

# ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



## NEWSLETTER

May 2025

Just under three weeks to go (including this week) and it will be the half-term break! The year seems to be racing by! It continues to be a great pleasure to have the children back in school for the summer term. School will finish at the usual time for each year group on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May.



### Re-establishing the Friday Penance

As you are aware a key resolution of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales, released after their May 2011 plenary meeting, was "to re-establish the practice of Friday penance in the lives of the faithful as a clear and distinctive mark of their own Catholic identity".

This act of common witness formally came into effect on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2011 (the anniversary of the visit of Pope Benedict XVI to the UK).

As you know we formally began our practice of not serving meat to the children / staff on a Friday right from the start of September in 2011. Thank you parents for not including meat as part of your child's packed lunch on a Friday.

Although our children are young we know that you agree that it is good to establish the practices of our faith right from the start. This good habit formed when young will hopefully be part of your child's way of life as he / she grows up. He / she will see abstaining from meat on a Friday as a distinctive mark of his / her Catholic identity.

Parents thank you for your wonderful support with the re-establishment of the Friday penance.



### Wednesday Word

Have you started to read 'The Wednesday Word' yet?

*The Wednesday Word* is a gift to you and your family because of your connection with our Catholic school.

Every week, a 'word' (inspired by the Sunday Gospel) will be suggested for you and your family to talk about in your home.

This weekly Family Time is structured around the Sunday Gospel because evidence shows that Gospel values really do help family relationships to thrive.

Regularly spending quality time with children is without doubt one of the most important aspects of parenting. *The Wednesday Word* seeks to support you in this important task: to help you and your children maintain a special closeness throughout the school years.

*The Wednesday Word* 'Family Time' leaflet is designed to ensure that all family members feel included. It presents an effective way for even the busiest of parents to enrich

relationships with their children through spending a very special 5 or 10 minutes together each week.

We suggest Wednesdays for *Family Time* because it is the day that the Catholic Church dedicates to St Joseph – the Patron Saint of Families. But rather than miss out, any other time would do just as well.

<http://www.wednesdayword.org/index.html>

### Successful Start to Secondary School

Hosted by ECASS ([ECASS | Education](#)), the Successful Start to Secondary School event is aimed towards parents of Year 6 students, who have been identified by their school as having speech, language, and communication needs. From face-to-face workshops delivered by professionals from the Enfield SEND partnership, to practical tips and resources for a successful start to secondary school, the programme provides parents with a space to learn how to help their children during an important milestone in their educational path. The event takes place on 12 June at Enfield Cineworld. Sign up today.

[Successful Start to Secondary Sign-up Form](#)

### Borough's Secondary Schools reach High Achievement Levels

All Enfield secondary schools, including academies, and all special schools have been awarded at least a 'Good' rating in the four key areas assessed by Ofsted Inspectors. Overall, 98 per cent of the schools in the borough are rated as at least 'Good' in the four main areas. This places schools in Enfield in a desirable position, showcasing their commitment to excellence in education. The latest school to mark this achievement in the borough was Laurel Park School based in Palmers Green. It was recently awarded 'Good' across all subcategories. Read more.

[Most schools in Enfield rated 'Good' or 'Outstanding' by Ofsted | Enfield Council](#)

### SATs

It's that time of the year again! **Year 6 will begin their SATs on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May.**

### Key stage 2 tests

The statutory [key stage 2 tests](#) are timetabled from Monday 12 May to Thursday 15 May 2025:

Date	Activity
Monday 12 May 2025	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 13 May 2025	English reading
Wednesday 14 May 2025	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Thursday 15 May 2025	Mathematics paper 3

The other junior classes will also complete the Optional SATs for their year group and Year 2 children will complete their non-statutory assessments during the summer term too.

It's very important that all children are in school each day and especially during this time of assessment.

### Summer Term Reminder!

Half -term holiday = 26<sup>th</sup> May - 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

May Bank Holiday= Monday 5th May 2025.

