

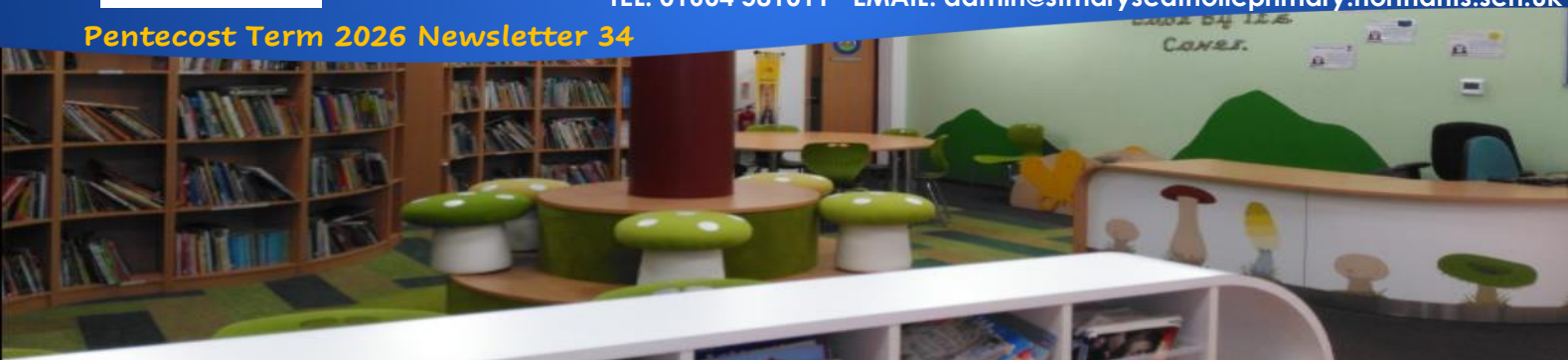


St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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"With Christ as our guide, we let our light shine."

A Message from Mrs Yuen...

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another busy week, I would like to begin by thanking you for your continued support and understanding throughout what an exceptionally hot week has been. I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to our wonderful staff, who have worked tirelessly to ensure the children remained safe, comfortable and happy despite the challenging conditions.

I hope that the option to collect your child early proved helpful to your family. Throughout the week, our children have been absolutely exceptional. They have shown remarkable resilience, adapted brilliantly to the unusual weather, and continued to approach each day with enthusiasm and positivity. We are incredibly proud of them. Next week we look forward to returning to our normal routines. Children should come to school in their **full school uniform**, and we will resume our usual school day.

Earlier this week, our Reception and Year 2 children enjoyed a fantastic visit to Salcey Forest. They had a wonderful time exploring the woodland, hunting for bugs, enjoying picnics beneath the trees and taking part in a range of outdoor activities. It was lovely to see their curiosity, teamwork and excitement as they learned about the natural world in such a beautiful setting.

There is still so much to look forward to over the final three weeks of term. On Thursday, Year 2 will take part in an exciting interactive workshop based on Grace Darling and Pirates, which links perfectly with their current geography learning about coastlines. We are sure it will be a memorable and enjoyable experience for them. On Friday, the whole school will be taking part in a cricket event, giving everyone the opportunity to develop their skills, enjoy some friendly competition and, most importantly, have fun together.

As always, please take a few moments to check the diary dates carefully so that you don't miss any of the many exciting events and celebrations still to come before the end of term.

Thank you once again for your continued support. I wish you all a lovely weekend and look forward to another exciting week ahead.

Best Wishes
Mrs Yuen

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Salcey Forest Visit -Reception and Year 1



Key Dates

19th June – Maths Day- Geometrociti!
23rd June- Reception/ Year 1 Visit to Salcey Forest
25th June – Year 6 Leavers' Mass
2nd July - Year 2 Grace Darling / Pirates Workshop in school
3rd July - Cricket Whole school event
6th July - Transition Day
9th July - Leavers' Party
10th July – Reports to Parents
16th July - Whole School Mass
17th July - Last day of term/ Leavers' Assembly **at 10.45am**

Year R + 1 School Visit



The school Visit was an enormous success. The children thoroughly enjoyed their time in the forest.

Holy Communicants



Please keep all of our children who will be making their First Holy Communion this weekend in your prayers. May this special day deepen their love for Jesus and strengthen their faith as they continue their journey with Him. We pray that God will bless them and their families with joy, peace and many graces on this memorable occasion.

Keeping Safe Online

Following the recent government announcements and ongoing discussions around children's use of social media, we thought this would be a good opportunity to focus on different aspects of online safety over the coming weeks and share useful parent guides to help support families at home. At school, online safety is an important part of our Computing curriculum. All children take part in regular online safety lessons where they learn how to stay safe, make sensible choices, and know what to do if something online makes them feel worried or uncomfortable.

This week, our Year 2 children have been learning about being careful when using websites, apps and games, particularly when clicking on links. They have learnt a simple rhyme to help them remember what to do:

***"Before you tap and click...
 You need to stop and think...
 and tell someone!"***

This simple message encourages children to pause before clicking on something they are unsure about and to speak to a trusted adult if they are concerned. Please do ask your child about their online safety learning. Talking regularly about online activity at home is one of the most effective ways to help children stay safe online.



