

School News

A MESSAGE FROM THE SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week in school, with lots of creative learning taking place across the year groups!

Weather

This week has seen a fall in temperature and as such it is important that the children are wearing warm coats, vests, hats, gloves, and scarves to school. We wouldn't want any children missing out on fresh air time outside because they are too cold!

Panto

It was great to see the Christmas festivities kick off with a bang today! We welcomed Chaplins' Panto company to the school to perform a Christmas version of Cinderella. The children loved the show, and we are looking forward to welcoming them back again next week so that all classes can enjoy the Panto experience! Please remember to support us with this by sending in a donation of £3 – this can be done online or in cash – we don't mind which! Thank you



Opal Lunchtimes

Over the past week we have been able to improve the resources available for the lunchtime provision. Children have enjoyed music, skipping, cheerleading, obstacle equipment and more. This has had a huge positive impact on the children's lunchtime experience. We are hoping to offer a lot more as we move into the spring term. If you have anything that we could use, such as old dolls prams, suitcases, buckets and spades etc we would happily take them off your hands.



Punctuality

Sadly, we have children who are arriving late to school each morning and this is having a negative impact on their learning. Lessons start 10 minutes after the gate closes which means that those who are leaving it to the last minute to come in lose out on their own learning and can delay the learning of all.

Please try to ensure that your child(ren) are here **when the gate opens** so that they are ready to learn by the time stated.

	Gates open	Gates close	Lessons begin
Reception	08:35	08:45	08:55
Years 1 & 2	08:40	08:50	09:00
Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	08:45	08:55	09:05



From next week, children who miss the gate openings and have to enter through the main office will be marked as 'Late'.

Entrance and exit to the school site

Please ensure that if you are dropping/collecting children from the rear of the school that you exit via the gate where you came in. We have had incidents of parents and children walking through the playground to leave by the KS2 exit when lessons are taking place. Please be advised that this is a safeguarding concern . Thank you for your support with this.

We wish you all a pleasant weekend ahead.

The Leadership Team

Upcoming Events

Christmas events at ETP



- ❖ 1/12 – Christmas pantomime performance to the children am and pm during schooltime
- ❖ 5/12 – 13/12 – Children are welcome to bring in Christmas cards – see newsletter for details
- ❖ 6/12 - Christmas pantomime performance to the children am during schooltime - all children will see the show spread over the two days 1st and 6th
- ❖ 6/12 – Christmas Dinner day – children can wear a Christmas jumper to school (normal uniform with a Christmas jumper)
- ❖ 7/12 – National Christmas jumper day - children can wear a Christmas jumper to school (normal uniform with a Christmas jumper)
- ❖ 11/12 – Y1 and Y2 – Afterschool (4pm pick up) 'Christmas cinema' – additional information and sign up to follow
- ❖ 12/12 – RJG Christmas performance 2.30pm – see reception performance letter for details
- ❖ 13/12 – RES Christmas performance 2.30pm – see reception performance letter for details
- ❖ 14/12 – REC Christmas performance 2.30pm – see reception performance letter for details
- ❖ 15/12 – PFA Christmas Fayre 3.30pm – 7pm- plenty of Christmas family fun! – see PFA letter for details
- ❖ 18/12 – Key Stage 2 'Christmas cinema' evening after school - additional information and sign up
- ❖ 20/12 – last day of term – children can wear non-uniform (Christmas themed if they like!) - £1 voluntary contribution towards biscuit time
- ❖ Year groups 1-6 will also be producing a Christmas song which will go live on Facebook before the end of term
- ❖ After-school teacher led clubs will run until Friday 8th December.





SEND in Focus

SEND and Nurture Parent Drop In

Friday 15th December 2023

9am—11am

Do you have any questions or concerns about your child's special needs or emotional wellbeing? Do you require any further information about your child's entitlement to the Pupil Premium Grant?

Mrs Mylam, Mrs Allen and Mrs Jarvis will be available to help with your individual enquiries.

Please sign in at the school office. We look forward to seeing you.



HEROES OF THE HEART



Are you ready to celebrate the unsung hero in your life?

We want you to share stories of the extraordinary individuals who have made a positive impact on your lives.

Open to all young people aged 5-16 with SEND

Who has been your guiding light through challenges?

Which superhero in your life deserves to be celebrated?

Who makes every day brighter for you?

Competition opens:
21st November 2023
Competition closes:
21st December 2023

How to take part

Nominate someone special - it could be a sibling, friend, parent/carer, teacher, health professional, or anyone who has made a positive difference in your life.