INSET Day (no school for children): Monday 9th June 2025

### Dates for 2025-2026 School Year

#### Academic Year 2025 - 2026

##### Autumn Term

Monday 1st September - Friday 19th December 2025

Half - Term Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October 2025

##### Spring Term

Monday 5th January - Friday 27th March 2026

Half -Term Monday 16th - Friday 20th February 2026

##### Summer Term

Monday 13th April - Friday 17th July 2026

Half - Term Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May 2026

May Bank Holiday: Monday 4th May 2026

##### INSET Days

Monday 1st September 2025  
Tuesday 2nd September 2025  
Monday 23rd February 2026  
Tuesday 5th May 2026  
Monday 15th June 2026

Governors' Day: Monday 20th July 2026 (school closed)

### NumberBlocks!

CBeebies Numberblocks continues to be hugely popular with young children

[Numberblocks at home | NCETM](#)



NRICH welcomes millions of users every year to share their free, online mathematical activities for learners aged 3-19. They have a huge bank of award-winning resources, ideal for children and students to work on independently, at school with their teacher or at home with parents.

[Maths at Home](#)

### Thinking Skills

Remember to ask your child which thinking hats they have been using in lessons. Also check to see if they are aware of the current Habit of Mind focus. Some of the children are also using the Thinking Maps - ask your child to see if he / she is aware of the maps.

### The Angelus

We are trying to learn / say The Angelus each day at 12

noon in all classes from Year 2 (from summer term) - Year 6. This is a wonderful prayer which reminds us that God the Son became man in order to save us.

You might like to say this prayer with your child at home. It can be said in the morning, at noon or in the evening.

#### The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary:

And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.  
Hail Mary...

Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

Be it done to me according to your word.

Hail Mary...

And the Word was made Flesh:  
And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray.

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, your Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may be brought by his passion and cross to the glory of his

resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the divine assistance remain always with us and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



### **Relationships and Sex / Health Education (RSE / RHE)**

Around this time about five school years ago Relationships Education and Health Education became statutory in all primary schools in England. This as you know for us builds on the non-statutory lessons we have always taught in RSE / RHE at St. Mary's.

As previously explained we decided to adopt **Life to the Full** by Ten Resources. We actually originally purchased this programme for use in the 2019-2020 school year as we felt it supported the work the school was already doing but then the world went into lock down and other priorities took over.

Through their programme, Ten understand the foundational

role that parents have in educating and nurturing their children on these matters. Within the programme, they have built in resources which will not only keep you informed about what is being taught in school, but will also give you the opportunity to engage your children in discussion, activity and prayer.

As part of the subscription to Life to the Full an Online Parent Portal is provided for parents.

Parents should visit the following webpage

[Online Parent Portal – Enter \(tentenresources.co.uk\)](https://www.tentenresources.co.uk)

The parent login is as follows:

**Username:** st-marys-en3  
**Password:** lady-3

### **Talk to the Teacher!**

Please always see your child's teacher if you need an update on your child's work or behaviour. We are always glad to help if we can.

It is a good idea to copy in the office address when you e-mail the year group address as the office staff can also pass messages on to the teachers.

[nursery@stmarys.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:nursery@stmarys.enfield.sch.uk)

[reception@stmarys.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:reception@stmarys.enfield.sch.uk)

[year1@stmarys.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:year1@stmarys.enfield.sch.uk)

[year2@stmarys.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:year2@stmarys.enfield.sch.uk)

[year3@stmarys.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:year3@stmarys.enfield.sch.uk)

[year4@stmarys.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:year4@stmarys.enfield.sch.uk)

[year5@stmarys.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:year5@stmarys.enfield.sch.uk)

[year6@stmarys.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:year6@stmarys.enfield.sch.uk)

You can always just phone the office too of course.

### **Pupil Progress**

You should have had a call home from the teacher / meeting in school with the teacher to update you on your child's progress last term.

Any parent who wishes to meet in person with the teacher at any stage during this term is welcome to do so.

Just contact the school office to arrange an appointment with the teacher.

### **Attendance**

During the spring term we had a number of pupil absences.

It's very important that we really continue to try during this new term to improve pupil attendance. Our target is not to let our attendance fall below 98% (our absence was

4.41% at the end of the spring term (5.2% nationally in state-funded primary schools).

We are required now also as you know to report on Persistent Absence.

The DfE's persistent absence threshold is **10%** from Autumn 2015!

The DfE's guidance on the 2014/15 school census explains that from the 2015/2016 academic year onwards, a pupil will be considered to be persistently absent if he/she is away for over 10% of school sessions in an academic year.

