

Parent Communication 03/07/2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you all for another fantastic week and great to see some many students able to put the hot weather and disruption of the week before behind them. I would just add that as a school we must take the red warnings that may be issued by the Met Office very seriously as they do state a risk to all people (not limited to the very young, very old and the infirm).

Can I please request that everyone takes a note of the specific information below about staying safe online. This is an area that is changing very rapidly, and the advent of Artificial Intelligence is having a huge impact upon life in many areas. There is no doubt that there are people out there with no morals and who have no boundaries when it comes to grooming / sexual / criminal exploitation, and increasingly AI is being used to facilitate such activities and cause young people great distress.

If any parents find something of concern, please inform school so that we can respond and check our own security systems to ensure that students are as safe as it is possible to be.

England vs. Mexico World Cup Game

We know that many of our pupils are passionate about football and have been enjoying following the World Cup. As England are playing Mexico at 1:00am, we thought it would be a lovely opportunity to bring pupils together and share in the excitement by showing a replay of the match on Monday at 9:00am in the Ocean Theatre.

Pupils who would like to attend are very welcome to join us for the viewing. Any pupils who do not wish to attend will follow their normal timetable and attend their scheduled lessons.

For our Primary and Inspire pupils, staff will accompany pupils who attend the screening.

We are looking forward to giving pupils the opportunity to enjoy this special sporting event together and hope it will be a memorable experience for those who choose to attend.

All children are welcome to wear a football top on Monday of your own choice.

Safeguarding Update – Artificial Intelligence (AI) Platforms and Online Safety

It has recently come to our attention that there are a growing number of Artificial Intelligence (AI) platforms and apps available to young people online. While many of these tools appear harmless on the surface and can be used positively for learning and creativity, it is important to be aware that some may also generate inappropriate, sexualised, or dark content without warning.

As a school, we are committed to supporting the safety and wellbeing of our students both in and out of school. We would therefore like to highlight some of the potential risks associated with these platforms and how you can support your child at home.

Potential Risks of AI Platforms

- **Unpredictable content:** Some AI tools can produce inappropriate or disturbing content, even when a user does not intentionally request it.
- **Exposure to harmful material:** Students may encounter sexualised, violent, or emotionally distressing themes.
- **Lack of safeguarding controls:** Not all platforms have effective age restrictions or moderation in place.
- **Data privacy concerns:** Children may unknowingly share personal information when interacting with AI tools.

How You Can Support Your Child

We encourage parents and carers to take an active role in monitoring and supporting their child's online activity:

- **Have open conversations** about how your child is using AI tools and what they may encounter online.
- **Use parental controls** on devices, apps, and home broadband to restrict inappropriate content.
- **Check age ratings** and terms of use for apps and websites.
- **Regularly review device usage** and browsing history where appropriate.
- **Encourage critical thinking**, helping children to question and report anything that makes them feel uncomfortable.

Useful Websites and Guidance

The following trusted organisations provide up-to-date advice and practical support for families:

- **NSPCC Online Safety Hub**
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
- **ThinkUKnow (CEOP)**
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>
- **Internet Matters**
<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

- **UK Safer Internet Centre**

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

These sites offer guidance on parental controls, emerging technologies (including AI), and how to talk to children about online safety.

Additional Online Content Awareness

We are also aware of increasing discussion among parents about certain popular online series and games, including *The Amazing Digital Circus* and *Poppy Playtime*.

The Amazing Digital Circus has generated significant debate. Its bright, toy-like animation style can give the impression that it is suitable for younger children; however, the creators have clearly stated that it is intended for older audiences (generally teenagers and above). As the series progresses, it explores darker themes such as psychological distress, existential ideas, and unsettling imagery. Some scenes, including characters transforming into distorted 'glitch' forms or moments of violence, have caused distress to younger viewers. While it is often rated around 12+ (and its cinema release carried a 12A rating in the UK), many parental reviews recommend it for ages 13+ with guidance due to its complex and potentially upsetting themes.

Similarly, *Poppy Playtime*, while presented in a colourful, cartoon-style format, is a horror-themed game with tension, chase sequences, and frightening characters. Age ratings and guidance vary depending on the platform and specific chapter/episode, but it is widely considered unsuitable for younger children due to its jump-scare elements and underlying storyline.

We encourage parents to be aware that content which appears child-friendly in style may not always be appropriate in substance. Pre-screening episodes, checking age guidance, and using trusted review sites can help you make informed decisions.

Working Together

If you or your child come across anything concerning while using AI platforms or online tools, please do let us know. Sharing this information helps us to respond promptly, alert other parents where appropriate, and open up important discussions with students to keep everyone safe.

Support from School

Please remember that a member of our pastoral team is always available to offer guidance and support. If you have any concerns about your child's online activity, or would like advice on setting up parental controls, do not hesitate to contact us.

Working together, we can ensure our children are able to benefit from new technologies safely and responsibly.

End of Year Reports

You should have received the electronic copy and the paper copy was sent home today for reports. These reports provide a summary of your child's achievements, progress and learning over the last term.

Reports are being shared in advance of our Parents' and Carers' Evening next week, giving families the opportunity to read through the report and consider any questions they may wish to discuss with staff. We look forward to celebrating your child's progress with you and discussing their next steps for learning on Thursday 9th July. If you have not arranged an appointment, please contact the front office to book a time.

Your feedback on Wellbeing, Home Support and Pastoral Care

At our school, we are deeply committed to supporting the wellbeing of every child and their family. We recognise that a child's wellbeing is shaped not only within the classroom but also through their home environment and the wider pastoral care they receive.

As part of our continued development, we would greatly value your feedback on any support that you or your child has experienced. This may include support from our Pastoral Team, Safeguarding Team, Thrive Team, or any other member of staff who has contributed to your or your child's overall wellbeing.

Your insights help us to reflect on and strengthen the care we provide across all aspects of school life. All responses will be treated with the utmost confidentiality and used to further enhance our provision.

Please click the link below to complete the form, alternatively you can scan the QR Code.

[Parent Feedback – Fill in form](#)



Hot weather next week

As we are expecting hot weather next week, please ensure you send your child in with a sunhat, suncream and a water bottle.

PTA Update

We would like to extend our sincere thanks for the generous donations received for the Schools Waves PTA Jumble Sale. Your support is greatly appreciated and helps make these events a success.

Children's Fun Day – 20th July

We are pleased to announce that our Children's Fun Day will be held on 20th July.

Tickets will be available to purchase from Monday and are priced at:

- 25p per ticket
- 5 tickets for £1.00

Children may use a maximum of 20 merits towards activities.

We are also awaiting confirmation from a face painter who may be attending the event. If confirmed, face painting will be available at a cost of £2.00 per child.

RRS winners this week

Angelfish – Abdou

Turtle - Lillith

Starfish – Noah

Seahorse – Caleb

Inspire A –Leo

Inspire B – Ricky

Inspire C – Joshua

7A – Angelo

7B - Logan

7C – Ozzy

8A – Tommy

8B – Mark

8C – Edoardo

9A – Olly

9B – Steven

10A – Harry

10B – Kian

11A – William

Key Dates, events and celebrations

We will be updating these further over the next couple of weeks – so please keep checking.

Term 6

July 2026

- **Thursday 9th July** – Five Rivers Sports Centre workplace visit
- **Thursday 9th July**- Parents Evening

- **Friday 10th July** – INSET Day
- **Saturday 11th July**- PTA Jumble Sale
- **Monday 20th July**- PTA Fun day
- **Wednesday 22nd July** – Last Day of term

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