

News and events

Friday 27th May

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today in our Celebration Collective Worship we celebrated Isabel (Voyagers) for the value of hope, Noah (Discoverers) for the value of wisdom, Daisy (Explorers) for the value of wisdom and Imogen (Shooting Stars) for the value of thankfulness. Congratulations to them all.



As we reflect on a short but extremely busy Term 5, we are already aware that Term 6 looks even busier! The first week back starts as the rest of the term continues, with many different events. Week 1 sees our Year 6 dance leaders being trained to support the KS1 Dance Festival. Also, KS2 are attending the Jubilee celebration in Trowbridge Park, and the whole school is taking part in Sky Arts 'Access All Arts' event and the NSPCC's Big Breaktime. Finally, we are ending the week with all our school community coming together for our own Jubilee Tea Party. What an incredible start to the final term of the year!

Finally, thank you FOWAS for arranging the discos this evening. It was wonderful to see so many different dance moves, smiling faces, beautiful dresses, smart shirts and plenty of hair gel!

I do hope you enjoy the break, especially the Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Blake-Thwaite

Important dates for your diary

7th June - KS2 taking part in Trowbridge Jubilee event

7th June - meeting for current Y4 and 5 regarding school residential

10th June 3pm - Jubilee picnic on the school field

13th June - class photo

14th June Shooting Stars trip

17th June - doughnuts for Dads in the hall at 2:15pm

23rd June - KS1 dance festival at The Forum, Bath

1st Thursday of each month - Pre-loved school uniform for sale in the library

This week's attendance

Highest attendance class:

Shooting Stars Reception
- 100%

Lost learning: 115 hrs

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about CROSS-PLATFORM SHARING OF INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Creepy characters like Slender Man or Huggy Wuggy. Dangerous online challenges. Songs or videos that aren't suitable for youngsters. When things like these begin trending online, it can be difficult to prevent children accidentally stumbling across them – especially if they use a range of platforms, like online games, social media, streaming sites or messaging apps. A trend can originate in one online space and rapidly spread to other platforms or via chat apps. The frightening Huggy Wuggy character, for instance, first emerged as part of a game on Steam; now there are parody songs on TikTok, videos on YouTube and more than 45,000 results for #huggywuggy on Instagram.

UNSUITABLE VIDEOS AND IMAGES

Anyone can upload footage to a video-sharing platform, which has resulted in clips that appear age-appropriate but actually aren't so innocent. The audience for Peppa Pig, for instance, is very young – but there have been reports of Peppa cartoons with extreme violence spliced into them. Likewise, footage of the razor-toothed game character Huggy Wuggy has been inserted into numerous child-friendly videos (even on YouTube kids), scaring many young viewers.

INAPPROPRIATE LANGUAGE

On a similar theme, there is always the possibility that user-uploaded video content could include language which really isn't suitable for children. The on-screen imagery may look child friendly, but if your child is wearing headphones, then you'll remain unaware of what is being said: some videos have featured songs containing explicit language or characters graphically describing violence.

COPIES OF LIVE STREAMS

Social media and messaging apps can inadvertently spread extremely harmful content very quickly. Footage of violent attacks (such as the recent Buffalo supermarket shootings) can often be viewed on multiple platforms as people start to share the video. Moderators try to react swiftly to remove upsetting content, but the rate at which it goes viral makes it difficult to prevent the spread completely.

ACCIDENTAL EXPOSURE

Even if your child doesn't have access to social media platforms or video-streaming platforms (where the majority of issues arise), they might still use messaging apps to communicate with family and friends. There is always going to be a risk, therefore, of them seeing something which isn't child friendly: either shared by one of their peers or sent accidentally by a relative.

Advice for Parents & Carers

USE SAFETY FEATURES

Enable safety settings like Google SafeSearch and the optional restrictions on video-sharing platforms like YouTube. Whenever possible, stick to YouTube Kids for young children, as the software will help to filter out unsuitable content. Remember that filters aren't always enough to block all inappropriate material – especially when child-friendly videos have been edited maliciously.

LESS IS BEST

Manage the number of online platforms your child has access to, based on their age and maturity. Just because their friends use a certain game or app, it doesn't mean your child must have it too. Follow the age guidelines for games and apps, and check regularly that privacy settings are in place.

