

ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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St. Joseph's is a joyful community which follows the example of Jesus, helping, accepting and respecting everyone, as we learn and grow together, safe in His love.

Stay and Pray

Yr4 & Yr3 have both joined the Parish Mass on Tuesday mornings. Yr2 will be attending on 2nd May. Parents are welcome to join.



RECEPTION 2023

Offers for the new Reception September 2023 have been made. Please remember to accept the electronic offer if you have a child due to start here in September.

KS2 SATS
Tuesday 9th to
Friday 12th
May



From Tuesday 9th May, the **Year 6** children will be completing their national SATs tests. We want them to know that they will be kept in our thoughts and prayers during this week. To help them to prepare for their tests the children are invited to attend a special SATs breakfast each morning.

Year 5 Ancient Egypt Workshop

Last week, the children in year 5 got to take a trip back to 1323 BC and the reign of legendary pharaoh Tutankhamun. Through a variety of activities, the children were able to experience what life was like in the reign of the boy pharaoh. These included carving soaps, using hieroglyphics and creating their own wax perfume pots. In the afternoon, the children enjoyed a feast with the pharaoh himself. They enjoyed eating traditional Egyptian grapes, foiled a terrible plot against the pharaoh and celebrated his sovereignty through numerous performances. We hope that the children of year 5 enjoyed their experience and gained a greater knowledge of life in ancient Egypt.



Mayor's Award

Mr Ross had the honour of meeting the Mayor at Havering Town Hall, to accept a certificate recognising the successful OFSTED inspection earlier in the academic year.



Primary Engineer Programmes
...the first step

Ten **Year 5** children have begun their work on the Primary Engineer project in conjunction with Fords, Dunton. An engineer will be regularly visiting the school to help support the project. The children will be making battery-powered 4-wheel drive vehicles. So far, this has involved lots of careful and accurate measuring, cutting and sawing!



Yr1 Parent Phonics workshop

Year 1 enjoyed sharing their Phonics knowledge with their parents on Monday 24th April and Wednesday 26th April. It was lovely to welcome you into our classrooms for a Phonics lesson. We are sure you will agree that Year 1 have learned lots of different sounds and should be proud of themselves. Thank you for your continued support with your child's learning.
Ms St-Jorre and Miss Noll

May Half Term Netball Camp

Please find the information about Leyton Netball Club half term camps

<https://forms.office.com/r/u33hC2CxFU>

4B thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Wapping Police Station where they visited Taskforce. This included workshops with the River Police, the Mounted and Dog Units plus the Riot Police. They even had a fly past from the police helicopter! Lunch was a picnic in the park nearby followed by the journey home on the train. It was a very exciting and enjoyable day! A very big thank you to the parent who organised this for us. 4CH have this to look forward to!



SPORTS News

Year 1 & 2 Noak Hill Football Competition

We took two teams to the competition on Wednesday 26th April. It was a well-supported event with 16 teams from year 1 and 20 teams from year 2 competing. The children were very excited to play and show off their skills. Some were very new to the game and now have a passion to continue playing. Well done Team St Joseph's

Netball Team V UJS

The netball team took part in a friendly match against UJS on Friday 21st April. It was the first time the team had played together in a competitive capacity. The team was amazing and won 10-0.

Multiskills Festival at UJS

The year 6 play leaders from UJS arranged a Multiskills Festival for year 3 pupils. The children enjoyed practising a variety of skills at the various stations. A big thank you to UJS for organising the event and to the children for embracing the day and being so well behaved.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Rosary – Month of May

May is a special month dedicated to Our Holy Mother Mary. During May, we will resume the Rosary at the start of the school day (8.50am in the playground). We will send you details of the date for your child's class. As in October, children can bring in Rosary beads that day and the class will start the day in the playground praying a decade of the Rosary. Parents & grandparents are very welcome to join their child's class on that morning.

Friday 5th May Coronation Celebration

On Friday 5th May, we will celebrate the upcoming coronation of King Charles III. Children are welcome to come to school dressed in red, white and/or blue that day. They should also bring in a small snack that they can enjoy during an afternoon picnic. Please remember – **NO NUTS AND NO EGGS**



CLASS/TEAM PHOTOS

On Tuesday 25th April children had their class photos taken. We also used that opportunity to photograph our sports teams and class representatives.

Order details will be sent to you soon.



