ST. JAMES' (C OF E) JUNIOR SCHOOL

Every Child, Every Chance, Every Day.



A REMINDER SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER FOR AN INSET DAY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2026

YEAR 5 VIKINGS TRIP...

This week, our Year 5 children had a fantastic time visiting Derby Museum to learn more about the Vikings. The visit brought their History learning to life, giving them the opportunity to explore historical artefacts and discover more about Viking life, culture and achievements.The children learned lots of fascinating facts, including the surprising discovery that Vikings didn't actually wear helmets with horns! There was plenty of excitement, curiosity and fun throughout the visit, and the children represented St James' brilliantly with their excellent behaviour.

YEAR 3 STONE AGE TRIP...

Next Tuesday, our Year 3 children will be visiting Derby Museum as part of their History topic on the Stone Age. This exciting visit will give the children the opportunity to bring their learning to life, explore historical artefacts and discover more about how people lived during the Stone Age. We are looking forward to a fun-filled day of exploration and discovery!
Please make sure children bring a coat, as well as a packed lunch for the day.

YEAR 5 STEM TRIP...

Next Tuesday, a group of our Year 5 children will be taking part in an exciting STEM event at Derbyshire County Cricket Club. The event will give the children the opportunity to work alongside employers, take part in practical activities and learn more about the world of engineering and the exciting careers available in this field.
It promises to be a fantastic opportunity to develop new skills, explore future possibilities and be inspired by people working in STEM industries.

YEAR 6 PICKFORD HOUSE & SILK MILL TRIP...

Next Thursday, our Year 6 children will be visiting Pickford House and Derby Silk Mill as part of their History topic on the Industrial Revolution. The visit will provide a fantastic opportunity to bring their learning to life, explore local history and discover more about how the Industrial Revolution changed the way people lived and worked.
The children will have the chance to explore important historical sites and deepen their understanding of Derby's role in this fascinating period of history.
Please make sure children bring a coat for the day.

ADVENT SERVICE...

Next Thursday, we will be holding our special Advent Service at Ozzy Road Church. The service will begin at 9:20am and will be a lovely opportunity for us to come together as a school community to reflect on the meaning of Advent and prepare for the Christmas season. Parents and families are warmly invited to join us for the service. We would love to see as many of you there as possible!

Golden Book AWARDS

Our theme for the Golden Book this week has been 'Someone who always tries their best.'

The children in the Golden Book this week are:

3B	Alisha
3R	Chimamanda
3/4MS	Varo
4A	Stephanie
4B	Lavinia
5F	Lucas
5H	Light
5/6K	Rand
6FB	Hamza
6Q	Patricia & Maria

Well done to all this week's winners.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

'You have planted them, they have taken root, watch them grow and bear fruit.' - Jeremiah 12:2

Mr. Walls

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 apps that we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if 'auto-play' is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

HIGH VISIBILITY

Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The painful 'salt and ice challenge', which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

Advice for Parents & Carers

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from chancing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.

TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator online. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.

MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.

LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it *does* offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child happily devouring a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!

Meet Our Expert

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