Share their name, relation to you, and how they've made your world brighter. Explain why you nominated them and provide a little background information to help us understand the depth of their impact.

Don't miss the chance to spotlight your extraordinary stars!

- Include your name, age, year group, and current school setting.
- Submissions can be sent to QASEND@thurrock.gov.uk
- An exciting prize awaits someone with the most touching and impactful story.



Important Information



The next awareness session is on Thursday 7th December. You can book your place by visiting www.thurrocklscp.org.uk

If your child has an injury and has been given medical advice that we need to follow as a school, please bring them to the school office for 8.15am on their first day back at school following the injury so that we can complete a risk assessment. Thank you for your cooperation.

Absence

If your child is too ill to attend school, this must be reported to us by no later than **9.00am**. Please telephone the school, press one and leave a message on the voicemail box stating your child's full name, class, the reason for absence and when we can expect them to return to school (if known).

Home Visits will be carried out for any child that is absent for 3 or more school days without reason.

We need you



If you are collecting Year 1 or 2 pupils from the school playground, please go back out of the blue gate you came onto the playground through rather than waiting on the inside of the Key Stage 2 silver gate.

Thank you

Please label all children's school uniform. This helps us return lost property to the correct child and prevents parents from having to replace missing uniform as often. This is particularly important as the weather is getting colder and children are beginning to wear jumpers/cardigans to school.

We are still missing a significant number of reading books. If you have any left at home (whatever condition) from last academic year, please return them.

Thank you



Please be reminded that pupils should not be wearing jewellery to school. Children with pierced ears may wear stud earrings but hoops are not permitted.

Thank you for your support

Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school at all times. If you need support providing this, please contact Mrs Jarvis or Mrs Allen via the school office.

We are continually updating our OPAL resources and would gladly accept donations of:

- Dolls buggies & prams
- Dolly's
- Buckets & Spades
- Scooters
- Dressing up clothes



Diary Dates

Wednesday 6th December 2023	Christmas Dinner Day – Children may wear Christmas Jumpers
Wednesday 6th December 2023	Pantomime
Thursday 7th December 2023	National Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 12th December 2023	RJG Christmas Concert
Wednesday 13th December 2023	RES Christmas Concert
Thursday 14th December 2023	REC Christmas Concert
Friday 15th December 2023	SEND and Nurture drop in
Friday 15th December 2023	PFA Christmas Fayre 3.30pm – 7pm- plenty of Christmas family fun! – see PFA letter for details
Monday 18th December 2023	Key Stage 2 ‘Christmas cinema’ evening after school - additional information and sign up to follow
Wednesday 20th December 2023	Last day of term.
Thursday 4th January 2024	INSET day (school closed to pupils)
Friday 5th January 2024	Trust Conference Day (school closed to pupils)
Monday 8th January 2024	Pupils back to school
Thursday 25th January 2024	Y6 SATs Meeting for parents/carers
Friday 26 th January 2024	Reception Parent Workshop and stay and play
19th – 23rd February 2024	Half Term

Do you need support?



East Tilbury Primary Schools Online Pastoral Support.

We are very excited to launch our new Pastoral service to our school community. From today you can access support by completing a simple and quick online form.

We have been working hard over the last few months to set up extra support for our families which is very much needed at this challenging time. If you require support, then please do not hesitate to reach out. We are hoping this service will be a fantastic addition to the support we can provide for our school community. Please reach out if you need anything, we are always here to offer you support.

To make the process simple we have created a QR Code (at the top of the poster) which you can just scan, and this will take you directly to the form.

WE CAN HELP WITH

- Food
- Wellbeing
- Trip Payments

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:

www.easttilburyprimary.thurrock.sch.uk

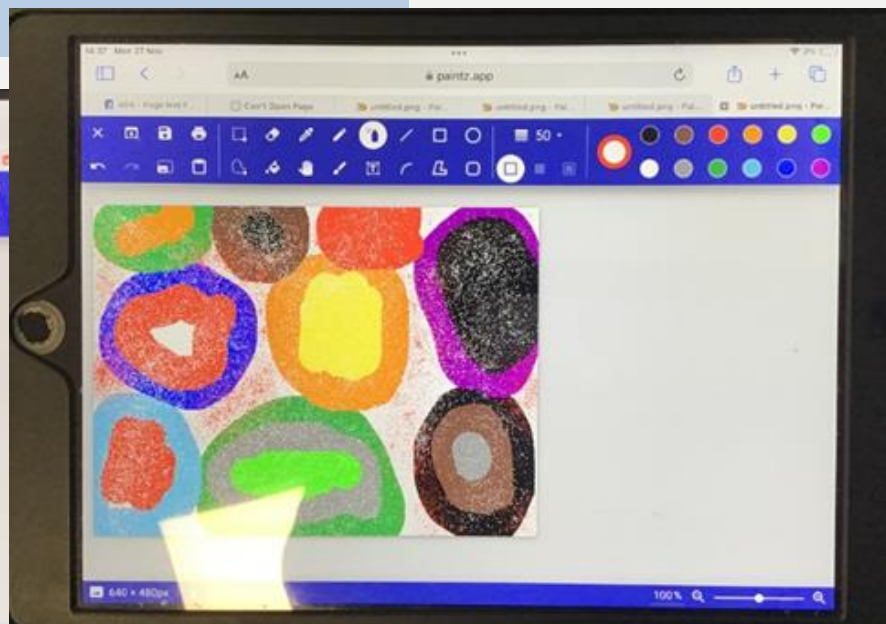
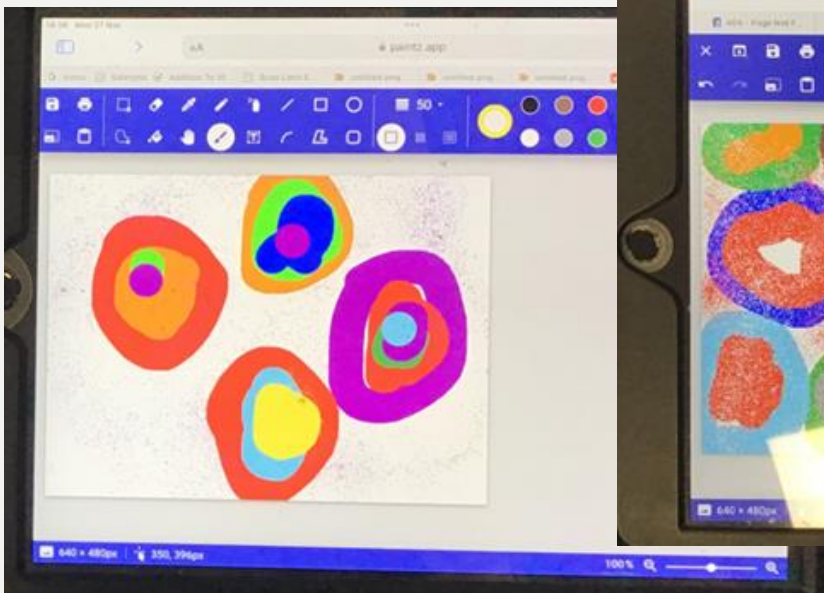
Our school uniform shop is currently closed due to our stock room being affected by RAAC. If you need support with school uniform please visit the 180 project in Chadwell St Mary.

mycommunitychurch.org.uk/community/projects

Class News

Year One

In computing this week, we have been discussing the most effective paint tools to create a digital painting in the style of Wassily Kandinsky. Kandinsky was an artist who created abstract art reflecting his emotions and feelings. During this lesson, we explored a range of paint tools in the digital painting program such as paintbrush, fill and brush styles (spray can) and what they are used for. In addition, we talked about choosing the appropriate paint tools and colours to recreate the work of Kandinsky. We then went on the digital painting program on our ipads to explore the paint tools we have discussed and had lots of fun choosing different colours portraying our feelings to complete our digital painting.



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Year Two

In our science lessons we have been learning about what animals eat and how they get their food. We discussed what it means to be a herbivore, carnivore and omnivore and shared examples. We learned about food chains and how animals get their food. In groups, we made our own food chains, we each had a role: producer, consumer, prey and predators and put ourselves in the correct order.



Year Three

In Maths this week, we have extended our skills to help us solve column addition and subtraction questions, using three-digit numbers. We have started to carry and borrow numbers from the next column. We have had time this week to practice our times tables on the Chromebooks, using TT Rockstars.

In our science lesson this week, we have investigated the strength of a range of magnets. We did this by testing the force of the different magnets to see how many paperclips they could hold. We found that the neodymium magnets have the strongest magnetic field.

For English, we have continued to write our sentences for a persuasive holiday brochure to visit Skara Brae. We have been working hard to develop our vocabulary, while using a range of writing features.