Pages 72-73 of the DfE's guidance, linked to above, contains a table which sets out the estimated thresholds that will be used to define persistently absent pupils.

	15 per cent	10 per cent
Half-term 1	10 or more sessions	7 or more sessions
Half term 1-2 (autumn term)	22 or more sessions	14 or more sessions
Half term 1-3	30 or more sessions	20 or more sessions

Half-term 1-4 (autumn term and spring term combined)

Half term 1-5

Half term 1-6 (full academic year)

Please (unless of course your child is ill) ensure your child is in school each day.

If your child is away from school it is important that you always let us know to avoid having the absence recorded as unauthorised. Always try to phone us on the day and it is school policy to request a short written note explaining the absence.

The overall school attendance was 95.59% at the end of spring 2025 (94.8% across primaries nationally).

The classes with the highest attendance from the beginning of the school year until the end of spring 2025 were:

1. 97.18%-Y2, St. Faith

2. 97.14%-Y4, St. Peter
3. 97.09%-Y6, St. Christopher
4. 96.99%-Y4, St. Paul
5. 96.80%-Y3, St. Cecilia
6. 96.52%-Y5/6, St. Catherine
7. 95.86%-Y5, St. Joseph and Year 2, Fatima
8. 95.62%-Y1, Rosary
9. 95.46% -Y3, St. Bernadette

As you can see all of these classes had overall attendance of **97% or 96%** up to the end of the spring term. Well done everyone!



**Don't forget to log on to the school website -**

[www.stmarysenfield.co.uk](http://www.stmarysenfield.co.uk)

#### Tissues

We are no longer able to provide tissues for classrooms. Donations of boxes of tissues would be gratefully received. Thank you to parents who have already handed in some boxes. Unfortunately we are still running low again.

#### School Uniform

Thank you to the great number of pupils wearing the correct **dark blue summer dress**. Remember it is fine for your child to continue to wear a grey skirt and polo shirt or

school trousers during the summer term if preferred.

Try to ensure your child's name is on each item of uniform. During the summer children take off sweat shirts a lot more. If the sweatshirt is labelled it is much easier to return it to its owner.

It's good for children to be able to wear a hat during the summer when it becomes very warm. **School hats (with neck protection flaps) are now available from the School Office for £4.00.** Children are encouraged to wear these instead of other non - uniform baseball caps which are not permitted.

On PE days or days which are really warm children are able to wear their PE uniform. It must however be the correct PE uniform. *Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school blue joggers.*

**Also your child must wear their school shoes and change into their trainers/plimsolls for their PE sessions.**

Thank you to the great number of parents who ensure their children wear the correct school uniform each day.

***Please remember no earrings on PE days please! Only small studs on other days please!***

### Be on Time!



Try very hard to ensure your child is on time for school each day and that he/she is picked up promptly at the end of the day.

Allowing your child to be regularly late in the morning and collecting children well after their school time is not good practice. It's good for children to learn good habits of punctuality from a young age.

Again thank you to the numerous parents who ensure their children are on time every day.

### Hair!

Sometimes we have nit outbreaks during the summer term. Please check your child's hair regularly. Also ensure that long hair is tied back (in school colours please) each day. Remember nits like clean hair too!

Also please watch out for Ringworm and Worms! I know they sound unpleasant but children do pick these infections up at times.

### Summer Sun!

Try to ensure your child wears sun cream during the very warm weather. Remember children spend quite a bit of time outside in the course of the school day. It is important that your child is able to apply his / her own sun cream. You may of course apply the sun cream in the morning before coming to school. We will of course encourage the children to spend time in the shade on very warm days.



### Roblox and Parental Controls - South West Grid for Learning

Roblox, the popular minecraft 'style' game has announced a new collection of parental controls.

The website which ranks among the most popular games for children in the e-space, has previously been accused of possessing weak child protection tools. Their new collection of adaptations is important due to the game's position among school aged children. The new features have been adopted to allow parents to take control of their children's game time in a more comprehensive manner.

Parents will now be able to block individuals who

communicate with their children, as well as have more detailed oversight over their usage of the programme. Real-time awareness measures have been increased and these changes represent a big step forward in making popular multiplayer games more secure for underaged users.

