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Head's News...

Dear Parents/Carers,

The weather was mild, and Spring was in the air! Then Wednesday arrived and we were hurled back into Christmas weather, without the prospect of presents and a few days at home in bed. Well done to everyone that braved the cold and made it into school!

This week our year 5 children toured the Houses of Parliament. They enjoyed their day out in London. I was especially pleased to receive a call from a member of the public who had noticed our children being especially polite and well behaved. Well done year 5!

Year 6 children found out the destination of their end of year trip. We are off to spend the week hiking and weaselling in beautiful Dartmoor National Park. We can't wait!

We have had several staff ill with Covid and a variety of winter illnesses. Our school has developed the capacity to absorb and then still deliver high quality curriculum and teaching. I am very proud of the whole teaching team who rallied together with confidence. We have amazing children who deserve the best and you continue to raise the bar and exceed expectations! Thank you.

Stay warm, dry and safe everyone.

Stars of the Week

Congratulations to the following pupils who received awards this week:

Early Years: Steven, Neo, Michal

Year 1: Helena, John, Evelyn

Year 2: Gilroy, the Whole Class

Year 3: Liliana, Sofia and Lewis

Year 4: Cailean, Aishe, Max

Year 5: Alicia, Chiara, the Whole Class

Year 6: Grace, Hollie, Roby

Lenten Prayer

Almighty and Everlasting God,
You have given the human race

Jesus Christ our Saviour as a model of humility.

He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man

And giving His life on the Cross.

Help us to bear witness to You

By following His example of suffering

And make us worthy to share in His Resurrection.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son.
Amen.

ATTENDANCE FOR **27TH FEB – 3RD MARCH**

'Attend today, achieve tomorrow'

Early Years: 85%

Year 1: 94%

Year 2: 96%

Year 3: 95%

Year 4: 95%

Year 5: 97%

Year 6: 90%

**The winning house
this week is...**

AIR

with 190 points!

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We hope you can join us for
Lenten Mass on Saturday
11th March, at 4pm, at St.
John's Church.



Year 5's Parliament Trip!



The day started with a tour of the Houses of Parliament. We were able to sit in the gallery and watch the MPs at work! We moved onto our own Law and Order workshop where we had a Prime Minister, leader of the opposition party as well as a minister and shadow minister of health and social care so we could debate whether smoking should or shouldn't be banned!



Our local MP, Victoria Prentice, surprised us during our workshop. She stayed with us and helped us finish our debate, then we had the chance to ask her lots of questions! She told us all about her recent work in Ukraine and what the best bits of her job were. She explained to us all about taxes and how they are used to pay lots of people who help us.

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Eggs have hatched in Early Years!

Our theme this term in Early Years is Eggs! We watched our eggs hatch in the classroom and have been observing and drawing the chicks, as well as finding out about the types of creatures that hatch from eggs. We shall be moving onto dinosaurs in a week or so which then leads nicely into Easter eggs...mmm yummy!



Upcoming Birthdays



Oran Early Years
Artur Year 4
Brodie Year 5



SAFEGUARDING

If you have concerns that a child may be in immediate danger, call the **police on 999** or **MASH on 0345 050 7666**.

If you have safeguarding concerns about a child or family, please do not hesitate to contact us on 01295 263740 and ask to speak to a member of the safeguarding team. Alternatively, you can email our DSL directly louise.kenny@st-johns-banbury.oxon.sch.uk

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Nutrition and Hydration Week 13th-19th March

Dear Parents,

Find out more about Nutrition and Hydration week here:

<https://nationaltoday.com/nutrition-and-hydration-week/>



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Community
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Roughly three million individuals are facing the risk of malnutrition in the United Kingdom. Food and drink play a vital role in health and well being.

In order to eat and drink well, we must have good oral health!!

