



10TH MAY 2024

Monday—Friday 13th—17th May

Please ensure your child has a good nights sleep and arrives in school in plenty of time

Y6 SATs

THURSDAY 16TH MAY

If your child normally has a packed lunch from home but would like a school meal on this day please ring the office and make a payment on Parentpay under school meals

Jumbo sausage in a bun

Fish finger butty

Both with baked fries/peas and sweetcorn medley

Followed by cornflake tart and custard

Nursery children £2.35

KS2 children £2.55



ASSEMBLIES

Friday 17th May Y1 8.50 am

SCHOOL TRIPS



- Y5 17th May Blackpool Zoo
- Y3 20th May Summit Up
- Y1 21st May Hollingworth Lake
- Y4 22nd May Neeli Mosque
- Y4 20th June Tropical World
- Y2 26th June Lytham St Annes
- Y1 9th July Blue Planet Aquarium
- EYFS 5th July Williams Den

Please log onto Parent Pay to give permission for your child to attend

MASS TIMES

Sacred Heart Church Mass Times

There are two Churches in our Parish. Holy Family in Kirkholt and Sacred Heart on Kingsway. The Parish Priest is Father Simon and he resides in Sacred Heart Presbytery.

Saturday at Sacred Heart

5.15 Confessions

6.00 Vigil Mass

Sunday

9 am at Holy Family

11 am at Sacred Heart

PENALTY NOTICES



Poor attendance

Children who miss more than 20 sessions/10 school days unauthorised absence in a 12 week period will receive a Penalty Notice which is £60 per parent.

Holiday absences

Children who miss 10 sessions/5 school days unauthorised absences will receive a Penalty Notice which is £60 per parent, per child. Holiday requests will be reviewed separately and in some circumstances may be approved.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

X

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

In October 2022, the enormously popular social media network Twitter was purchased by tech tycoon Elon Musk. That sparked a host of changes to the platform – not all which have been received positively by its fans. The alterations have continued with each passing month, many of them raising online safety concerns among the 530 million users of Twitter (now rebranded as simply X). With further adjustments reportedly in the pipeline, X has attracted more than its usual share of controversy and caution in recent times.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

A BLOCK ON BLOCKING

X has announced plans to remove its blocking feature. Previously, this stopped other users from viewing your profile or sending you direct messages, while also hiding their posts from your feed. Only this latter function will now remain. The decision has been criticised by some members, who feel that blocking (in its current form) protects them from X users who promote denial and hatred.

LIMITED REPORTING FEATURES

X offers a premium membership, with some functionality (such as controlling who can view and reply to your posts) increasingly being made exclusive to those who pay the subscription fee. Several commentators have speculated that X could one day become an exclusively paid-for service, with access to accounts being revoked for anyone unwilling or unable to take out a subscription.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Many of X's less age-appropriate posts can feature anything from extreme political views to pornography. While accounts marked as 18+ are restricted from non-members, it's still fairly easy to stumble across this material accidentally. X's new 'For You' page also shows content from accounts that a user doesn't already follow – meaning that almost anything could end up on a child's feed.

VERIFICATION FOR SALE

Historically, Twitter's moderators granted account verification: certifying someone as authentic by placing a blue tick next to their username. One of X's earliest changes was to place verification behind a paywall; this caused the number of celebrity impersonators to rise and left no way to distinguish, say, a legitimate influencer from a copycat take account seeking to exploit other users.

BLUE TICK SALE

Advice for Parents & Carers

PROTECT PRIVACY

Unsavory characters may try to gain access to a young person's X account – either to view their posts and gather information on them, or to completely take control of it. To minimise risk, ensure the account has a strong password and enable the 'Protect Your Posts' feature (via the account settings), so that strangers can't view your child's posts without first being approved as a follower.

DON'T RISE TO THE BAIT

To gain more views and followers, some X users post deliberately inflammatory comments on sensitive topics such as race, sexual orientation and gender issues. Many young people could find this upsetting. Emphasise that, if your child encounters someone spreading hate on X, it's best not to give that person what they want: an argument. Ignore them, mute their account and move on.

STAY ALERT FOR IMPOSTERS

Make sure your child understands that X's blue ticks no longer guarantee the identity of anyone on the platform. While it might be exciting if a celebrity liked your child's post, it could just as easily be an imposter with malicious intentions. If your child's not 100% sure that an X user actually is who they claim to be, advise them to err on the side of caution and avoid interacting with that account.

ONLY FOLLOW TRUSTED ACCOUNTS

Using the 'Following' tab on X helps to ensure that the only content your child sees has come from accounts they've chosen to follow: this should reduce the chance of them inadvertently being exposed to harmful, violent or explicit content. Show your child how to report another user's account if, say, they're behaving inappropriately by spreading misinformation or offensive opinions.

