



# School Update

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## Parental engagement

We had our first class assembly this week— Mrs Baines Year 3 class— teaching us all about Creation and how we need to look after God's amazing world. The assembly was well received by the invited parents as well as the rest of the school and the children performed brilliantly. Class assemblies take place most weeks and parents are invited to attend and support their children. Next week Miss Hoult's Year 5 class will perform for us.

In order to support our families with safeguarding their children whilst online, we will be regularly sending information out about different aspects of eSafety. In this edition, *Live Streaming*—popular with our older children—is highlighted. There are many other aspects of online safety worth looking at, which can be found on our website. Click the link to see more: <https://shorturl.at/hIAD3>.

Have a great weekend,  
Steve Dunn, Headteacher

## School Uniform / Lost Property

Please help us out by ensuring all personal items—uniform, PE kit, shoes, coats, lunchboxes, bottles—are named.

This gives us a fighting chance of reuniting lost items with their owner.



## Autumn Term 2023

### September 2023

Tues 19th	School Photographer—individual photos
Fri 22nd	Miss Hoult's Class Assembly—9am School Photographer—family photos
Tues 26th	Key Stage 2 Welcome Evening, 6pm
Wed 27th	Reception Welcome Evening, 6pm
Thur 28th	Key Stage 1 Welcome Evening, 6pm
Fri 29th	Harvest Festival at Church

### October 2023

Thur 5th	SEND Co Surgery Reception/Pre-school Harvest Festival, 1pm
Fri 6th	Mrs Kneafsey/Mrs Parry Assembly—9am
Mon 9th- Fri 13th	PGL—Year 6
Tues 10th	Mental Health Day
Thur 12th	SEND Parent Forum
Fri 13th	Mrs Granero/Mrs Bharmal Assembly—9am
Mon 16th -Fri 20th	Half-term
Mon 23rd	INSET Day—children not in school
Tues 24th -Thur 26th	Parent Evenings

### November 2023

Fri 17th	Children in Need Day
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### December 2023

Fri 1st	Christmas Tree Festival
Sat 2nd	Village Christmas Lights switch-on
Tues 5th	Seasonal flu vaccination, R to Year 6
Tues 19th	Christmas Dinner/ Christmas Jumper Day!
Fri 22nd	Last day of term

Don't forget to follow us on Twitter to get up-to-date news of the happenings at school. You'll find photos of activities, achievements as well as celebrations.



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## HOPS High 5

This week our whole-school reward system called **HOPS High 5**—based on our 5 core values was again celebrated. We've linked our school rules to these values so the children are rewarded for living them through their positive behaviours. They earn value points each time they demonstrate one of these values, with the overall aim of achieving enough points to receive a values badge. Interim certificates will be issued at regular milestones and weekly **Values Awards** are given out to children showing their commitment to the **value of the week**.

## HOPS High 5 – school rules

Our school rules underpin our core values and are as follows:

- Allow everyone to learn. (Value of **Community**)
- Be kind. (Value of **Friendship**)
- Respect people and property. (Value of **Respect**)
- Learn from my mistakes. (Value of **Resilience**)
- Be my best self. (Value of **Aspiration**)



We were delighted to award our **Values Awards** in assembly this week, with children from across the school receiving them for demonstrating our Core Values. Our theme in CoWo this week was **Creation** - we shared different Creation stories from world religions. We linked it to our **Respect** Value which provided scope for our children to show this value during the week. Many have been rewarded with Value Dojos but our Award winners stood out for their positive behaviours. Wonderful stuff! Mr D.

# Charitable Causes 2023-2024

## September

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> – *Our One World Harvest* – One Local and One Global  
Local – one can/packet food donation for a local food bank and Harvest Service in church.  
Global – Suggested £1 or one-coin farewell gift for our ending *Kindu Trust* sponsorship.

## October

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> – *Young Minds #HelloYellow* Book Sale.



