



# Barnsbury Primary School and Nursery

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16th May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

This week, our wonderful Year 6 pupils have been taking their SATs (Standard Assessment Tests). These national assessments are designed to measure children's understanding in reading, grammar, punctuation, spelling, and maths as they near the end of their primary school journey. SATs provide a snapshot of what children have learned in certain subjects and help secondary schools understand where each child is in their learning. They also give us, as a school, valuable information about how we're supporting our pupils academically.

However, it's important to remember what SATs don't measure. They don't measure the children's creativity, kindness, resilience, or sense of humour. They don't reflect their talents in art, music, sport, or drama. They don't show how well they work in a team, how they support their friends, or how they light up a room with their smile.

At our school, we value every part of a child's development. SATs are just one piece of the puzzle. We are incredibly proud of each and every Year 6 pupil—not just for their hard work this week, but for the unique individuals they are every day.

## **PAPAYA (Parents Against Phone Addiction in Young Adolescents) Talks**

The SWAN Trust have organised four talks for parents with Jennifer Powers from the PAPAYA. These talks will be at 7.30pm on the following dates and times:

3rd June Goldsworth Primary School, 12th June The Hermitage Schools, 18th June Beaufort Primary School, 26th June Barnsbury Primary School & Nursery

The talks will look at: delaying the introduction of smartphones and social media and establishing good tech boundaries and promoting safe internet use. The talks are for all parents within the SWAN Trust and you can attend any of the sessions. It's for all parents, not just those with children in Key Stage 2. Further information on how to book a place to follow, please put the date in your diary.

## **New Survey on Smartphones - South West Grid for Learning**

The South West Grid for Learning launched a new survey this month. The survey seeks to understand the concerns, expectations and experiences that parents and carers expect to face after giving a child their first smartphone. The overall objective is to map how this milestone is seen by those charged with caring for children. This is a little understood area, despite the impact that smartphones have on children. In particular the role these devices play in introducing children to the digital world. This survey is designed to change that. With concrete insights into how families navigate this transition, the SWGfL seeks to produce a support kit to help with these issues. The link to the survey is [here](#).

## **Parenting Workshop**

A five-week parenting course has been organised with MindWorks and will be held at Kingfield Primary School. The course is entitled: *Building confidence—identifying and supporting additional needs* and will run from Wednesday 11th June to Wednesday 9th July. The subjects covered on the course will include: Communication and Interaction; Social, Emotional and Mental Health; Cognition and Learning; Physical and Sensory and Navigating the System and Signposting to Support. Please see the poster in the body of the newsletter for further information and how to book a place.

## **Maths workshops for parents**

Surrey Family Learning (part of Surrey County Council) courses are delivered by qualified professionals, within the OFSTED framework. They are running online courses and workshops which will help parents to: support their child with maths for Key Stage one and Two; understand how children are taught at school and improve maths skills while helping their children to succeed. More information can be found [here](#).

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Mrs J E Harrup  
Headteacher



### Star of the Week

### Effort Award

### Values Award

<b>Oak</b>	Logan	Elizabeth	Sadie
<b>Ash</b>	Robert	Loki	Ellie
<b>1B</b>	Hugo	Nok Hang	Haseeba
<b>1M</b>	Charlie	Pipalina	Jack
<b>2M</b>	Bertie	Tommy	Azhaan
<b>2T</b>	Connor	Ted	Auriella
<b>3B</b>	Skylar	Freya	George
<b>3M</b>	Emily R	Fin	Catrin
<b>4D</b>	Precious	Samantha	Frankie B
<b>4J</b>	Miriam	Edward	Teniola
<b>5M</b>	Rachael	Owen	Ella
<b>5T</b>	Ted	Vinnie	George H
<b>6G</b>	All of 6G	All of 6G	All of 6G
<b>6L</b>	All of 6L	All of 6L	All of 6L

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

**Matthew (4D)**



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

**Emma-Rosie (Ash), Conor (Oak)  
Owyn (2T) and Finlay (4D)**



# Year 1

Just before the half-term break, Year 1 had an exciting and educational visit from the Life Space! The session focused on helping the children understand how to keep their bodies healthy through good habits, nutritious food, and regular exercise.

