



Ryton-on-Dunsmore Provost Williams

Church of England Academy

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## Newsletter 10th November 2023

*"Let your light shine"*



It was wonderful to welcome the children back this week and see them all looking very smart for the school photos. This week, each class has taken time to reflect and remember why we sell poppies each year. Each child has produced some work which will be displayed at the Remembrance Exhibition in the Village Hall on Sunday, from 10am to 12 midday. I am very proud of the time and care each pupil has taken. Pictured above, our Year 6 poppy sellers have done a great job and we will soon be able to report the amount we have raised for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Thanks you for all the donations.

This week, teaching staff had their second Professional Development session, which focused on how we ensure that all pupils are active participants in class and in their own learning. As a staff team, we have explored different teaching techniques which can be used to increase the number of pupils who actively participate in lessons, ensuring that everyone feels valued and that they know that their views, answers and opinions are valid, even if different from someone else's. Through our monitoring this term, we will focus on how staff are able to use these techniques as we continue to improve across the school.

Love

Honesty

Hope

Fairness

Respect

Forgiveness

## *Prayer for Remembrance*

Oh God of the nations,  
as we look to that day when you will gather people  
from north and south, east and west,  
into the unity of your peaceable Kingdom,  
guide with your just and gentle wisdom all who take counsel  
for nations of the world,  
that all your people may spend their days in security, freedom and  
peace,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.



*Lest we forget.*



# Diary Dates

10th November	Remembrance Service
15th November 2.45pm	Anti Bullying Parent Workshop
19th November	Link to consent to flu immunisation CLOSERS

Use this link to consent:-

<https://iv.covwarkpt.nhs.uk/form?identifier=ef49997c-646c-429c-91e1-3094cfa2e10c>

24th November 2.30pm	"Come and Learn" Year 3
30th November	Flu vaccination for all children with consent
1st December	"Come and Learn" Year 4
7th December	Year 6 to Harris School for Sports
12th December am	Nursery, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Production Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Carol Service Pm Nursery/Reception/Year 6 to Christingle Service at Coventry Cathedral
13th December	Early Years family trip to see the Gruffalo Years 1 to 6 Pantomime visit, Spa Centre, Jack and the Beanstalk
14th December	Nursery, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Production
22nd December	Christmas Day at school
8th January	Teacher Training Day, school closed to children
9th January	Back to school
21st February	Reception Vision Screening

## Reminder

Year 3 and 4 Swimming fees are now due on parentpay.  
There will be no swimming on 13th December due to the pantomime visit.



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about INFLUENCERS

In today's digital age, social media influencers play an increasingly significant role in shaping the opinions, interests and behaviours of our children. While many of these individuals can have a positive effect, influencer culture can also present certain risks – such as encouraging consumerism, affecting self-esteem and blurring trustworthiness. To help ensure a safe online environment for young people, it's vital to maintain open communication, set sensible boundaries, promote a healthy self-image and teach digital media literacy. Our guide delves deeper into all of these.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### HEIGHTENED CONSUMERISM

A major way that influencers make money is through brand partnerships and sponsored content. As a result, children who follow them may be exposed to a steady stream of advertising: this can lead to materialistic attitudes, unrealistic expectations and an increased desire to have the latest products. Many influencers have built huge brand empires around their large, impressionable following.

### THE SOFT SELL

Some influencers aren't always transparent about the motivations behind their posts, blurring the lines between genuine recommendations and paid-for promotions – and young people sometimes find it difficult to distinguish authentic content from advertising. Many major social platforms have taken steps to make sponsored content and ads easier to identify, but it remains an area of concern.

### PRIVACY CONCERNS

Inspired by their favourite influencers, children may start sharing more of their own lives online – which could reveal personal information or details about their daily routine. This openness can put them at risk of cyberbullying or even predatory behaviour. This is exacerbated by live streaming, which gives young people no time to consider the potential consequences of saying too much.

### UNDERMINING SELF-ESTEEM

Many influencers share images and videos of themselves and their activities, which are often painstakingly curated and edited to present an idealised version of their life. Children who follow these influencers may develop distorted expectations about body image and the concept of beauty, which can potentially lead to negative self-esteem and even mental health issues.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### KEEP TALKING

Chat to your child about the content they consume on social media and the influencers that they like. Encourage them to think critically about what they see and hear online, and listen to any concerns they might have. Maintaining this line of open, honest communication can help your child to make informed decisions about which individuals they follow and what content they engage with.

