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Dear parents and carers,

I have been a very proud headteacher this week! Lots of classes were out on visits – Year 4 to the Barbican, Year 5 to St Andrew's Church, Year 2 to London Zoo and Year 4 to St Winifred's School. On all occasions, we have had such fantastic feedback about how polite and well behaved the children have been. They really are a credit to Torridon and excellent ambassadors for the school. Well done and thank you to everyone.

The children have been thinking about Road Safety this week and have been talking about ways in which we can make the roads around Torridon safer and more environmentally friendly. They designed posters and fliers and some have written letters in protest of the unsafe parking around the school. I am very pleased to inform you that Lewisham Council have decided to go ahead with the plan for a Torridon 'School Street' next term. They have written to you separately with more information and contact details if you have any questions. Thank you again for all your support with this matter. It is greatly appreciated.

Next week, as part of Disability Awareness Month, children will be learning about significant people who have overcome adversity to become leaders in their field. Artists, musicians, athletes and actors will be featured – ask your children who they have been studying.

As always, I hope you have a very nice weekend.

Best wishes

Manda George

Headteacher



## PTA School Disco

**FRIENDS OF TORRIDON PTA PRESENTS...**

**CLUB TORRIDON**

**DISCO** 

**THURSDAY 7TH  
DECEMBER**

**4:00-5:00PM**

**NURSERY/  
RECEPTION  
YEARS 3 + 4**

**5.30-6.30PM**

**YEARS 1 + 2  
YEARS 5 + 6**

**FEATURING:**

**DJ MR SWITCH (BIG FISH, LITTLE FISH)**

**DJ OZI**

**KS2 TUCK SHOP**

**PARENTS CAFÉ**

**TICKETS £2 AVAILABLE ON PARENTPAY**

We need help and support on the night to help the event run smoothly, please see the link below. If anyone has any disco lights or party accessories to donate or lend we would be most grateful!

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf\\_I4roLpPJ4JWrYE0vFLfq2ddfOCcmCZKfv9oP6QgSwFbUxA/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf_I4roLpPJ4JWrYE0vFLfq2ddfOCcmCZKfv9oP6QgSwFbUxA/viewform)

# Challenge Greenhouse



Thank you to all who have donated their empty 2 litre plastic bottles this week-so far, we have collected 304!

Only 1196 to go!!








## Parent and Carer Workshops

We are pleased to share the dates of further upcoming parent and carer meetings and workshops. Next half term, you are invited to attend reading workshops to learn more about how we teach reading at Torridon.

Spring 1	
9.00 on Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Y1 and Y2 Reading
9.00 on Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Y3 and Y4 Reading
9.00 on Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Y5 and Y6 Reading



## Weekly Attendance

Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance		Class	Attendance	
1M	90%		3A	96%		5C	93%	
1N	95%		3G	88%		5L	98%	
1W	94%		3S	93%		5S	97%	
2S	100%		4A	98%		6A	94%	
2SW	100%		4L	98%		6C	87%	
2V	99%		4S	96%		6L	90%	

A big congratulations to everyone who achieved close to 100% attendance! It is extremely important that children attend school every day to enable them to make progress and achieve. Just one day's absence can mean that children find it difficult to keep up with their learning for the rest of the week or longer. Our attendance target is 97%. Thank you for your support in ensuring your child is in school every day.



# Road Safety Posters



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IDLING!



