

Dear Parents and carers,

Thank you to the parent/carers that were able to attend any of the face-to-face events we have held in school over the last couple of weeks. It's been lovely to see so many people and share some valuable information about the children's learning.

If you were unable to make any of these information sessions but would still like to know what was covered, please see the links below:

- [Little Wandle Parent Information](#)
- [Reception Phonics & Reading](#)
- [Life in the Early Years](#)
- [Supporting your child's learning at home](#) (for Early Years)
- [Year 1 Phonics & Reading](#)
- [Reading information](#) (for Year 1)

Online Safety – Watching videos

Watching videos is one of the most popular ways children and young people consume content online. 91% of 5–15-year-olds watch video-on-demand content online and 97% use video sharing platforms, with YouTube being the most used platform.

There are many reasons why children might enjoy this online activity. Videos can be entertaining, funny, creative or educational. From silly animal videos to slime-making or video-game tutorials, the internet has it all. But the amount and availability of content children of all ages can enjoy does increase the risk that they may see something inappropriate.

What you might consider inappropriate video content for your child might differ from the views of other parents and probably your child's! It also depends on your child's age, social and emotional skills, resilience and maturity level.

Inappropriate video content for your child includes any video material that worries, scares or upsets them, that is directed at older children and adults, or encourages your child to engage in dangerous or risky behaviours. This could include: sexual images or video content, graphic videos or games which show violent behaviour or images and videos that encourage crime, terrorism, eating disorders or suicide and self-harm.

Most children and young people don't go looking for this type of material online. The internet is a public and open space, where anyone can post and share content. If your child is watching videos online, whether it's on a streaming service, YouTube or through another platform, they may, accidentally, see something not intended for them.

Sometimes, children can also be exposed to unsuitable videos through a link they've found or been sent, or an app they've downloaded.

This means it can be challenging to monitor what your child is viewing but there are some things you can do to help them have a safe and positive experience whilst watching videos.

Thankfully, there are things that you can do to help keep your child safe when watching videos. Please click on the links below to find out more:

- [Talk to your child about what videos they like to watch online \(and watch some together\)](#)
- [Look up the age ratings and the minimum age of use for the apps, sites and games your child uses](#)
- [Set up parental controls and filters](#)
- [Use resources to help you help your child stay safer online](#)

Open Evening *reminder*

On Tuesday 5th November (5 – 6:30pm) we will be holding our annual open evening event where we open our doors to show our community our excellent school.

This is a chance for you and your children to see the school and gain further insight around what the children are learning, how they learn and the resources that are available to them. It is also a wonderful opportunity to travel further afield within the school; from Nursery through to Year 2. There will be a “scavenger hunt” challenge that the children can partake in during the open evening event and every child that takes part will be entered into prize draw.

If you know of any other friends or family that may also wish to view the school (especially if they have children who will be due to start school next September), then please share this information with them.

Please [click here](#) to see our Open Evening poster.

Hemingford Fireworks Build a Guy Competition

Westfield School Association (WSA) are working with Fireworks in Hemingford, to run a “build a guy” competition.

For further details on how to enter this competition, please [click here](#).

Eastfield Wishlist

We can't thank families enough who have already donated generously through our school [Amazon wishlist](#). As we have said before, there is absolutely no pressure or expectation from the school for people to donate through this way but if you feel that you are in a position to be able to do so, it really is hugely appreciated.

In this past week alone, the school has received the following donations:

- Chunky colour pens and pencils
- Writing pencils
- File holders
- Tea and Coffee
- Stickers
- Glue sticks
- Whiteboard pens
- Handwriting pens
- Pencil grips
- Beginner pencils



These are all incredibly helpful and means that it lessens the burden slightly on the overall school budget.

Michaelmas Fair St Ives

Please see below a message from the Town Council:

This year sees the return to St Ives of the Michaelmas Fair.

We therefore would like to invite all at Eastfield to join the Mayor and Councillors for the traditional reading of the Charter and coin tossing on Monday 14th October at 15:45. They will be meeting at the Miami Ride, just by the Oliver Cromwell Statue.

We look forward to seeing everyone there on the day,

St Ives Town Council

(please note, school on this day will end at the usual time of 3:15pm)

ESA fundraising events coming soon!