If interested, the South-West Grid for Learning (SWGfL) has produced a comprehensive run down of these changes. Please follow the link below for more:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/roblox-launches-new-parental-controls/>

### Online Safety at Home



You might find the following links helpful:

### On the internet... (Childnet)

'On the internet' is a learning-to-read book for children aged 4 and above. The large, bright illustrations show all the different ways that the internet can be used.

Find On the internet here: <https://www.childnet.com/resources/a-learning-to-read-book>

Other Childnet books for younger children include:

Smartie the Penguin (3 to 7 year olds)  
<https://www.childnet.com/resources/smartie-the-penguin>

Detective-Digiduck (3 to 7 year olds)  
<https://www.childnet.com/resources/digiduck-stories>

[The Adventures of Kara, Winston and the SMART Crew](#)  
[| Childnet](#) (7-11 year olds)

UK Safer Internet Centre  
SMART Video Lessons for 6-9 year olds

Each video has

- simple, clear online safety advice specifically tailored for children aged 6-9 years old,
- 10-15 minutes of fun activities, games and discussion points,
- narration from an experienced member of the Childnet education team,
- optional follow-up activities to extend children's learning.

*Please note: due to the format of this resource and to encourage meaningful discussion, the UK Safer Internet Centre would*

*strongly advise that children watch the video lessons together with an adult.*

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/video-lessons/>

### Capture Video - Financial Times

A video by financial times films, gives an important insight to the impact of social media on our children and our family life. The video is well worth a watch. The video has led parents to reconsider how they talk to their children about their social media use. You can find the video on YouTube by following the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6UY2HOpuTlk>

### Christian Meditation

We appreciate what a challenging time this continues to be for many children and their families. As you know the World Community for Christian Meditation (WCCM) has worked to develop videos which provide short meditation sessions which children and young people can participate in, whether in school or at home. These sessions are inspired by meditation in the tradition of John Main OSB.

Full details are available here: <https://www.cathchild.org>

[g.uk/meditation-with-children-young-people/](http://g.uk/meditation-with-children-young-people/)

#### Own Clothes 4<sup>th</sup> April

£150.45 was donated. Thank you parents and children.

#### Shoes!

We are still recycling shoes. Please send in any old pairs.

#### School Dinners

*Your child may be entitled to free meals.* To qualify for free school meals parents or guardians must be in receipt of:

- Income support
- Income based job seekers allowance
- Asylum seekers subsistence payment (support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999)
- Child tax credit (but not working tax credit) only and have an annual income of less than £16,190



As you are aware the road outside our school is a School Street.

Please help your child to make the best use of this by parking safely and legally away from the school and walking with your child.

Our children's health and mental wellbeing is of the highest importance. That is why the council is committed to tackling climate emergency and the escalating levels of pollution at peak times on our road network. Childhood obesity in the borough is also one of the highest in London. There are many benefits of School Streets:

- Improved air quality - reduced traffic volumes leading to reductions in local emissions
- Improved road safety - reduced risk of potential conflict between road traffic and pupils
- Increased physical activity - making the school gate cleaner and safer will encourage more active travel to school

#### Safe Parking

Thank you to all parents and carers who always support the school by parking safely away from Durants Road and walking with their children. This really helps and the support we receive from so many parents always with everything we do is a great strength of our school.

Please try hard to:

- Park away from Durants Road and walk with your child. This is better for your general health and reduces the fumes and pollution around the school. If you can, leave the car at home and try to build the walking time into your child's day. If a child minder or another family member brings your child to school please encourage them to park away from Durants Road.
- Please do not sit in the car with the engine running. This is not good for the health of others.
- Never park in / across any of the driveways even for a minute. This is disrespectful and causes a lot of problems for the school with local residents.
- Never park on the zig-zag lines during the designated no parking times (please check the signs) or in the disabled bays which are reserved for blue badge holders.

<https://schoolstreets.org.uk/why-school-streets/>

## Join the London Cycling Festival in Enfield

The London Cycling Festival is coming to Enfield on Sunday, 25 May, bringing together families, cycling enthusiasts and local communities for a day of free activities at the Enfield Town Library Green.

