



Weekly Bulletin

Friday 16th October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

School Photos

School photos are now available to view using the QR code that your child came home with. If you would like to order & have free delivery to school, please place your order before Wednesday 21st October. Orders are placed directly with DSP Photography.



Reading Event

Thank you to all of the parents & carers that were able to attend our Reading Event. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.



Harvest Assembly & Food Bank Donations

Parents & carers that have responded to the survey on School Spider are welcome to join us on Friday 23rd October to watch the children sing in our Harvest Assembly. **Spaces are limited to 1 per family.** The assembly will start at 9.15am so please ensure you arrive before this time. Please **don't be late** as late-comers will not be admitted as this interrupts the children's performance. We will be accepting donations for the food bank for the next week, commencing Monday 19th October. Please can we request that fresh produce isn't donated to us (ie fresh fruit/ veg/ meat). Any items that you would like to donate can be brought in to the office where there will be a donation box.

PE Kit Reminder

PE will be held on the following days:

Monday - Owls

Tuesday - Squirrels

Wednesday - Rabbits

Thursday- Nursery

Friday - Foxes, Hedgehogs & Badgers

Please make sure your child attends school on their PE day in their PE kit which is:

Black leggings/ jogging bottoms or shorts

White round neck t-shirt

Trainers/plimsolls

No jewellery, other than plain stud earrings.

Attendance

W/C 9 th October		
Year	Class Name	% Attendance
Rec.	Hedgehogs	91% 
Rec.	Badgers	93.3%
KS1	Squirrels	92.6%
KS1	Rabbits	86.2%
KS1	Owls	98.9%
KS1	Foxes	90%
Total attendance		92.3%



If you have any issues with attendance, please make an appointment with Mrs Larcombe our Learning Support Mentor via the School Office to see what support and solutions can be found.

Owls had the best attendance of **98.9%** for the week beginning **9th October**

The whole school attendance for the week of **9th October** was **92.3%**.

We are aiming for 97%, please help us reach this target.

Good attendance at school is important for your child's development & progress. Please ensure your child attends every day and does not take holidays in term time.

We want every child to be a H.E.R.O every day.

Here.

Every day.

Ready to learn.

Diary Dates

Every Tuesday Every Friday	8:35am – 8:45am 8:35am – 8:55am	Morning Task with parents/carers (Rabbits, Owls, Squirrels) (Rabbits, Owls, Squirrels, Hedgehog and Badgers Class)
Wednesday 23 rd September - Thursday 17 th December	3.15pm - 5.00pm	After School Super Clubs Weds 23 rd Sept- Colouring & Playdough Club - £8 includes tea Fri 9 th Oct- Lego Challenge & Board Games - £8 includes tea Tues 13 th Oct- Balloon Tennis Tournament - £8 includes tea Fri 23 rd Oct- Film Club - £5 includes snacks (not tea) Weds 11 th Nov- Disco Time - £5 includes snacks (not tea) Tues 24 th Nov- Pizza Club - £8 includes tea  Fri 4 th Dec- Free Play - £8 includes tea Thurs 17 th Dec- Film Club - £5 includes snacks (not tea)
Friday 23 rd October	9.15am-10am	Harvest Assembly Parents & carers from the whole school are welcome to join us to watch the children sing. Please respond to the survey on School Spider to let us know you are coming before 5pm on Fri 16 th Oct. <u>Places are limited to 1 per family who have responded to book their place.</u> The assembly will start at 9.15am so please arrive beforehand as latecomers will not be admitted.
Monday 26 th October– Monday 2 nd November		HALF TERM School finishes on Friday 23 rd October & returns on Tuesday 3 rd November Please visit our website for the term dates https://www.thewillowseyc.org.uk/ .



Parent and Carer Survey

Parent and Carer Voice – tell us about your walk to school, good or bad!

We all know that walking is one of the best ways to start the day. But walking or wheeling to school isn't always as easy as it should be. Living Streets, the charity for everyday walking, wants to find out about your experience of travelling to school, so we can work with schools, local councils and decision makers to improve routes to school. We want families like yours to walk and wheel to school happily and safely.