Year 3 have been studying the Iron Age. We sequenced a timeline from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We looked at how life changed overtime and what life would have looked like during the Iron Age.

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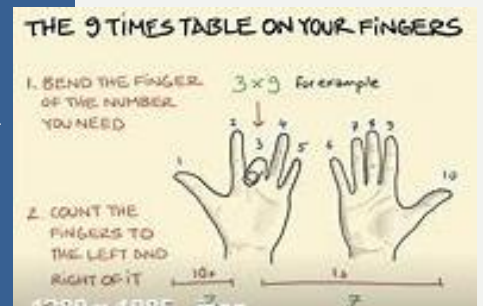
Year Four

As usual it has been non-stop, go, go and go.

In English we are using an extract from 'The Wizards of Once' by Cressida Cowell to inspire our imagination. First, we have reminded ourselves of the features of newspaper reports before Writing effective eye-catching headlines, straplines and photo captions.



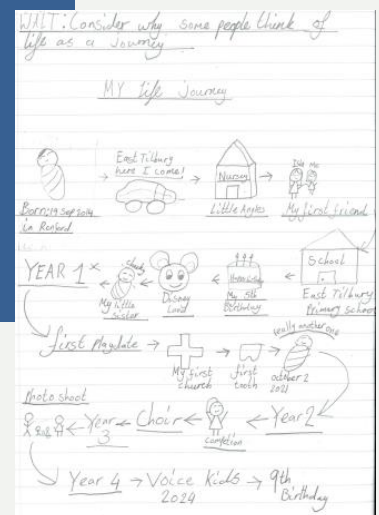
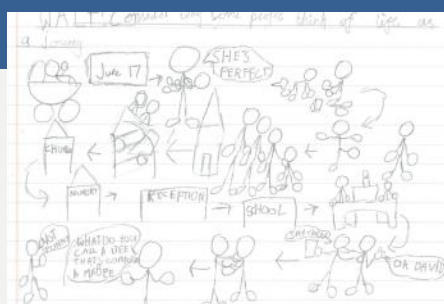
In Maths, we have continued to explore patterns and tricks to help ourselves when recalling various times tables.



Did you know?

You can easily tell whether a number is a multiple of 9 by adding the digits together. If the sum of the digits equal 9, then the number is a multiple of 9!

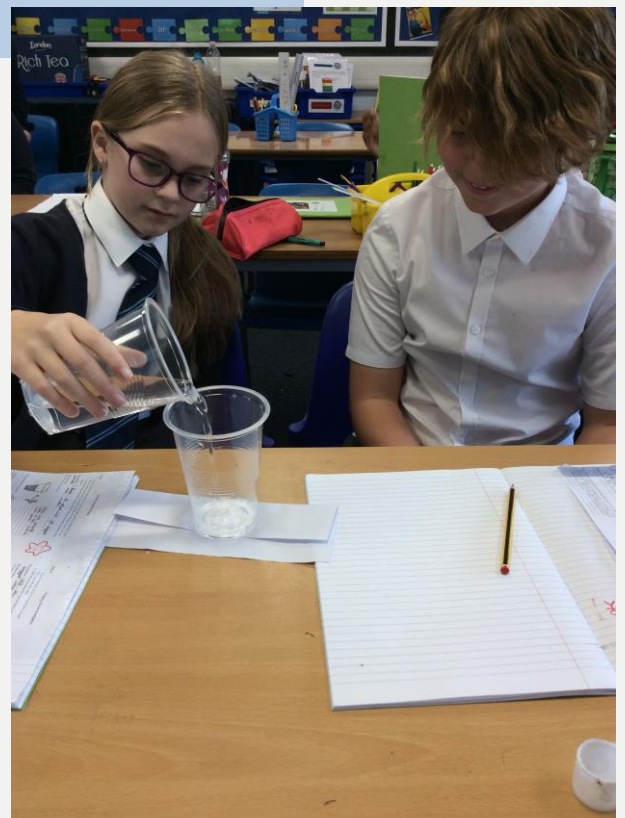
In RE, we discussed our life as a journey, thinking about what significant events or situations have influenced our life so far.