Organised collaboratively with the London Cycling Campaign and the Council's Journeys and Places programme, the event will feature a guided ride, Dr Bike, bike marking, a guided walk and other fun activities. It aims to celebrate active travel while promoting greener, healthier lifestyles. Everyone is welcome, whether you're a seasoned cyclist or new to two wheels. [Learn more about the festival and book your place.](#)

### Some Dates for this Term

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May - Rosary begins for the month of May. Children say a decade each day in class. Please allow your child to bring their rosary beads to school. Rosary beads will be blessed at the Mass on the 13<sup>th</sup> May. Children also say a decade of the Rosary after school. Please join us in the small hall for this time of prayer together.

Also Year 2 Trip to the Paddington Experience.

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May - BANK

HOLIDAY - No School  
VE Day Celebrations this week.

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May - SATS for Year 6 begin (for week).

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May - Our Lady of Fatima - School Mass for Years 2-6. Blessing of Rosary Beads. (also Father John celebrates the 49<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his priesthood today!).

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May - Year 3 to Parish Mass at 9.30am.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Own Clothes' Day.

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May - HALF -TERM (holiday for one week).

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June - Years 5 and 6 to Parish Mass at 9.30am.

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June - INSET Day - No School

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day for Juniors AM

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day for Infants AM  
Years 5 and 6 to the theatre PM.

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June - Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest - School Mass for Years 2-6.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June - Borough Athletics 2pm

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June - Year 4 to Parish Mass at 9.30am.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June - Science Workshops

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June - Science Workshops

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Sports Day for Juniors AM (if raining previously).

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June - The Nativity of St. John the Baptist - Years 5 and 6 to Mass. Reception Classes visit Willows Farm

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June - Olympic Athlete Visit AM

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June - Sports Day for Infants AM (if raining previously)

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June - The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus -School Mass for Years 1-6

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June - Oral Health Practitioner to visit Nursery and Reception, 9.30am.

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July - Year 4 to Parish Mass at 9.30am. Year 2 to Hertfordshire Zoo.

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Year 3 to the theatre.

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July - Year 5 to Parish Mass at 9.30am. Year 6 Induction Day at St. Ignatius College (Day 1).

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Induction Day at St. Ignatius College (Day 2).

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 Leavers' Mass, 9.30am in the church. Leavers' BBQ and Disco, 5-6.30pm.

Year 5 Boys - Taster Day at St. Ignatius College.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July - Children visit their new September classes AM.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July - End of Year Class Parties. Last day of School Year for Year 6. Last day for Reception -Year 5 pupils in their current classes.

Early Closing (12.45pm Infants, 1pm Juniors). Own Clothes Day.

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July - Year 1-Year 6 pupils (September 2025) begin their time in their new classes. New Reception pupils and parents visit.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July - New Reception pupils and parents visit.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July - New Reception pupils and parents visit.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July - Last day of School Year. Early Closing

(12.45pm Infants, 1pm Juniors).  
**OWN CLOTHES' DAY.**

Thanksgiving for the School  
Year: School Mass (in memory of  
Daniel Evans and Mary Ireton)  
at 9.30am in Church for Years  
2-6.

New Reception pupils and  
parents visit AM.

\* Please note that dates may  
change as the year progresses.  
I apologise in advance for any  
inconvenience this may cause.

### **Rosary**

Each day for the month of May  
the children will say one  
decade in class and one decade  
after school.



It's a wonderful prayer to the  
Patron of our School, St. Mary.

*Rosary beads are due to be  
blessed / re-blessed at the  
10 am Mass on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>  
May. Your child will need to  
have their rosary beads in  
school on that day.*

Thank you for your continued  
support for our school. It is  
greatly appreciated by all  
members of our school  
community and I know  
contributes very much to the  
happy atmosphere that we are  
so fortunate to have in our  
school.

Miss M. Creed  
Headteacher

### **Prayer to Our Lady**

All hail to you Mary, most  
favoured by God

O teach us to follow the path you  
once trod.

When Gabriel had spoken you  
humbly said, 'Yes'

May we have the courage God's  
word to confess.

To those for whom sickness and  
sadness are near,

Show Jesus your first-born, our  
Saviour from fear.

With Joseph your husband you  
cared for our Lord,

Guide parents and children to  
life's one reward

You spoke at the wedding and  
Christ gave the wine.

He now gives his people the true  
bread divine.

We trustfully echo the prayer of  
your Son

That all of God's children may  
love and be one.

God's life was your living with  
him you found peace.

May his loving presence in us  
now increase.



