

# ENGLISH MARTYRS' CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th June 2025

*Dear parents and carers*

This has been the hottest week so far this year. It was a challenge for children to cope with the heat particularly in the middle part of the day but everyone tried hard to stay focused and do their best.

Among the special events this week were our **collective worship** on Monday that focused on the feast of **the Holy Trinity** which we celebrated the previous Sunday. On Tuesday both **Year 6** classes went on a **pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory**. This was a very special day for them in this **Jubilee Year of Hope**, something that I'm sure they will remember for a long time.

On Thursday we had members of the school **Governing Body** in school and they had the opportunity to talk to pupils and staff as well as attend our worship and good news assembly and Hymn practice workshops. Today **Class 3C** led our **Friday assembly** in which they told us about Corpus Christi, re-enactment of Moses freeing the Israelites and information about the human skeleton.

We now look forward for next week which is our Summer Term **assessment week**. All children across the school will be working on assessment papers for Reading and Maths. Teachers then will report to parents later on towards the end of this term.

Thank you and have a good weekend!

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



The following are some of the important dates to remember:

**Week beginning  
Monday 23rd June  
ASSESSMENT WEEK**

**Wednesday 25th June  
Class 4J - Pilgrimage to  
Aylesford Priory.**

**Wednesday 25th June  
Year 3 - Trip to the  
Royal Festival Hall**

**Thursday 26th June  
Year 6 trip to the BMX track**

**Tuesday 8th July  
Sports Day - Years 1 to 6**

**Wednesday 9th July  
Sports Day - Nursery and  
Reception**

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

A number of children from our Key Stage 2 classes will be making their **First Holy Communion** this weekend. This is a very special moment in their lives when they received Jesus in Holy Communion for the first time. We wish them well and pray that they will continue to be friends of Jesus forever.



**WORSHIP TOGETHER - ASPIRE TOGETHER - EXCEL TOGETHER**



## ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGES THIS WEEK

YEAR GROUP	ATTENDANCE
Reception	98.2%
Year 1	98.6%
Year 2	97.9%
Year 3	97.7%
Year 4	97.7%
Year 5	92.3%
Year 6	98.3%

Well done to **Year 1** pupils who registered the highest attendance percentage this week - very close to 100%

Every week our Mid-day meals supervisors award stars to pupils who show our school values during lunchtime breaks. The following are the names of our Star children for this week.



Nursery:  
**Adrian, Lemlem**

Reception:  
**Skylah**

Year 1:  
**Tiffany, Luana**

Year 2:  
**Adriel, Amari**

Year 3:  
**Harli, Zaman**

Year 4:  
**Solyana**

Year 5:  
**Kasim, Leyla, Olivia**

Year 6:  
**Salimah, Praise, Davida**

## THE WEDNESDAY WORD

Every Wednesday we ask our children to have a look and read through THE WEDNESDAY WORD. Use the link below to share this Sunday's gospel as a family.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/prayer?pid=MTA101634&v=17.8>

## SAFEGUARDING

Are you concerned about the Safeguarding or wellbeing of a child?

Make a record of your concern and include facts such as date, time, what you know and any witnesses.



Add your signature and submit to a member of our Safeguarding team.

**Ms Akpojotor - Mr Camilleri - Ms Essel**

**Ms Bentaleb - Ms Castaldi**

**Remember:**

**We all have a duty to share concerns**

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Parents are reminded that **no holidays or travel should be booked during term time** and that all children arrive by no later than **8.45 am** each morning.





# 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

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.



Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/youtube-kids-2025>



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