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Friday 8th December 2023

This half term, we are growing to be more Attentive and Discerning



On Sunday we will light the second purple candle on the Advent wreath; the candle that represents 'peace'. We enter the season of Advent full of hope because we are reminded that God is always by our side. However we all know people who will be feeling sad and troubled during this festive season. One of the titles given to Jesus is 'Prince of Peace' and so we call upon Him to bring comfort to the hearts of those who are suffering at this time – particularly to those in nations that are living in a state of war. We may not be able to physically reach out to everyone that needs a bit of 'hope' but we can pray for them during this Advent season.



Here at St. Anthony's we have always taken great pride in the smart appearance of our children. Recently we have noticed more and more pupils who are not adhering to our school uniform expectations. ALL children from Reception – Year 6 should now be wearing a **shirt and tie** as part of their winter uniform. On PE days, pupils should only wear a **school hoodie** or their school jumper/cardigan over a plain white t-shirt or a t-shirt with the school logo. **ALL BOTTOMS MUST BE PLAIN BLACK** – no patterns / slogans / text.





In **Tiny Ants** this week we colour mixed yellow and blue to make green to finger print our Christmas trees.



We each had a bauble to place on the parachute - we tried really hard to keep them on top.



We made chocolate smelly playdough and chose our own glitter to make it sparkly.



Mrs Houston taught us our new Makaton sign for angel.



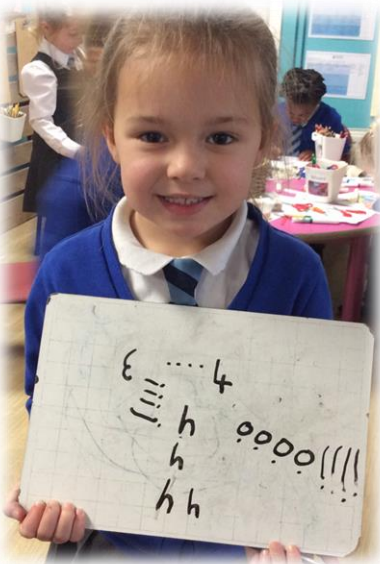


Nursery were absolute SUPERSTARS this week in our Nativity. We sang our favourite songs, used Makaton and had a dance too! Thankyou to all of the wonderful parents who attended the performance.





This week **Reception** have been working very hard in PE and love practicing and learning different skills with the balls. We loved lighting a candle on our Advent wreath to celebrate preparing for Jesus. We have been practicing our Christmas Nativity and we are looking forward to performing this in church for all our families! We had a dress rehearsal in the hall and Nursery came to watch us. We loved having our first audience. We are all very proud of Reception and how hard they have been working. Well done. From Miss Carson, Miss Sullivan and Mrs Wedge 😊





In **Year 1** we have begun our unit on Advent by learning key vocabulary. We started by exploring key words, pictures and their meanings. We also gave each word an action to help us to remember it.



We then completed a 'quiz, quiz, trade' to help our friends remember the following key words:

Advent
Advent wreath
candle
celebration
preparation
waiting
Gaudete /
Rejoice Sunday
Jesus



This week in PSHE we have been thinking about how to be a good friend. We shared our thoughts, created friendship tokens and wrote down all of our ideas on how we can achieve this. The children then added tokens to their gingerbread men, which they have had great fun creating each week. 😊