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Year Six

This week in Year 6, we have been working hard practising our test skills, but have also enjoyed some really hands-on activities in our foundation lessons. In Science, we experimented with refraction. We had great fun investigating how refraction changes the direction in which light travels. To discover what happens, we participated in experiments called amazing arrows and incredible images and saw how an image can change direction or even disappear! In design and technology, we also created a design for a waistcoat, which we are excited to be making during curriculum enrichment day next week. On Friday, pupils were lucky enough to be visited by an external company who performed a pantomime, which the pupils thoroughly enjoyed. We are looking forward to more festivities and Christmas fun next week.





Reach for the Stars



Our 'Stars of the Week' are the children that have gone over and above in their efforts. We are very proud of them for their achievements and thought they deserved an extra-special mention!

RJG	Theo	For listening well and joining in with class discussions.
REC	Esmail	For always being a kind friend.
RES	Beau	For listening and joining in with the pantomime.
1GC	Tomilayo	For her positive attitude and always trying her best.
1FK	Gabriella	For showing increase enthusiasm towards her learning.
1BA	Archie	For his increased confidence during class discussions.
2BG	Alice	For working amazingly well in her English lessons.
2RS	Harper	For her efforts in improving her handwriting and presentation of work.
2CH	Fareeda	For her increased confidence during the lesson input.
2RM	Daisy-Dolly	For working hard to learn her tricky words this week.
3VP	Sajon T	For a positive attitude to learning across the curriculum this week.
3ML	Muhammad	For being a model learner, always working hard and trying his best.
3SG	Elsie	For her positive attitude and always being helpful around the class.
3SA	Pippa	For having an amazing first week and settling well into 3SA.
4CP	Logan G	For being respectful to the environment and starting a litter picking group.
4NM	Sarita	For her improved handwriting and devotion to improve her comprehension and spellings.
4JP	Evie T	For consistently taking part in lessons, trying hard and encouraging others.
5AB	Reggie S	For showing resilience when completing his independent write.
5TH	Lillie	For self-assessing her writing.
5MR	Kian	For writing an outstanding persuasive letter in English.
6LC	Manreet J	For creative flare in writing.
6NB	Anastasia S	For her outstanding effort across the curriculum.
6JM	Amira R	For demonstrating an excellent attitude to learning and always striving to improve.



Maths Marvels



All pupils at East Tilbury Primary have logins for Times Tables Rockstars and are able to log on at home to practice their times tables.

26th November - 1st December 2023



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3SA

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3ML

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3SG

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3VP

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4CP

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4JP

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Keep in Touch



Our school office is open to receive calls between 8:30am and 3pm.

Tel: 01375 846181
Email: office.etp@osborn.e.coop

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We are also regularly updating our Facebook page and Twitter feed. Log on and have a look!



Twitter:
[@EastTPrimary](https://twitter.com/EastTPrimary)



At East Tilbury Primary School our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) are:

- Mrs Bates
- Mrs Dawson

Due to the size of the school, we have the following designated staff who can deputise in the Headteacher's absence:

- Mr Gowland
- Mrs Jarvis
- Mrs Mylam
- Mrs Allen
- Mrs Sheridan

Pupils can contact any of our Safeguarding Team during the school day.

Worried about a child? You can phone or write to MASH about your concerns. Phone immediately if you believe it is urgent.

Thurrock MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding hub), Civic Offices, New Road, Grays, Essex, RM17 6SL, Tel: 01375 652802. Emergency Duty Team (for out of hours) 01375 372468. · Police Child Abuse Investigation Team 01277 266822 or call 999 if you are concerned a child needs immediate protection. · Childline 0800 11 11 www.childline.org.uk · NSPCC 0808 800 5000 www.nspcc.org.uk; www.facebook.com/nspcc



Tues 14:00-16:00: St. Mary's Church hall, St. Mary's Church, Dock Rd, Grays, RM17 6EX.

Tues 11:00-13:00: St. John the Baptist Church, Tilbury, Dock Road, Tilbury, RM18 7PP

Weds 11:00-13:00: Gateway People's Centre, High Street, Stanford Le Hope, Essex, SS17 0EY

Weds 13:00 -14:30: Sockets Heath Baptist Church, Premier Avenue, Grays, RM16 2SB

Thurs 11:00-13:00: St. Francis Centre, Somerset Rd, Linford, SS17 0QA

Thurs 11:00-13:00: All Saints Church of England, Foyle Drive, Sth Ockendon, RM15 5HF

Fri 10:12:00: St. Stephen's Church of England, London Rd, Purfleet, RM19 1QD

Sat 09:30-11:30: Emmanuel Church of England, Sleepers Farm Rd, Chadwell St. Mary, RM16 4TP