BE READY TO TAKE ACTION

If your child suffers harassment on the platform or becomes the target of a hack, you could consider deactivating their account entirely. Recently, X's safety features have been criticised for allegedly failing to protect users' wellbeing – so if your child is being subjected to abusive messages or similar mistreatment on the platform, it might be prudent to remove them from X altogether.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRacon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. Always eager to test out the latest apps, games and online trends, he's also a parent who understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



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#WakeUpWednesday



Dear Parents and Carers,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is praying with his disciples after the last supper. Very soon, Jesus will be arrested. So before leaving them he is preparing his disciples for the difficult time to come. Jesus has cared for his followers and now he is asking God to care for them.

Jesus wants us to be united with one another and with God. We show that we are united and part of God's family when we care for each other - living and working in unity.

Wednesday 8th May 2024

Pope Francis reminds us, "It is Jesus himself who continues to care for his Church. Small gestures of tenderness and care, make people feel that the Lord is with us."

Enjoy a special time together this evening hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and this Wednesday's word, which is **CARE**.

Dom Henry Wansbrough



A Word from Pope Francis

"Let us walk together taking care of each other and of Creation, our common home. Above all, take care of people in need."

THE GOSPEL IN CHURCH Sunday 12th May 2024



Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Holy Father, Keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you have given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.'

Adapted from John 17:11-19
The 7th Sunday of Easter, Year B

Getting to know Jesus makes life joyful.
Learn more about this Sunday's Gospel in your local Parish Church: all are very warmly invited.

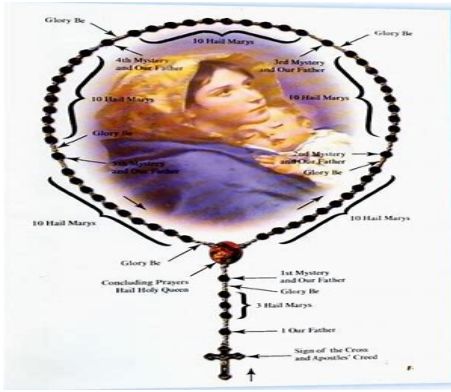
2024 The Year of Prayer: Family Time Prayer & Share ▶

Good News for Everyone

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus' prayer is a reminder of the tremendous care that God has for each person - the care we often experience through the actions of the people around us. We are God's most loved creation and we can be certain that God will always care for us.

GIFT TEAM

This week, we have been writing a letter for parents inviting families to create something to represent Mary that we will display in the hall on Thursday 23rd May. We have also been preparing for a new GIFT team by writing an invitation for children to join next year



Congratulations to this weeks Golden Hearts winners Connor in Nursery for always following school rules

and reminding others when they are not being safe or are unkind and to Tilly in Y6 for always respecting others and demonstrating a mature attitude to both staff and children



Well done to Y2 for the highest percentage attendance this week of 98% and for being the most improved with their attendance and lates **CONGRATULATIONS**



Dear Nursery and Reception Parents/ Carers,

Our CARITAS workers, Jayne and Louise, are hosting 'Positive Parenting' sessions in the Summer Term.

The sessions will include activities, ideas and strategies to support positive parenting, as well as the opportunity to seek advice or ask questions from our CARITAS workers. It is also a lovely opportunity to chat with other parents. The session dates and themes are as follows:

13th May- rewards and consequences The sessions are from 9-10.30am.

Parents will then be invited to join their child in class from 10.30-11am to complete play and activities linked to the weekly theme. Thank you for your continued support,

THURSDAYS CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Well done to the following children on their achievements

Y3 Joanna - Multi Sports Award

HEADTEACHERS AWARD

Headteachers award children awarded this week in Nursery to Alfie for always saying thank you to people who have helped him and to Hallie for always finding a job to do and challenging herself.

In Reception Year to Ella for putting so much effort in every day. And to Davi for trying hard to sit still and listen carefully during carpet time.

In Year 1 to Reggie for a big improvement in his writing.

In Year 2 to Praise for helping to plan a lovely celebration for the work about Mary and to Onaya for working consistently hard in everything she does.

In Year 3 to Eliza for taking pride in her presentation and to Evie for listening in all her lessons and putting all her learning in her independent write.

In Year 4 to Lincoln for his effort in his writing and his improved attitude towards new challenges.

In Year 5 to Covenant for always putting so much effort into everything she does and to Mika for great resilience in all subjects, never giving up even when learning is tricky.

In Year 6 to Amelia for an improved approach to her learning and behaviour and to Jan for consistently working hard and showing great resilience.

Well done everyone.

Well done to Bella, Karlese, Toby and Kaielle and all chosen this week for beautiful lunch time manners including quiet lining up and using their knife and fork.