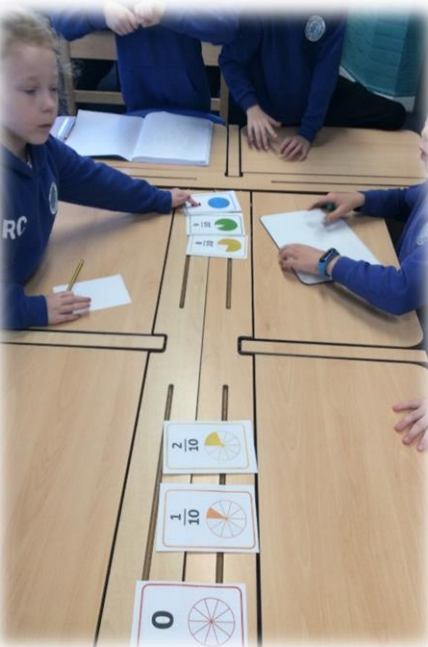
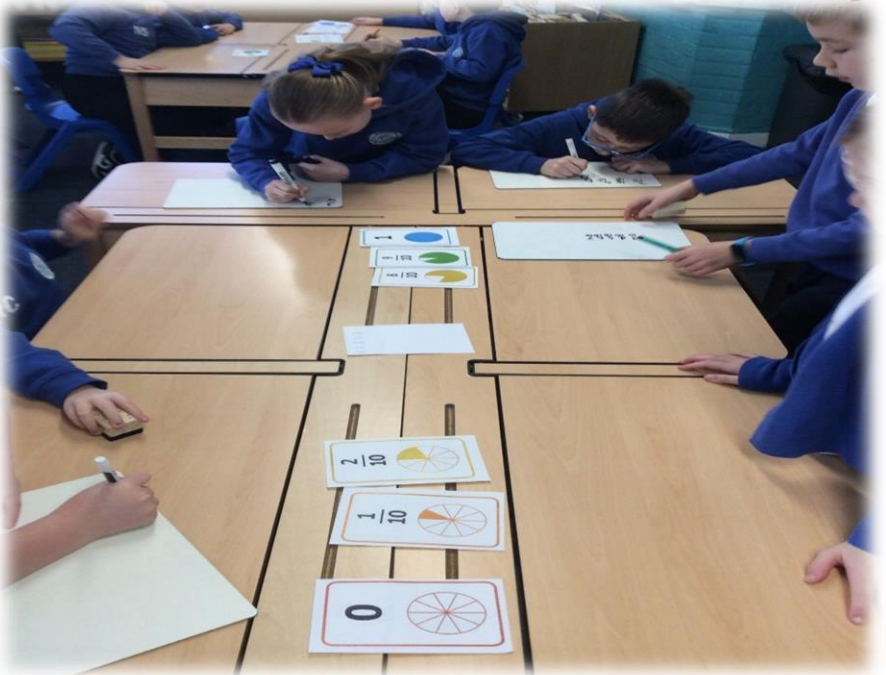
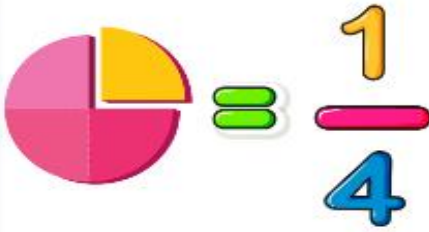


Year 2 had a fantastic time on their 'Journey to the Stables' trip. We met a grumpy Inn keeper, a lovely shepherd and lots of furry friends along the way 😊

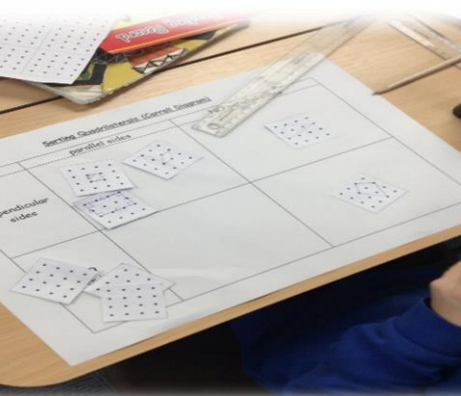
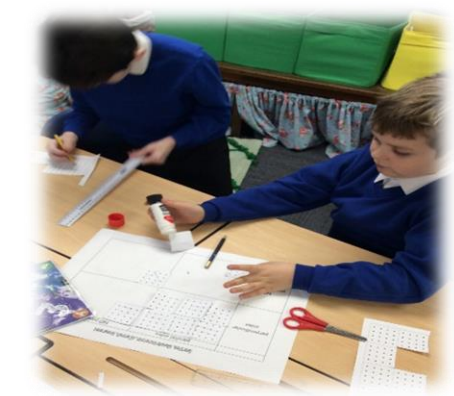
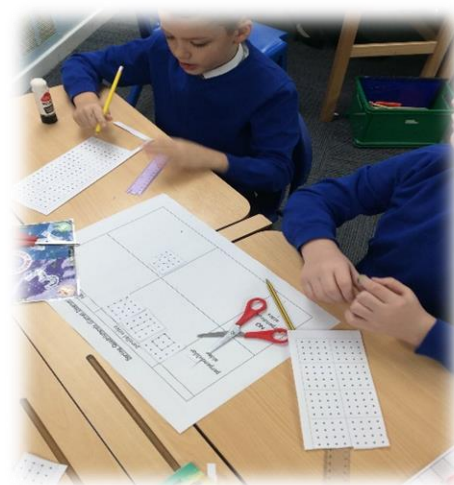




This week **Year 3** have been working hard in Maths dealing with some tricky fractions. In English we have been working tirelessly to try and find Paddington Bear. We fear that he may have got on the wrong train after his visit to St Anthony's!



