

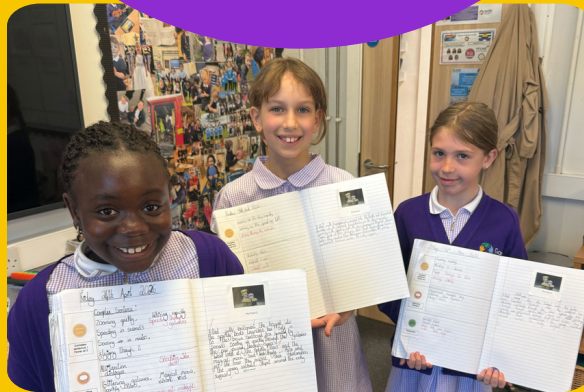
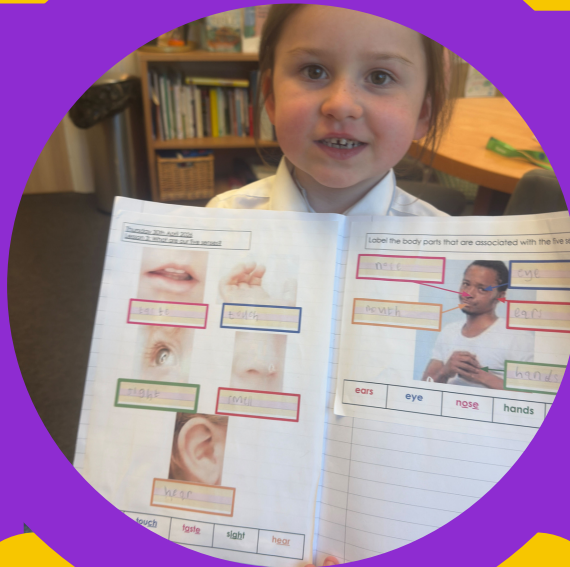
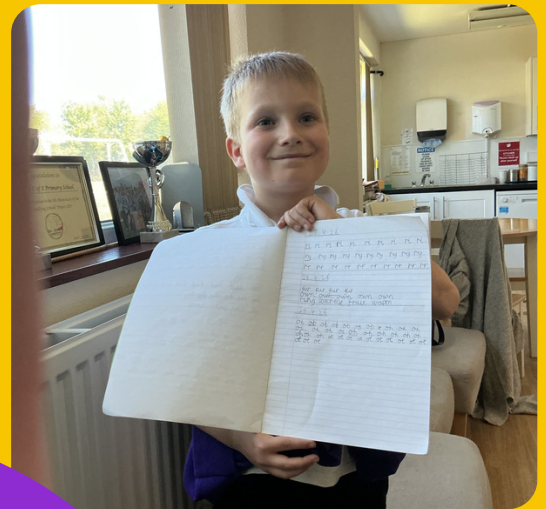


Garston
Church of England
Primary School

**Summer
Term 1**

**Life in all its fullness
John 10:10**

Newsletter



Each and Every Child

We have had a very busy term...

PGL Residential

It was Year 2 and 3's turn to visit PGL this term. The children had an amazing time developing coordination, collaboration and independence skills.

We are so proud of all our pupils who attended the trip, conquered fears and worked as a team!



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School Council: Forest School for All!

Our school council plans came to life this term, with all classes having time in forest school to increase time spent outdoors.

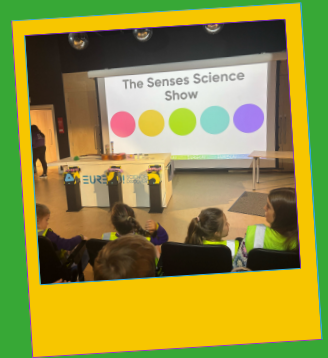
Time in nature was enjoyed by all!



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YEAR 1 TRIP

Year 1 had a wonderful trip to Eureka. They learnt so much while they explored with their senses!
We also loved travelling on the train.



MINI POLICE

Our Year 5 mini police had a great time visiting the Mounted Police division. They got to meet their police horses and learnt lots about their role.



Attendance

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our parents and carers for your support in helping us maintain great attendance at school. It makes such a difference to your child's learning and helps keep them connected with their friends and daily routines. We really appreciate your efforts in making sure they are here and ready to learn!

Our whole school attendance to date is 94.7%. Our target is 97+%.

If your child is absent due to illness, please telephone the school by 8:45 am to report their absence.

Please can we politely remind families that, due to new government guidelines, we are unable to authorise term-time holidays. Please see the process the school follows in such cases on the next page.

CLASS ATTENDANCE THIS HALF TERM

PRE-NURSERY/NURSERY: 90%

RECEPTION: 95%

YEAR 1: 95%

YEAR 2: 95%

YEAR 3: 94%

YEAR 4: 95%

YEAR 5: 96%

YEAR 6: 93%



YEAR 5



**YEAR 1
YEAR 2
YEAR 5
RECEPTION**



YEAR 3

Attendance

Attendance Updates

The Government will be implementing changes concerning unauthorised absences from school from 19th August 2024. Please read below to find out what this will mean.