### SET SOME BOUNDARIES

Agree age-appropriate boundaries for your child's social media use, including time limits and privacy settings (the two major operating systems on mobile devices, Android and iOS, have these controls baked in). Try to keep an eye on your child's online activity and discuss it regularly with them – including reminding them of the potential risks that can arise from following influencers.

### SUPPORT A HEALTHY SELF-IMAGE

Reinforce your child's awareness that real life isn't usually as picture perfect as it may appear on social media – and how some content (particularly that of influencers) is often curated, staged or edited to look more glamorous. If possible, highlight examples of other influencers who share authentic, relatable material which acknowledges their imperfections and struggles as well.

### PROMOTE MEDIA LITERACY

Talk to your child about the concepts of sponsored content, advertising and potential influencer bias. Teach them to critically evaluate the information they're presented with online and to consider the possible reasons behind content creation. This can help young people develop the skills to make healthier decisions about the influencers they choose to follow and the content they consume.

## Meet Our Expert

A former director of digital learning and currently a deputy headmaster and DSL, Brendan O'Keefe's experience and expertise gives him a clear insight into how modern digital systems impact the experience of children, staff and parents – and which strategies help to ensure that the online world remains a useful educational tool rather than a minefield of risks.



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday



**BBC**  
**Children  
in Need**

Year 3 have the responsibility of organising the charitable events we take part in as a school. They have had a discussion and decided they would like everyone to wear a top with spots on for Children In Need on 17th November. Normal uniform bottom and shoes please.

£1 donations will all go to Children In Need.