Year 4 worked hard this week! In PSHE we have been looking at celebrating differences and this week we looked at what makes us unique. We discussed how our differences are beautiful as we all have special qualities and talents. We made a celebratory paper chain of all of our talents and hung it up in class to remind we are all special. In maths we drew regular and irregular quadrilaterals on geoboards before sticking them on a Carroll diagram. The children had to identify if the shape had parallel or perpendicular lines working in their Kagan partners.





This week **Year 5** started our '12 Days of Fitmas'. Every day we will be taking part in Christmas activities to keep us fit and healthy, whilst on our countdown to Christmas.



We also started practising Christmas songs in our weekly guitar lessons. We are feeling very festive this week!





This week, in Science **Year 6** were observing microorganisms in action. They did this by learning about how yeast works when baking bread.





The results of this week's battles are in!

Y6 boys & Y5 girls beat Y5 boys & Y6 girls and

Y4 boys, Y3 girls & Y2 girls won against Y4 girls, Y3 boys & Y2 boys

Only the top 3 players in each team receive certificates in assembly, but we want to celebrate the top 3 players in each mini group, so congratulations if your name appears below!

	Most Valuable Player (MVP)	2 nd MVP	3 rd MVP
Y6 boys	Freddie	Bobbie	Kyle
Y6 girls	Goda	Grace	Ana
Y5 boys	Nyle	Cole	Harrie
Y5 girls	Lois	Gracie	Esther
Y4 boys	Joaquin	Thomas	Noah
Y4 girls	Everleigh	Robyn	Edie-Pearl
Y3 boys	Malakai	Harry K	Tate
Y3 girls	Harlow	Lily-Mai	Willow
Y2 boys	Patryk	Ezra	Yoan
Y2 girls	Ivy	Anh	Gabija

It's a good old 'house' battle again this week:

St. Andrew v St. David v. St. George v St. Patrick

The winners and MVPs from this battle will be announced on next week's newsletter.



Only a few children were awarded stage completion certificates for Numbots today; come on Reception and Year 1 get practising those maths skills!!!

Well done to: Arlo in Reception and Andrew, Maja, Anna, Arabella and Milia in Year 1.



GOING OUTSIDE IN WINTER

When going outside, the cold temperature and cold winds are two obvious hazards but before you go out, there are other tips to bear in mind:

Staying safe starts at home

1. BEFORE YOU GO OUT TO PLAY

Make sure you've had something to eat and drink to fuel your fun.

2. WRAP UP SAFE AND WARM

3. TELL AN ADULT WHERE YOU ARE GOING

4. TAKE SOME WATER TO STAY HYDRATED

if you're going to be out for a long time.

Wrap up safe and warm

1. WEAR LOTS OF LAYERS OF CLOTHES

(not just a t-shirt and a big coat)

2. WEAR A BRIGHTLY COLOURED COAT

So that cars and other people can spot you easily.

3. WEAR A HAT TO KEEP YOUR HEAD WARM

4. DON'T FORGET YOUR FINGERS AND TOES

Wear some nice thick gloves and socks.

5. WATERPROOF BOOTS AND COATS WILL KEEP YOU DRY



EFFECTS OF THE COLD

We all get a little chilly when we're out in the cold, but we need to make sure that we don't get too cold as this could cause frostbite and hypothermia.

What is frostbite?

Frostbite is when your skin gets so cold that it starts to become damaged.

Look out for these signs of frostbite:

- Your skin may turn pale or even greyish or bluish, and have a waxy look
- Your extremities (fingers, toes, nose, lips or ears) may feel numb
- Your skin may feel frozen or stiff, or may even feel itchy or burnt
- In serious cases, there may be blisters on the skin
- It might feel painful when your extremities start to warm up

What is hypothermia?