### **Rosary Prayers:**

#### **The Apostles Creed**

I believe in God, the  
Father Almighty, Creator  
of Heaven and earth. And  
in Jesus Christ, His only  
Son, our Lord. Who was  
conceived by the power of

the Holy Spirit, born of  
the Virgin Mary, suffered  
under Pontius Pilate, was  
crucified, died, and was  
buried. He descended into  
hell. On the third day He  
rose again. He ascended  
into heaven and sits at  
the right hand of God, the  
Father Almighty. From  
there He shall come to  
judge the living and the  
dead. I believe in the Holy  
Spirit, the Holy Catholic  
Church, the Communion  
of Saints, the forgiveness  
of sins, the resurrection  
of the body and life  
everlasting. Amen.

#### **The Our Father**

Our Father, who art in  
heaven; hallowed be Thy  
name; Thy kingdom  
come; Thy will be done on  
earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily  
bread; and forgive us our  
trespasses as we forgive  
those who trespass  
against us, and lead us  
not into temptation; but  
deliver us from evil.  
Amen.

#### **The Hail Mary**

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with thee;  
blessed art thou among  
women and blessed is the  
fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners, now

and at the hour of our death. Amen.



### Glory be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### Fatima Prayer

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins. Save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven especially those in most need of your mercy.



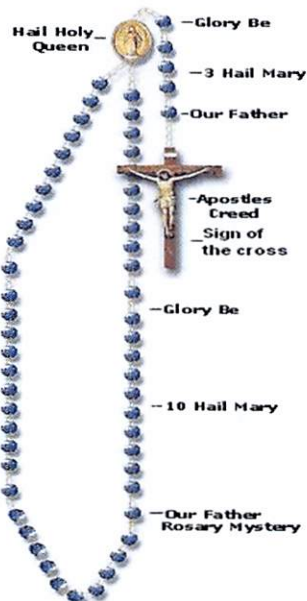
### Hail Holy Queen

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, Hail our life, our sweetness and our hope, to you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears; turn, then most gracious Advocate, your eyes of mercy towards us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed

fruit of your womb Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Pray for us, O holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

### Let us Pray

Let us pray, O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life death and Resurrection, has purchased for us the reward of eternal life. Grant we beseech Thee that while meditating upon these mysteries of the most holy rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



## **ADMISSIONS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/2026**

**We need your help to remind friends, neighbours, relatives to apply for places in our Nursery and Reception classes for their children for September 2025!**

**It is not too late to apply!**





# Online Safety Newsletter

May 2025

## Wonderlab+

Are you looking for something fun to do online with your child? The Science Museum group have a wide array of activities, games and quizzes on their website:

<https://wonderlabplus.sciencemuseumgroup.org.uk/home>

## Minecraft

Minecraft is rated as PEGI 7, meaning it is suitable for those over 7 years of age.

Minecraft is a game where players can create worlds using blocks. There are two different modes – creative and survival. In creative mode, users can build what they wish and have unlimited resources whereas in survival mode, players must gather resources, find food and defend themselves against mobs. Survival mode may include mild violence and scary characters.

You should be aware that there is a multiplayer option available where players can chat to each other. In-app purchases are also available to buy items such as skins, so ensure purchases are disabled or that a password or PIN is required to make them. Ensure appropriate parental controls are applied, on both Minecraft and the console itself. Find out more here:

<https://www.minecraft.net/en-us/article/parental-controls>

### Further information

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/minecraft>

## Cyberbullying

### What is cyberbullying?

Cyberbullying is a form of bullying that takes place online and can take many forms, such as sending malicious messages. Cyberbullying can happen at any time of the day, so often feels unrelenting. It can take place across many different platforms, such as on messaging apps like WhatsApp and Snapchat, on social media platforms such as Instagram and TikTok and via online games. Here are some examples of what cyberbullying can look like online:

- Sending nasty or hurtful messages
- Leaving unkind comments
- Sharing photographs of somebody else without their permission
- Excluding somebody on purpose
- Impersonating somebody with a fake account
- Telling/sharing lies
- Blackmailing

### What should I do if my child is being bullied online?

If your child is being bullied, then try to stay calm and let them know that it is not their fault. It is always useful to keep evidence of any online bullying and inform their school so

that they are aware. Show your child how to block and/or report any users/content and review their privacy settings to limit what others can see. You may also wish to review/set up any available parental controls.