Thank you



# Attendance Update

## Attendance

Nursery **86.9%**

Reception **100%**

Year 1 **97.9%**

Year 2 **90.8%**

Year 3 **96%**

Year 4 **95.6%**

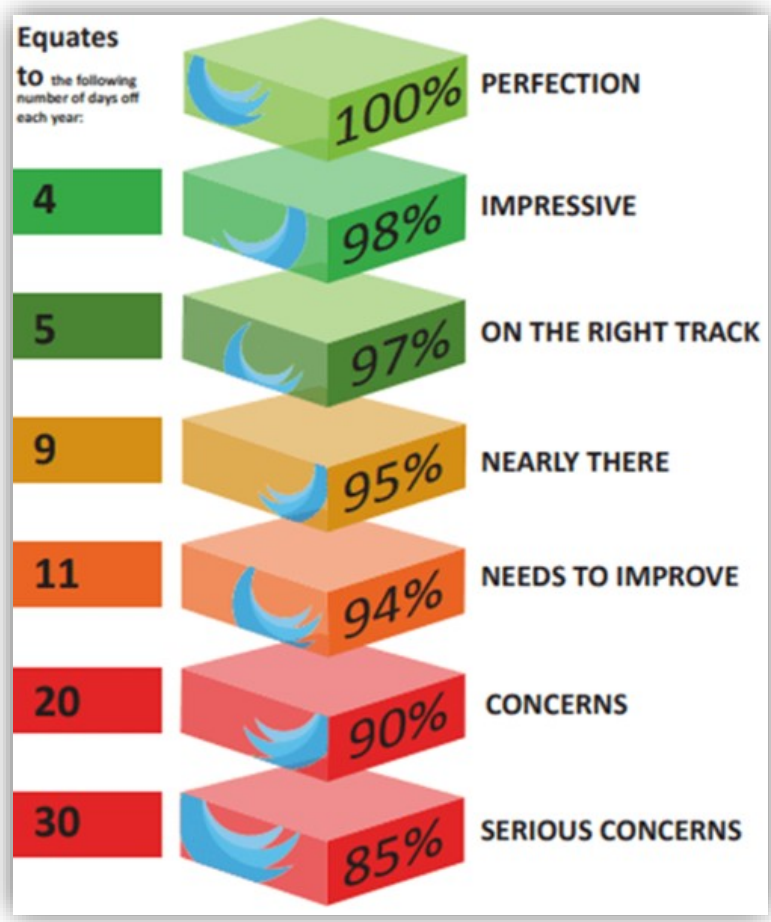
Year 5 **93%**

Year 6 **96.4%**



PWP Attendance League 2023/4

Position	Class	Points
1st	Year 1	15
2nd	Nursery	12
3rd	Year 6	11

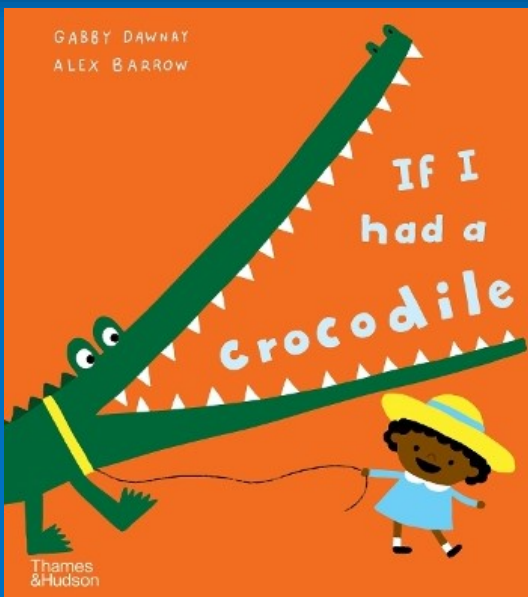


Well done to all the children who managed a clean sheet for Early Bird Week!



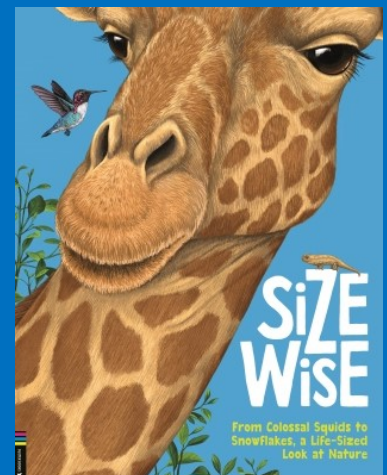
Be In SCHOOL  
Be On TIME

## Mrs Lampe Cullen's Recommended Reads



A charming and imaginative story in the bestselling 'If I had a...!' series, which imagines life with a crocodile as a pet.

There's more to a crocodile than its scaly skin and scary teeth – they stay cool under pressure (in part because they can't sweat) and on a rainy day, they love nothing more than a fast game of Snap!



Explore the very varied sizes of some of the biggest and the smallest things in the natural world through the many life-size illustrations in this book. These include the tiny box jellyfish and pygmy squid among those on the small side and a massive Siberian tiger claw which gives a sense of the scale of the whole animal. Where a full size illustration is not possible there is useful guidance on how to magnify it up or down.

### Best books for Dyslexic readers

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/topics/literacy-reading/dyslexic-readers/>



## Remembrance Sunday Exhibition



Sunday 12th November 2023

Remembrance Sunday is a national opportunity to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life.

As in previous years, Ryton-on-Dunsmore History Group invite you to the Village Hall from 10.00am to midday. We will be serving bacon rolls, tea, coffee and cakes in aid of the Royal British Legion, with a break to observe the 2 minutes silence at the war memorial outside with the congregation of St Leonard's Church.

There will be an exhibition including work from Ryton-on-Dunsmore Provost Williams Academy and a huge amount of photos and information. All welcome.

At the going down of the sun  
And in the morning  
We will remember them



# “Brighten Ryton & Pie and Mash” Saturday 25th November

**GATHER AT 5PM, VILLAGE HALL,  
SCHOOL CHOIR AND CHURCH CHOIR  
WILL LEAD SINGING BEFORE THE  
CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON**

Then....Pie and Mash in the Village Hall!

Support the Village Hall by joining us for delicious locally made pies (from Scotts Butchers, Binley Woods) and mash after the Christmas Light switch on.

Please pre order by text:- 07399 035229

Choose from:-

**Steak and Kidney**

**Chicken and Mushroom**

**Country Vegetable**

Adults £6.50    Children £3.50

All welcome!



## Advent Workshop and Service

St Leonards Church

Ryton-on-Dunsmore

Sunday 10th December

9.30-11am, all age service, all welcome.

The gave thier lives.

Honor the soldiers that died.

Anyone who doesnt honor the soldiers are not in part of remembrance day.

Noone should not honor them they are in part of part of the remembrance day.

Kindness is the thing we need to do for the soldiers.

You should remember the day they died.

Often we have a 2 minute silence to remember them.

Use poppy's to show that you remember them.

by Shiza