Hypothermia is when your body gets so cold that it is not able to work properly. People become hypothermic when their body temperature (not the outdoor temperature) drops from 37°C to 35°C.

Look out for these signs of hypothermia:

- You may start shivering
- You may feel tired or sleepy
- You may feel confused, not understand what's going on, or find it difficult to remember things
- You may slur when you talk
- Your skin might feel cold

SNOW, ICE AND WIND CHILL

- **Ice** is just frozen water. Water freezes when the temperature reaches 0°C or colder
- **Snow** forms if the cloud is below 0°C. When the cloud is cold enough, the water in the cloud turns into ice instead of rain and the tiny ice crystals stick together to make snowflakes
- **Wind chill** is the extra coldness that you feel when cold wind blows past your skin. The stronger the wind, the faster your body loses heat and the colder you feel

Walking on snow and ice

No matter how well the snow and ice are removed from pavements and car parks, there will still be areas that are slippery and icy.

TOP TIPS

1. WALK CAREFULLY AND REMEMBER THAT ALL WET OR DARK AREAS ON PAVEMENTS COULD BE SLIPPERY AND ICY
2. WEAR BOOTS WITH LOTS OF GRIP
3. BE EXTRA CAREFUL WHEN GETTING IN AND OUT OF CARS AND BUSES (NEVER JUMP)
4. ONLY WALK IN SAFE AREAS – CUTTING ACROSS PILES OF SNOW AND ICE COULD BE HAZARDOUS
5. NEVER WALK ONTO ICE ON A POND, LAKE, CANAL OR RIVER (THERE ARE ALWAYS WEAK AREAS THAT YOU COULD FALL THROUGH)

ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE

Whenever you are around water:

STOP AND THINK

Look for the dangers. Always read the signs.

STAY TOGETHER

Never swim alone. Always go with friends or family. Only swim where there is a lifeguard.

In an emergency:

CALL 999 OR 112

Shout for help and phone 999 or 112.

FLOAT

If you fall in, float or swim on your back. Throw something that floats to anyone who has fallen in the water.

Scholastic Book Fair 11th-15th December

We have the Scholastic Book Fair in school for the whole week from the 11th December. The book fair will be held in the school hall/Gallery. Books can be purchased via a QR code that you will be able to scan on your phone or you can purchase vouchers via this link <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers>. Unfortunately, no cash payments can be taken.

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NEW TOM GATES FIVE STAR STORIES Alan Fitch £12.99 **£7.99** (Hardback only)

NEW The Baddies £7.99

NEW BLUEY BARKY/BOATS £6.99

Date: **11th-15th December**

Scan the QR code to pay online!



Solihull Council is again working with a number of national and local organisations to make sure Solihull residents get extra help this winter.

To find out more please follow the link below.

[Here2Help \(solihull.gov.uk\)](http://solihull.gov.uk)

BEING A PARENT GROUPS

Led by trained parent volunteers, the groups provide you with the tools to help manage challenging behaviour, improve communication, and build a positive relationship with your child.

The Being a Parent groups will be delivered both face-to-face and virtually, starting with a welcome session & then running weekly for a further 8 sessions:

Tuesday	Virtual via Microsoft Teams	6pm – 7.30pm	16/1/24 – 19/3/24
Wednesday	Dickens Heath School (B90 1NA)	9.30am – 11.30am	17/1/24 – 20/3/24
Thursday	Virtual via Microsoft Teams	6pm – 7.30pm	18/1/24 – 21/3/24
Friday	Meriden Adventure Playground (B37 5TB)	10am – 12pm	19/1/24 – 22/3/23

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD

Led by Solihull professionals, the group aims to help you to manage challenging behaviour and improve communication, as well as building and understanding your relationship with your child. The group target age is 4-11 years, delivered face-to-face in 10 sessions:

Monday	Castle Bromwich Juniors (B36 0HD)	9.30am – 11.30am	8/1/24 – 18/3/24
Tuesday	Bishop Wilson Hub (B37 7TR) *TEEN*	9.30am – 11.30am	9/1/24 – 19/3/24
Thursday	Valley Infant School (B92 9HQ)	9.30am – 11.30am	11/1/24 – 21/3/24

FIVE TO THRIVE

For parents with children aged up to 2 years, the FIVE TO THRIVE building blocks explore practical things you can do to enhance your child's brain development, increase confidence in parenting and meet local parents.

