



# NEWSLETTER

**“A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum through wisdom and love”**

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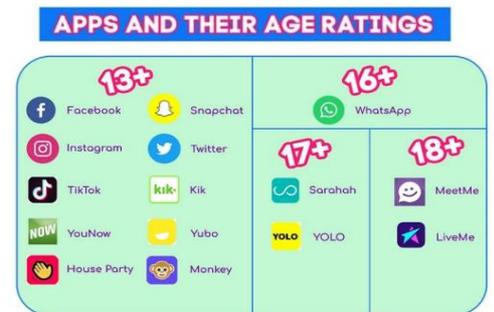
WB 21st March 2022

As we approach the last week of term, this is a perfect opportunity to thank you for your support. We have had a challenging half term but we have all worked so well together to ensure that the children are still getting the opportunities that they need and deserve and no classes have had to close! So thank you!

**Staffing – Sian is leaving us as Premises Manager** at Easter to take on other challenges. We are thankful for the service that she has given to the school and will miss her energy and passion. We wish her all the best in the next part of her journey.

**Archdeacon Luke** – Some of the Year 4 children will be performing the **Easter Play at church on Sunday 3rd April** and we are delighted that Archdeacon Luke is coming to the service. As part of the service, we will be signing a covenant for ‘Growing Partnerships’. This gives aims for the school and the church to work together and to strengthen our partnership.

**WhatsApp** – A reminder of the age limits for WhatsApp & other Apps. WhatsApp in particular is causing difficulty in Y6 with groups sharing things and then these issues continue in to school. Please could parents monitor their children’s phones and their messages.



Please see the attached flyer **“What Parents & Carers need to know about WhatsApp”** for helpful information.



**Our reflection time** – Mrs Smith joins us again for her reflection time – do have a look <https://youtu.be/XnLzWj3-rPw>

**Requests** – We need some adult metal trowels and some spades for digging. If you have any then please let the office know or just drop at the gate in the morning.



**Chicks** – Our school Easter chicks have hatched and the children enjoyed seeing the eggs crack and the chicks appear. The children joined in with ‘Spring Chicken’ in our songs of worship. We always know Easter is approaching when the chicks arrive. Next week the children will have the opportunity to handle them.



**Good Friday Workshop** - St Mary's Church would like to invite children aged 4-11 to their Good Friday Workshop.

**Good Friday is on 15<sup>th</sup> April and the workshop will take place from 9.30 - 11.30am.**

We will be creating Easter Crafts to tell the story of Easter Week. Places are limited, so if you would like to reserve your place, please contact Vicky Smith on [stmaryschildrenchurch@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryschildrenchurch@gmail.com)



### Million words and now two million!

**Daniel P (Ire)** has clocked the million words - 1,212,270 words and **Noah G (Jap)** has got to 2 million – what an achievement!

### Quizzes for Accelerated Reader –

Well done to these children who have given above and beyond in the quizzes – **Mackenzie, Molly B, Aaron G, Taya E, Daniel P, James McN, Harriet J, Martha B, Alfie J, Martha L, Rosie M.**

**Year 4 at Tanbridge** – It was the turn of the Year 4 boys to compete in the Horsham Sports Services Football tournament at Tanbridge House last Friday.

After a difficult 2-0 opening defeat to Southwater, the next game proved even tougher. The boys were 5-0 down at half time but came back stronger in the second half with goals from **Jens C and Joseph S**. The game finished 5-2.

On to the final games and the boys were unfortunate to concede a goal with the last kick of the game against Heron Way B to make it 1-1 after **Joseph S** had scored his second of the afternoon. A second half goal denied the boys a victory in the final game against Leechpool B as we finished with two draws to end the tournament. A great effort from all of the boys (**Rylee J, Harrison P, Dexter B, Franco F, Flynn F, Jens C, Joseph S, Andre D**) who were brilliantly led by captain Rylee J.

Well done to **Joseph S** who finished top goal scorer with three from the afternoon. It will be the turn of Year 3's next week for the final tournament of the Spring Term.



**Netball Y3/4** – Well done to the children who went to The Bridge for Netball – The children were praised for the behaviour and effort of our pupils so well done to **Rylee, Scarlett, Skye, Aaron, Martha, Endre, Isla and Anna.**



**Visits to the library** – India and Thailand class went to the library this week and Italy are visiting next week. The children learnt about how the library worked, picked up some books and shared stories together.



**Staff professional development** – This week we looked at a ‘Deep Dive’ in Phonics and ensuring that we are clear about the procedures in place for our phonics. If you want to know more about our phonics and early reading then do have a look on our website.

### Things coming up

- **Sunday 3rd April** – Year 4 performing ‘The Easter Play’ in church.
- **Tuesday 5th April** – The Easter Play for Year 4 parents on school field – tickets on sale now.
- **Wednesday 6th April** – Parents will be able to come in to the classrooms to look at the children’s books with their child for EYFS and KS1 at 3.15pm. Your child will need to stay with you throughout this.
- **Thursday 7th April** - Parents will be able to come in to the classrooms to look at the children’s books with their child for KS2 at 3.30pm. Your child will need to stay with you throughout this.
- **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April** – Year 2 are going to Hurston Warren for Forest Schools for the morning.
- **Easter Eucharist** – If you wish to come and join the Zoom Eucharist then please contact the office.
- **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April** – Easter Eggstravaganza and non-uniform Day for the PTA. All children to make a hat/bonnet/cap/something to wear on your head. Prizes for the best invention. **Donation of £1.00**

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## Achievements



**Ruben S**  
For receiving his chief  
silver award, the  
highest badge a cub  
can earn.  
Well done!



**Hettie and Immy**  
Making their rainbow  
promise to become full  
Rainbows – well done!

**Archie Pannell (India)**  
has managed to raise  
£50 for Comic Relief  
reading challenge

**Marcus B (Mex)**  
Well done for participating  
in the Goodwood duathlon.  
He came 21st out of 30  
children. He should be so  
proud of his achievements.

