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**Headteacher: Mrs J Harrup**

14th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

This morning we were treated to a wonderful assembly by 4J. They took us on a trip to Greece and made us think of sunshine and beaches! They shared their history and geography learning and spoke confidently and with such enthusiasm. They have clearly enjoyed their topics this half term. The team work and support for each other shone through! Well done everyone!

### **Litter Picking Heroes**

On Saturday, Barnsbury families got involved to help pick litter from our local community. Huge thanks go to Miss Freeland and our Eco Council, who organised the event, and to all the families who got involved—you made a huge difference to our community!

### **Rethink Waste Project—get involved!**

The Rethink Waste project is a passionate one from the Surrey Environment Partnership and Greenredeem. They are determined to make Surrey a greener place to enjoy and want to help Surrey Schools by funding their eco-projects. Please see the body of the newsletter for how you can get involved and support the school. Another 'thank you' goes to Miss Freeland for her dedication and passion to all things environmental and for all the opportunities and experiences she gives the children at school.

### **Thinking Day / Founder's Day**

It's Thinking Day/Founder's Day on 22nd February which is celebrated by Scout and Guide organisations around the world. If your child attends Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts they may wear their uniform to school on Tuesday 25th February to celebrate.

### **World Book Day**

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 6th March, children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character on Thursday 6th March. They should be prepared to talk to the class about their chosen character and/or bring in book.

We are also delighted to confirm that the Book Fair will also take place that week (3rd-6th March). The Book Fair will be open before and after school so please pop in and support us in promoting our love of reading with the children. Each child will receive a £1 World Book Day voucher which can be used against the purchase of any book. In addition to this, there is an opportunity for your child to win a £5 gift voucher to use at the Fair. The theme for World Book Day is 'Read your Way'. To highlight the importance of this we would love for the children to send in pictures of them reading THEIR way. Please could any pictures be sent in by Monday 4th March.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term and we look forward to seeing the children back on Tuesday 25th February.

With kind regards

Mrs J E Harrup  
Headteacher



## Star of the Week

## Effort Award

## Values Award

**Oak**

Denis

Gian

Chloe

**Ash**

Aaryadeep

Emma-Rosie

Arianna

**1B**

Miguel

Hugo

Quinn

**1M**

Paul

Ava

Jasper

**2M**

Elina

Rebecca

Amirah

**2T**

Ekow

Malakai

Hannah

**3B**

Isabelle

Jake

Synthia

**3M**

Kiki

Mudra

Tyler

**4D**

Demi

Frankie

Samantha

**4J**

Khaleesi

Abubakr

Jimmy

**5M**

Isobel

Rachael

Quinn

**5T**

Zoe

Emma

Adele

**6G**

Mason

Ashley

Matthew

**6L**

Thomas A

Florence

Myra

**Congratulations to our Super  
Speller this week:**

Lillian (3M)



**Congratulations to the recipients  
of a WOW certificate this week:**

Dakota (1B)

Olivia, Kaja, Harri, Amelia and Noah  
(6G)



## Acorns Nursery



The past 2 weeks Acorns have been learning all about colours shapes and patterns. We have had such fun learning about animal colours and patterns, making our own patterns in our tuff tray, mixing colours and threading beads to make our own patterns. For valentines day we made flowers using our hands.

## Year 1



As the half term comes to a close, so does our Year 1 history topic on toys. Year 1 pupils have had a wonderful time exploring toys from the past and learning how they have evolved over time. We were fortunate to have Chertsey Museum visit us on Monday morning, where they conducted an amazing workshop filled with practical activities. The children had the opportunity to play with old toys, including a cup and ball and a Jacob's ladder! They also made their own toys and enjoyed discovering some outdoor games. Year 1 loved understanding how children played with toys long ago and how this differs from how they play now.