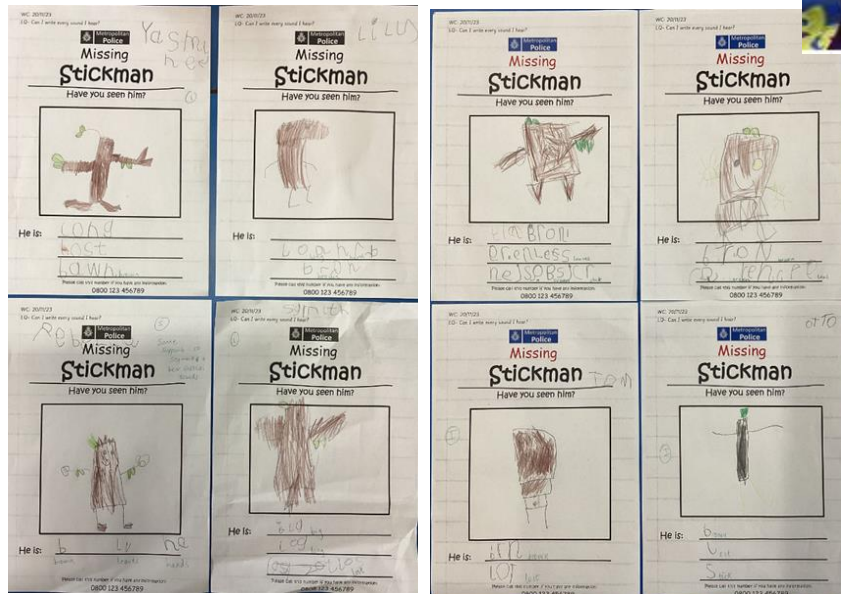
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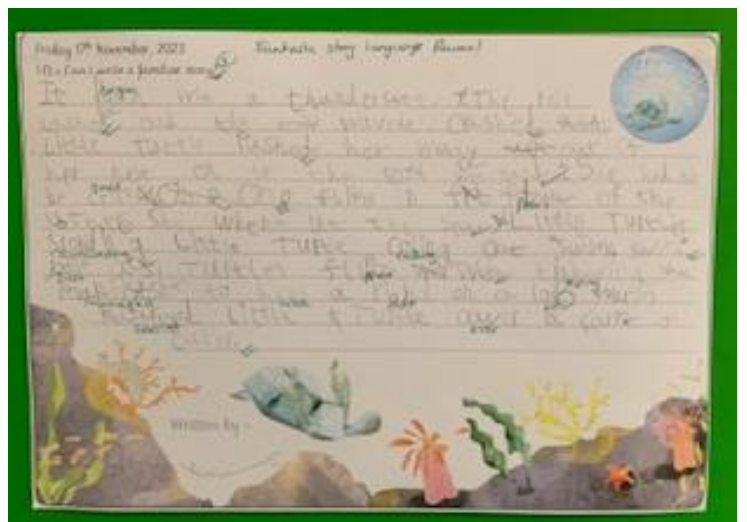


# Stick Man Goes Missing In Reception!

As part of our Topic learning this week, Reception have been on a mission to find the missing Stick Man. We created 'Missing' posters, using our most descriptive language, and put these up all around the school. We are very pleased to say Stick Man has been found and safely returned to school. Take a look at some of our Stick Man and nature-inspired learning...



## Year 1 Writing



In year 1, we have been learning all about how plastic pollution is endangering the wildlife in our oceans. This week we wrote our own retellings of 'Little Turtle and the Sea' by Becky Davies. We focused on using powerful adjectives in our versions and describing settings effectively.



## Year 2 – Visit to London Zoo



This week Year 2 had a fabulous time on their school trip to London Zoo! We did a lot of walking as we explored the 'Into Africa' part of the zoo. Throughout the day we saw a range of animals including hippos, giraffes, zebras, monkeys and even some tigers! The children and staff had a wonderful time.



## Year 3 – River Thames

Year 3 have continued finding out about the journey of a river. We have been carrying out research, using a range of media, to look specifically at the journey of the River Thames. This knowledge is going to support our non-fiction writing. In groups, we made actions for the new vocabulary and turned this knowledge into a dance or a piece of drama.





