



HOPTON C OF E PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

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News

Welcome back!

As of today, our school is now Hopton C of E Primary Academy. Being part of the Elveden Schools Trust gives us a lot of opportunities and I am so excited to be on this journey with all of you. It has been lovely to see you all coming through the gates this month. We will plan a celebration of joining the trust soon and will have a Vision day where we can share more about our logo, our vision and the values of the school. We have been working with the Diocese to support us with this.

We had our Harvest Festival at the Church yesterday and it was lovely to see some of our families. The children worked hard on learning the songs and their readings and did a fantastic job. Thank you for all your lovely donations which we will share with those in need. We look forward to more events like these soon!

Mrs Whiting – Head of School



Welcome from the Trust

On behalf of the entire Trust, I am delighted to welcome Hopton C of E Primary Academy into our family of schools. We are excited to begin this new chapter together and continue to provide an excellent education for our children.

Joining the Trust brings opportunities to share expertise, collaborate with colleagues across schools and strengthen the values that unite us. Most importantly, it allows us to work together to ensure that every child in our care thrives, achieves their potential and develops a love of learning.

We look forward to working with pupils, parents and the wider community to establish strong relationships and we are excited for the future.

Mrs Rourke
Chief Executive Officer , Elveden Schools Trust



European Day of Languages

The children had a fabulous day last Friday, learning new words, trying new goods and learning new songs from other cultures. The children also made paintings, looking at landmarks in different countries. We look forward to more themed days like this.

We also held our non-uniform day to raise donations for our Chocolate Tombola. Thank you so much for this and we look forward to planning our Christmas Fayre. If you would like to be involved in planning this event, then please do contact the school office.



Enrichment

We are looking at ways to enrich our curriculum. If you have a job or interest, such as African drumming, brickwork or anything else that you would like to share with our school, then please do come and speak to us. We would love to have adults from the local area enrich our curriculum so please do come and tell us your skills! We are currently planning different events, trips and visitors and would love you to help us shape this.

HOPTON SCHOOL COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

OUR SCHOOL NEEDS SOME TLC TO MAKE IT A PLACE OUR
CHILDREN ARE PROUD TO BE. WE ARE ASKING OUR
LOCAL COMMUNITY IF YOU CAN SPARE SOME TIME TO
HELP WITH PAINTING WALLS, CLEANING FURNITURE,
AND TIDYING OUTSIDE SPACE.

IF YOU CAN HELP ON ONE OR BOTH OF OUR COMMUNITY
DAYS, PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL ON:

ADMIN@HOPTON.SUFFOLK.SCH.UK

OR TELEPHONE
01953 681449

SORRY, WE ARE UNABLE TO HAVE CHILDREN ON SITE DURING THIS TIME.

Friday 24
October

Saturday 25
October



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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