Please read the additionally attached guides relating to online safety:

Guide to the app Wizz
Guide to the OFCOM'S 'Children and Parents: Media Use & Attitudes' Report 2023

Brentwood Diocese Research: 'Bishop Alan would love to hear from you'

Bishop Alan is seeking to hear from as many Catholics as possible in our Diocese who no longer come to Church for whatever reason. A short research survey is one way that the Diocese can reach out to seek to listen more humbly, deeply and widely. Please see attached document for details.

Prayers for Mary's Intercession

Holy Mary,
Help those in need,
give strength to the weak,
comfort the sorrowful.
Pray for God's people.
May all who seek your help,
experience your unfailing protection.
Amen.



Hail Holy Queen (Salve Regina)

Hail, holy Queen,
Mother of Mercy, Our life,
our sweetness and our hope.

To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve,
To thee do we send up our sighs,
Mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.

Turn then, most gracious Advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us,

And after this our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!
Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,
That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen

Please check the website and separate ParentMail messages for details of events

Dates for the Diary:

Monday 1st May	BANK HOLIDAY School Closed
Tuesday 2nd May	Year 3R – Rosary 8.50am Junior Playground Year 5 – Globe Theatre Trip Year 2 - Mass Year 3DT – English Workshop 9.15am
Wednesday 3rd May	Year 4B – Rosary 8.50am Junior Playground
Friday 5th May	Non-uniform day (wear Red/White/Blue) & Coronation picnic
Monday 8th May	BANK HOLIDAY School Closed
Tuesday 9th May	Year 1N – Rosary 8.50am Infant Playground KEY STAGE 2 SATs Week
Wednesday 10th May	Year 1S – Rosary 8.50am Infant Playground
Thursday 11th May	Year 2P – Rosary 8.50am Infant Playground 5A Class Assembly for parents 2.15pm
Friday 12th May	Year 2F – Rosary 8.50am Infant Playground

Bishop Alan would love to hear from you

As we emerge from the global pandemic into a rapidly changing world, we as Church are ever more aware of our need to listen more deeply, more humbly and more widely to the experiences of all Catholics - for this is indeed where the Holy Spirit breathes and speaks.

- There are many people in Brentwood and beyond, who were baptised Catholic, but for one reason or another have lost interest in what the Catholic Church has to say. ***If you feel this way, then as your Bishop, I'd love to hear from you!***
- On the other hand, you may feel that you are still interested and are attracted to the Church, but you don't have time for Sunday Mass.
- Or perhaps you find Church boring, or your local parish unfriendly; or maybe you haven't returned to the Church since the Covid pandemic. ***If this is you, I'd love to hear from you.***
- Sadly, there are some who feel alienated from the Church because it has harmed or rejected them in some way. ***Again, if this is you, I would very much like to hear from you.***

This survey provides a space for your story and experience to be shared and heard, and seriously listened to by both me as your Bishop and our wider diocesan Church.

Click on the link, or snap the QR code below - it should take no more than 10-15 mins to complete



https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9Gn08WXvvKfwJts



Please also ask your friends or family, your neighbours and colleagues who no longer come to Church to complete the survey so that we might hear from as many people as possible.

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts, your stories, and experiences.



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Bishop of Brentwood



Bishop Alan would love to hear from you

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WIZZ

AGE RESTRICTION

12+

12+ App Store
Teen Google Playstore

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Wizz is a networking app which allows users to connect and chat with other people around the world. Its principle is similar to a dating platform: users have a profile with up to three photos, along with optional interests and hobbies tags. This allows other like-minded people to be recommended in searches. If a user likes what they see on someone's profile, they can initiate conversation through the instant message feature; otherwise they swipe on. The app *does* use age verification technology when an account is created and groups users by age.

OVER-SHARING

Immediately after setting up an account, users start receiving friend requests (mainly from the opposite gender). For many young people, this will be exciting and a boost to their confidence. As young people tend to be more trusting online and may believe what others tell them, however, this can lull them into dropping their guard and revealing personal information to strangers.

CATFISHING AND PREDATORS

Wizz uses Yoti, a digital ID system, to verify users' age. The AI only detects approximate age, though – so an older person who *looks* younger could be grouped with teens (or vice versa). Also, profile pics on Wizz don't have to match the face of the person who did the initial age verification: it would be fairly easy to create a fake account using another person's photos with a made-up name and age.