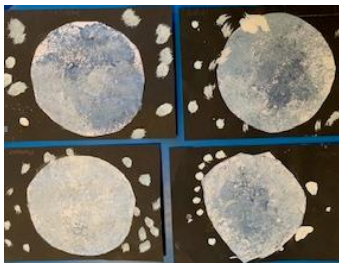
## Year 4 Climate Network Meeting

On Tuesday, we attended a Climate Network Meeting, which was organised by Lewisham Council and hosted by St Winifred's RC Primary School. At this meeting, children from different primary schools in Lewisham met together to showcase what they are doing in their schools to tackle climate change and reduce the carbon footprint in schools.

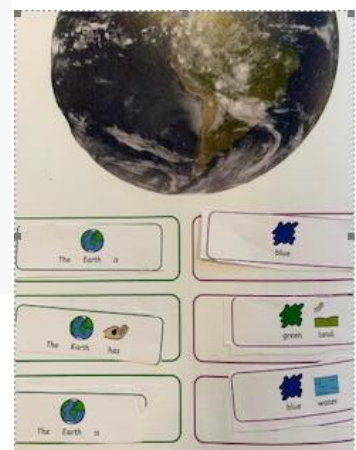
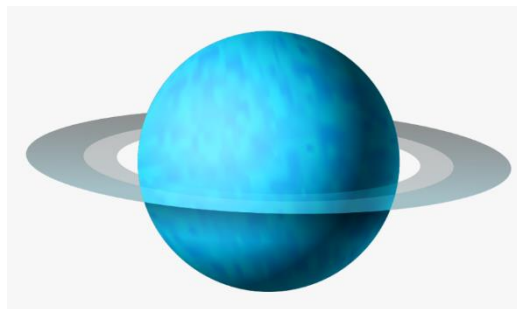
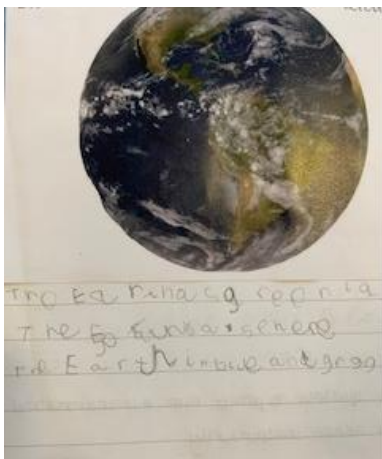


We enjoyed looking at the different things that they have done at St Winifred's. We were particularly impressed with their kitchen garden which was built by staff, parents and pupils. We came back to school bursting with ideas for things that we can do at Torridon.

## Resource Base Learning



Resource Base have enjoyed learning about planets this week. We have produced fantastic art work of Neptune. We also used descriptive vocabulary to describe the surface of the moon. In our writing lessons we wrote some facts about the Earth. Have a look at our wonderful writing.





## Year 5 Visit to St Andrew's Church

Year 5 had a wonderful time visiting St Andrew's Church on Tuesday! It was an informative session where children found out about what Christian beliefs. They were super engaged and asked so many questions! The children walked around the church to view the sparkling Christmas Tree Festival and listened to the Torridon String Ensemble too.



*"We would like to thank you very much for bringing the children from Torridon School to St. Andrew's yesterday. It was a real joy to have them with us and we were amazed at their attentiveness, wonderful behaviour and excellent questions. A real credit to their school and teachers." - Nicole (a member of the ministry team).*



## St Andrew's Church Tree Festival

Here are the remaining date and times to visit St Andrews Tree Festival:

Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	10am-6pm	Main Festival 12-12:30pm – Bring Me Sunshine 1-3pm – Bromley Concert Band
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	10am	Family service





## Year 6 Unity Trip

Year 6 Unity dancers visited the Royal Opera House last week as visitors to watch the company Ballet Black during their technical rehearsal.

The children watched the dancers perform two pieces. One of the works was the basis for a workshop that happened at school earlier this year. The children were able to sample ballet technique and learn repertoire from the current season of choreography.

An opportunity to watch the dance live and see the dancers up close on stage at the opera made for a mesmerising, inspiring and unforgettable experience.



