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Dear Parents and Carers

Berry Avenue, is your child playing it?

Berry Avenue is a role-playing game on the Roblox platform that has raised serious safeguarding concerns. While it may seem innocent, Berry Avenue has been linked to inappropriate content, unfiltered chat environments, and themes unsuitable for children, including online dating and interactions with strangers. I urge you to consistently monitor your child's use of the game as there has been a safeguarding issue of a very serious nature at one of the other local primary schools. Please see the body of the newsletter for more information and links.

PAPAYA (Parents Against Phone Addiction in Young Adolescents) Talk

Please sign up for the talk by PAPAYA on 26th June at 7.30pm. As you know, the increasing use of mobile phones and social media among young people is a growing concern. At The SWAN Trust, we have a large number of parents expressing their anxiety about the use of smart phones by children. We have therefore invited a representative from PAPAYA, Jennifer Powers, to speak at our schools. Jennifer will share valuable insights on the impact of phone addiction, strategies to support children in developing healthy digital habits, and practical steps that parents can take to navigate this challenge. Her talk is aimed at parents and carers, who are navigating their way through a rapidly changing digital world.



To reserve your place, please scan the QR code. Please note, this event is meant for all parents and carers of primary school age children, including the youngest in our nurseries and Reception as we believe it will be relevant and thought-provoking for all. It is not suitable for children to attend.

Hot weather

During the hot weather, please send your child into school in the PE kits (shorts and T-shirt) if you would like to. Please make sure they have had sunscreen applied at home and have a hat and water bottle.

Whole School Sports Events

We are looking forward to our Sports Carousel events on Monday morning where the children take part in a variety of sports related activities to earn points for their House. Then, on Thursday, we have our Sports Day with Reception and KS1 races in the morning, followed by a family picnic and then the KS2 races in the afternoon. I wonder which House will win the cup?! I look forward to seeing you at Sports Day which is always a really lovely day for all involved.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend. Take care in the sun!

With kind regards

Mrs J E Harrup
Headteacher



**Star of the
Week**

**Effort
Award**

**Values
Award**

Oak	Chloe	Zara	Ayman
Ash	Gianna	Enoch	Loki
1B	Aila	Felicity	Dominic
1M	Archie	Florence	Noah
2M	Jaswick	Hannah	Zayan
2T	Keagan	Jenson	Joe
3B	Isra	Saphire	Aaron
3M	Tyler	Nayna	William
4D	Finlay	Kyra	Maya Mae
4J	Chiram	Emeli	Abubakr
5M	Harvey	Saad	Ben
5T	Dominik	Kaylah	Ben
6G	Emma	Maira	Hannah
6L	Olivia	Jessica	Scarlett

Congratulations to the recipients of a WOW certificates this week:

Callan, Henry, William, Chiram, Lucy, Miriam, Jimmy and Sulaiman (4J).



Reception Visit to Godstone Farm

Reception had so much fun at Godstone farm last week! We got to touch and feed the ducks. We pretended to be farmers by clearing out a paddock for the horses. We fed the pigs and got to see the really cute piglets. Oak class met a tortoise and a bearded dragon. Ash class met a tortoise and a duckling. We learnt lots of new facts and enjoyed walking around the farm, seeing a wide range of animals including llamas, alpacas, highland cows, sheep, goats, rabbits, meerkats, and many more. A highlight of the day was the pig race! The children were amazing and even the farmers commented on their wonderful values - well done Reception!



Reception Visit to Godstone Farm



Year 4 French

This year, Year 4 have really enjoyed finding out about life in our Twin Town of Plessis Robinson, France. We learnt that, in the Victorian times, people came to Plessis Robinson to eat in restaurants built IN THE TREES!

Mrs Kidd showed us old photographs - it looked amazing. Now, the town celebrates a weekend of 'Guinguettes' fun - old fair-ground rides, music, dancing, vintage cars - and lots of dressing up!