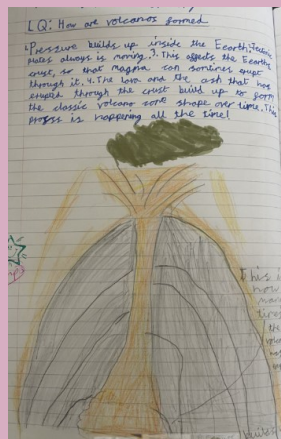
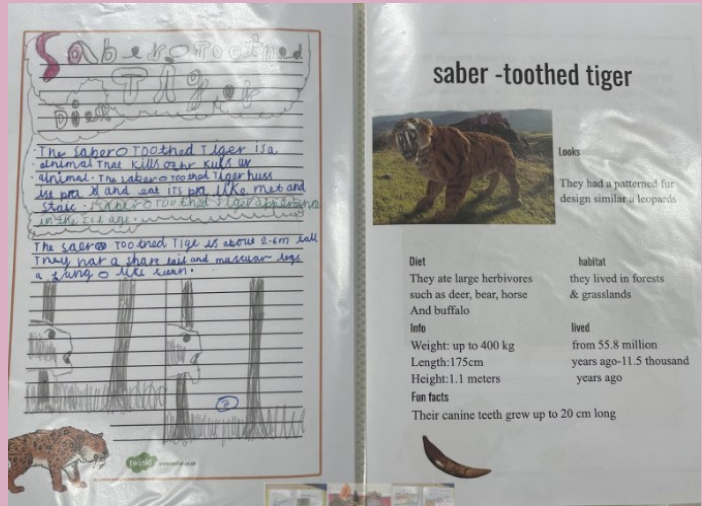
To end the week, the children will bring in their own favourite toys for a very special teddy bear's picnic! We can't wait!





## Year 3

During the last couple of weeks year 3 have been busy creating fact files on Prehistoric animals in English which we have published in our new Class book. In Art, we have learned that Henri Matisse was famous for his creativity in using scissors to create art masterpieces. We used his work to inspire our creativity and here are the amazing results. In Geography we have finished our learning about how active our planet is. The children have created and confidently presented wonderful pieces of homework which we will display in our classrooms.



## Year 5



This week in Year 5 we have been continuing our work on set designs. We have tried to recreate a room in our house, using a variety of different techniques - sculpture, drawing and textiles. We have also been writing our own version of 'The Ice Bear', a book by Jackie Morris that we have been studying all this half term.

Away from the classroom, we have been auditioning for our school play - 'Oliver with a Twist' - and are very excited to find out what parts we will be playing!





## Valentines Phonics



I found these cute little hearts in The Range and decided to paint them for this activity. I then added Set 2 and Set 3 words for the children to practice. The children love a rice tray and it's super easy to make.  
Natalie Paice  
Trainee Teacher, Year 4

## Year 6 Multi-sports Event



A selection of Year 6 Athletics Team members, participated in the Royal Holloway Multi-sport event, on the 6th of February 2025. What an incredible team of athletes who displayed tremendous skill, team spirit and our Barnsbury Values. The skills and various sporting codes they were involved in, were to enable these athletes to return to school, and encourage others to participate more during breaks and lessons. We were grateful to be selected to be a part of this well planned and productive day.

## Year 6 Boys Football League

A team of Year 6 boys consisting of Noah (goal), William, Mason, Jack (all defenders), Thomas, Freddie, Harri, Aroosh, Anthony, Ethan (our midfielders) and Praise (our striker) headed to St Dunstan's on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February to represent Barnsbury school.

The matches were eight a side, 10-minute matches and so a fast start and high intensity were the orders of the day. Given the league format the boys knew they would play three matches in total and our opponents for the day were Pyrford, The Marist and St Dunstan's.