## Park Run

A brand new junior park run has started at Forster Memorial Park every Sunday morning at 9am.

Parkrun is a free, fun, and friendly weekly 2k event for juniors (4 to 14 year olds).

Please register by clicking the link below:

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/forstermemorialpark-juniors/>



## String Ensemble Performance



The string ensemble performed as part of the Christmas Tree Festival at St. Andrew's church to an appreciative year 5 and parental audience.

Well done to all the performers who ranged in year from reception up to year 6 and a special mention for Oshie, who bravely performed a solo.

## Holiday and Food (HAF) Vouchers

This holiday, all families who receive benefit related free school meals will be sent a HAF Code via text or email. This code will replace the old booking system to ensure families who require support during the holidays have access first to booking their child a place. Please note spaces are given on a first come first serve. There are lots of activities to choose from. Book now to avoid disappointment. If you require attentional support contact [HAFProgramme@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:HAFProgramme@lewisham.gov.uk)

HAF camps are completely FREE for children who qualify for Benefit Related Free school meals, places are extremely limited. Paid for places are also available here: <https://form.jotform.com/231635873399369>





## ★ Stars Of The Week ★

Class	Name	Reason
Nursery FT	Aziah-King	He is fantastic when we have been retelling the story 'We're going on a bear hunt.' Well done, Aziah-King 😊
Nursery AM	Asmithaa	She is growing in confidence when she is playing with her friends in Nursery. Well done, Asmithaa 😊
Nursery PM	Asma	She is growing in confidence and is joining in with carpet sessions. Well done, Asma 😊
Blue Class	Ambrosio	For working so hard on writing and reading his tricky words. Well done Ambrosio!
Red Class	Josiah	For his fantastic efforts during phonics! Josiah has been trying his best to be independent. Well done! 😊
Yellow Class	Edith	For working hard on her phonics and writing and for always trying her best. Well done!
1M	Wilbur	For his creative ideas during our writing lessons and for his positive attitude to learning. Keep it up Wilbur! 😊
1N	Ilakkiya	For always setting a great example to others with her behaviour, always doing her best and always spreading happiness with her positivity 😊
1W	Kasper	For working very hard to produce his best learning in lessons. He has grown in confidence over the term, especially in maths. Keep it up! Well done Kasper 😊
2S	All of 2S!	For their exemplary behaviour whilst on our school trip! You were all so amazing and were a great representation of our school 😊
2SW	Anice	For always trying her best and producing her own fantastic version of the Greedy Zebra story. Well done Anice! 😊
2V	Maleena	For focusing during her lesson and independently producing a written piece of learning. Well done, Maleena, I am so proud of you. 😊
3G	Aadhiran	For his dedication to improving his presentation. Congratulations on getting your pen licence! 😊
3S	Nadjah	For making a positive start to her learning at Torridon. Well done!
4A	Edie	For explaining your reasoning really clearly in maths.
4S	Selina	For always setting high expectations for herself and following adults' guidance on how to improve even further. Her written answers to reading questions are excellent because she uses evidence in the text to explain fully.
5C	Isla	For taking the time out to do something nice for her classmates as well as contributing some lovely ideas during class discussion! Well done!
5L	Callie-Rose	For your outstanding attitude towards reading. You have a love for reading and show excellent commitment to your reading outside of school. Well done!
5S	Aksha	She always maintains a positive attitude towards her learning across the curriculum. Her willingness and commitment to assisting and helping her peers is commendable and fosters a supportive learning environment for all. Well done!
6A	Abshitha	For being an excellent role model for the class. She takes a lot of pride in her learning and is always looking for avenues to challenge herself.
6C	Katelyn	For her excellent attitude to learning and approaching all areas of her learning with a great sense of commitment and enthusiasm.
6L	Maha	For a fantastic start to year 6. You have already demonstrated the core values of respect, excellence and community. Well Done!
RB Blue	Isaiah	Well done for always being a great friend to others.
RB Green	Knox	Well done for really focused learning this week. You have had a fantastic first week at Torridon.