EXPLICIT CONTENT

During our research, conversations on Wizz very quickly turned sexual. Users frequently suggested 'taking it to Snap' (Snapchat's disappearing image feature can make it conducive to sharing explicit selfies), connecting on other social media, swapping nude or semi-nude pictures, or holding sexual chats. These users created an impression of the platform being sleazy and unsafe for young people.

INTIMATE IMAGES

It's not unheard of for young people to be coaxed into sending suggestive images of themselves over apps of this kind. Given that Wizz connects users with strangers, who may not be honest about their real intentions, a teenager might conceivably be persuaded to share sexually suggestive selfies by someone who they believed they had a trusting relationship with.

NO PARENTAL CONTROLS

The app claims to provide a secure and inclusive environment, but our researcher couldn't find any parental controls or safety features in evidence. If you report another user for inappropriate behaviour, you are offered the option to block them – but there's no indication as to whether the block has actually been successful, and there was no follow-up contact from the developers.

SECRETS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Wizz sent our researcher occasional 'mystery' friend requests from a blurred-out profile. To discover the sender's identity, users can either watch a video (usually an ad for a game or app) or take out a monthly subscription. Cynics might suggest this could be a way to exploit young people's curiosity into making them pay for the app, and that the 'secret admirers' are bots rather than real people.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK IT OUT

If your child has downloaded Wizz, talk to them about why they like it and who've chatted with. Have they shared any personal details with this person or connected with them on other social media platforms? Refresh your child's memory of the various risks that can arise from engaging with strangers online and get them to consider using a similar app with more robust safety features.

BE SUPPORTIVE

When connecting with strangers on apps like Wizz, seemingly innocent chats can quickly progress to become sexually explicit and lead to nudes being sent. Make sure your child knows to come to you if they're uncomfortable about anything they've been sent or been asked to send. If they've already shared something that they now regret, reassure them that you'll support them no matter what.

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Young people are far more inclined to see the good in others; they often overlook the fact that scammers set up fake accounts on apps like this with the intention of getting money or personal data. Remind them that not everyone online is who they claim to be, how easy it is for someone to create a bogus profile, and why it's vital to think twice about sharing anything on networking apps.

KEEP THINGS TRANSPARENT

It might feel awkward, but regular chats about your child's online life can be beneficial. If they seem suddenly anxious or secretive around their phone or tablet, they may have something they need to get off their chest. You could also consider not allowing digital devices in their bedroom, especially overnight – that's when a lot of the riskier conversations on apps like Wizz tend to take place.

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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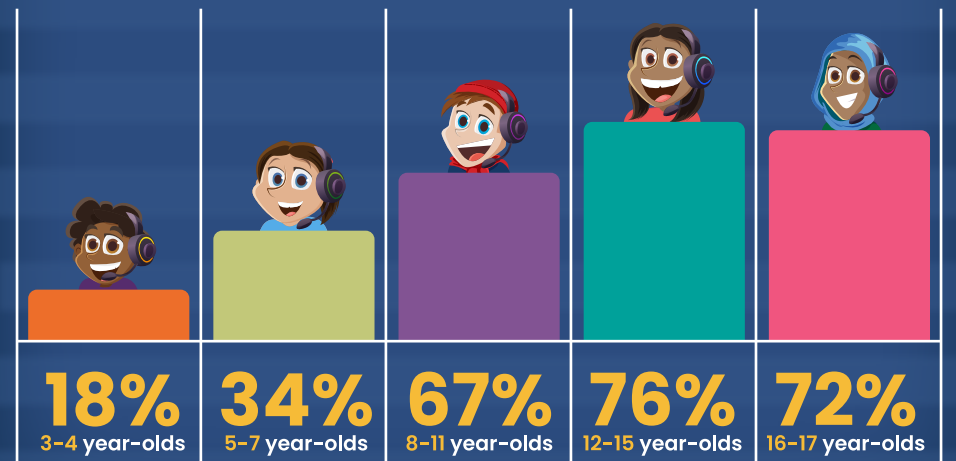
What Parents & Carers Need to Know about OFCOM'S 'CHILDREN AND PARENTS: MEDIA USE AND ATTITUDES' REPORT 2023

Each year, Ofcom – Britain's regulatory body for communications – produces an overview of children and parents' media experiences across the previous year. The latest version has just been released, and we've pulled out some of the report's most thought-provoking findings which relate to online safety ...