KEEP IT COMMUNAL

Encourage your child to stay in a communal family space when they're watching videos or playing online games on their devices – without headphones, if possible. This will make it far easier for you to keep one eye (and ear) on what they're seeing and hearing while they're online.

AVOID FAN-MADE CONTENT

If your child watches cartoons and shows on YouTube, spend time with them making a playlist of videos that you're comfortable with them watching. Always source videos from official channels, as opposed to fan-made content: you can never be completely confident about material that another user has created or uploaded.

REACT CALMLY

If you hear or see anything unsuitable on your child's device, calmly ask them to turn off the game or video in question. Explain that they haven't done anything wrong, but that you didn't like what you saw or heard and you would much rather they watched or played something else instead.

SUPPORT AND REASSURE

Remind your child regularly that *anyone* can post *anything* online – and that not everything online is real. If your child is sent something that scares or worries them, ask them to show you. Watch it alone (to avoid unnerving them further), then praise them for coming to you and talk about what upset them. Recommend a break from their device to do something which helps them feel calm and happy.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at BCyberAware, who has developed anti-bullying and cyber-safety workshops and policies for schools in Australia and the UK. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government, comparing the internet use and sexting behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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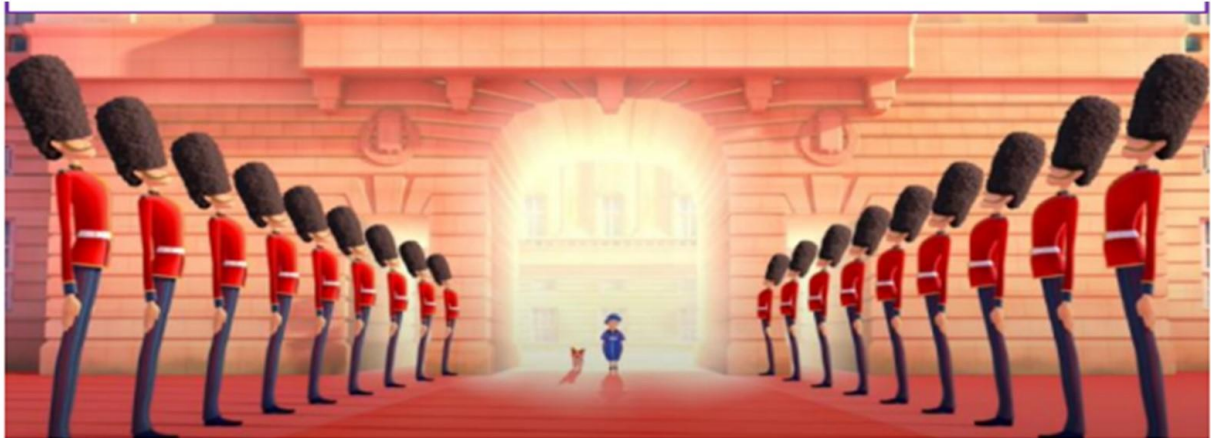
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Jubilee Picnic

Please come and join us for a whole school picnic on the 10th of June
3pm-5pm (weather dependant)

Please bring a blanket to sit on and your family's picnic
There will be a cake stall and a tuck shop provided by FOWAS

Everyone welcome



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Play within your families, against others, practice your skills and receive coaching in a relaxed environment.

More Information

- Bring your own rackets or borrow mine
 - No experience necessary
 - All badminton ability levels welcome



John of Gaunt sports hall
Sundays 10-11am

12th June, 19th June, 26th June
3rd July, 10th July, 17th July, 24th July

£10 per family for up to 4 people. £2 per additional family member

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Will you be applying for *Secondary Schools* later this year?

We invite parents and students to all of our upcoming events:

Garden Party

Meet our Leadership Team after our Year 5 taster day

Friday 24th June 3:30-5

Open Evening

Visit our wonderful school and meet teachers

Thursday 15th Sep 4:30 - 7

Open Morning

Visit us on a quiet weekend morning

Saturday 24th Sep 9:30-12

Personal Tour

Book a tour with a member of our leadership team

Scan the code or visit our website to book

