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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to the spring term. It has been wonderful to see all of the children back looking very smart and eager to get back to their learning and their friends. We had whole school assembly and mass this week and spoke about opening up our hearts to God and inviting him into our lives so he can help us be the best version of ourselves this term. We are all excited to have a very successful term.

Have a wonderful weekend.  
Miss Long

## Dates for your Diary

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 5 will be going swimming every Tuesday until Easter.

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 6 Parents SAT's meeting 9am or 5pm.



## Holy Communion

If you would like your child to make their Holy Communion an introduction will be held after 10 am mass this Sunday.

## Primary School Admission Guide

Deadline for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024

<https://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/info/200286/apply-for-a-school-place/458/apply-for-a-primary-school-place#:~:text=Primary%20school%20admission%20guide,-if%20your%20child&text=The%20deadline%20for%20applications%20is,still%20need%20to%20apply%20online.>



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 5 – 97.3%**

**School attendance 94.5%**





Census Day Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January – if your child normally has packed lunch and you would like them to have the Census Day menu, please contact the school office or email by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January support@stjosephs.greenwich.sch.uk

## Rainbow Awards

12<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Rec – Hafsa, Siana

Year 1 – Ava, Heran

Year 2 – Caleb, Margarida

Year 3 – Emelia, Shirley

Year 4 – Ava-Mae, Kaiden

Year 5 – Daanya, Millie

Year 6 – Freya, Nyla

**WELL DONE TO YOU ALL!**



### This Week

Jersiah Y4

Xavier Y2

Elsee Y3

Miss Martin

Miss Ashley-Yates



### Reminder Once-a-week take-a-peek!

We have had cases of head lice reported. Please check your child's hair regularly to prevent the lice spreading.

Raffle tickets on sale next week after school. Ifly tickets at the O2 (4 flights shared by 2 people) Hollywood Bowl O2 (3 x 1 free game). Raffle tickets will be £3.00 a strip.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SETTING UP NEW DEVICES FOR CHILDREN

At Christmas, millions of lucky children will be excitedly ripping the wrapping off new phones, tablets, computers or consoles. However, in the rush to let young ones enjoy their shiny gadgets, many parents neglect to set these devices up safely – increasing the chances of children going online and stumbling across adult content, making expensive downloads or installing unsuitable apps. A little time configuring the device properly can save a lot of anguish later. Here are our top tips to ensure that a dream gift on Christmas morning doesn't turn into a nightmare by New Year.

## PASSCODES FOR IPHONE/IPAD

If your child's getting their own iPhone or iPad, you can set parental controls that make it difficult for them to access inappropriate content or download expensive apps. Once the device is set up, go to the Settings app and tap Screen Time, then select Use Screen Time Passcode and enter a passcode. Keep it to yourself so your child can't switch the protection off.

## SCREEN TIME SETTINGS ON IPHONE/IPAD

Once you've set a Screen Time Passcode, you can adjust various safety settings. You could, for example, only allow communication with people from the Contacts app, place restrictions on App Store purchases and apply age limits to movies, music and web content. There are many more protective options available within the Screen Time settings section.

## FAMILY LINK FOR ANDROID

Parents can manage Android phones and tablets, as well as Google Chromebooks, through Google's Family Link app. This gives your child some independence (and their own Google account) but lets parents monitor which apps are being used, set limits on content and ensure that parental permission is required to install apps. Look for Family Link in the Google Play Store.

## ADD A CHILD TO FAMILY LINK

The easiest way to add a child's device to Family Link is to set it up with its own Google account. It's a good idea to create this before they use their new phone, tablet or Chromebook. Once they're logged in, open the Family Link app on your phone, press '+' in the top right and add a new family member using their Google account details. Then follow the on-screen instructions.

## FAMILY SHARING ON A MAC

Families using a Mac get similar screen time options to iPhone and iPad users. Again, if you're setting up a Mac for a child, make yourself the main admin and add them as a user. This is handled through Apple's Family Sharing service, which not only allows you to put controls on child accounts but share apps and other purchases with them too. Search 'family sharing' at <https://support.apple.com>.

## PLAYSTATION PARENTAL CONTROLS

With parental controls for the PS5, you'll need a PlayStation Network account (as the 'family manager') and the child will need their own account, which they should sign in with on the console. This all needs to be set up in advance, so you might want to do it before the big day. Go to [PlayStation.com](http://PlayStation.com) and search 'family account' for instructions.

## DISCUSS IT WITH YOUR CHILD

If you're planning to implement any kind of restriction or protection settings on your child's new device, we'd recommend having a discussion with your young one first about what these controls do, and what they are for. If you try to impose parental controls surreptitiously or with no advance warning, don't be surprised if your child tries to find a way around them.

## SET AN ADMIN ON PCS

On Windows PCs and laptops, it's important not to let your child share a general user account or be the main admin on the device. If you're booting up a new family PC or a child's own device, set it up using your own account details and you'll become the admin by default. Then set up children with their own separate account: Settings > Accounts > Family & Other Users > Add Other User.

## SET WINDOWS LIMITS

Once your child's account has been created, a parent admin can go back into the Family & Other Users menu and apply limits to it. These include restricting screen time, the type of games and apps that can be installed, web filters and more. Microsoft also includes reporting tools which, for example, can email you with a weekly summary of your child's activity on the device.

## TREAT AN XBOX LIKE A PC

The same control settings you use for a PC can be used to apply parental controls on an Xbox. Again, once your child is signed into the Xbox with their own account, you can then monitor and regulate their activity from a PC or web browser. Microsoft's dashboard allows you to manage voice communication through the console: so you can limit who can contact your child, for example.

## INSTALL XBOX FAMILY SETTINGS

If you don't have a PC, but your child does have an Xbox, it might be easier to use the Xbox Family Settings app for iPhone or Android. Here, you can restrict console screen time (particularly handy if the console is in a bedroom), restrict communication and monitor the types of game being played. There's also a feature where you can allocate spending money for games or in-game purchases.

## STAY VIGILANT

It's important to remember that none of these methods is 100% foolproof. Nobody will ever invent flawless filters or parental controls – not least because what's unacceptable to some parents is perfectly acceptable to others. So although devices' parental controls will help to keep your child safe online, they work best side by side with good old-fashioned parental vigilance.

## Meet Our Expert

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