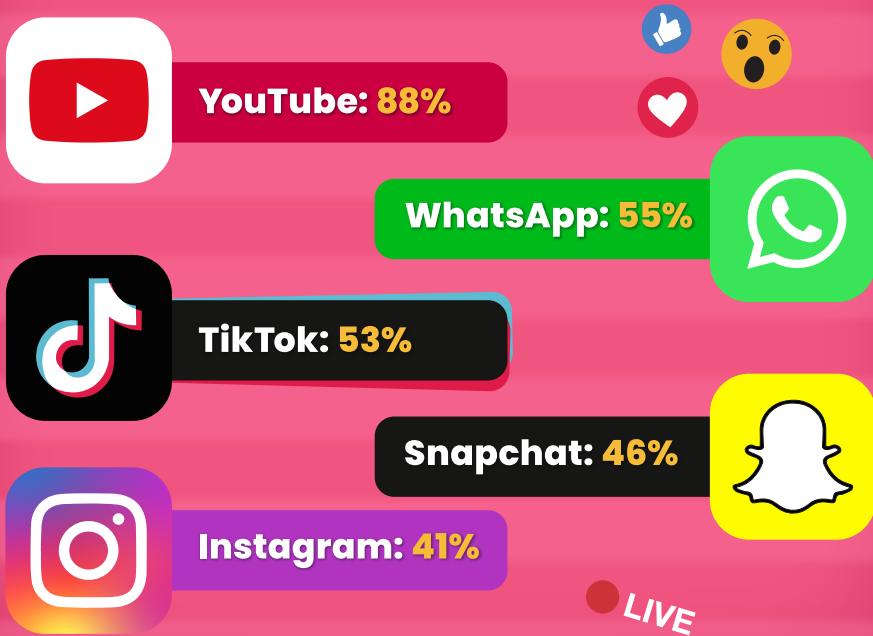
PLAYING GAMES ONLINE

Who's playing – and at which age?



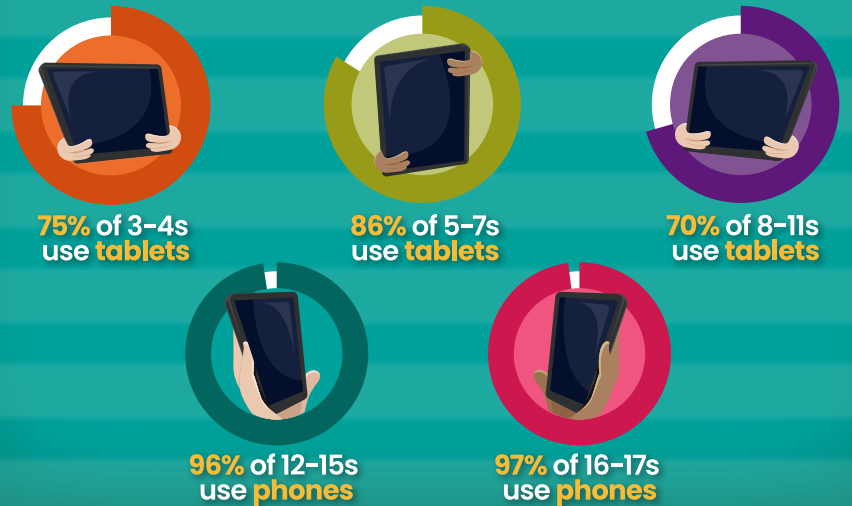
POPULAR PLATFORMS

Most used by under-18s were ...



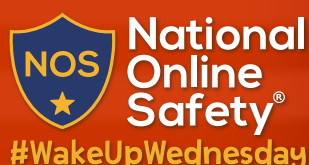
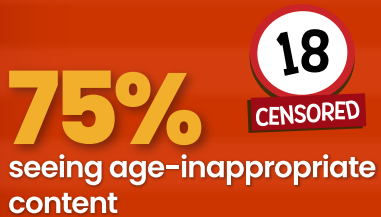
TALE OF THE TECH

Devices most often used to go online:



PARENTAL CONCERNS

Parents and carers most commonly worried about their child ...



3 in 10 children had experienced someone being nasty or hurtful to them on apps or platforms.

70% of 12 to 17-year-olds were confident in their ability to identify a fake profiles. But **23%** were unable to do so when tested.

£38 children's average monthly spend on video games