Find out how to look after oral health here: 



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Key Dates

Wednesday 15 th March- Wednesday 22 nd March	Scholastic Book Fair NEW
Wednesday 15 th & Thursday 16 th	Potential Strike Days NEW
Friday 17 th March	PTFA Mother's Day Stall
Tuesday 21 st March	Mini Grey Author visit NEW
Tuesday 28 th & Wednesday 29 th	Parents' Meetings
Thursday 30 th March	Youlbury Parents' Meeting Year 4/5 NEW
Friday 31 st March	End of Term
Monday 3rd April – Friday 14th April EASTER HOLIDAYS	
Monday 17 th April	New Term Starts
Wednesday 19 th April	Year 3 Trip Ashmolean Museum
Saturday 21 st April	Sponsors' Mass Confirmation-Time to be confirmed
Wednesday 26 th April	Matilda Theatre Trip
Monday 8 th May	King Charles' Coronation-SCHOOL CLOSED-NEW
Tuesday 9 th May-Thursday 11 th May	KS2 SATs Tests
Saturday 13 th May	Holy Communion Preparation 4pm St. John's Church
Monday 16 th May-Thursday 18 th May	KS1 SATs Tests
Thursday 18 th May	Class Pictures
Friday 26 th May	End of Term
Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June MAY HALF TERM	
Monday 5 th June	New Term Starts
Monday 5 th June – Friday 16 th June	Year 4 Multiplication Testing Weeks
Monday 5 th June – Tuesday 6 th June	Year 4 Residential to Youlbury
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th June	Phonics Screening Checks
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th June	Year 6 Residential
Saturday 17 th June	Year 3 First Holy Communion at St. John's Church
Monday 19 th – Tuesday 20 th	Year 5 Residential to Youlbury
Friday 23 rd June	Year 3 and 4 Bikeability Taster Sessions
Wednesday 28 th June	Matilda Theatre Trip

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many devices which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

While some tablets (such as the Amazon Fire Kids editions) come with rugged shock-proof cases, iPads aren't built for rough and tumble. They're also more expensive than most other tablets, and any damage your child's iPad suffers could be costly to repair. Buying a child-friendly case and screen protector for the device could be a wise move, especially if it's being used by younger ones.

Like most digital devices, tablets have the potential to become quite addictive. You might find your child spending too long staring at their iPad, which could lead to irritability, mood swings and a loss of interest in more important tasks. If this happens, be sure to visit the built-in screen time settings and ensure you limit how long they're able to spend on the device each day.

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Even if it would never occur to your child to go searching online for age-inappropriate sites, apps or information, there's always a possibility that something unexpected – perhaps a video that auto-plays or content incorrectly suggested by an algorithm – could appear on their tablet and upset them. You can help prevent this by adjusting the content settings (see our 'top tips' section below).

The parental controls built into iOS (the fundamental operating system of Apple devices) enable you to block access to most age-inappropriate content – but your child could potentially still bypass these restrictions (either accidentally or deliberately) by using Siri, Apple's voice-activated digital assistant. To avoid this, toggle the 'Ask Siri' functions to 'off' in the iPad's settings menu.

Before letting little ones loose on an iPad, it's a good idea to set up Family Sharing, as this lets you utilise the parental controls to manage exactly how your child is able to use the device. You can do this fairly easily by going into the iPad's settings; once there, you'll be able to add an existing Apple account (if your child already has one) or set one up from scratch.

The 'Downtime' function allows you to tell the iPad to lock itself at certain periods (at mealtimes or before bed, for instance), while 'App Limits' removes access to certain apps once they've been used for a specified length of time each day. The iPad can display a reminder when these limits have nearly been reached, letting your child mentally prepare for the end of their gaming or viewing time.

To empower your child with an increased sense of freedom on their device (without giving yourself something else to worry about in the process) you could enable the iPad's 'Ask to Buy' feature. Whenever your child tries to download or buy an app, game or product, the iPad sends you a request to approve (or deny) it. This option only becomes available if you've set up Family Sharing.

The parental controls can stop the iPad from displaying explicit or age-inappropriate content (in apps like iTunes and Safari, for instance) when your child is signed into their account. You'll also be able to restrict the capacity to download and install apps, and you can specify permissions which prevent children from changing the iPad's privacy settings once you've selected them.


Just like the iPhone, Apple's iPads have 'Find My' software to help you locate your child's iPad – or indeed, any linked Apple devices that have gone AWOL, including phones, watches and AirPods. If you enable 'Find My' in the settings menu, it will display the last known location of an iPad that's been mislaid, as well as giving you the option to lock a missing iPad that you suspect has been stolen.

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