






## SUMMER TERM 2025/2026

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April

### Attendance

What a fantastic start to the summer term with a whole school attendance of **96.79%**.

Well done, we are SO close to 97%...Lets get there next week.

			
	Attendance	Lateness	Class Dojo
<b>Nursery</b>	80.48%	<b>0</b>	
<b>Reception</b>	96.3%	4	3
<b>Year 1</b>	96.72%	4	<b>9.2</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	91.45%	<b>1</b>	5.1
<b>Year 3</b>	98.8%	3	6.3
<b>Year 4</b>	95.68%	11	7.1
<b>Year 5</b>	95.56%	3	<b>9.2</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>99.63%</b>	5	4.7

Well done to **Y1 and Y5** who earned the bonus break this week



### St Martin's Stars

Well done to all our certificate winners this week!

			
	Shining Star	Purple Tie	Our Values
<b>Nursery</b>	Whole Class		Matilda A
<b>Reception</b>	Olivia P	Archie P	Leo F
<b>Year 1</b>	Bobby C	Everlyn S	Shea H
<b>Year 2</b>	Kohnan B	Connor M	Shea H
<b>Year 3</b>	Blake B	Jasmine D	Whole Class
<b>Year 4</b>	Ellzah B	Taylor P	David B
<b>Year 5</b>	Kai A	Amelia F	Sapphire R
<b>Year 6</b>	Frankie C	Sophia MP	Chloe M

### Bank Holiday

Please remember that Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May is a **Bank Holiday** and school will be closed.

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May KS2 children will be participating in VR workshops to supplement their learning.

### Message from Mrs Ming

As you all know **OfSTED** was inspecting our school this week. While I can't share the outcome until the report is finalised what I can share is that our children and staff have made me incredibly proud this week.

The children all enjoyed an extra play on the field yesterday and the staff had a dress down day and headteacher sticker 😊. **Thank you** to the parents who replied to the survey and spoke to inspectors, your positive comments really meant a lot.

As the warmer weather is creeping in please remember to put suncream on your children and send them in with a water bottle.

With all that excitement I hadn't realised that the club survey wasn't available. Because of that **Clubs will now begin w/c 4<sup>th</sup> May** except for homework club and sports club which will begin next week and continue until 3<sup>rd</sup> July. Surveys are now available. Have a lovely weekend.

### Parent Notice Board

#### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April

Graduation photos for **Y6, YR** and **Preschool**  
Mini Vinnies Retreat at St Clement's

#### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April

**Y5** and **Y1** Mass

#### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April

**Y5** Shakespeare performance 2.30am

#### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May

**Year 5** Assembly 9am

### Y5 Shakespeare performance

As part of their English and Drama work the **year 5** children have been working hard putting to together scenes from Macbeth.

They would like to invite parents in to see this performance on **THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm**, in the school hall. We hope you can make it.

### School Lottery

CONGRATULATIONS to last week's winner

18/04/2026 Mrs W who won £6.25



**You can buy tickets here**

This month you can win a Nintendo Switch 2 Mega Bundle (or £1000) and don't forget the jackpot of £25k.

Thank you to all who have bought tickets so far – school has raised £132.80 through ticket sales already.

The **more tickets bought the bigger the prize** so please share and you could win £200 for referring a friend.

### Catholic Life and Reflection

The Wednesday Word is a resource for parents to use when discussing the weekly Gospel with their families.

**Y5** and **Y1** will be celebrating Mass

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 10am.**

All families are welcome to join us 😊

This updated online safety guide examines [Snapchat's latest features](#), including AI tools, Snap Map, and subscription content, and the potential risks they pose to young users, from screen addiction to sextortion.

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com).

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

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# SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION  
13+

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 900 million active monthly users and billions of 'Snaps' sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

### ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the 'My AI' chatbot and AI-powered filters, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These tools may share unfiltered or inaccurate responses, promote unrealistic beauty standards, and collect personal data. Advanced filters and deepfake-style lenses can distort reality, potentially leading to manipulation, impersonation, or inappropriate content.

### SCREEN ADDICTION

Snapchat boosts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks (daily Snapchat exchanges between you and a friend). When a streak's been going for a few days, users will see a 🍌 emoji. The number alongside it shows the number of days, but if users miss a day and break the streak, the only way to restore it is to pay. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app even more often.

### SEXTORTION

Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may foster a sense of safety, users may become targets of sextortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images, then somehow capture those images to threaten and intimidate the victim. This might involve claiming they will share the images with friends or family unless money is paid.

### SNAPCHAT+

Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2025, Snapchat introduced a new tier called Lens+, giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing Snaps. These paid features may encourage young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of overspending or feeling pressured to make in-app purchases.

### ACCESSIBILITY

Snapchat is now accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make activity harder to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of unsupervised communication or exposure to inappropriate content.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's disappearing messages feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB

Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat has developed a Family Safety Hub that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this guidance before allowing a child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.

### ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

### BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger connects with a child on Snapchat and makes them feel uncomfortable by pressuring them to send or receive unwanted or inappropriate images, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile to report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user, with a tailored reporting section under the 'Nudity and Sexual Content' category. In this category, there's the option to report somebody for threatening to leak sexually explicit images, or 'nudes'.

### USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Sit down with the children in your care and explore Snapchat's privacy settings as a shared activity. You can help them adjust who can contact them, view their stories, or see their location on Snap Map. It's a good opportunity to explain why some settings are safer than others, reinforcing their understanding of online boundaries. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes in their friendship groups.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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