During the visit, the children explored the different organs in the human body and discovered the important jobs each one does to keep us alive and well. From the heart that pumps blood, to the lungs that help us breathe, everyone was fascinated to learn how our bodies work together like a team.




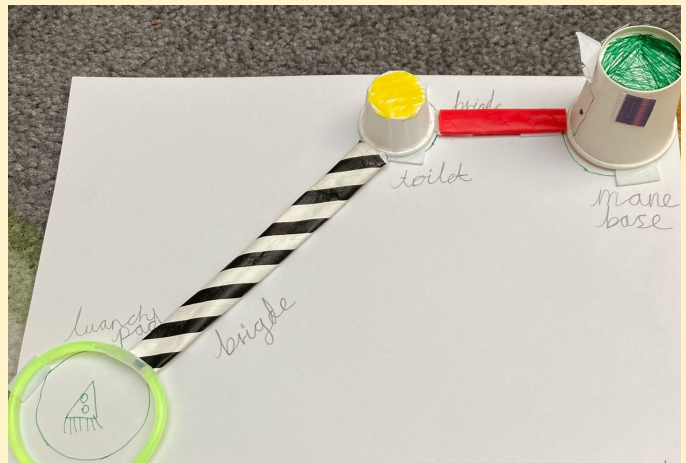
We also talked about the types of food that help us grow strong and stay full of energy. The children were very enthusiastic when discussing their favourite healthy meals and learning why it's important to have a balanced diet. Exercise was another key topic, and the class shared lots of fun ideas for keeping active every day. One of the highlights of the session was helping Gerald the Giraffe make healthy choices throughout his day. With the children's help, Gerald learned how to stay fit, eat well, and look after himself from morning to bedtime.

The visit was a wonderful way to bring our science and PSHE learning to life, and the children came away full of knowledge—and excitement—about how to take care of their bodies.



## Genie Lab Science Club - KS1

Genie Lab will be running a Summer Camp in the holidays, please see the below flyer if you are interested as there are limited spaces available.



A vibrant green poster for 'Summer Camp with Genie Lab'. The title 'SUMMER CAMP' is in large, bubbly blue and yellow letters, with 'with Genie Lab' below it. 'Genie Lab' features a beaker icon. A yellow banner below the title says 'Not Just Science!'. The text 'Join us for a hands-on week of fun, creativity and exploration with Genie Lab!' is in white. A list of activities with green checkmarks includes: AWESOME SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS, MINI BEAST TRAILS, HOME-MADE ARCHERY, ROCKETRY & HOVERCRAFTING, ARTS & CRAFTS, SURVIVAL SKILLS, and AND MUCH MORE!. A yellow box at the bottom left says 'Limited Spaces Available', 'book early to avoid disappointment!', 'booking@genielab.co.uk', and '01483 811890'. The bottom right lists the location 'Shalford Infants School', dates '28th July – 1st August', and time '9:00 AM – 4:00 PM'. The background is decorated with various science and nature icons: a lightbulb, a paint palette, a DNA helix, a rocket, a ladybug, a planet with a ring, a magnifying glass, a caterpillar, a pencil, a butterfly, and a beaker.

