



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

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



'Encourage one another and build each other up' - Thessalonians 5.11'

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are focusing on our Christian Value of Friendship throughout school, encouraging everyone to be a 'good friend' to each other. Next week the children will be discussing the focus in class worship and creating a poster to share with the rest of the school. We will share some of these next week. Year 6 children are working on putting a presentation together for the whole school and to share with their parents. We will let you know more about this soon.

Online Safety

Attached is some information about YouTube for parents and carers. Please discuss the use of YouTube with your child/children to ensure they are safe online and only accessing age appropriate material. Further advice can be found at:

Want expert advice?
www.childnet.com/parents-carers-advice

Bikeability

Year 5 and 6 children had the opportunity to take part in Bikeability this week. They all had great fun and learnt some important skills. Below is a write-up by Year 5:

Stage 1 : for stage one of Bikeability we had to learnt how to do a safe start and stop. Next, we learnt how to indicate for 3 seconds. We learnt how to stand up on our bikes and do a slow ride ready for a u-turn in stage 2.

Stage 2 : in the afternoon of day 1 we went outside of school and on the roads. We learnt how to do a u-turn safely and ride in single file next to the curb. We went on the roads and continued onto a T-junction and rode into it and out. Lastly we did something called "sausage and mash".



Weekly prayer



Dearest Father God,

In our world there are people with hate and some who suffer,

Some with greed and some with jealousy.

Please help the homeless, the people with poverty and the dishonest too.

Help our hands to do all things loving, kind and true as we follow your lead in being a better person.

Amen

By 3 4 St Sophia

Pupils of the Week and Readers of the Week



Readers

Reception :St Francis	Aisha and Oliver	Robin
R/1: St Teresa	Freddie and Florence	Luca
1/2: St Nicholas	Jayda and Fiddo	Jacob
2: St Joseph	Ayla-Grace and Yumi	Ayla-Grace
3: St Cecilia	Luca and Isabelle	Oscar
3/4: St Sophia	Roxy and Misha	Ryan
4/5: St Kateri	Bluebelle and Alfie	Milosz
5/6: St Thomas	Kenan and Shantel	Christodia
6: St Padre	Kadie and Isabella	Skyla

Commandos of the Week

Monday	Compassion	Jacob
Tuesday	Perseverance	Jasper
Wednesday	Trust	Emelie
Thursday	Respect	Ben

Future dates/events

29 and 30 April	Year 2 to Kingswood
6 May	Bank Holiday
22 to 24 May	Year 6 to Arthog
27 to 31 May	Half term
3 June	PD Day
28 June	Nursery and Reception Sports Carousel— 9.30am
4 July	KS1 Sports Day—am
5 July	KS2 Sports Day—pm
17 July	Year 6 Prom—5.30 til 7pm
18 July	Year 6 Graduation— 9.30am
19 July	Break up for summer

Parent Mail

We are slowly getting to grips with Parent mail.

The only function available at present is Miss Fenn's before and after school club—and only booking from May.

We will let you know as soon as it is available for school dinners.

On the subject of school dinners, please note that these are now £2.60 per day.

PE Days

	Indoor	Outdoor
Nursery	Monday	Monday
Reception	Friday	
R1 Miss Jeffreys	Tuesday	Wednesday
12 Miss Plant	Tuesday	Friday
2 Miss Blocksidge	Wednesday	Monday
3 Miss Hawthorn	Friday	Wednesday
34 Mrs Wyre	Wednesday	Thursday
45 Mrs Barfield	Thursday	Monday
56 Mrs Hulme	Monday	Friday
6 Mr Bailey	Thursday	Wednesday

Please ensure children are wearing school PE kit, hair is tied back and ear-rings are not worn.

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.



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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National Online Safety

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