TUESDAY	THURSDAY
10am – 12pm OR 12.30pm-2.30pm	10am – 12pm
The Bridge, Shirley (B90 3AG)	Three Trees Community Centre (B37 7TP)
9/1/24 – 6/2/24	11/1/24 – 8/2/24
20/2/24 – 19/3/24	22/2/24 – 21/2/24

Book your place now, or find out more by contacting Solihull Parenting Team at: bsmhft.parenting@nhs.net or book via the Eventbrite QR code below:

StayConnected

Forthcoming events at Solihull Libraries

Festive Book Chat with author Bella Osbourne

Saturday 16 December 10:45am-12pm, The Core Library

Get into the Christmas spirit by coming along to this free event with author, Bella Osbourne. Bella will be talking about her latest book *A Perfect Christmas Village*, sharing writing tips and giving us her festive reading recommendations.

Book a free place at <https://tinyurl.com/BellaOsbourne>

Get Christmassy at your local Solihull library

Solihull Libraries have lots to offer this Christmas season. From crafts to festive story times, silent reading cafes and reading groups to games sessions, you can find lots of free events in our libraries this December.

Visit the [library events page](#) to find out what's on near you.

If you're looking for a festive read to curl up with this winter, our library shelves and free [BorrowBox eBook and audiobook collections](#) have lots to choose from. Visit your [nearest library](#) to find out more.

For more information about Council services, please see our [website](#).

Cutting the cost of keeping warm

We understand how difficult it can be when energy bills start to rise. By making some small, simple changes we can all save money while staying safe and well.

- Save money when cooking**
When cooking, put a lid on your pan as this can save you money on your energy bill. Putting a lid on your pan allows water to boil faster and the lid keeps the heat in the pan, rather than letting it escape, speeding up cooking time and helping you use less energy.
Slow cookers save money! Slow cookers are an extremely efficient way to cook, you can batch cook meals. Likewise, microwaves and air fryers are also great alternatives to using ovens.
- Switch off your appliances**
Turning off lights and switching appliances off standby when not in use can save **£65*** a year on energy bills.
- Do not over fill**
Only boil as much as you need, overfilling your kettle wastes energy.
- LED lights**
Switch your lights to energy-friendly LED light bulbs. Replacing all the light bulbs in your home with LEDs can save around **£65*** a year, lasting five times longer.
- Use a washing bowl**
Using a bowl to wash up rather than a running tap can save you money on your energy and water bills if you have a water meter. You only need to run a typical tap for 96 seconds before you would have filled a washing up bowl.*
- Turn down your thermostat**
By turning down your thermostat from 22°C to 21°C, you could save **£115*** on your energy bills.
Wash on eco or 30°C or cooler cycles when you can. Washing at 30°C rather than higher temperatures could save **£15*** a year.
- Full load**
Only wash with a full load, cutting back on just one washing cycle a week can save you an additional **£15** a year and further savings on metered water bills.
- Take shorter showers**
Spending just one minute less in the shower can save **£20** a year in a typical household and uses far less energy than taking a bath. Sticking to 4-minute showers could save a typical household **£75** on energy bills and around **£65** on metered water bills every year.*
- Maximise your income**
Every year, millions of households miss out on thousands of pounds worth of benefits, that they are entitled to. Turn2us's benefit calculator easily and quickly identifies any benefits you are entitled to claim to increase your income: [Turn2us Benefits Calculator](#).

We're committed to helping our customers keep safe and well. We work with a number of services and organisations that can provide help and support on energy fuel efficiency.

MEASLES

Don't let your child catch it

– get them vaccinated with the MMR vaccine

- measles outbreaks happen when not enough children have been vaccinated
- measles can be a very serious disease, leading to ear and chest infections, fits, diarrhoea, and damage to the brain. Measles can kill
- your child is at risk of measles if he or she hasn't had the MMR vaccination
- 2 doses of MMR vaccine are needed to get the best protection
- if your child is due to have had 2 doses of MMR but has not yet received them, no matter what age they are, you should contact your GP to get them vaccinated as soon as possible*
- if you can't remember if your child has had any, 1 or 2 doses of MMR vaccine, check his or her personal child health record (the Red Book). If this doesn't help, speak to your GP
- if you don't know how many doses your child has had, it's better to have 2 doses of MMR vaccine now rather than risk leaving them unprotected

*In response to a local outbreak then the 2 doses can be given one month apart from the age of 18 months.