### Further information

There is a vast amount of information available online about cyberbullying. The following links provide further information on types of online bullying, and who you can contact if you need any further advice or support.

- <https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/online-bullying/>
- <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-and-support/advice-parents-and-carers/sources-information-advice-and>

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**What is Roblox?**

Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Players can either create games or play games that other users have created. It is free to download (however subscription options and in game/app purchases are available) and can be played across numerous devices.

**A lot of the content is user generated, which may mean not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play.** If your child is playing Roblox, it is important to monitor what your child is accessing and set up appropriate parental controls.

**PEGI rate Roblox with a Parental Guidance label, this is because it is difficult to rate due to the huge level of user generated content.**

**New Parental Features**

Roblox have released three new parental controls for your child's Roblox account. These are:

1. **Friend blocking** - you can now block anyone on your child's friends list that you do not want them direct messaging.
2. **Experience blocking** – you can now block any specific experiences (games) that you do not want your child to access.
3. **Top game insights** - you can now see the 20 experiences (games) your child has spent the most time on in the last week.

You can find out more here:

<https://corp.roblox.com/newsroom/2025/04/new-parental-controls-on-roblox>

**Further information**

You can find out more about Roblox here:

<https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en-us/articles/30428248050068-Parental-Controls-FAQ>

# Ask Silver Scam Checker

Ask Silver is a tool that anyone with a smartphone can use to protect themselves from scams. To use the service, you will first need to sign up and then you can simply upload a screenshot of anything that you are unsure of, and think could be a scam. Ask Silver will let you know whether they think it is safe or not. Find out more here:

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/asksilver/>



## How to best use location tracking apps within your family

Location tracking gives us the ability to see where somebody is via their smart device and is often one of the reasons children receive their first device.

Internet Matters have published an article discussing location tracking, including the benefits and risks and provide links to other supporting resources. You can read the article here:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/expert-opinion/how-to-use-location-tracking-apps-in-your-family/>

## JusTalk

Users can use this app to video chat, call, and text. There are two versions – JusTalk and JusTalk Kids with both versions having the option to unlock further functions via a premium subscription. **JusTalk is rated as 12+ and JusTalk Kids is rated as 4+ on the App store.**

**Even though the apps may be rated as age appropriate for your child, there are still risks in using either version.**

The Ineqe Safeguarding Group provide an overview of JusTalk, including the risks you need to be aware of:

<https://ineqe.com/2023/02/08/what-is-the-justalk-app/>

## Keeping up with technology

It can be difficult to keep up with what our children are doing online as it can change so quickly. UK Safer Internet Centre have published an article with suggestions on what we can do:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers/things-change-so-fast-online-its-hard-to-keep-up-with-what-my-child-is-doing>

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# Successful Start to Secondary School



- Is your child in **Year 6?**
- Are you worried about their transition to secondary school?
- Would you like a space to talk or to learn how to help them, through support strategies?

*Join us and representatives from Education, Health and Social Care to work together for a successful transition*

- Thursday 12th June 2025
- Enfield Cineworld
- 10am - 2:30pm

**Limited Places!**

- Face to face sessions delivered by professionals from the Enfield SEND Partnership
- Get practical tips and resources to support your child through transition
- Join us in meeting services and other parents/carers

**SIGN UP!**

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## Re: Reducing Smartphone Use in Childhood

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to you as a group of schools in Enfield, with the support of Enfield Council.

This letter explains that, from September 2025, **Primary School aged children will not be allowed to bring a smartphone to school**, and that the new cohort of students joining **Year 7 at Secondary School will not be allowed to bring a smartphone to school** for the duration of their studies from Years 7-11.

We also ask that you delay allowing your child to have a smartphone at all until they are aged 14 or older, and to delay access to social media until they are 16.

### Why have we made this decision?

Although there are many benefits, there is increasing evidence that smartphone use has negative effects on the wellbeing and mental health of young people, and poses a number of significant safeguarding risks. Smartphone use has been linked to impaired attention and focus, sleep deprivation, mental health issues, online bullying, exposure to harmful online content and people, increased risk of mugging, and increased loneliness and social isolation. We want young people to prioritise in-person interactions and to benefit from the stronger social skills, empathy and sense of community real-world interactions offer.