What do the new rules mean?

1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised.

Because your child will miss 5 days of school you will be given a penalty notice.

£160

The fine is £160

2

FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN


£160 + £160 + £160 + £160

4 children & 1 parent = £640

3

FOR A FAMILY OF 2 PARENTS

4 children & 2 parents =
£1280

4

Irregular Attendance

10 in 10

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised, you can receive a fine of £160

1

Day =

2

Sessions

Every Day Counts!



Values

During the last term of the school year, we will spend time reflecting on our five school values:

Friendship, Trust, Wisdom, Endurance
and Excellence

We will be sharing examples of these values from the Bible and from our every day lives, spotting these values in ourselves and others.



Family Prayer for Reflection

Dear God,

Help us to live our values today: Through reflection, help us learn;
With endurance, help us keep trying; In excellence, help us do our
best.

Teach us to build trust, to cherish friendship, and to seek wisdom in
all our choices.

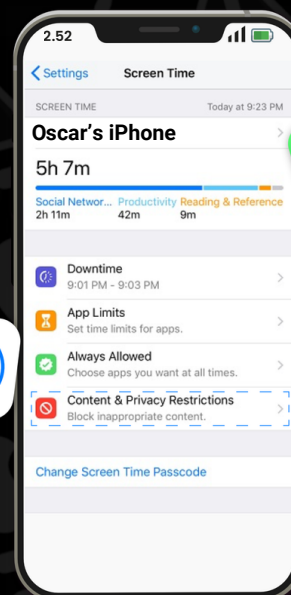
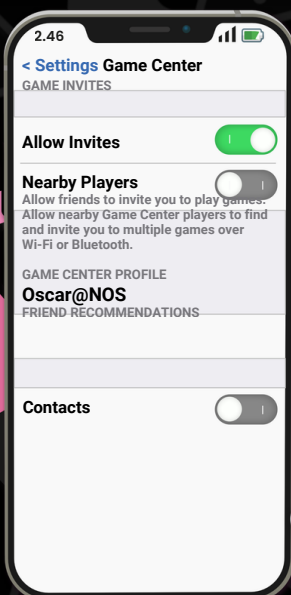
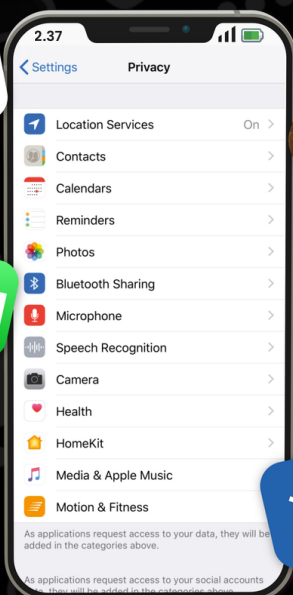
Amen.

How to Set up

PARENTAL CONTROLS

iPhone

Apple devices come with built-in apps already available: Mail, FaceTime and Safari, for example. However, you can choose which apps and features appear on your child's device and which ones don't. You can also manipulate the features in Game Centre to enhance your child's safety and privacy when playing games, as well as blocking iTunes or App Store purchases if you wish.



How to Restrict Built-in Apps/Features

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Allowed Apps (you may need to toggle this to 'on' at the top)
- 5 Enable or disable the apps you wish to appear (or disappear) on your child's device

How to Restrict Game Centre

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Content Restrictions (you may need to switch the toggle at the top to the 'on' position)
- 5 Scroll down to Game Centre
- 6 Choose between Allow, Don't Allow, or Allow with Friends Only in the settings for each feature

How to Restrict iTunes & App Store Purchases

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap iTunes & App Store Purchases
- 5 Select Allow or Don't Allow for each feature (you can also lock these settings with a password)

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about HORROR GAMES

Horror video games come in a such a variety that the genre can hard to define. The overlapping element is that these games are designed to scare or unsettle the player through gameplay, atmosphere, story, music, setting and 'jump scares'. The most common sub-genres are survival horror, action horror, psychological horror, jump-scare horror and reverse horror. These games originate from a range of developers, including smaller indie studios which release download-only titles (that is, they aren't physically sold in shops) and therefore aren't subject to age ratings.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ADULT THEMES

Horror games are typically made with adults in mind, which means by definition that they often feature adult themes. Outlast, for instance, is a popular horror game series including material such as nudity and extreme sadistic violence. Other games, like Five Night's at Freddy's and its sequels, have a back-story that doesn't actually appear on screen but still hints at explicit adult themes.