Answers to some common questions about measles and the MMR vaccine

Why are we seeing these outbreaks of measles?

Measles is a highly infectious disease, spreading quickly from person to person, especially in schools. A child with measles will infect almost all unprotected children they have contact with. Since the end of 2017 there has been an increase in measles globally which has affected the UK. This has resulted in some spread into wider communities, in particular in undervaccinated groups.

When are the MMR vaccinations usually given?

The best times are between 12 and 13 months of age and again at 3 years and 4 months, with one dose on each occasion. But, if your child wasn't vaccinated then, they can be vaccinated at any age with 2 doses one month apart.

Will there be any side effects to the vaccination?

Your child may get the symptoms of measles, mumps and rubella for up to 6 weeks after the vaccination but in a very much milder form. This proves that the vaccine is working and your child is building up resistance to future contact with the viruses that cause the 3 diseases. Not all children show these symptoms but that doesn't mean the vaccine isn't working.

Should parents in outbreak areas get vaccinated against measles?

As with many diseases, once you have had measles, you don't catch it again because you have built up a natural resistance to it. So, if you've had measles or 2 doses of MMR vaccine you do not need to get vaccinated now.

For more information about measles and MMR go to www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/

NHS

Immunisation Information

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An Early Help Strategy Networking Drop-In is happening next week at Evergreen Family Hub in Solihull. Please find attached a flyer containing more information as well as links to book your place.



Early Help Strategy Networking Drop-In

Join us for an informal networking event at the Evergreen Family Hub in Solihull! Your chance to connect with other professionals working in Solihull and ask questions about the new early help strategy and what this means for you. This in-person event is a great opportunity to build relationships and collaborate with others in the field and familiarise yourself with the operation of the Early Help Strategy.

The venue is located at Evergreen Family Hub, 42 Kingshurst Way, Solihull, B37 6DX, UK.

Four sessions are running from 12pm to 2pm on Wednesday 6th December.

Please book a space using the links below:

12pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/767731464477?aff=oddtcreator>

12.30pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/767742748227?aff=oddtcreator>

1.00pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/768276263987?aff=oddtcreator>

1.30pm <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/768276584947?aff=oddtcreator>

We look forward to seeing you there!

Tiny Ants

You could be eligible for free childcare. Please see below to find out more.....

We currently have a limited amount of spaces available in Tiny Ants.

Please see the below information regarding funding;

- Some 2 year old children are eligible for 15 hours funded childcare dependent on meeting certain criteria.
- ALL 3 year old children are eligible for 15 hours funded childcare.
- Some 3 year olds maybe eligible for 30 hours funded childcare dependent on meeting criteria.
- If you would like your child to join Tiny Ants at 2 years old and you are not eligible for funding or if you would like 30 hours and not just the standard 15 hours childcare, there is the option to pay school direct for this (subject to availability).

For more information or to apply for funding, please visit: (2 year olds) <https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-2-year-olds>. (3 & 4 year olds) <https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-and-education-for-2-to-4-year-olds>.

Please contact the school office to apply for a Tiny Ants space.



School Ties



School ties are not optional, they must be worn by Reception – Year 6 pupils as part of the winter uniform. Ties are available from the school office and can be paid for on Parent Pay. Ties are also available from PB Sports <https://www.pbsports.co.uk/> If you have any questions, please contact the school office

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about DISNEY+

The Walt Disney Company's streaming service, Disney+ combines entertainment from the famous animation studio itself with Pixar, Star and National Geographic, plus the Marvel and Star Wars franchises. With access to the latest releases, Disney classics and original series, there's plenty of content to explore. While parents may have noted that adverts have now been introduced on some versions of the service, the platform is – unsurprisingly for a Disney product – designed to be appropriate for the whole family.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

LESS SUITABLE CONTENT

While Disney+ is predominantly family friendly, there are some movies and shows in its library which are aimed at an older audience: these may scare younger ones or contain themes or language that you'd rather your child wasn't exposed to. You could avoid such situations by enabling Junior Mode (see 'Adjust content settings', below) or specifying a content age rating for your child's profile.

BINGE WATCHING

With the option to view content on any internet-enabled device and a growing catalogue of movies, cartoons and documentaries, Disney+ can make managing screen time difficult. This could result in children binge watching content, distracting them from activities like homework or socialising. Too much screen time has also been shown to negatively impact mood, sleep patterns and weight.