Dates for your diary 2024-25—Summer Term

June

Mon 23rd	Sports Carousel Events during the day
Tues 24th	New Reception Parents Welcome Meeting, 6pm
Weds 25th	Local Governing Committee Meeting (8am to 10am)
Thursday 26th	Sports Day—Reception & KS1 am, picnic lunch, KS2 pm
Thursday 26th	PAPAYA Parent Talk, 7.30pm, KS2 Hall
Friday 27th	Oak Class Assembly (9.00am)

July

Tues 1st	Secondary School Induction Days
Tues 1st	'Moving Up' Morning & new Reception children visits
Friday 4th	Ash Class Assembly (9.00am)
Thursday 10th	Year 6 Beach Trip
Friday 11th	Year 6 Rugged Earth & Sleepover
Monday 14th	1:30pm Y6 Production Dress Rehearsal, KS1 & Parents with small children
Tuesday 15th	Rock Steady Concert
Thursday 17th	Rock Steady Concert
Thursday 17th	1:30pm Yr 6 Production Dress Rehearsal, KS2 & Parents with small children
Friday 18th	Rock Steady Concert
Monday 21st	6.00pm Year 6 Production and Leavers' Party
Tuesday 22nd	End of Term (1:15pm finish)

What is Roblox?

Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Players can either create games or play games that other users have created. It is free to download (however subscription options and in game/app purchases are available) and can be played across numerous devices.

A lot of the content is user generated, which may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play. If your child is playing Roblox, it is important to monitor what your child is accessing and set up appropriate parental controls.

PEGI rate Roblox with a Parental Guidance label, this is because it is difficult to rate due to the huge level of user generated content.

New Parental Features

Roblox have released three new parental controls for your child's Roblox account. These are:

1. **Friend blocking** - you can now block anyone on your child's friends list that you do not want them direct messaging.
2. **Experience blocking** – you can now block any specific experiences (games) that you do not want your child to access.
3. **Top game insights** - you can now see the 20 experiences (games) your child has spent the most time on in the last week.

You can find out more here:

[New Tools for Parents to Personalize Their Child's Experience on Roblox](#)

Further information about Roblox:

[Parental Controls FAQ – Roblox Support](#)



Jennifer Powers

PARENT TALKS

**Let's Talk about Our Kids and Their Tech:
Finding a Healthy Balance for Your Family**

The SWAN Trust Schools are delighted to be able to invite our whole parent community to a thought-provoking talk by Jennifer Powers from PAPAYA.

Parenting in the digital age has never been more complex, with issues surrounding screen time, social media use, and gaming.

Many parents are concerned about their children's mental health, especially the impact of screens on it.

In this interactive talk, Jennifer Powers unpacks some of the complex issues surrounding smartphone use and, in a non-judgmental manner, aims to help you find solutions that work for your family.



OUR MAIN TOPICS



The link between mental health and wellbeing and spending too much time online.



Strategies for delaying the smartphone



Strategies for families to achieve a healthy balance with technology

The talks are completely **free**. Talks are being held at four Woking schools and are **open to all parents to attend.**

3rd June: Goldsworth Primary School
12th June: Hermitage Junior School
18th June: Beaufort Primary School
26th June: Barnsbury Primary School

All events start at 7:30pm and will last up to 1.5 hours

Click on, or scan the QR code to book your free tickets.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

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.

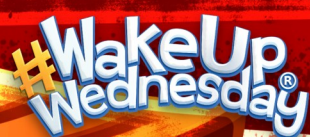
WATCH TOGETHER



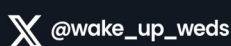
It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to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

Meet Our Expert


Carly Page is an experienced journalist with more than 10 years of experience covering the technology industry. Previously a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly is now a freelance journalist, editor, and copywriter. Her bylines include Forbes, TechRadar, Tes, The INQUIRER, The Metro, Uswitch, and WIRED.



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Barnsbury Primary School's CIRCUS

Save the
date

Friday 4th
July 2025



Performances after school
More information to follow!

Woking 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.

**Free BBQ
until 2.30pm**

**You may have
seen the builders,
now come and see
what's been happening
in your local church**

**Bouncy
castle**

**Board
games**

**Face
painting**

**Local
group stalls**

**Space to
pray**

...& more!

**St Mary of Bethany
Community day**

Sunday 6th July

12.30 - 4pm

www.smob.uk/events

**All Together Service
10.30am**

**Everyone's welcome to join us for the
service before the community day, too!**

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If you are the parent or carer of a child who is neurodivergent, you are **not alone...**

Join our free webinar with **Niki Methold**, HCPC Registered Dietitian and mum of three, designed just **for you**.

DATES:

Thursday 10 July | 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Monday 14 July | 7.30pm - 8.30pm

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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

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