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TO LEARN TOGETHER AND GROW IN GOD'S LOVE

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Yesterday we celebrated Spanish Day throughout the school embracing our school's new Modern Foreign Language. Children completed a series activities and we ended the day with flamenco dancing. Thank you to Miss Lopez for her hard work organising such a lovely day.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Long

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 16th January – Year 5 will be going swimming every Tuesday until Easter.

Wednesday 31st January – Young Voices Event 02 – Choir

Thursday 1st February – Y6 SATs meeting 9 am & 5 pm

Monday 5th February – Y1 Phonics Screening Check Meeting 9 am & 5 pm

Wednesday 7th February – NSPCC Number Day Parent Workshop

Thursday 8th February – St Valentine's Disco 4.30 pm – 6.30 pm

Friday 9th February – Last day of half term



School success starts
with attendance



As a school we aim for pupils to achieve 100% attendance or as close as possible. Evidence shows strong attendance directly links to a child achieving their full potential. Through working together, we can ensure that your child receives a full-time education, through regular and structured attendance.

While it is understandable that there may be a number of legitimate reasons why your child's attendance may be affected, it remains essential that all children attend school as often as possible and are not absent for minor coughs and colds.

Keeping attendance above 95% allows pupils to achieve their potential.

Winners last week

Year 6 – 97.5%

School attendance 93.4%



St Joseph's School Prayer

Heavenly Father -

Let us aim to be the very best we can be, at all times.

May St Joseph's be full of happiness.

Fill our hearts with love, respect and compassion for all who are part of our school, local and global community.

Help us to make good choices, and guide us in understanding when we don't.

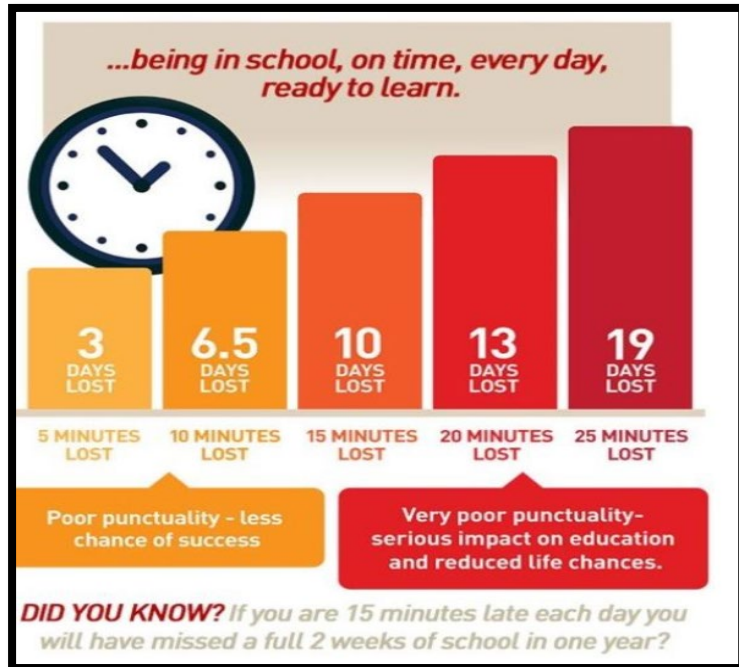
Let us remember, in learning together, we grow together and succeed together, in God's love.



Family Valentines Disco

**Thursday 8th February
4:30pm – 6:30 pm.**

**Family of 4 £10.00,
individual £3.00. See
Charlotte at gate after
school.**



Holy Communion

The First Holy Communion celebration will take place on 07 July 2024. If your child is not baptised St Joseph's church could organise this. The age group is from 8 years old (year 3) and onwards. We meet every Sunday after 10am mass (for 45 minutes lesson) but the children will need to attend mass as they will learn the biblical and Catholic faith procession.

We break up every school calendar break and holidays.



Five to Twelve Study

Year One is taking part in the Five to Twelve study

Pupils from our school have been selected to take part in the new **Five to Twelve** study!

Five to Twelve is a new national study involving around 8,000 children attending primary school in the 2020s and their families. The study will explore how children are getting on in a range of areas in the post-pandemic context. By following children and their families over time, the study aims to provide a contemporary understanding of how children's environments and experiences impact on their future education and wellbeing outcomes.

For the first stage of the study, the National Centre for Social Research (NatCen), which is delivering the study on behalf of DfE, will be sending letters to the parents or carers of the selected children at their home address in October 2023. The information posted to families will list the various ways they can get in touch with the study team, should they have questions about participating or opting out.

If invited parents and carers have any questions, you can visit the study website

at fivetotwelve.org.uk, or get in touch with the study team at FivetoTwelve@natcen.ac.uk or on Freephone **0800 652 4568**

Rainbow Awards

26th January 2024

Rec – Rayyan, Siana

Year 1 – Dilay, Ronnie

Year 2 – Elsie, Levi

Year 3 – Thomas, Francis

Year 4 – Aeva, Theo

Year 5 – Abu, Isabella

Year 6 – Yasin, AlfieJay

WELL DONE TO YOU ALL!



This Week

Freda – Y5

Amelia – Y3

Pirashanna – Y3

Shirley – Y3



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of YouTube which offers a colourful and easy-to-navigate environment that's suitable for young children. This app is easily accessible and available for mobile devices, which can be downloaded without needing the YouTube app on the device. Despite YouTube Kids seeming like a very child-friendly platform, it has raised concerns over its advertising and inappropriate content seeping through the curation process.

SETTING UP

1 Download the YouTube Kids app and connect your own YouTube channel.

2 Input your child's name, age and birth month.

3 Select the types of videos you want to include for your child based on their age and your own personal choice.

4 If you decide to approve the content yourself, the app will present you with sample videos for you to accept and reject.

5 Once you've made your choice, you're ready to use the app!

Advice for Parents & Carers

REMOVE ADVERTISEMENTS

Like YouTube, adverts on YouTube Kids are also quite pervasive. If you decide you don't want your child being exposed to adverts, you can subscribe to YouTube Premium which will remove adverts on YouTube Kids. However, it's worth remembering that this doesn't block adverts that content creators decide to make as part of their content, and children are still able to access channels from branded fast food or toy companies.

BE WARY OF UNSUITABLE CONTENT

YouTube Kids has a far lower chance of showing unsuitable material than YouTube, but there are still reports of malicious users deliberately uploading inappropriate content. It's important that your child feels able to talk to you if they were ever exposed to upsetting content in the future. It's also safest to report inappropriate videos: tap the three dots in the corner of the video and select 'Report'.

DISABLE SEARCH OPTION

YouTube Kids allows you to disable the search feature, which you may find useful in preventing your child from unintentionally finding age-inappropriate content. Doing this will also give you more control over what your child is watching. It's also worth noting that setting an age limit will ensure that your child is only exposed to recommended videos that are deemed suitable for their age group.

RESTRICT VIEWING TIME

The YouTube Kids app provides you with the option of setting up a timer to monitor and limit your child's daily usage, which automatically stops the video when it reaches the set time. It may be best to make use of this feature to prevent screen addiction – which can potentially lead to children staying up too late, affecting their mood and concentration the following day.

MONITOR WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has also made it possible for parents and carers to see what their children are watching on the app by clicking on the 'Recommended' icon on the top right of the home screen. It may also be worth having a look at what your child has recently watched by clicking on their history tab. The red bar on the video shows how much of the video has been watched.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for your child. This may require spending time finding channels and content that you and your child will enjoy and benefit from. Try introducing family sessions where you can share the most enjoyable videos that you and your child have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you and your child many new things to talk about with each other.

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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