PHISHING EMAILS

Be especially cautious if you receive emails or text messages purporting to be from Disney+. There have been numerous reports of online scammers impersonating Disney+ staff in an attempt to gain access to subscribers' personal information. Disney+ states it will never email or call customers asking for their payment details, their private information or their password.

ENCROACHING ADVERTS

Disney+ has introduced a new subscription package – Disney+ Standard with Ads – which plays commercials before movies and during shows (like many TV channels). There are no adverts in Junior Mode, but profiles with a content rating of 6+ years will see ads appropriate for that age category. Adults who give consent will see personalised adverts based on their location and viewing history.

ACCESSING ADULTS' PROFILES

If adults don't set a PIN for their profile, children could access it and encounter content which isn't age appropriate. In the settings, Junior Mode has a toggle titled 'Kid-Proof DLR' which requires the user to read four words (numbers, spelled out) and enter them to switch profiles. For older children who can read, though, this isn't secure enough – so using a PIN for adult profiles is recommended.



Advice for Parents & Carers

ADJUST CONTENT SETTINGS

When setting up an account, there's an option to create profiles in what's called Junior Mode. This generally covers material that's suitable for children up to age 9 and is therefore fairly limited. You can give older children a wider choice of viewing by building a standard profile, then going into the settings and choosing a content rating from one of the pre-set alternatives: 6+, 9+, 12+ or 14+.

TURN OFF AUTO-PLAY

When a cartoon, show or movie finishes, Disney+ uses algorithms to identify content with similar themes, which it thinks your child will also enjoy. This suggestion will then automatically begin to play by default. There's an option to turn off this auto-play function in the profile settings, which will encourage your child to take a break from the screens and move on to a different activity.

ADD PIN PROTECTION

Disney+ enables you to effectively lock profiles behind a four-digit PIN. In particular, some of the shows on the platform's Star content hub are far more oriented to adults (including several hard-hitting dramas from US networks), so protecting parents' or older siblings' profiles with a PIN will help to prevent younger children stumbling across material which isn't intended for them.

ENJOY AS A FAMILY

When your child watches a movie or show on Disney+ for the first time, you may want to sit with them to ensure it's suitable. You could do the same when introducing them to older films that you haven't seen for years: your perception of what's appropriate has very probably changed, and some of the language and attitudes in movies from your own childhood may seem quite shocking today.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Gaila Lathford is a criminal justice specialist, author of 10 research papers on safeguarding and has worked for 15 years in various specialist police and partner unit roles for the adult and youth justice systems. She has worked in the field of safeguarding children and young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



Primary School Menu

WEEK THREE

Fresh

Dates: 20th November, 11th December, 15th January, 5th February
4th March, 25th March

Monday

Bangers & Mash
With Gravy
Sweetcorn

Vegetable Hamburger
Sweetcorn
Potato Wedges

Dinky Donuts
With Chocolate Dip

Fresh Fruit Platter
Yogurts



Christmas Lunch



Roast Turkey Breast with a
Stuffing Ball
Or
Meat free Roast with Stuffing Ball.

All main courses are served with
Roast Potatoes and Creamed
Potatoes

Brussels Sprouts Garden Peas

Fresh Carrots

Gravy



Christmas Desserts

Chocolate Cracknel Balls
Fruit
Vanilla Ice Cream Tub



Wednesday

Roast Beef
Roast Potatoes
Carrots
Green Beans

Tomato Pasta Bake
Carrots
Green Beans

Homebake - Oat
Cookies

Fresh Fruit Platter
Yogurts

Thursday

All Day Breakfast
Hash Round

Veggie All day breakfast
Hash Round

Homebake -
Chocolate Orange
Brownie & Custard

Fresh Fruit Platter
Yogurts

Friday

Jumbo Fish Finger
Chips
Baked Beans

Cheese & Tomato
Pizza
Chips
Baked Beans

Raspberry Ripple Ice
Cream Sponge

Fresh Fruit Platter
Yogurts

Available Daily

Home Baked Bread
Seasonal Salads



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Head Teacher's Awards



Congratulations!

Reception – Reception – For all working very hard in our Christmas Nativity and making us all so proud!

