

'Prayer brings us not only nearer to God, but also nearer to one another.' Psalm 26:3

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a lovely half term break, it is great to see everyone back in school, refreshed and ready as we begin the exciting and busy run up to the Advent season.

We have had a busy week in school, with our Foundation and Year 1 classes enjoying a walk around our local area. The children enjoyed spotting signs of autumn and learning more about Collier Row both now and in the past. Year 1 were especially surprised to discover that our local Tesco building was once a cinema! We thank our parent helpers for giving up their time to help make these trips possible.

Well done to our Year 2 football team who did amazingly well in their competition this week. They won their group which was fantastic. They were amazing, had a great time, showed good sportsmanship and demonstrated some excellent footballing skills. Maybe the next David Beckham or Jill Scott.....

Keep a look out for your child's reading challenge card which will be coming home within the next week, if they haven't already. This is great way to encourage and support reading for pleasure and develop a life long love of reading. We will be holding a reading meeting for the parents of the children in the infants and juniors on Wednesday 19th November at 9am. We look forward to see you there and sharing with you how reading is taught in school.

As we head into the weekend, we hope you continue to enjoy the mild weather, but please make sure that your child has a coat coming into school as the weather is changable. If you are attending any firework parties or displays, please stay safe and have fun.

Mrs Newman



Dates for your Diary

- **Week commencing 27th October 2025- Half term**
- Saturday 15th November 10 am: New parents visit (starting in September '26)
- W/C 17th November: Anti bullying week
- Wednesday 26th November: School disco (KS1 3-4 / KS2 4:15-5:15)
- Thursday 27th November 10am: New parents visit (starting in September '26)
- Monday 1st December: Pantomime PM (Oh yes it is!)
- Wednesday 3rd December: Flu vaccination
- Thursday 4th December: Reconciliation (Yr 4-6)
- Friday 5th December: Christmas Fete –more information to follow
- Wednesday 10th December : Foundation Stage Nativity :2:30pm
- Friday 12th December: Year 1 & 2 Nativity 2:15 pm
- Wednesday 17th December: Yr 3 & 4 Tableau at Church
- Wednesday 17th December: Christmas Dinner /Jumper
- Thursday 18th December - end of term. School finish at 1pm. No After School Club

Class Assemblies 2:45pm all are welcome to attend

- Wednesday 12th November—St Joseph
- Wednesday 19th November—St John
- **Wednesday 26th November—St Matthew (2:15PM start)**





This week we would like to wish happy birthday to:

Matteo (St Teresa of Calcutta), Lois (St Joseph), Noah (St Anne Line), Dennis (St Teresa of Calcutta), Apollo (St David), Emmanuel (St Joseph), Leo (St David)

GOING FOR GOLD

Well done to these children who achieved Going for Gold – a demonstration of our School Core Values:

St Paul - Ashneet

St Peter - Savannah, Michael & Yunus

St Matthew - Nahtan

St Mark - Cody, Gabriel, Sienna, Skyla, Jimmy & Eva

St Thomas - Mia

St Anthony - Emily



Great work to our Times

Table Rock Stars this week:

KS1 - Freddie T

LKS2 - Nona Z

UKS2 - Sade F



Well done for completing the Reading Challenge:

St Anne Line - Noah

Congratulations!

WOW!

Well done to the children who achieved Work of The Week (they will be awarded during assembly on **Friday 14th November** All parents are invited to attend, WOW assembly starts at 9am:

St Paul - Whole Class

St Peter - Caswin, Isabella, Kaiden & Whole Class

St Matthew - Lorenzo & India

St Mark - Gabriel & Matei

St John the Baptist - Tazmeen, Rafael & Elsie

St Joseph - Ryan & Avneet

St Teresa of Calcutta - Kylie & Elijah

St Thomas - Maia & Aviana

St Anne Line - Emily & Andrew

St Anthony - Joey & Laila

St Bernadette - Danylo & Aila

St Blaize - Luiss & Favour

St David - Sadie, Olivia & Beatrice

St Dominic - Sanuthi & Derick

Congratulations!



Class Highest Attendance

For the Week 20th October to 24th October

St Teresa of Calcutta (98.93%)

Well Done!!

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

"Inappropriate" means different things to different people. What's acceptable for one age group, for example, may be unsuitable for a slightly younger audience. Online, young people can chance upon inappropriate content in various ways – from pop-up ads to TikTok videos. The increasingly young age at which children become active in the digital world heightens the risk of them innocently running into something that they find upsetting or frightening. Trusted adults need to be able to help children be aware of what to do if they're exposed to age-inappropriate content.

WHERE IS IT FOUND?

SOCIAL MEDIA

Age-inappropriate content is easily accessible through many social media platforms. TikTok, for instance, is hugely popular with young people but is arguably best known for clips featuring sexualised dancing or profanity. Some social media users also express hate speech or promote eating disorders and self-harm, which could cause lasting damage to a child's emotional and mental health.

GAMING

Gaming is an enjoyable source of entertainment, but many popular titles can expose children to inappropriate material such as violence, horror, gambling or sexually explicit content. Playing games unsuitable for their age risks normalising to children what they are seeing. Some games also include in-game chat, where other (usually older) online players often use language that you probably wouldn't want your child to hear or repeat.

STREAMING

The range of video streaming services available online means that users can find almost anything they want to watch on demand. Children are therefore at risk of viewing TV shows and movies which contain nudity, drug and alcohol abuse, explicit language and extreme violence. Unfortunately, these streaming platforms can't always determine that it's not an adult who's watching.

ADVERTS

Online adverts frequently include age-inappropriate content: usually gambling and nudity or partial nudity. Although adverts for alcohol or e-cigarettes are also common. Some search engines also feature adverts that are responsive to your search history: so if you've recently looked up a new horror movie, shopped for lingerie or ordered alcohol online, then the ads appearing on screen could reflect this the next time your child borrows your device.

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Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK IT THROUGH

Embarrassment or fear of getting into trouble can make it difficult for children to talk openly about age-inappropriate content they've watched. Remind your child they can always come to you if they're troubled by something they've seen online, without worrying about consequences. Before offering advice, discuss what they saw, how they felt and how they came to find the content in question.

CONNECT, DON'T CORRECT

If your child's been particularly distressed by exposure to content that wasn't suitable for their age, it's important to offer guidance to prevent them from repeating the same mistake – but it's equally vital to help them deal with the emotions that the situation has raised. You could tell them about any similar experiences you might have had at their age, and how you dealt with it.

BLOCK, REPORT, CONTROL

After discussing the problem, you and your child can take action together. This could include blocking any inappropriate sites and reporting any content which violates a platform's rules. To further safeguard your child online, set up parental controls on internet-enabled devices that they use. This will significantly reduce the chances of your child being exposed to age-inappropriate content in future.

GET SPECIALIST HELP

Age-inappropriate content can potentially have a negative impact on a child's mental health, which is sometimes displayed through changes in their behaviour. If the problem becomes more severe, you might consider reaching out to a mental health professional or an expert in this field who can provide you and your child with the proper support.

STAY CALM

Even though it is obviously difficult to stay rational in a situation where your child has been put at risk, it's essential to think before you react. Your child may well have hesitated to open up to you about watching inappropriate content for fear of the consequences, so being calm and supportive will reinforce the notion that it would be easy to talk to you about similar issues in the future.

Meet Our Expert

Cayley Jorgensen is a Registered Counsellor with The Health Professions Council of South Africa, and she runs a private practice offering counselling to children, teenagers and families. Her main focus is creating awareness and educating the community on the mental health pressures of today's world, as well as resources and techniques to understand and cope better.



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