

Thursday 12th March -
Athletics

Monday 23th March -
Parent Consultations

Thursday 26th March -
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Year 5 Sharing Assembly @ 2:50pm

We were thrilled to celebrate the incredible achievements of our travelling community children from Reception to Year 6 yesterday. They have been participating in a six-week movement and dance workshop with the Craig Tyler Trust. This week, they showcased the routine they have been diligently working on, and what a fantastic display it was! The energy and enthusiasm demonstrated by our students were truly inspiring. Each child brought their unique flair to the performance, highlighting the beauty of our diverse community. It was heartwarming to see parents and families come together to support and cheer for their children, fostering a sense of belonging and pride.

Scarlet is having a tricky time at school, friendship-wise and her younger brother is being annoying. She sees an advert for a 'defender of the universe' and, although she's pretty certain it's a joke, decides to apply anyway. That's how she ends up meeting a floating boy called Jasper, going aboard an invisible spaceship and meeting an egg-shaped AI robot called Bot. Scarlet now finds herself jointly in charge of defending the entire universe with Jasper, which involves encountering creatures from other planets and also dolphins wearing suits.

Book of the Week



SCARLET - Defenders of the universe
by James Davis

Huge congratulations to the following children who have been chosen as the Lead Learners.

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| Explorers | Charlie | Pathfinders 2 | Sana |
| Pathfinders 1 | Harrison | Adventurers 4 | Benny |
| Adventurers 3 | Amelia | Navigators 6 | Jack |
| Navigators 5 | Demarni | | |

Each week we celebrate the class that have shown respect for their classroom. The children really love our gold, diamante dustpan and brush award! Why don't you ask them about it?

Wow what a fabulous week we have had at school this week. It has been a busy week which included some fabulous costumes and fun activities for world book day. Such a brilliant day to celebrate the value of reading.

We also had the pleasure of taking some children trampolining which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. They looked very smart in their school PE tops and their behaviour was exceptional. Well done to everyone who took part.

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TOY SCALPING, FAKES & SCAMS

Online scalping is when individuals or groups use automated software (bots) to bulk-buy high-demand items – such as gaming consoles, concert tickets, limited-edition trainers, or exclusive merchandise – with the intention of reselling them at vastly inflated prices. It's a fast-moving online trend that can frustrate young consumers and expose them to misleading practices or financial harm. As this unethical tactic grows, it's important to help children and young people understand how scalping works and how to navigate it responsibly.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

FINANCIAL PRESSURE AND MANIPULATION

Scalpers create artificial scarcity by buying up large quantities of stock before the public has a fair chance to purchase. This drives up demand and pushes prices to extreme levels. Young people may feel intense pressure to spend more than they can afford for fear of missing out entirely.

EXPLOITATION OF FANDOMS

Scalping often targets popular releases with strong fan bases, knowing that loyal followers are emotionally invested. Children and young people may place huge value on owning certain items linked to their favourite artists, sports teams or games, making them more likely to accept unfair prices or questionable sellers.

ACCESSING UNSAFE WEBSITES

In the rush to secure rare items, young people might click through to unverified sellers, online marketplaces with little consumer protection, or even sites designed specifically to harvest personal and financial data. This can expose them to fraud, malware, and identity theft.

NORMALISING UNETHICAL BEHAVIOUR

Some influencers and online communities present scalping as a clever money-making scheme rather than an exploitative one. This can normalise dishonest behaviour and blur the line between legitimate business and opportunistic profiteering for younger audiences.

RISK OF SCAMS OR COUNTERFEIT GOODS

Not every high-priced resale is legitimate. Fraudulent sellers may take payment for goods they never send, or ship counterfeit versions of branded items. In some cases, the product may look authentic in photos but turn out to be of poor quality or completely different from what was advertised.

REINFORCING INEQUALITY

Scalping makes already expensive items even less accessible, particularly for lower-income families. Children may feel excluded from trends or shared experiences with friends if their family cannot meet the inflated prices, which can lead to with feelings of isolation and disappointment.

Advice for Parents & Educators

TALK ABOUT ONLINE FAIRNESS

Use scalping as an opportunity to discuss fairness, consumer ethics, and how some people exploit markets for profit. Encouraging children to think critically about whether they truly need an item – and at what cost – can help them make more considered decisions.

SUPPORT INFORMED PURCHASING

Show children how to check seller credentials, read independent reviews, and verify whether a site is secure before making any payment. Knowing how to spot red flags, such as unrealistic promises or missing contact details, can prevent costly mistakes.

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ENCOURAGE PATIENCE OVER IMPULSE

Teach young people to wait for official restocks or future releases instead of paying over the odds. Many products come back into circulation, and patience can save significant amounts of money while reducing the likelihood of falling victim to scams.

SET SPENDING BOUNDARIES

Establish clear rules for online spending, including limits on prepaid cards, gaming gift cards, and online wallets. Discuss the real-world value of money spent on digital or collector's items so children understand the long-term impact of their purchases.

Source: See full reference list on guide page at:



**New
Venue**

Free SEND Coffee Morning @ The Community Space

with parenting support sessions



with guests from

THE LIGHTHOUSE

Thursday 12th March 2026
10am-11.30am

Current status
Referrals - ICB
Wait Times
Right to Choose
Access within the
Community
Q & A

Signposting to new
Support lines
Speech Physio
Jigsaw Specialist Health
Visitor
Physio Drop in Sessions
- When & Where

Free to attend and no need to book

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