



Matthew's C.E (Aided) Primary School and Nursery Centre



'I can do all things because Christ gives me strength' Philippians 4:13

Friday Feature: 21st November 2024

This half-term we are focusing on the Christian Value of Thankfulness

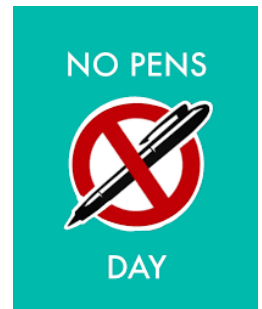


'Always be thankful' 1 Thessalonians 5.16

No Pens Day—Wednesday November 27th

No Pens Day is an exciting fundraiser taking place on Wednesday November 27th, 2024! It's a chance for children to put their pens down, talk, listen, and take part in lots of pen-free activities, all whilst having fun raising valuable funds for Speech and Language UK.

We are asking children to wear their own clothes in the exchange of a £1 donation.



Debate Team

"On Friday 22nd November, the Debate Team (Alfie, Daphne, Deakin and Jessica with Mrs Cadman and Mrs Barfield) went to St George's school, to take part in the Telford and Wrekin RE Debate 2024.



There were six schools debating a range of topics, this included: should year six get detention? should animals be kept in zoos? and should we eat meat? Jessica opened our opposing argument by telling everyone about the environmental impact of eating meat, then Alfie addressed the room and told them about the health risks that come with eating too much meat, Deakin then pointed out the religious factors that would make individuals vegetarians / vegans and finally Daphne informed every one of the health benefits of a plant-based diet. Some of us were feeling nervous before our turn however we overcame our fears and felt very proud of ourselves.

Despite us having a very strong argument, the room was full of meat eaters and only two vegans, so it was challenging to change their mindset. We all had a great time and loved representing our school."

By Alfie, Jessica, Deakin and Daphne.



Nursery

Nursery and Reception enjoyed playing in the snow on the field during their Wild Tribe session this week! They ran and jumped, made snow angels and even had a little snowball fight!



Weekly prayer

Father God

Thank you for making Adam
And Eve

I am thankful for my life.

Thank you for being there when we need
you the most.

Amen



By 3 St Cecilia

Pupils of the Week

Nursery	Neveah
Reception :St Francis	Zaydan
R/1: St Teresa	Blue-Rose
1/2: St Nicholas	Robin
2: St Joseph	Harrison
3: St Cecilia	Lucas
3/4: St Sophia	Joshua
4/5: St Kateri	Affino
5/6: St Thomas	Logan
6: St Padre	Yaw



Readers of the Week



Reception :St Francis	Oliver
R/1: St Teresa	Gurkirat
1/2: St Nicholas	Lillie
2: St Joseph	Taiah
3: St Cecilia	Shyla
3/4: St Sophia	Stanley
4/5: St Kateri	Favour
5/6: St Thomas	Joel
6 St Padre	Akifa

Attendance Award

This week the attendance
award has gone to Mr
Skelton's class again!



P.E. Days

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Miss Edwards R/1 Miss Blocksidge 2 Mr Doughty 3/4 Mr Skelton 4/5	Miss Williams R Miss Plant 1/2 Miss Blocksidge 2	Miss Edwards R/1 Mrs Wyre 3 Mrs Barfield 5/6	Miss Williams R Mr Skelton 4/5 Mrs Barfield 5/6 Mr Bailey—6	Miss Plant 1/2 Mrs Wyre 3 Mr Doughty 3/4

Parent Code of Conduct

We are currently writing a Parent Code of Conduct as there have sadly been a few instances of verbal abuse against staff.

Can we please ask that you speak to all staff respectfully.

We will provide you with a copy of the policy when it is completed.

If you have any concerns or issues please make an appointment at the school office to speak to your child's class teacher.

Nursery Appeal

If anyone has any outgrown spare clothes for nursery we would be very grateful. Particularly socks and trousers/ joggers.

Emailing Staff

Please can we respectfully ask that parents do not email teachers direct as these may get missed. Please email the school office on A3358@taw.org.uk. Thank you

Future Dates

27th Nov		No Pens Mufti Day £1 donation
5th Dec	4.30pm	Carols by Candlelight
11th Dec	2pm	Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance
12th Dec	2pm	KS1 Christmas Performance
13th Dec	9.30am	KS1 Christmas Performance
16th Dec	9.30am	KS2 Christmas Performance
17th Dec	2pm	KS2 Christmas Performance
18th Dec		Christmas Dinner day
19th Dec		Christmas Party Day
20th Dec	Last day of school	
6th Jan	Back to school	



Message from the NHS Health Hub

Teaching good hygiene habits

Parents/carers are urged to encourage good hygiene habits in their families, such as handwashing and using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes. Regularly washing hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds or using hand sanitiser when convenient, is one of the most effective ways to stop the spread of germs.

Knowing when to keep your child at home and when to send them to school

Children are encouraged to stay in school or nursery with symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat or slight cough (if otherwise well and do not have a high temperature), but should stay at home if they feel too unwell to attend and/or if they have a fever. They should stay home until the fever has passed and they are well enough to attend. If they have diarrhoea and/or vomiting they should stay home for at least 48 hours after these symptoms clear up. Let the school know if your child is diagnosed with other illnesses such as scarlet fever and they can advise you how for long your child should stay off school.

Stopping the spread of stomach bugs

Stomach bugs spread easily in schools and nurseries. If you or your child have diarrhoea and/or vomiting, washing hands with soap and warm water and using bleach-based products to clean surfaces will help stop infections from spreading. Don't prepare food for others if you have such symptoms or for 48 hours after symptoms stop. If you are unwell, you should also avoid visiting people in hospitals and care homes to avoid passing on the infection to those more vulnerable. It's important not to return to school, nursery or work until 48 hours after symptoms have stopped.

Getting vaccinated

Infections such as flu, which see a seasonal increase in winter, are easily protected against with vaccination. All primary school age children, those aged 2 years (who have turned 2 years old before the 1 September 2024) all 3 year olds and secondary school children from Year 7 to Year 11 are eligible for the flu vaccine. This will protect the children themselves, the school community and elderly relatives.

It's also important to ensure your children are up-to-date with their routine vaccinations, which protect against diseases such as measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria and polio. If you are unsure of your child's vaccination status, you can check their "red book" or contact their GP.

NHS UK also provides easily accessible guidance for parents to [help manage winter illness at home](#).

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

YOUTUBE

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if 'auto-play' is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

HIGH VISIBILITY

Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The painful 'salt and ice challenge', which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

Advice for Parents & Carers

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from chancing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.

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TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator online. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.

MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.

LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child happily devouring a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!

Meet Our Expert

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