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Our Value this half term is Friendship

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils,

Welcome back! We hope you have all had a good break over the Easter holidays.

St George's Day It was lovely to see so many children looking smart in their outside club uniforms to mark St George's Day on Wednesday.

VE Day We will be marking VE Day on **Friday 9th May** by wearing red, white and blue but no football kits please.

Fundraising with ASDA A big thank you to everyone who signed up to raise money for the school through ASDA in the Autumn Term. We have just heard that **£232.90** was raised for St Nicholas which is fantastic news!

Birthdays We enjoy celebrating your childrens' birthdays but please do not send them in with sweets or anything else to share with their class. Unfortunately we are unable to hand out any food due to the range of allergies and intolerances and sending in other items can put pressure on other families unintentionally. There is no expectation for families to do anything but if you would like to mark their birthday in school, you could buy a favourite book to donate to their class and we will put a sticker in it saying that it has been donated on behalf of your child, to celebrate their birthday. Thank you for your understanding.



Safety Online Simplified 25

Do you know what DOOMSCROLLING is?

Internet Matters have published a useful article for parents and carers focussing on **doomscrolling**. This term refers to the habit of continuously scrolling through negative news online, which can significantly impact both mental and physical health. The article provides valuable insights for parents on how to recognise if their child is doomscrolling and offers practical tips to help prevent this behaviour. Understanding and addressing doomscrolling is crucial in promoting a healthier online experience for our children.

[You can read the full guide HERE](#)

Achievements

Each week we will be focusing on a learning behaviour and one or two children who display this behaviour in each class will receive a certificate in celebration of this. Our learning behaviour this week has been **Teamwork**.

Congratulations to:

YR: Arya; **Y1:** Cesur, Freddie E, Frank & Dominic; **Y2:** Maya; **Y3:** All of Year 3; **Y4:** Poppy; **Y5:** Toni; **Y6:** Caiden.

Next week we will be focusing on **Resilience**.

Sporting Achievements

The **Year 6 Netball team** are playing a match away against Bedwell School this afternoon and we look forward to hearing how they get on next week.

House points

We are keeping a weekly tally of the number of House points each House has as well as a running total.

The overall total number of points so far this year for each House is:

St Francis:	2696
St Andrew:	2480
St Clare:	2428
St Catherine:	2398

YouTube Kids Factsheet We have included a factsheet for parents and carers at the end of this newsletter with some steps to take to keep your children safe on YouTube Kids. Please do read this and follow the suggested steps if your child is using YouTube.

Reading for Pleasure A reminder that inside our entrance is a small bookcase with books that you can borrow; please just return them when you have finished them. If you have a book that you have enjoyed and would like to leave it for someone else to read, please do. We would welcome any books in languages other than English so that we can meet the needs of our diverse school community. Thank you very much, and happy reading!

Have a great weekend! Mrs Collins

Learning, Loving, Living in God's Family

"But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God; I trust in God's unfailing love forever and ever." Psalm 52:8

Diary Dates

- **Monday 5th May** – Bank Holiday; school closed
- **Wednesday 7th May** – Class Photos
- **Friday 9th May** – Wear red, white and blue for VE Day (No football kits)
- **Monday 26th – Friday 30th May** – Half Term
- **Monday 2nd June** – INSET Day – school closed
- **Monday 2nd – Wednesday 4th June** – Y5/6 Residential
- **Thursday 10th July** – Secondary Transfer and Moving Up Day
- **Tuesday 22nd July** – Last Day of Term – Early finish 1:30pm

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Child safety on YouTube Kids

What's the problem? YouTube Kids automatically filters out most inappropriate content for children aged 12 and under. But no automated system is perfect, so it may not catch everything.

Videos that look like they're child-friendly could include violent or disturbing content. They might be suggested videos, or appear in search results.

5 steps to take to help keep your child safe

YouTube Kids takes you through parental controls when you set it up. Make sure you set yourself up as a parent and then add child accounts. You can set it up on the website (<https://www.youtubekids.com/>) or download the app. Once you're set up, follow the steps below.

1. Set parental controls to help protect your child from seeing inappropriate content

You can set content settings so your child only sees videos intended for certain ages (4 and under, 5 to 7, and 8 to 12), or so they only see videos you approve. You choose this during the set-up process, or can change this after set-up

You can also turn off search so your child can only see recommended videos under each category in the home screen, and can't search for videos

To do either of these things, go to the following page and select the relevant tab for your device, then scroll down to 'Change your child's content level settings' or 'Turn off search':

<https://support.google.com/youtubekids/answer/6172308>

2. Block videos or channels that you don't want your child to watch

You can block specific channels and videos from both your linked parent account and the YouTube Kids app. You can find instructions here: <https://support.google.com/youtubekids/answer/7178746>

3. Report inappropriate content

YouTube Kids filters and safeguards against inappropriate content, but can't guarantee complete safety. Make sure your child knows how to report content that makes them uncomfortable or that upsets them.

You can find instructions here: <https://support.google.com/youtubekids/answer/6130562>

4. Set a timer to limit time on the app

You can set a screen time limit on YouTube Kids to encourage healthy habits. See this page to find out how: <https://support.google.com/youtubekids/answer/6130558>

5. Turn off autoplay

Autoplay allows related content to play after the current video has finished.

To find out how to block it, go to the following page and select the relevant tab for your device, then scroll down to 'Turn off autoplay': <https://support.google.com/youtubekids/answer/6172308>