Game one against Pyrford was a tight and tense affair for much of the match with no team able to gain much control of the ball in midfield. Pyrford though broke the deadlock after bursting forward on the counterattack that left the Barnsbury boys chasing shadows. A second almost followed soon after but Noah just about held on to the ball. As the match wore on Praise and Freddie almost escaped on the breakaway only to thwart each other accidentally. 0-1

Game two could have been an instant re-play of the first match, with no team really able to grab hold of the match. A similar counterattack to our first game resulting in Barnsbury going behind at the half way stage and Noah had to pull off a finger tip save soon after to keep the match at only 0-1. Anthony had a couple of difficult half chances to score but it wasn't to be. 0-1

Our third and final game was against the hosts St Dunstan's and with a team full of Mayford players, and a fellow Mayford coach in the opposite dugout, I was of course keen to grab the win and so too were the boys. From the outset Barnsbury were the much stronger team with St Dunstan's goalkeeper called in to action on multiple times. Despite his best efforts he couldn't stop Thomas from battling hard in the opposition box and slotting home for Mayford to give the boys the lead. St Dunstan's seemed to only have one tactic which was to go long and Barnsbury were awake to it with Wills, Jack and Harri all making great clearances and tackles. As the match wore on Freddie and Thomas combined to find Praise who finished a great team goal for a 2-0 win.

If only they had started the first two matches like the last, I think it would have been a Barnsbury clean sweep! They can be very proud of their efforts throughout, and it was great to get a win at the end. A big thank you to Mrs Gilkerson and Thomas's mum and to Miss Paice who came along to cheer the Barnsbury boys on.

Coach Phil



## Litter picking in the local Community

A **HUGE thank you** to all of the families who took part in the litter picking event at the weekend. We were surprised by the amount of litter around the local community. Please help to spread the word about the importance of putting rubbish in the bin. Despite feeling slightly disheartened by the amount of rubbish, it was a great atmosphere with all of the enthusiastic families working together to make our community a cleaner place. Thank you to Thames Basin Heath Partnership and Knaphill School for loaning some extra litter pickers to enable this event to go ahead. If you would like to help reduce the amount of litter in the local community, or have any suggestions relating to this, please get in contact. The Eco Council would love to hear from you.



**Thank you to  
all our  
wonderful  
litter picking  
heroes!**

## Would you like to win a £5 book voucher?

If so, create a book cover of your favourite book. Use your imagination and create the most amazingly, colourful cover. You also need to write a 'blurb!' An exciting few sentences to make us want to read your book.

Your Book cover needs to be handed in to Mrs McConville by Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> of February.





# The Rethink Waste Project is back!

The Rethink Waste project is a passionate one from the Surrey Environment Partnership and Greenredeem. We're determined to make Surrey a greener place to enjoy and we believe that Surrey schools deserve the best which is why we want to help fund their eco-projects.

The February round is now live.

If you are new to Rethink Waste - <https://rethinkwaste.co.uk/register?referrer=2630740>

If you already have a login - [Login](#)

Our school is now eligible to receive donations from any member of the Rethink Waste platform. Registration is free and you can start collecting points now.



Taking part involves short videos, activities and quizzes all about small changes we can make to help the planet. Whilst learning top tips, you can also collect points to donate to Barnsbury Primary School. Last year, we came third which resulted in funding for our Eco projects! Can you help us beat our record?

Miss Freeland

Reception Teacher, Early Years Lead

Eco and Outdoor Learning Lead

# Dates for your diary 2024-25

## Spring Term

### February

17th-21st	Half Term
Monday 24th	INSET Day
Weds 26th	Year 5 School Trip

### March

3rd—6th	Book Fayre
Tuesday 4th	Parents Evening 3:30pm—5:30pm
Thursday 6th	Parents Evening 3:30pm—7pm
Friday 7th	9.00am Rock Steady Concert (Friday bands)
Weds 12th	Local Governing Committee Meeting
Friday 14th	5T Class Assembly
Tuesday 18th	9.00am Rock Steady Concert (Tuesday bands)
Friday 21st	1M Class Assembly
Thursday 20th	Year 2 School Trip
Tuesday 25th	Year 4 School Trip
Thursday 27th	9.00am Rock Steady Concert (Thursday bands)
Friday 28th	1B Class Assembly