More details will follow soon, but here's a round-up of events and activities that the ESA will be running this term...

- Personalised Christmas card and gifts: details to follow
- Santa Letters: details to follow
- Sparkly day and Disco: Friday 8th November

- Christmas Jumper Swap stall: Friday 22nd November
- Christmas Jumper Day: Friday 6th December
- Winter Wonderland: Friday 6th December
- St Ives Community Choir Concert, in aid of the ESA: Saturday 7th December
- Carol Concert: Monday 16th December

Macmillan Cake Sale

Thank you so much to everyone who donated cakes and visited the Macmillan cake sale on Friday 27th September. We were able to raise a total of £192 which will go directly to [Macmillan](http://www.macmillan.org.uk).



Foodbank thank you

Thank you so much to everyone who have been able to donate items to the [St Ives Food Bank](http://www.stivesfoodbank.org.uk) this year. With your kind donations we have been able to donate 7 crammed crates which is amazing.



Barracudas Huntingdon School Discount and Resource

Whilst the school term is in full swing, the October half term will be here before we know it! With less than 4 weeks till Barracudas open your local half term camp, they're getting really excited about all the autumn-themed fun in store.

They're pleased to offer our school community an extra £20 off when booking a minimum of 2 days. What's more, they still have discounted rates available, so you can get double savings with this code!

Their camps are a great way to keep children growing in the school holidays. With 6 sessions each day and a choice for everyone, your children will be sure to have an enjoyable and enriching experience with them this half term.

Please see below your exclusive discount flyer so you benefit from additional savings. There is also a fun autumn-themed activity pack for your children to enjoy.

[Discount flyer](#)

[Autumn-themed activity pack](#)

Important dates for your diaries

- Great Fire of St Ives Educational visit for Year 2 classes
 - Raccoon Class = Tuesday 8th October
 - Otter Class = Thursday 10th October
- Parent/Carer Evenings – Tuesday 8th October (3:30 – 7pm)
Wednesday 9th October (3:30 – 5pm)
- Michaelmas Fair- (not run by school- for information only) see newsletter 3
 - Monday 14th October (3:45pm in St Ives by Oliver Cromwell Statue)
- Great Fire of London “Trunk Theatre” company performance for Year 2 – Wednesday 23rd October
- Friday 25th October - School Closed (Inset Training Day)
- October half term – Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November
- Monday 4th November – All children back to school
- Tuesday 5th November - Open Evening (5:00 – 6:30pm).
- Thursday 7th November - Flu Vaccinations will be taking place in school. More information about this nearer the time.
- Friday 8th November – Sparkly day (more information to follow)
- Friday 8th November – ESA Sparkly Disco (more information to follow)
- Tuesday 12th November - Otter Class Assembly (9 – 9:45am).
- Wednesday 13th November - Raccoon Class Assembly (9 – 9:45am).
- Friday 15th November – Children in Need

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- Tuesday 19th November- Reception Vision Screening
 - Tuesday 19th November – Year 2 Phonic, Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar Café (2:30pm).
 - Wednesday 20th November – Owl Class Assembly (9 – 9:45am).
 - Thursday 21st November - Hedgehog Class Assembly (9 – 9:45am).
 - “Toys through History” educational visit to Norris Museum for Year 2. We will require parent/carer helpers for this visit and more information will be available soon.
 - Raccoon Class = Tuesday 26th November
 - Otter Class = Thursday 28th November
 - Friday 6th December – ESA Christmas Jumper Day.
 - Friday 6th December – ESA Winter Wonderland fundraising event (3:15pm).
 - Tuesday 10th December – Nursery Nativity (2:30pm).
 - Wednesday 11th December – Reception Nativity (2:15pm).
 - Thursday 12th December – Reception Nativity (9:15am).
 - Thursday 12th December – Nursery Nativity (10:30am).
 - Monday 16th December – Carol Concert (5pm).
 - Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Dinner.
 - Thursday 19th December – Party Lunch
Christmas Party afternoon
 - Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January – Christmas Holiday break.
 - Monday 6th January 2025 – Inset training day (school closed).
 - Tuesday 7th January – Start of Spring term.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs Summerfield