Sat 10:00-12:00: All Saints Church of England, Foyle Drive, Sth Ockendon, RM15 5HF

Sat 10:00-12:00: Christian Gates of Praise International Christian Centre, 79-83 London Rd, RM175YF

What Schools Need to Know about THE ONLINE SAFETY ACT

The Online Safety Act was passed into UK law in October 2023, with the aim of establishing major new layers of protection for children when they're online. The government has pledged "a zero-tolerance approach to protecting children from online harm" – and the act certainly includes more powerful legislation which should help to safeguard young people in the digital world. Our guide summarises the key points for schools –

WHAT THE ACT WILL DO

HARMFUL CONTENT

Social media sites must rapidly remove illegal and/or harmful content such as bullying or harassing comments; pornography; and content that supports extremist activity or encourages or depicts violence, suicide, self-harm or eating disorders. If they fail to do so, they can be fined up to 10% of their global revenue while their executives may even face jail time.

ANIMAL CRUELTY

Content featuring cruelty to animals is now prohibited, even if it originates from abroad (where the law may be different). Again, it is the platform's responsibility to remove this.

MORE TRANSPARENCY

Sites must be transparent about the hazards that any children using them could encounter – by publishing risk assessments for their platforms, for instance.

HOSTING MISLEADING ADVERTS

Scams and fraudulent adverts must be blocked or removed, or the hosting companies are liable to be fined.

NON-CONSENSUAL SHARING

It's now easier to convict online abusers or people who share intimate images without consent, while legislation on the criminality of deepfakes has been clarified. This new law also relates to any individuals who even threaten to share such images. This should help to protect women and girls in particular online.

REPORTING AND FILTERING

Sites should have easy reporting mechanisms for children (or their parents and carers) to flag up problems quickly. They must also provide options to filter out unwanted content.

AGE-RESTRICTED MATERIAL

Sites must prevent children from accessing age-inappropriate material. This includes enforcing age limits and implementing robust age verification.

What this means for you

The act has some specific implications for schools: it's essential that leaders understand the new legislation's scope and limitations. The act is certainly a positive step, but as artificial intelligence and other advances in tech continue to produce new challenges, schools will still need to remain extremely vigilant.

KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP

Look out for the Code of Conduct that Ofcom is creating in response to the Online Safety Act. Note that the new legislation doesn't mean an instant change: many of its elements will only come into force at the end of 2023. An Ofcom consultation on 'protecting people from illegal harms online' will be running until February 2024.

REMEMBER THE ESSENTIALS

Remain mindful of your organisation's own online activities: the legal duty for schools to maintain appropriate software monitoring and filtering, for example, will not change.

WATCH FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

There are some issues on which the legislation remains less clear for now: whether it's possible for Ofcom to scan encrypted private messages (such as on WhatsApp) has yet to be resolved, for instance – making this an area where, for the moment, young people have less legal protection.

UNDERSTAND AND EXPLAIN

Staff should learn how to raise concerns with tech companies whose platforms contain anything upsetting or unpleasant. Students also need to be made aware of the newly strengthened laws relating to cyber-bullying, sexting or posting inappropriate content. Young people do make mistakes online – so the clearer their understanding of the possible consequences, the better.

ENGAGE WITH PARENTS

Schools should also explain to parents and carers the new possibilities that the Online Safety Act affords them in terms of protecting their children. Many parents may have previously felt that there was little they could do about changing online platforms' content; they now have a far greater level of support when complaining about a company or the behaviour of an individual.

Meet Our Expert

Luca Benedicelli Senior Deputy Headteacher and Director of Safeguarding for the St Benedict's family of schools. He is a regular speaker at conferences and writes in the TES (among other journals) on school leadership, pastoral care and safeguarding. In 2022, he was named National Leader of the Year at the National Awards for Pastoral Care in Education.







National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday



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Autumn Term:	Monday 4 September 2023 – Wednesday 20 December 2023 <i>Half Term 23 October – 3 November</i>	73 days
Spring Term:	Thursday 4 January 2024 – Thursday 28 March 2024 <i>Half Term 19 February - 23 February</i>	56 days
Summer Term:	Monday 15 April 2024 – Tuesday 23 July 2024 (22-23 July twilight inset payback) <i>Half Term 27 May – 31 May, and May Bank Holiday - 6 May</i>	66 days
		195 days

	School Holiday
	Additional autumn half term
	Inset days, schools closed to students
	Trust conference, schools closed to students