Year 1 – Lainey-Beau – For always shining like Jesus and for being a pleasure to teach.

Year 2 – Ava-Mae – For always being positive and doing everything with a smile! 😊

Year 3 – Lily-Mae – For being a perfect role model and a joy to teach.

Year 4 – Amber-Rose – For hard work and determination across all lessons.

Year 5 – Meghan – For your enthusiasm towards your learning.

Year 6 – Darcy-Leigh – For having a fantastic attitude and letting her confidence and ability shine.



Diary Dates



These dates will be updated each week and newly added events / any changes will be highlighted in yellow.

Date and Time	Year Group	Event
Mon 11 th – Fri 15 th	Whole school	Book Fair open after school
Tues 12 th Dec	Whole school	Christmas dinner and jumper day - changed from Thurs 14 th Dec
Fri 15 th Dec 2:15pm	Year 1 and 2 parents	KS1 Nativity in church
Mon 18 th Dec	R – Y6	Whole school Mass in church
Weds 20 th Dec 1:45pm	Y3,4,5 and 6 parents	KS2 Carol Concert in church
Thurs 21 st Dec	Whole school	Christmas parties in class
Friday 22 nd Dec	Whole school	Term ends

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

2024

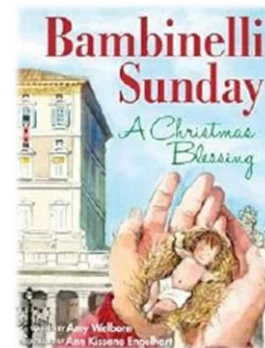
Date and Time	Year Group	Event
Weds 10 th Jan	Year 6	Visit to Coventry Cathedral
Tues 23 rd Jan	Year 6	Visit to St. Chad's Cathedral
Weds 28 th Feb	Year 6	Year 6 Confirmation 6pm
Mon 13 th – Thurs 16 th May	Year 6	SATs week
Weds 5 th – Fri 7 th June	Year 6	Alton Castle residential retreat
Sat 8 th June	Year 3	First Holy Communion Mass 11am



Diary Dates



2024 Term dates:
Mon 8 th January Pupils return to school
Mon 12 th February – Friday 16 th February HALF TERM
Mon 19 th February INSET DAY (Pupils return to school on Tues 20 th Feb)
Fri 22 nd March Term ends
Mon 8 th April Pupils return to school
Mon 6 th May May bank holiday (school closed)
Mon 27 th May – Fri 31 st May HALF TERM
Mon 3 rd June Pupils return to school
Fri 19 th July Term ends for students
Mon 22 nd July INSET day



Don't forget to complete this half-term's homework project – to make a baby Jesus!
Please send your completed homework in by **Wednesday 13th December.**

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Good attendance means...

being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days



Good attendance and punctuality are vital for success at school and to establish positive habits that are necessary for future success.

Through regular attendance pupils can:

- Build friendships
- Develop life skills
- Engage in essential learning and achieve their full potential

All parents / carers should promote good attendance and punctuality and work in partnership with the school.

Please note that unless we have a valid reason, we cannot authorise an absence. A specific reason as to why your child is absent is required. If leaving a voicemail or sending an email, please ensure that you give as much detail as possible as this allows us to code the absence correctly. Going forward, we will not accept reasons such as 'feeling under the weather' or 'they are not 100%' etc., we need specifics. Absence is monitored by on a weekly basis by Miss Watkins and an external agency and persistent absences will be addressed.



Attendance Matters



We want to celebrate those pupils who arrive at school **on time and every day** so each week we will be holding an attendance raffle.

All children who have attended school every day that week (and have arrived on time) will be entered into a prize draw and during our celebration assembly one child will be chosen at random to win a prize.

The winner of this week's attendance raffle was
Noah in Year **4**. Well done!

Please read carefully as the PE days change from week to week. Each year group will only have 1 PE lesson this week.

Reception – Thursday

Y1 – **Tuesday**

Y2 – **Thursday**

Y3 – **Friday**

Y4 – **Wednesday**

Y5 – **Thursday**

Y6 – Swimming Tuesday & PE Thursday

PE days



Please remember that pupils need to come into school in their PE kits on these days, and they should be plain white t shirts (or those with the school badge on) and **PLAIN** black shorts/tracksuit bottoms/leggings.

Mr K Scanlon, Head of School

