



# Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, we have all been enjoying the sunshine and preparing for Sports Day next week. Please check Class Dojo for messages about this. Key Stage One's Sports Day will be in the morning and Key Stage Two's is in the afternoon.

Our Year 2 children visited Riverside Country Park this week, taking part in various activities which support their current Science topic on living things. They went pond dipping and hunting for minibeasts as well as looking at different plants. They all came back excited to talk about their day (despite the extremely wet start!) and the learning that they did.

Year 3 visited the Guildhall Museum to support their topic on the Romans. They travelled on the train and were great ambassadors of our school. They enjoyed looking at some pieces of Roman armour and some people even got to try it on!

At school, a huge part of our Computing curriculum is talking to the children about staying safe online. Technology can move at an extraordinarily fast pace and it can be difficult to know how to start talking to your child about what they're doing online, who they might be speaking to or discussing the potential risks and issues. If you need some support or advice please come and speak to your child's class teacher or look at the NSPCC website, which has some good ideas and support for parents: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>.

Today it was amazing to see the fantastic 'sweet' contributions for our Summer Fair on the 1st July. Please make sure you have this date in your diaries. If you are able to help and support the fair in any way, please get in touch with FoRPS or Mrs Wood to find out more. Help is always needed for running a stall, setting up or tidying away we would really appreciate it, as this event raises much-needed funds which enable us to extend what we can offer to the children in school.

Once again, thank you for your continued support and have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Robson  
Head of School

## Jewellery

A reminder that children should not be wearing any jewellery to school apart from stud earrings, which must be removed for PE.

Can we also ask that no smart watches with the ability to take photos are brought in to school.

Thank you

## PROUD MOMENT...

A huge well done to our other Reception class today. Hedgehogs had their first class assembly. They told us what they would like to be when they grow up, gave us a glimpse into their classroom and shared a song with us. They spoke confidently and sang with real enthusiasm. It was clear to see they have enjoyed their first year at school. Well done Hedgehogs!

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Week 3

Friday 23rd June

## Attendance

The classes with the best attendance this week are:

Squirrels (Y2)

Kestrels (Y5)

Owls (Y6)



## Upcoming Events:

Week beginning 26th June—  
Healthy Lifestyles Week

Friday 30th June—Sports Day

Saturday 1st July—Summer Fair

Sunday 2nd July—Year 6 YEE  
Competition

Monday 3rd July—Reception class  
trip to Kent Life



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# ONLINE CONTENT

## 10 tips to keep your children safe online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.



### 1 MONITOR VIEWING HABITS

Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.



### 2 CHECK ONLINE CONTENT

Understand what's being shared or what seems to be 'trending' at the moment.



### 3 CHECK AGE-RATINGS

Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age-limit.



### 4 CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.



### 5 SPEND TIME ON THE APP

Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.



### 6 LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE

Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.



### 7 ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could cause distress.



### 8 LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK

Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.



### 9 KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

If a child sees distressing material online; listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance.



### 10 SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT

If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.