### April

2nd-4th	Year 6 Residential
Friday 4th	1:15pm End of Spring Term



# Dates for your diary 2024-25

## Summer Term

### April

Tuesday 22nd	Start of Summer Term
Thu 24th & Fri 25th	PTA Silent Discos (times TBC)
Weds 30th	Local Governing Committee Meeting (8am to 10am)

### May

Friday 2nd	3B Class Assembly (9.00am)
Friday 16th	2M Class Assembly (9.00am)
Friday 23rd	2T Class Assembly (9.00am)
Friday 23rd	End of half term
26th May-6th June	Two week half term

### June

Weds 11th	Reception School Trip
Weds 18th	Class photos
Weds 25th	Local Governing Committee Meeting (8am to 10am)
Thursday 26th	Sports Day
Friday 27th	Oak Class Assembly (9.00am)

### July

Friday 4th	Ash Class Assembly (9.00am)
Tuesday 22nd	End of Term (1:15pm finish)

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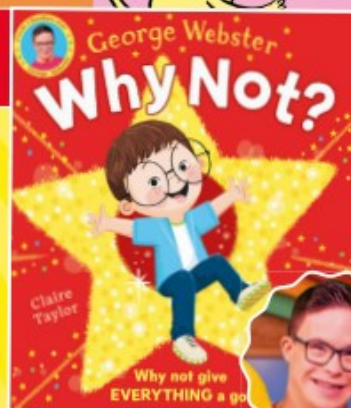
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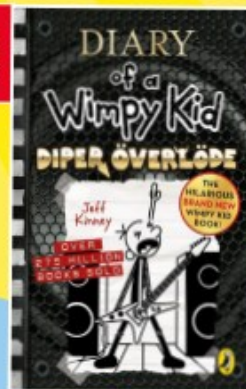
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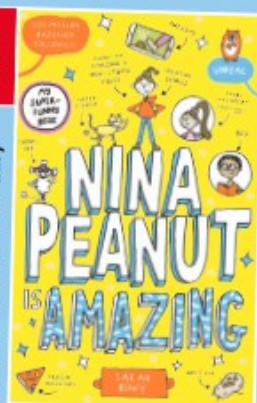
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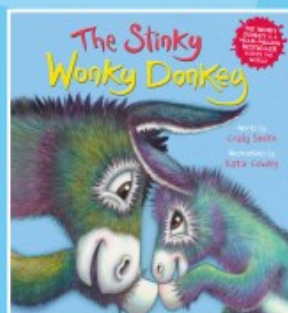
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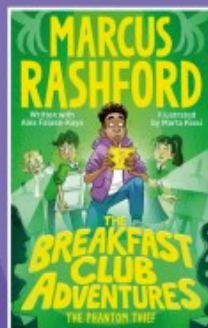
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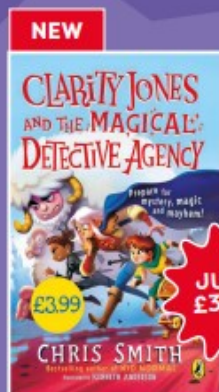
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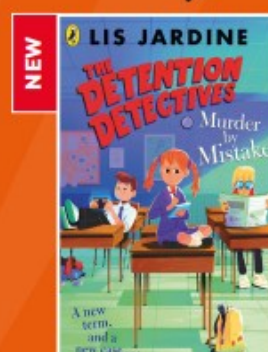
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# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ONLINE RELATIONSHIPS & DATING APPS

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Dating apps are used to help people find new relationships – whether casual or more long term – matching users based on age, interests, gender and more. Some may consider dating apps harmless to under-18s because they aren't able to use them, but effective age verification measures are quite scarce, and it's been known for young people to end up on apps of this type.

## EASE OF ACCESS

The relatively lax age verification process of many dating apps makes them incredibly accessible to children who really shouldn't be using them. This carries the obvious risk of exposing under-18s to a dating scene populated by adults – who may not even be aware of the young person's true age. This is concerning when we consider the 'hook-up culture' common on these apps – with many people using them to arrange casual sexual encounters.