## Dates For Your Diary

Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00 Boys' Football Match
Week beginning 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Disability awareness week
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	9.00 Girls' Football Match
Week beginning 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school assessment week
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Resource Base trip – Bowling Festival
	4.00pm IRIE Dance performance
	3.30pm Whole school art exhibition
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 Create and Dance Digital Celebration – Royal Opera House live streaming event.
	Year 5/6 netball tournament
	3.30pm Whole school art exhibition
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	School Disco (PTA event)
	Year 5/6 futsal tournament
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00 Boys' Football Match
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3/4 Athletics Tournament
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4 to National Maritime Museum
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am or 2.15pm Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance
	Year 5/6 Athletics Tournament
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00 Year 1 Christmas assembly
	2.45 Year 2 Christmas assembly
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00 Year 3 Christmas assembly
	2.45 Year 4 Christmas assembly
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	9.00 Year 5 Christmas assembly
	2.45 Year 6 Christmas assembly
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas jumper day
	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term – 2pm finish
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December to Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b>
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>First day of spring term</b>
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	NCMP height and weight screening (TBC)
	9.00 Year 1 and 2 reading workshop for parents and carers
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>INSET Day</b>
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	9.00 Year 3 and 4 reading workshop for parents and carers
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00 Year 5 and 6 reading workshop for parents and carers
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	WORLD BOOK DAY
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	International Womens' Day
Week beginning 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole school assessment week
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Open evenings for parents and carers
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of term – 2pm finish
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 6 Easter school
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of the summer term



# Moon Lane Christmas Pop - Up



Saturday 2nd, Sunday 3rd & Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th December

This December we are excited to be hosting a variety of talented local and independent creatives as part of our 2023 Christmas Pop-Up!

Stop by and browse through a collection of stunning handcrafted jewellery, toys, ceramics, and other wonderful gifts created by local artists this holiday season.

\*The artists will be located in the rooms upstairs\*

## Irie Dance Showcase Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 4pm

This term Zozo and Ni Boye from Irie Dance Theatre have been working with Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 children during the African and Caribbean afterschool dance club every Tuesday. This term the children have learnt two traditional Ghanaian dances and vocal call and response. They are ready to perform! Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December parents and carers are invited to watch and join in from 4pm in Year3/4 Hall.



Also this week children took part in taster assemblies to enable them all to experience African and Caribbean dance and drumming with the education team from Irie Dance theatre. The club continues in January, if your child would like to participate from January, details and payment will be available via parent pay. Each term ends with a showing of work created during the club.



# Community Events



Please click below to see the winter edition Raring2Go:

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/lewishamandgreenwich/winter2023/>

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STARTING ON 4TH DECEMBER

## WORKOUT SESSIONS

LOWER BODY PUMP DANCEHALL/AFROBEATS  
MONDAYS | 6PM-7PM

HIIT/CIRCUITS  
THURSDAYS | 6PM-7PM

INDOORS BOOTCAMP  
SATURDAYS | 8AM-9AM

£10 PER CLASS OR £16 FOR 2 CLASSES  
St Mark's Church Hall, Baudwin Road, SE6 1RN



FOR INFO AND BOOKINGS CONTACT 07471441823



**Bellingham Community Project Charity**  
*'Helping build healthy, happy, lives'.*

## Fun Play

for

### Children with Special Educational Needs

At the Bellingham Leisure and Lifestyle Centre  
 5 Randlesdown Road, Bellingham SE6 3BQ

<p><b>For children under 5</b> 9.30 am – 10.30 am</p>	<p><b>For children aged 5-8</b> 10.30am – 11.30 am</p>
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*Come and join us on any of the dates below - booking required!*

Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023  
 Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023  
 Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 2023  
 Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023  
 Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov 2023  
 Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023

This is a dedicated session, and the fun play area will be closed to the public. To book a place or for more information please email [bcp@bcp.uk.net](mailto:bcp@bcp.uk.net) or call/text 02084612213/07549433963. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Please note that the accompanying adult will be expected to remain with the child at all times.