**Zac Holly**  
Moved up a grade in  
swimming  
-go zac!

**Daisy E (Ire)**  
Medal in  
Rugby

**Oscar (Ire)**  
Man of the Match

**Hadlee (Ire)**  
Won a medal in  
Rugby

**Charlie M (Ire)**  
Medal in  
Rugby

**Beau (Ire)**  
Man of the  
Match

**Bea (Chi)**  
I achieved a  
Handspring in  
Gymnastics

**Daniel Ire)**  
Gained his level 7 in  
swimming

**Ella (SA)**  
Passed her stage 8 in  
swimming

**Isla C (Jap)**  
Got a role in her  
Drama Production

**David CG**  
Achieved another  
badge in scouts

**Charlie W  
(Ire)**  
Man of the  
Match

**Daniel M**  
Man of the  
match

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP



WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. Its end-to-end encryption means messages can only be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent company Facebook) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted – it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.



## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### SCAMS

Fraudsters occasionally send WhatsApp messages pretending to offer prizes – encouraging the user to click on a link to win. Other common scams involve warning someone that their WhatsApp subscription has run out (aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details) or impersonating a friend or relative and asking for money to be transferred to help with an emergency.

### DISAPPEARING MESSAGES

Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear in 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. Photos and videos can also be instructed to disappear after the recipient has viewed them. These files can't be saved or forwarded – so if your child was sent an inappropriate message, it would be difficult to prove any wrongdoing. However, the receiver can take a screenshot and save that as evidence.

### ENABLING FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India in 2018, some outbreaks of mob violence appear to have been sparked by false allegations being shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

### POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING

Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

### CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to message (the other person also needs to have the app). WhatsApp can access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts also use the app. So if your child has ever given their phone number to someone they don't know, that person could use it to contact them via WhatsApp.

### LOCATION SHARING

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." It is a useful method for a young person to let loved ones know they're safe – but if they used it in a chat with people they don't know, they would be exposing their location to them, too.

## Advice for Parents & Carers



### CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it's also worth altering a young person's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody' – choosing one of the latter two ensures that your child's profile is better protected.



### EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them using 'settings' in the chat. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – so they also need to be deleted from the address book.



### REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS

Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they'll be given the option to report it as spam. If the sender claims to be a friend or relative, call that person on their usual number to verify it really is them, or if it's someone trying to trick your child.



### LEAVE A GROUP

If your child is in a group chat that is making them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they don't want to be part of, they can use WhatsApp's group settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once; if they leave a second time, it is permanent.



### THINK ABOUT LOCATION

If your child needs to use the 'live location' function to show you or one of their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives a range of 'live location' options, and your child should manually stop sharing their position as soon as it is no longer needed.



### DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES

If your child posts a message they want to delete, WhatsApp allows the user seven minutes to erase a message. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone.' However, it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.



### CHECK THE FACTS

You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded at least five times, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was true or not.



## Meet Our Expert

Parven Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday



*From the PTA ...*

St Mary's C of E Primary School

# *Easter Raffle*

Raffle numbers are £1 each. They can be purchased on the school playground or via  
bacs payments from Monday, March 28th.

Raffle will be drawn Tuesday, April 5th

All money raised by the PTA goes directly to the school.

*Happy  
Easter Day*



# EASTER

*bake sale*

to raise money for the Year 6 Big Top

***Thursday 7th April 2022***

***3pm***

***School Playground***

*Giant Cookies, Easter Nests,*

*Chocolate Tiffin and more.....*

***50p-£1***





# St Mary's C of E Aided Primary School



## Football Club Summer Term

Dear Parent/Guardian,

In this football club, your child will develop key fundamental components such as passing, dribbling and shooting whilst playing lots of matches whilst working in an enjoyable and safe environment.

To sign up to the club please email, **alex@sportstalentacademy.co.uk**, with the following information: **Childs name, Year Group, any important medical information and please provide two emergency contact details.** Providing there are spaces available, you will then receive an email with an invoice attached to make the payment.

Your child will need appropriate footwear (trainers or football boots), shin pads and appropriate clothing for sports. We will be outside, as much as possible, in all different weathers so appropriate clothing will be needed!

If you have any questions or queries please don't hesitate to contact me directly on the email above and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

### **When?**

28th April - 7th July (Every Thursday, excluding half term).

### **Time?**

15:15-16:15.

### **Where?**

St Mary's C of E Aided Primary School Field.

### **Cost?**

£45 (£4.50 per week).



**ADAGIO MUSIC MEDIA**

# **THE UKULELE CLUB**

**Come and be a part of our  
ukulele club at  
St Mary's C of E Primary School**

**Every Monday after school  
From 15:15 - 16:00pm  
Starting on 25th April**

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**ONLY £8 A LESSON**

**The Ukulele Club will run for  
9 lessons this term.**

**9 lessons bundle £72, to be  
paid in advance of the first  
lesson.**