In many of our schools, mobile phone bans are already in place and children are protected from some of the issues outlined above. These risks remain outside of school. We encourage parents to delay allowing children to have a smartphone at all until they are aged 14 or older, and to delay access to social media until age 16.

If you feel your child needs a device for safety reasons, consider instead a phone without internet connectivity (a 'brick' phone), an Airtag or a fully locked down phone with no internet or communication apps installed.

We know that many of you are keen to delay giving your child a smartphone at the age of 11, 12 or 13, so we hope that the position we are adopting as schools will support you in your decision to ask children to wait until they are older to get a smartphone.

We hope that you will support us in our aim to make sure that your children are happy and safeguarded by being smartphone free.

## Further Information and Resources

The following links lead to research and resources regarding mobile phone use and young people:

**Keep Your Child Safe Online – Guide for Parents and Carers** (Enfield Council)  
([Online Safety | Enfield Council](#))

**Keep Your Child Safe Online – Resources for Schools and Families** (Enfield Council)  
([Online Safety | Enfield Council](#))

**Smartphone Free Childhood**  
([Smartphone Free Childhood](#))

**House of Commons Committee Report**  
(<https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm5804/cmselect/cmeduc/118/summary.html>)

**Unesco Report**  
(<https://www.unesco.org/en/articles/smartphones-school-only-when-they-clearly-support-learning>)

**Mobile Phones in Schools Guidance**  
([https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65cf5f2a4239310011b7b916/Mobile\\_phones\\_in\\_schools\\_guidance.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/65cf5f2a4239310011b7b916/Mobile_phones_in_schools_guidance.pdf))

**Keep Your Child Safe Online – Poster** (Enfield Council)  
([Online Safety | Enfield Council](#))



Further information can be found in the 'Sources and Resources' section of **Keep Your Child Safe Online – Guide**

**Signed:**

AIM North London  
Alma Primary School  
Ark John Keats Academy  
Bishop Stopford's School  
Bowes Primary School  
Brimsdown Primary School  
Capel Manor Primary School  
Carterhatch Infant School  
Carterhatch Junior School  
Chase Side Primary School  
Chace Community School  
Chesterfield Primary School  
Churchfield Primary School  
De Bohun Primary School  
Delta Primary School  
Durants School  
Delta Primary School  
Eastfield Primary School  
Edmonton County School  
Eldon Primary School  
Enfield County School for Girls  
Enfield Grammar  
Enfield Heights Academy  
Eversley Primary School  
Fern House School  
Firs Farm Primary School  
Forty Hill CE Primary School  
FreshSteps Independent School  
Galliard Primary School  
Garfield Primary School  
George Spicer Primary School  
Grange Park Preparatory School  
Grange Park Primary School  
Hadley Wood Primary School  
Hazelbury Primary School  
Hazelwood Schools (Infant and Junior)  
Heron Hall Academy  
Highfield Primary School  
Highlands School  
Honilands Primary School  
Houndsfield Primary School  
Keble Preparatory School  
Keys Meadow Primary School  
Kingfisher Hall Academy  
Kingsmead School

Latymer All Saints C of E Primary School  
Laurel Park School  
Lavender Primary School  
Lea Valley Academy  
Merryhills Primary School  
Oakthorpe Primary School  
Oaktree School  
Oasis Enfield Academy  
Orchardside School  
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Primary School  
Prince of Wales Primary School  
Raglan Schools (Infant and Junior)  
Raynham Primary School  
St Edmund's Catholic Primary School  
St Ignatius College  
Salmons Brook School  
Southgate School  
Starks Field Primary School  
St Andrew's CE Primary School Enfield  
St George's Catholic Primary School  
St John's CE Primary School  
St John and St James CE Primary School  
St Mary's Catholic Primary School  
St Matthews CE Primary School  
St Michael at Bowes CE Primary School  
St Michael's CE Primary School  
St Monica's Catholic Primary School  
St Paul's CE Primary School  
Suffolks Primary School  
Tottenham Infant School  
Vita Et Pax Preparatory School  
Walker Primary School  
Wilbury Primary School  
Winchmore School  
Wolfson Hillel Primary School  
Worcesters Primary School  
Wren Academy