

ST MARY'S C OF E (AIDED) PRIMARY SCHOOL

'A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum'

NEWSLETTER

Week beginning 16th June 2025

Message from Mrs Copus



What a hot week we've had this week! Fantastic Sports Days and thank you so much to all the parents, carers and families who attended and supported the children - this support means so much to the school and the children. We know we're heading towards the end of term but we're not there yet and there's lots planned for the next few weeks.

Church Links

Reflection - This week's reflection - thanks, as always, to Mrs Smith!

Friendship - Part 3





Sport

Sports Day

Despite the very hot and sunny weather, the children gave it their all and showed real determination to do their best this week. It was wonderful to see so many trying new things, pushing themselves and supporting one another throughout the day.

The winning teams were as follows -

UK & Thailand Class - Green Team

Italy & India Class - Blue Team

Year 3 & 4 - Yellow Team

Year 5 & 6 - Blue Team



Cricket

On Thursday some Year 5/6 Girls went to Southwater Cricket Club to take part in an interschool tournament. Despite the intense heat, they played really well as a team and learnt lots of new skills. Well done girls!



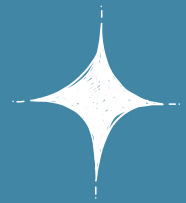


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Summer Fayre

What a fantastic Summer Fayre and Colour Run, we are blessed with an amazing day, the weather was perfect, the PTA worked so hard and everyone enjoyed themselves. We are waiting for a final amount but this event raised over £2,000



Staffing

As we are now in the final half term we are beginning to think about the children moving on. In September the classes will be:

UK – Mrs Huntley Hart

Thailand – Mrs Gowland and Mrs Martin-Wells

Italy – Miss Heasman

India – Miss Sleat

Australia – waiting to appoint

New Zealand – Mrs McTiffen and Mrs McKonochie

Sierra Leone – Miss Taylor

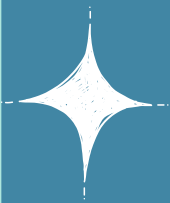
USA – Mrs Farrant

Mexico – Mr Coomber

China – Miss Aburrow

Japan – Miss Callender

South Africa – Miss Turner



We will be adding a KS1 class in to go from 11 to 12 classes as we are getting in year admissions. Once this is finalised then I will let parents know.

Mrs Logan Campbell will be leaving us on 9th July. We wish her all the very best for the future.



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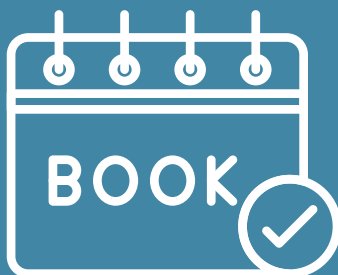
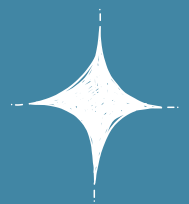


Library Books

We are missing some school library books. We'd be really grateful if you could have a look at home and please return any as soon as possible.

NZ Reports

These have come out to parents today via the MCAS app - please ensure you have logged on to see them.



Parents Evening

The appointments for parents evening are now live on MCAS so please book a slot to speak to your child's teacher and to look at the children's books - come and see the wonderful learning that your child has been doing.!

Year 6 Production

Tickets for the Year 6 Production, Treasure Island, are now on sale - you can purchase these via your MCAS app or the school office.





✦ Things to know... ✦



Class Celebrations

25th June – NZ 26th June – Italy
3rd July – India 10th July – UK
22nd July – Japan and SA Leavers Assembly – 9.30am –
2 seats per family (no more due to space)

Meal Ordering

Please could we ask that when ordering your child's meal choice, you sit down together and choose their preferred option. We have had a number of children refusing to eat what was ordered for them and, as a school, we only receive what you have ordered to reduce food waste.

July cut off dates

Thurs 26/6 for w/c 7/7
Thurs 3/7 for w/c 14/7
Thurs 10/7 for w/c 21/7

Dates for your diary



30th June – Y6 Leavers Service at Christ's Hospital - full school uniform please, no leavers hoodies
1st July – Parents Evening
3rd July – Parents Evening
7th July – Class letters come home
15th July – Production – Treasure Island 1.00pm and 6pm
17th July – Production – Treasure Island 6pm
17th July – Year 6 Leavers' Service, St Mary's Church
18th July – Production – Treasure Island 6pm
19th July – Year 6 Prom
22nd July – 9.30am Final Assembly for Y6
(2 seats available per child)



Celebrations



Vine Leaves

Katiemay, Isla, Thomas, Freddie, Josh, Eric, Oscar, Hector, Rex (SA & Japan) - Service - for their involvement and help with the younger years Sports Days. Rosie C (UK) - Perseverance - for knowing that you can now do anything you put your mind too Toby, Noah and Daisy (SA) - Service - for staying behind and re-setting equipment between the two sports days. Dilan (USA) and Cameron (SA) - Perseverance - for not giving up and completing their races. even though they found it tricky Violet (NZ) - Generosity - for letting children use her stapler when we ran out of staples in the classroom! Charlotte (USA) and Josie (USA) - Perseverance - for never giving up even when you find work challenging.