VIOLENT CONTENT

Not all horror games contain graphic violence (titles like Five Night's at Freddy's and Phasmophobia prefer a spookier, suspenseful aesthetic) but many do portray extreme brutality very realistically. Until Dawn and the hugely popular Resident Evil and Outlast franchises, for instance, feature incredibly graphic violence. The safest course of action is to thoroughly research a game in advance.

ONLINE INTERACTION

Some horror games are played cooperatively with others online. Phasmophobia is one of the most popular titles in this category, and while it doesn't feature an excessive amount of gore, it does place a strong emphasis on online interaction – often with strangers. Dead by Daylight is another game in which frequent and prolonged online communication with other players is an advantage.

PSYCHOLOGICAL HORROR

Rather than simply loading on the blood and gore, psychological horror games try to scare the player through subtler mental and emotional means. For this reason, this type of game (notable examples include Alien: Isolation, The Medium and the Amnesia series) can have a longer-lasting effect on players; some occasionally 'break the fourth wall' – interacting directly with the player as if they were real.

LONG-TERM FEAR FACTOR

Horror games are designed to be scary; most players accept this fact in advance. They can, however, include content which leaves an unwanted lasting impression. By focusing on our fears and concerns to elicit an emotional reaction, horror games can be triggering in unexpected ways for some players. It's difficult to predict when – and how – a game might have long-term effects on an individual's mental wellbeing.

Advice for Parents & Carers

BEWARE OF JUMP SCARES

Jump scares in video games are often no worse than they are in movies. If a young person doesn't cope well with being suddenly startled by something in a film or on TV, they probably won't be able to handle horror games featuring jump scares. Some games (such as Five Night's at Freddy's) are built entirely around this technique and aren't suitable for younger children or those who are easily frightened.

RESEARCH THE GAME

It's best to look into a horror game thoroughly if your child expresses an interest in playing it. Many indie horror titles are download only and therefore aren't required to come with an age rating – so you'll need to do some background reading and judge the game's content for yourself. Check out the game's web pages, read any wikis about it (including fan ones) and watch videos of the gameplay.

ENCOURAGE BREAKS

It's easy to lose track of time when gaming, and horror games are no exception. A short break every hour or so is important to rest the eyes and relieve the posture – especially if traumatic situations in the game have built up tension and stress. For horror gamers, breaks also give the added benefit of feeling more relaxed afterwards, which can mean a scarier gaming session when they resume!

IF IN DOUBT, SWAP IT OUT

If your child finds a horror game to play, but after doing some research you decide it doesn't look like the right one for them, swap it out! There are a lot of horror titles to choose from, and some will be more appropriate than others. Work together with your child to find a suitable game for them. Remember, horror games don't have to be gore-spattered and graphic to be enjoyably scary!

STAY RECEPTIVE

Maintaining good communication with your child is vital for safe gaming. If they see something in a horror game that disturbs them in ways they didn't expect, then they should feel comfortable opening up to you about it. Try not to simply laugh it off or make light of it, and always make time to listen. It's a useful reminder that they can talk to you about any type of problem they have in the future.

Meet Our Expert

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Wrap Around

Just a reminder that we run a daily breakfast club for all children from 7:45 am each morning. Please note that, due to our insurance policy, children are not allowed to enter the school building before 7:45 am.

Our after-school wrap-around care operates every night until 5:45 pm. Sessions must be booked beforehand by contacting the school office.

Further information can be found here: [Club Information](#).



Key Dates for Summer Term 2

Summer Term 2	
Monday 1st June	Back to school
Thursday 11th June	2:40- Year 2 Class Assembly (Father's Day)
Sunday 14th June	10:50am Family Church Service at St Michael's Church- All Families Welcome
Wednesday 17th June	8:45 - 9:30 Come and See - Reception to Y6 11:00 - 11:30 Come and See - Morning Nursery 2:30 - 3:00 Come and See - Afternoon Nursery
Friday 16th June	2:30 - Rainbow University Graduation (YR-Y6)
Friday 3rd July	1:45- Garston Extravaganza
Tuesday 7th July	9:00 Y6 Leavers and Prize Giving Church Service
Friday 10th July	2pm Garstonbury (Summer Festival) School closes at 1:30pm. Wrap Around closed
Sunday 12th July	10:50am Family Church Service at St Michael's Church- All Families Welcome
Monday 13th July	2:00 Year 6 Leavers' Assembly
Tuesday 14th July	5:00 - Year 6 Prom
Wednesday 15th July	Reports to Parents Y6 finish pm
Thursday 16th July	Nursery children finish for Summer Party Day for Nursery - own clothes
Friday 17th July	12:00 - Rec to Y5 finish for Summer Party Day - own clothes
Monday 20th July	INSET Day



School re-opens on Monday 1st June at 8:45am (Breakfast club open from 7:45am)



School will close for the Summer Holidays on Friday 17th July 2026