# SUMMER CAMP

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# Dates for your diary 2024-25—Summer Term

## May

Thursday 22nd	Reception - Pirates Dress Up Day
Friday 23rd	2T Class Assembly (9.00am)
Friday 23rd	PTA Non Uniform Day
Friday 23rd	Girls' football event at Barnsbury
Friday 23rd	End of half term—3.00pm/3.05pm finish
26th May-6th June	Two week half term

## June

9th to 13th	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check & Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
Weds 11th	Reception School Trip
Weds 18th	Class photos
Mon 23rd	Sports Carousel Events during the day
Tues 24th	New Reception Parents Welcome Meeting
Weds 25th	Local Governing Committee Meeting (8am to 10am)
Thursday 26th	Sports Day—Nursery, Reception, KS1 am, picnic lunch, KS2 pm
Friday 27th	Oak Class Assembly (9.00am)

## July

Tues 1st	Secondary School Induction Days
Tues 1st	'Moving Up' Afternoon & new Reception children visits
Friday 4th	Ash Class Assembly (9.00am)
Thursday 10th/Friday 11th	Year 6 Day trips (with sleepover) - more information to follow.
Monday 14th	1:30pm Y6 Production Dress Rehearsal, KS1 & Parents with small children
Thursday 17th	1:30pm Yr 6 Production Dress Rehearsal, KS2 & Parents with small children
Monday 21st	6.00pm Year 6 Production and Leavers' Party
Tuesday 22nd	End of Term (1:15pm finish)



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MINECRAFT



## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Still the best-selling game of all time, Minecraft is a bastion of creativity and community, with hundreds of millions of players building and crafting in its almost endless world. The popularity of Minecraft among gamers of all ages means it's important to remain informed about the game, including how to play it safely and whether it's suitable for the children in your care. That's why we've created this guide explaining the risks associated with Minecraft and how to ensure a purely enjoyable gaming experience.

## SCARY ELEMENTS

While Minecraft can be seen as a kind of 'digital LEGO', certain game modes include creatures accompanied by eerie sound effects. These can be a bit too frightening for some younger players, potentially leading to distressing in-game combat and other encounters – although the combat is quite basic and free from any real depiction of violence.

## GRIEFING

Some players in Minecraft take pleasure in deliberately damaging or destroying another person's creations. This behaviour, known as 'griefing', is a form of bullying – it intentionally ruins someone else's experience by erasing hours of their work and forcing them to start over. Many public servers regard griefing as a serious offence and often ban those who engage in it.

## ADDICTIVENESS

Minecraft's focus on creativity means that, as with any creative endeavour, it can be easy to get carried away. If your child is finding it difficult to manage their time because they're drawn in by Minecraft's gameplay loop of resource gathering and building elaborate projects, it could have a knock-on effect on their social interactions and schoolwork.

## PUBLIC SERVERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

With public servers being so easily accessible in Minecraft, it's highly likely that children will end up chatting with strangers through the in-game text chat. Some servers even place an emphasis on social interaction, actively encouraging communication between players. While there's nothing inherently wrong with this, it does carry certain risks. In addition to the concerns around speaking with strangers online, players who host their own servers may have their IP addresses exposed, posing a further security concern.

## ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

Minecraft is available as a free trial on a variety of devices; however, the full game requires a one-off purchase, which is typically around £15. After that, players have the option to buy additional cosmetic upgrades or subscribe to Minecraft Realms. Realms is an entirely optional subscription service that allows users to run their own private server to play with friends. Without proper supervision, younger players may end up making unintended or excessive purchases.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Selecting Creative or Peaceful mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is far lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of enemies and creatures attacking you or damaging your building.

### HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for children to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given its address and password. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – ban anyone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft. Hosting a private server, however, will cost a monthly fee.

### TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone will make contact with a stranger online. Talking to children about online safety, therefore, is essential – as is having a plan for dealing with any hostile or difficult people. It's important that a child knows never to tell a stranger about themselves online and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

### RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

Much of Minecraft's early stages can be an exercise in frustration for players who don't know where to start. Thankfully, there's a wealth of material online and in video format to help you learn the basics. Just be mindful that some of this content may not be appropriate for children, so you should consider watching it yourself first.

### PLAY MINECRAFT WITH YOUR CHILD

As a creative building tool, Minecraft makes it great fun for children to team up and construct vast buildings accompanied by imaginative landscapes, much like working with LEGO or model kits. Playing in a game mode that includes enemies can encourage critical thinking and teamwork; however, you should consider which game mode is appropriate for the child in your care.

## Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Gaming Editor at the Daily Star, and has worked in games media for more than 6 years. A long-time gaming enthusiast, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety for children of all ages.



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The poster features a light blue background with stylized blue and teal wavy lines at the top. The bottom section consists of green rolling hills with various white and orange flowers. The text is centered and uses a bold, green, sans-serif font.

# **PTA**

# **Non Uniform Day**

A large white flower with an orange center is positioned to the left of the date.

## **FRIDAY 23RD MAY**

**OPTIONAL DONATION OF £1 FOR NON  
UNIFORM DAY**

# Working Mental Health Support Team: What should you expect from us?

We work in your child's school to support young people struggling with anxiety, worries, low mood or phobias. We offer workshops and assemblies to support what we call the 'whole school approach' towards improving wellbeing and mental health but we also work with young people 1-to-1 using a cognitive-behavioural based approach working towards goals that they choose.

Kerrie



Ashlea



Holly



Emma



Anna



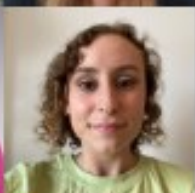
Melanie



Rachel



Priyanka



Dorrie



Alex



Anetta



Gina



Kate



Millie

We work for Surrey and Borders Partnership Trust (SABP) who are an NHS service, so when we receive a request for support form, we open up a patient health care record on our NHS system.

Once we receive a request for support form, we will phone you/your parents to discuss it further. At busier times it may take us a few weeks to call you. We will then either offer you an assessment appointment or support signposting to a more suitable service.

Before an assessment appointment, we ask you to fill out a consent to share information form which has a leaflet to explain when information might be shared, along with an assessment pack and some questionnaires which can be used to track symptoms (Routine Outcome Measures). We need to receive these at or before the first appointment so we can go ahead with the assessment.





## Building Confidence – Identifying and Supporting Additional Needs

### A free 5-week workshop for Parents & Carers

This workshop is aimed at families with a young person registered at this school and provides an opportunity to discuss your child's development.

Over the 5 weeks we will discuss:

- Communication & Interaction
- Social, Emotional & Mental Health
- Cognition & Learning
- Physical & Sensory
- Navigating the System & Signposting to Support

Each session will be followed by tea/coffee and chat.

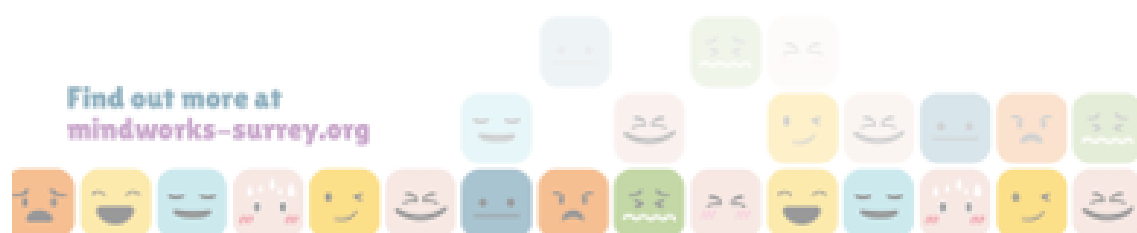
**Date:** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July

**Time:** 1-3pm

**Location:** Kingfield Primary School, Woking, GU22 9EQ

To book your place contact your Home School Link worker:

Ambreen Ali: [hslw@barnsbury.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:hslw@barnsbury.surrey.sch.uk)



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# MAY HALF TERM AT G LIVE



## **FREE Family Fun Day**

Sat 31 May, 10am - 1pm

Packed with exciting activities including crafts, games, and a special preview of the giant puppet T-Rex from the spectacular Dinosaur World Live show!



## **Get Wicked Dance Workshop**

Wed 28 May, 10am - 4pm

For ages 6-13, join us in Oz for this super fun workshop offering an exciting opportunity to dive into the magical world of this beloved musical. Under the guidance of leading industry musical director, Daniel Looseley, participants will learn songs and dialogue from the show.