Achievements



Jaxon S (USA) - Won 'Swan of the Year' at his end of season football awards ceremony



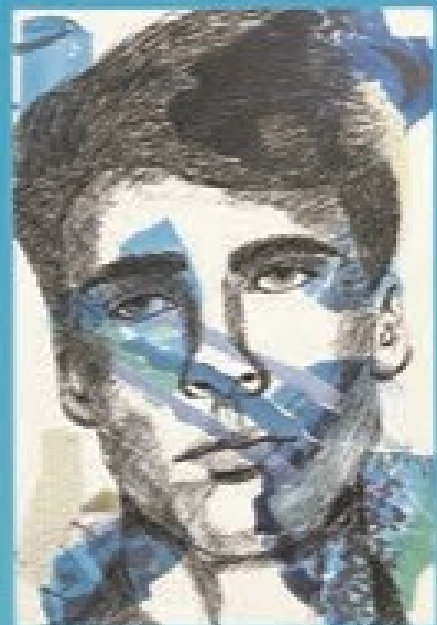
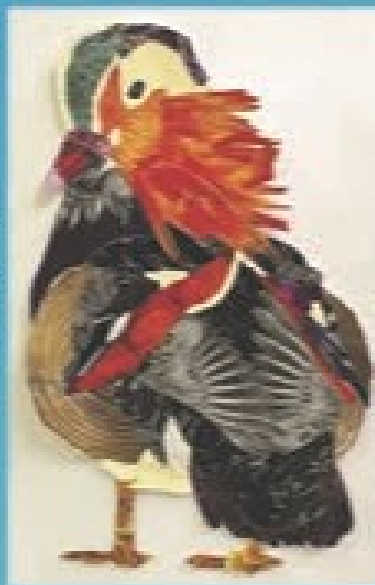
Oakley S (Ita) - received his Health and Fitness badge at Beavers

POP-UP ART EXHIBITION

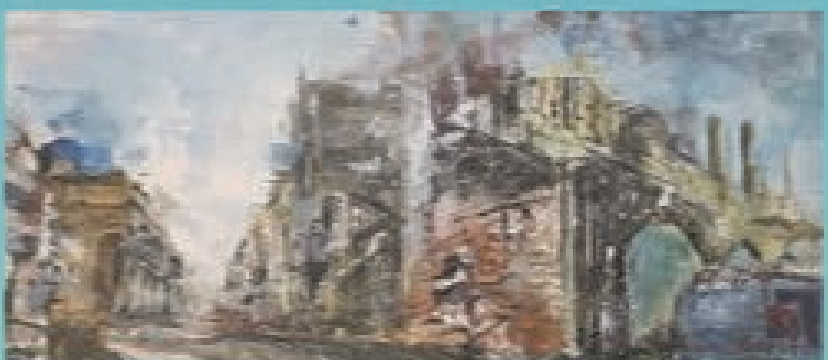
WEDNESDAY 16 to SATURDAY 19 JULY

10:00AM - 5:00PM EACH DAY

FITTLEWORTH VILLAGE HALL RH20 1JB



CELEBRATING VIBRANT & DIVERSE VISUAL ART BY
YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE LOCAL AREA AND BEYOND



YOUNG ARTS AT
THE ARTS SOCIETY WEST SUSSEX

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform. Its colourful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and it offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS



YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

BE WARY OF ADVERTISING



Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pervasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE



YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED



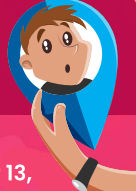
YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.

AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION



There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'scientific' videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.

DATA COLLECTION RISK



While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS



YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.

SET TIME LIMITS



The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

CHECK WATCH HISTORY



YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.

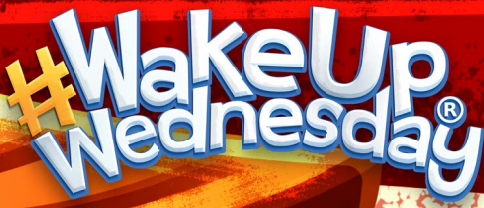
WATCH TOGETHER



It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.

Meet Our Expert

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