[Please complete our short survey](#) to tell us about your experiences - whether good or bad. This will help us build up a picture of the improvements that need to be made. It will take just a few moments of your time.

Everyone who completes our survey will be entered into a prize draw to win a £200 shopping voucher, which you could chose to spend on shoes or wet weather clothes, so you can walk whatever the weather. Please see the terms and conditions [here](#).

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

"Inappropriate" means different things to different people. What's acceptable for one age group, for example, may be unsuitable for a slightly younger audience. Online, young people can chance upon inappropriate content in various ways – from pop-up ads to TikTok videos. The increasingly young age at which children become active in the digital world heightens the risk of them innocently running into something that they find upsetting or frightening. Trusted adults need to be able to help children be aware of what to do if they're exposed to age-inappropriate content.

WHERE IS IT FOUND?

SOCIAL MEDIA

Age-inappropriate content is easily accessible through many social media platforms. TikTok, for instance, is hugely popular with young people but is arguably best known for clips featuring sexualised dancing or profanity. Some social media users also express hate speech or promote eating disorders and self-harm, which could cause lasting damage to a child's emotional and mental health.

GAMING

Gaming is an enjoyable source of entertainment, but many popular titles can expose children to inappropriate material such as violence, horror, gambling or sexually explicit content. Playing games unsuitable for their age risks normalising to children what they are seeing. Some games also include in-game chat, where other (usually older) online players often use language that you probably wouldn't want your child to hear or repeat.

STREAMING

The range of video streaming services available online means that users can find almost anything they want to watch on demand. Children are therefore at risk of viewing TV shows and movies which contain nudity, drug and alcohol abuse, explicit language and extreme violence. Unfortunately, these streaming platforms can't always determine that it's not an adult who's watching.

ADVERTS

Online adverts frequently include age-inappropriate content: usually gambling and nudity or partial nudity, although adverts for alcohol or e-cigarettes are also common. Some search engines also feature adverts that are responsive to your search history: so if you've recently looked up a new horror movie, shopped for lingerie or ordered alcohol online, then the ads appearing on screen could reflect this the next time your child borrows your device.

18 Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK IT THROUGH

Embarrassment or fear of getting into trouble can make it difficult for children to talk openly about age-inappropriate content they've watched. Remind your child they can always come to you if they're troubled by something they've seen online, without worrying about consequences. Before offering advice, discuss what they saw, how they felt and how they came to find the content in question.

CONNECT, DON'T CORRECT

If your child's been particularly distressed by exposure to content that wasn't suitable for their age, it's important to offer guidance to prevent them from repeating the same mistake – but it's equally vital to help them deal with the emotions that the situation has raised. You could tell them about any similar experiences you might have had at their age, and how you dealt with it.

BLOCK, REPORT, CONTROL

After discussing the problem, you and your child can take action together. This could include blocking any inappropriate sites and reporting any content which violates a platform's rules. To further safeguard your child online, set up parental controls on internet-enabled devices that they use. This will significantly reduce the chances of your child being exposed to age-inappropriate content in future.

GET SPECIALIST HELP

Age-inappropriate content can potentially have a negative impact on a child's mental health, which is sometimes displayed through changes in their behaviour. If the problem becomes more severe, you might consider reaching out to a mental health professional or an expert in this field who can provide you and your child with the proper support.

STAY CALM

Even though it is obviously difficult to stay rational in a situation where your child has been put at risk, it's essential to think before you react. Your child may well have hesitated to open up to you about watching inappropriate content for fear of the consequences, so being calm and supportive will reinforce the notion that it would be easy to talk to you about similar issues in the future.

Meet Our Expert

Carlyle Jorgensen is a Registered Counsellor with the Health Professions Council of South Africa, and she runs a private practice offering counselling to children, teenagers and families. Her main focus is creating awareness and educating the community on the mental health pressures of today's world, as well as resource and techniques to understand and cope better.



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