## **Stop Frame Animation**

Thu 29 May, 10am - 4pm

For ages 7-11, come along and get animated in our May half term computing workshop where participants will learn the basic skills, get to try out green screen and add a soundtrack to bring their animations to life.



## **Graffiti Workshop**

Fri 30 May, 10am - 4pm

For ages 7-11, unleash your creativity under expert guidance and learn essential graffiti techniques, experiment with colour and design, and create your own unique artwork.



## **Enhanced Technical Theatre**

Sat 31 May, 10am - 4pm

For ages 13-18, G Live's Enhanced Technical Theatre Workshop is the perfect opportunity for budding technicians to gain a more in-depth hands-on experience in a professional theatre setting.



# WOKING SWIMMING CLUB



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## NEW MEMBERS TRIALS

For children born between  
**April 2016 and December 2019**  
who are interested in competitive swimming

to be held on

**Tuesday 10th June 2025**  
From 6.30pm

at

Woking Pool in the Park

2019 born are expected to be able to swim basic front crawl and backstroke.  
2016 born must be able to swim good front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke.  
To request a time slot please scan the code below on your smartphone to sign up

Or contact Jane by emailing: [wokingsc.newmembers@gmail.com](mailto:wokingsc.newmembers@gmail.com)





# HOLIDAY COURSE



## SURREY

Fun, engaging, inclusive, safe football activity for Boys & Girls of all abilities, during the school holidays. Book now for our upcoming May Holiday Course by scanning the QR code or using the below website and course code.

[chelseasoccerschools.co.uk](http://chelseasoccerschools.co.uk)

Venue	Date	Course Code
Blenheim High School	27th - 30th May	SS-BLEN-S-17
Timings	Ages	Cost
09.00-15.00	School Year 2-6	£144.00

\* Day bookings accepted at a cost of £36.00 a day \*







**Main Event Day - 5 July 2025**

at Woking Leisure Centre

- Basketball
- Boccia
- Cricket
- Lifesaving
- Golf
- Squash
- Football
- Judo Demonstration
- Tennis

**Duathlon Event - 21 June 2025**

at Woking Sportsbox



**Activities are FREE**

**Register online at:**

**<https://bit.ly/WokingYouthGames>**



### WOKING YOUTH GAMES 2025 - In partnership with Specsavers

- Woking Leisure Centre
- Saturday, 5th July, 8:30am – 4:00pm
- **FREE** multi-sports event for Woking residents & school attendees
- Register now: <https://bit.ly/WokingYouthGames> (or scan the QR code on posters around town!)
- Choose up to 4 sports for your child to try, including:
- Basketball (with Woking Blackhawks)
- Cricket (with local clubs)
- Football (with Woking Cardinals in the Community)
- Tennis, Judo, Lifesaving, Squash, Golf & more!
- Duathlon (Bike + Run) – taking place June 21 at Woking Sportsbox
- Boccia – inclusive sport with Linkable & Freedom Leisure
- All equipment provided
- Medals & awards for all participants
- Open to children of various ages – check age guidelines on the registration link.
- Let's make this the BIGGEST one-day multi-sport event Woking has ever seen!
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- Questions? Email: [jay.jones@freedom-leisure.co.uk](mailto:jay.jones@freedom-leisure.co.uk)

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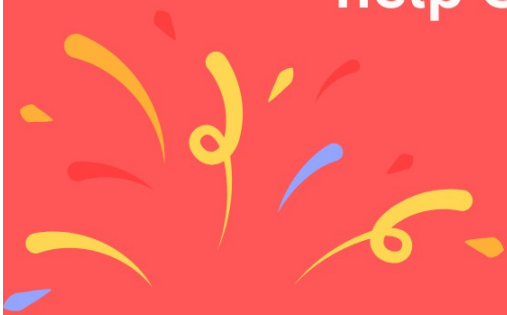


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help CREATING AWARENESS**



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