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What children need to know about

ONLINE BULLYING



What is online bullying?

ONLINE BULLYING – ALSO KNOWN AS CYBERBULLYING – IS BULLYING THAT TAKES PLACE ON THE INTERNET OR VIA ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND MOBILE PHONES. IT CAN INCLUDE:

1. SENDING SOMEONE MEAN OR THREATENING EMAILS, DIRECT MESSAGES OR TEXT MESSAGES
2. HACKING INTO SOMEONE'S ONLINE ACCOUNT
3. BEING RUDE OR MEAN TO SOMEONE WHEN PLAYING ONLINE GAMES
4. POSTING PRIVATE OR EMBARRASSING PHOTOS ONLINE OR SENDING THEM TO OTHERS
5. CREATING FAKE SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS THAT MOCK SOMEONE OR TRICK THEM
6. EXCLUDING SOMEONE FROM AN ONLINE CONVERSATION OR BLOCKING THEM FOR NO REASON



BE KIND ONLINE

BEFORE PRESSING 'SEND' ON COMMENTS, ASK YOURSELF THESE 3 QUESTIONS...

1. WHY AM I POSTING THIS?
2. WOULD I SAY THIS IN REAL LIFE?
3. HOW WOULD I FEEL IF SOMEBODY SAID THIS TO ME?



National
Online
Safety

#WakeUpWednesday



Why does it happen?

GOING ONLINE MAKES IT EASIER FOR PEOPLE TO SAY AND DO THINGS THEY PROBABLY WOULDN'T DO FACE TO FACE. ONLINE BULLIES DON'T GET TO SEE THEIR VICTIMS' REACTIONS IN REAL LIFE, SO THIS CAN COOON THEM FROM THE REAL DAMAGE THAT THEY ARE DOING. QUITE OFTEN, PEOPLE BULLY BECAUSE THEY ARE GOING THROUGH SOMETHING DIFFICULT THEMSELVES AND TAKING IT OUT ON OTHERS IS THE ONLY WAY THEY KNOW HOW TO GET CONTROL OF THEIR OWN EMOTIONS.

How does it feel to be bullied?

BEING BULLIED CAN IMPACT ON YOUR SELF-ESTEEM, CONFIDENCE AND SOCIAL SKILLS. BECAUSE IT HAPPENS ON YOUR PHONE, TABLET OR COMPUTER, IT CAN FEEL LIKE YOU ARE UNDER THREAT EVEN WHEN YOU'RE IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT, SUCH AS YOUR BEDROOM. DON'T FORGET...IT IS NOT YOUR FAULT IF YOU'RE BEING BULLIED.



Am I an online bully?

SOMETIMES IT ISN'T OBVIOUS THAT WHAT YOU ARE DOING IS WRONG, BUT IF YOU USE DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY TO UPSET, ANGER OR EMBARRASS SOMEONE ON PURPOSE, THIS MEANS YOU'RE INVOLVED IN ONLINE BULLYING. IT MIGHT BE AS SIMPLE AS 'LIKING' A MEAN POST, LAUGHING AT AN ONLINE VIDEO, OR SPREADING A RUMOUR, BUT THE PERSON BEING BULLIED COULD FEEL LIKE THEY ARE BEING GANGED UP ON. THINK ABOUT HOW IT WOULD MAKE YOU FEEL IF IT HAPPENED TO YOU. EVERYONE CAN MAKE MISTAKES, BUT IT'S IMPORTANT TO LEARN FROM THEM – GO BACK AND DELETE ANY UPSETTING OR NASTY POSTS, TWEETS OR COMMENTS YOU'VE WRITTEN.

Who do I tell?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE BULLYING ON YOUR OWN. TALK TO AN ADULT THAT YOU TRUST – A PARENT, GUARDIAN, OR TEACHER. MOST WEBSITES, SOCIAL MEDIA WEBSITES AND ONLINE GAMES OR MOBILE APPS LET YOU REPORT AND BLOCK PEOPLE WHO ARE BOTHERING YOU. YOU COULD ALSO CONTACT CHILDLINE (WWW.CHILDLINE.ORG.UK), WHERE A TRAINED COUNSELLOR WILL LISTEN TO ANYTHING THAT'S WORRYING YOU – YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE TO GIVE YOUR NAME.



How do I prove it?

WHEN CYBERBULLYING HAPPENS, IT IS IMPORTANT TO DOCUMENT AND REPORT THE BEHAVIOUR, SO IT CAN BE ADDRESSED – RECORD THE DATES AND TIMES WHEN CYBERBULLYING HAS OCCURRED, AND SAVE AND PRINT SCREENSHOTS, EMAILS, AND TEXT MESSAGES.



How can I stay safe?

MAKE SURE YOUR PRIVACY SETTINGS ARE SET SO THAT ONLY PEOPLE YOU KNOW AND TRUST CAN SEE WHAT YOU POST. NEVER GIVE OUT PERSONAL INFORMATION ONLINE, SUCH AS IN PUBLIC PROFILES, CHAT ROOMS OR BLOGS, AND AVOID FURTHER COMMUNICATION WITH THOSE SENDING THE MESSAGES. KEEP AWARE OF FAKE PROFILES AND INTERNET USERS PRETENDING TO BE SOMEONE THAT THEY ARE NOT.

