



SAFEGUARDING NEWSLETTER



Summer Term 2026

At St John's Roman Catholic School, Banbury, the safety and wellbeing of every child is our highest priority. We are committed to creating a safe, caring, and supportive environment where all children feel secure, valued, and able to flourish.

MEET OUR SAFEGUARDING TEAM

We encourage all parents to contact us if they have any concerns, no matter how small. Our safeguarding team is here to help:

- Miss Bingham** – (Maternity Leave)
- Mrs McGeehan** – Headteacher and Deputy DSL
- Miss Page** – DSL & Acting Assistant Headteacher
- Mrs Trivett** – Deputy DSL & Early Years Phase Leader
- Miss Callan** – Deputy DSL & Acting Assistant Headteacher
- Mrs Sykes** – Deputy DSL & Family Support/ Attendance

Please do not hesitate to speak to any member of the team if you have a concern about a child's safety or wellbeing.

LOCAL CONTACT: LCSS (LOCALITY COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICE)

We work closely with LCSS to support children and families who may need extra help. LCSS can provide advice and early support for concerns such as behaviour, attendance, family difficulties, and emotional wellbeing.

HOW TO CONTACT LCSS

- Tel: 0345 2412705
- Email: LCSS@oxfordshire.gov.uk
- Opening hours: 8.30am to 5pm (Mon to Thurs) 8.30am to 4pm (Fri)

If you feel your family may benefit from additional support, please speak to the school. With your consent, we can make a referral.



Talking to people can make a real difference. By getting help now you can stop problems getting worse.

Domestic Abuse – We're Here to Help

At St John's Primary School, safeguarding and supporting the wellbeing of our children and families is our top priority. We understand that home should always be a place of safety, but for some, this may not always be the case.

Domestic abuse can affect anyone, regardless of age, gender, or background. It includes physical, emotional, psychological, sexual, or financial abuse. Children who experience or witness domestic abuse can be deeply affected, and we are here to offer support and guidance.

If you are worried about yourself, a friend, or someone in your community, please know that help is available:

- In an emergency: Always call **999**.
- National Domestic Abuse Helpline (24 hours): **0808 2000 247** – Free and confidential support.
- Oxfordshire Domestic Abuse Service: www.oxfordshiredomesticabuseservices.org.uk
- Women's Aid: www.womensaid.org.uk
- Men's Advice Line: www.mensadvice.org.uk – or call **0808 801 0327**.
- Childline: www.childline.org.uk – or call **0800 1111** for free and confidential advice for children.

If you have any concerns about a child or family, please speak to our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or a member of the safeguarding team in confidence.

Mrs Sykes and Miss Page are our school Domestic Abuse Champions.

Together, we can help ensure every child and family feels safe, supported, and heard.

KEEPING SAFE IN THE WEATHER

- Hot weather:** sun hats, sunscreen, and water bottles
- Cold weather:** warm coats, hats, and gloves
- Wet/icy weather:** appropriate footwear to prevent slips

Please check the weather daily and dress children appropriately for school.



Worried about a child?
Contact our Helpline by calling 0808 800 5000 or emailing help@NSPCC.org.uk.





ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Regular attendance supports **learning, wellbeing, and friendship** development.



Being in school every day helps children feel **confident, secure, and ready to succeed.**



If your child is finding it difficult to attend school, please talk to us – **we are here to help and support you.**



Together, we can ensure every child has the best possible start.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

LOST MINUTES = LOST LEARNING!

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!



Every school day counts BUT every minute is equally important!

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day



SUNRISE DOMESTIC ABUSE SERVICES

DO NOT SUFFER IN SILENCE

Domestic abuse should not be tolerated at all costs.

TALK TO US AT
+44 07827 048629 / 01295 701 728

TO SELF REFER VISIT OUR WEBSITE AND COMPLETE THE DA FORM
www.sunrisemulticultural.org.uk/registration-forms
Email shabnam.sunriseda@gmail.com



MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

Children's wellbeing continues to be a priority.

WE ARE PROMOTING:

- Emotional literacy
- Healthy friendships
- Managing worries and stress
- Asking for help



SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE FROM:

- YoungMinds
- Childline
Call 0800 1111



Things to remember this summer



WATER SAFETY – STAY SAFE NEAR CANALS & RIVERS

Spending time near water can be enjoyable, but it's important to stay safe. The Canal & River Trust reminds us that **water can be deeper, colder, and more dangerous than it looks.**

TOP SAFETY TIPS:

- Always **stay away from the edge** and keep a safe distance
- Never enter the water unless in a **safe, supervised area**
- Be aware that water can be **very cold, even in summer**
- Avoid walking near water while distracted (e.g. using phones or headphones)
- Always **follow safety signs and guidance**

IF SOMEONE FALLS IN:

- Call **999** immediately
- Do **NOT** jump in – instead, **encourage them to float on their back**
- Look for something they can hold onto (e.g. a life ring or pole)

REMEMBER:

Stay **SAFE – Stay Away From the Edge**

Let's work together to keep everyone safe around water. ❤️

Road, Bike and Scooter Safety

Many children will be out and about more during the summer.

Key messages:

- Wear a correctly fitted helmet.
- Be visible, especially in the evenings.
- Ride scooters and bikes safely away from roads where appropriate.
- Remind children to stop, look, listen and think before crossing roads.

Playing Out Safely

- Know where children are playing.
- Agree check-in times.
- Make sure children know how to contact a trusted adult.
- Discuss what to do if they feel unsafe or get lost.



ONLINE SAFETY FOR PARENTS

WhatsApp, Social Media & Age Limits

Why these matters

Messaging apps and social media platforms are widely used by children and young people to communicate. While they can be positive, they also bring safeguarding risks such as contact from strangers, sharing of personal information, and exposure to inappropriate content.

Age guidance (important)

Most popular apps have minimum age requirements:

- **WhatsApp** – minimum age 13+
- **Instagram** – minimum age 13+
- **Snapchat** – minimum age 13+
- **TikTok** – minimum age 13+ (some features 18+)
- **YouTube** – minimum age 13+ for accounts (YouTube Kids is available for younger children)



WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

- Talk regularly about online activity
- Check privacy settings and keep accounts private where possible
- Encourage children to only connect with people they know in real life
- Set clear rules about screen time and device use
- Remind them: **“If you wouldn't say it face-to-face, don't send it online.”**

GET HELP & SUPPORT

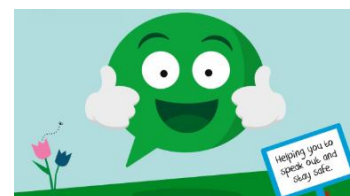
If you are concerned about online safety:

- CEOP Education – Report online grooming or exploitation
- NSPCC – Advice for parents and carers
- UK Safer Internet Centre – Support and education materials

FURTHER READING

For parents wanting to better understand the impact of smartphones and social media on young people, this book offers useful insight:

- [The Anxious Generation – Jonathan Haidt \(Amazon UK\)](#)



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you