## CONTACT AND CONDUCT RISKS

Once someone is active on a dating app, their social media profiles can be linked to the app and might be accessed by others. This can lead to random users 'sliding into their DM's' (sending a direct message) without consent. Complete strangers could start bombarding a young person's inbox with pictures, messages and sexual comments.

## SCAMS AND SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

Some young people may feel they've formed a real bond with someone through online dating, but there's always a risk that it's not genuine. Scammers on these apps often build romantic connections with their victims – then once they feel they have their victim's trust, they begin asking for money under false pretences (such as suggesting they meet in person and requesting a 'loan' to cover a train ticket).

## UNVERIFIED ACCOUNTS

As with all online interactions, you may not be talking to whom you think you are. Without paying a subscription, users of dating apps can often only view a certain number of profiles at a time. A TikTok trend has advised young people to set their age limit to 80 years and over – putting them in a sparse and more 'exclusive' category to bypass the usual restrictions. Unfortunately, this can lead to matches with someone much older.

## PEER PRESSURE

The pressure to be in a relationship can be huge, and many young people use online dating apps as a cost-effective way to meet others. Some users find it difficult to meet people organically due to their lifestyle, and may not have the time or money to go out and socialise. It's also common for young people to set up accounts for their single friends in the hope of finding a match for someone they know.

## SKEWED PERSPECTIVES

Dating apps can promote an unrealistic view of what makes someone attractive. With such vast options, some users can become both picky and extremely harsh about others' appearance. Ultimately, all you see on these apps are pictures (with no insight into someone's personality), and some young people struggle with the fear of being judged. Even when someone does start dating, there's a persistent paranoia that their partner is only one swipe away from a potentially better match.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### TALK ABOUT DATING APPS

Let young people know that they can talk to you about anything, even something as private as their dating life. At school, the relationships, sex and health curriculum can assist with conversations around healthy relationships, consent and online safety. Emphasise the message that you want to help them make healthy, safe and informed choices. If they feel embarrassed talking to you, make sure they have a trusted adult who can help them.

### ENCOURAGE DATA PROTECTION

Empower young people to protect their data and personal information. Explain why including things like their school, age and surname in their profile could potentially be dangerous. Make sure they know never to give out personal details, and that there's no reason for other users to ask for them. If they feel uneasy about a situation online, they need to speak to someone that they can trust.

### VERIFICATION STAMPS

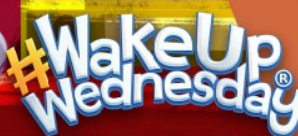
Explain that someone using a dating app should only communicate with those who have gone through a verification process. Online dating apps use a variety of methods to ascertain a user's identity, including scanning valid documents (such as a driver's licence or passport). Verification can also involve users taking a selfie to ensure that the photos on their profile match it.

### REPORT AND BLOCK

Remind young people that they can always report or block (or both) anyone who makes them feel uncomfortable on any platform. Ask if they know how to do this and offer to help them figure it out if they're unsure. Every app should have advice on how to report or block another user, so be sure young people are familiar with the settings.

### Meet Our Expert

Rebecca Jennings works at RAISE ([www.raiseducation.org.uk](https://www.raiseducation.org.uk)) in the field of relationships, sex and health education, providing educational, age-appropriate workshops for pupils around the more sensitive areas of the curriculum – including online safety and healthy relationships.



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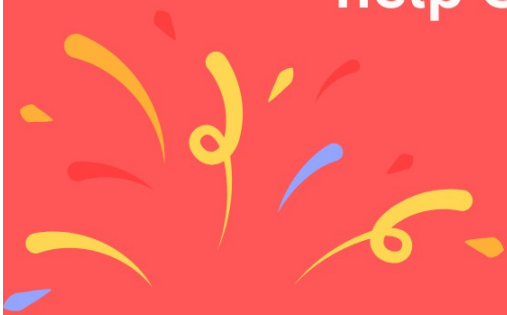


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