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# Online Safety

## Top Tips for Safer Online Shopping on

# BLACK FRIDAY AND CYBER MONDAY

Black Friday and Cyber Monday have become established as two of the year's biggest shopping events, giving consumers the opportunity to snap up a stash of stunning bargains. While this is generally good news, of course, the resultant retail frenzy can lead to people dropping their guard – especially online. In previous years, a seasonal surge in cyber-crime has seen schemes such as phishing emails and credit card scams being unleashed on unwary buyers. Our guide has some essential pointers on keeping your details – and your money – safe while you shop.

### ENSURE A SITE'S SECURE

Before inputting sensitive information (like your card details) into a website, check that the site's secure. The key thing is to look for a padlock symbol in the address bar and check that the URL begins with "https://" – the "s" indicates that the web address has been encrypted with an SSL certificate. Without that, any data entered on the site could be intercepted by criminal third parties.

### TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS

If a deal seems too good to be true, then it probably is. Be especially wary if a site offering unbelievable discounts doesn't look professional (for example, if it's covered with pop-up adverts or it looks particularly outdated) – this often serves as a red flag that the seller might not be entirely trustworthy. Minimise risk by sticking with well-known, reputable retailers instead.

### REVIEW BANK STATEMENTS

Even if you've followed all our tips, it's probably worth checking your next bank statement for any unusual transactions. Criminals know that on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, lots of people make numerous purchases online; they're hoping that any stolen money will get lost in the crowd of other transactions. If you see a payment or payee you can't identify, raise it with your bank straight away.

### BEWARE OF SUSPICIOUS EMAILS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday often bring a significant spike in phishing emails, as criminals use the events' sense of urgency as cover for stealing personal information. Even if they look legitimate, be wary of emails requiring you to do something unusual or suspicious: providing your personal details in exchange for access to last-minute deals, for example, or clicking on a link to an unfamiliar site.

### CHECK IT'S THE REAL DEAL

It's not just cybercriminals you need to be wary of. Research has shown that some online retailers increase the price of certain items in the weeks before Black Friday and Cyber Monday – enabling them to then advertise "discounts" (which, in reality, have simply restored the cost to normal levels). Use an online price comparison tool to verify whether these "reductions" truly equate to a saving.

### MINIMISE MICROTRANSACTIONS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday promotions extend to digital items as well as physical ones. Some gaming companies will offer discounts on in-app and in-game microtransactions such as loot boxes. If you're concerned about how much your child might spend on these upgrades, you can restrict their ability to make purchases (via their device's settings) or remove any linked payment methods.

### SET STURDY PASSWORDS

A strong, unique password is one of the most straightforward ways to protect yourself from cyber-crime. As most of us have multiple online shopping accounts, it can be tempting to use the same password for them all – but this puts your personal data at greater risk. You could try using a password manager to create a different, robust password for each online retailer that you visit.

### DITCH THE DEBIT CARD

Where possible, it's safest to shop online with a credit card (as opposed to a debit card) because it offers additional protection. If a purchase is made fraudulently on your credit card, there's a fair chance of your bank reimbursing you. Should criminals obtain your debit card details, however, they could empty your account in moments – and it can be difficult to recover your money.

### RESIST THE INFLUENCE

Recommendations from social media influencers are another thing to remain vigilant for on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. While many of these will be legitimate, remember that influencers are often paid to promote products – and to publicise deals that aren't quite as amazing as they might seem. Don't feel pressured into buying purely on their advice; look at everything with a critical eye.

### TAKE CARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media scammers are more active on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, as they know people are hunting for deals online. These scammers tend to concentrate on platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, posting malicious links that can compromise shoppers' personal details. Other scammers, meanwhile, falsely advertise products in an attempt to trick users out of their hard-earned cash.

### Meet Our Expert

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