## November

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – Dress SPOTACULARLY—suggested £1 donation to *Children in Need*

## December

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Jumper Day—suggested £1 donation to *Save the Children*

## March

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> – *Red Nose Day*



## Throughout the year

*Toilet Twinning* – funding a project in a community that helps families to build their own basic toilet, access clean water and learn about hygiene – a vital combination that saves lives.

This year we are also having a Class Charity Challenge. To show our gratitude for how fortunate we are as a school to have the new building and facilities we are going to 'twin' as many of our toilets as possible.



To twin one toilet costs £60. Each class will choose how they will raise their £60 and will then decide on their country to twin with. The class will then receive a certificate and details of their twin to be fixed to their given HOPS toilet. The teachers have also signed up for the challenge too!

Please look out for your child's class details when they begin their challenge. If you would like to know more or maybe twin your own facilities the link is here: <https://toilettwinning.org/product/twin-a-toilet-today>

For any further information or if you have any questions, please do contact Mrs. Faulconbridge.

## #HelloYellow



Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup> is World Mental Health Day and our staff and students are looking to champion those young people who struggle at times with their mental health by supporting the Young Minds **#HelloYellow** campaign.

We can all struggle with how we're feeling, but sometimes things get tough and it can be difficult to cope. For so many young people, when this happens, they don't get the help they need, when they need it. But together, we can change this.

We at Hall Orchard all know about reading for pleasure...it is a magical feeling but did you know that choosing to read a book can provide a number of other benefits too. A recent study found that 30 minutes of reading lowered blood pressure, heart rate, and feelings of distress!



During the day, our Mental Health Champions with the help of Mrs Harrison and Mrs Faulconbridge, will be leading our assemblies and holding a book sale with all proceeds going to the YoungMinds charity. We will all be doing this whilst wearing **YELLOW!**

By wearing yellow this World Mental Health Day on 10 October, and by supporting our book sale, you can show young people that you're with them. Show them that they matter and deserve the support they need, when they need it, no matter what.

Books will be available for a small donation during break time. Children will only be able to purchase one book each. Donations of appropriate children's books can be brought to the school office from Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September.



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about LIVE STREAMING

Live streaming involves broadcasting and watching videos online in real time, often on social media or via platforms like YouTube and Twitch. Viewers can interact through comments, chats and reactions during the broadcast: such instant engagement makes this an exciting way to share experiences, learn from others and build digital communities. Despite the many positives, live streaming also creates a potential platform for unsuitable content and poses some risks to children: it's essential to keep privacy and safety in mind and comply with each site or app's age restrictions.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### LACK OF AGE VERIFICATION

Despite their age restrictions, some platforms don't require proof of age at sign up – meaning that anyone can register for an account (and potentially pretend to be older or younger than they actually are). In many cases, this means that young live streamers can never be totally certain exactly who they are broadcasting to and who is engaging with their live stream.

### DISCLOSING PERSONAL INFO

A characteristic of live streaming is the ability for videos to be instantly shared worldwide. Without the correct privacy settings enabled, a child could inadvertently reveal personal information or their location, making them vulnerable to online predators or identity theft. It's wise to regularly check the privacy settings (and what data is being shared) on any apps your child has signed up for.

### ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN

As the video streams are live, children might encounter (or inadvertently share) inappropriate content. Most live-streaming apps have rules to prevent this and monitor their services, also providing report buttons where content can be flagged for review. It may not be dealt with instantly, however, meaning that your child could be further exposed to harmful content during a live stream.

### UNAUTHORISED RECORDINGS

Each live streaming platform stores completed videos for different periods (Twitch saves broadcasts for 60 days, for example, while Facebook and YouTube remove them only at the creator's request). Deleting a video, though, doesn't always stop it from being shared: in some cases, streams have been illegally recorded (or screenshots taken) by certain viewers and redistributed on other sites.

### ROGUE CONTENT CREATORS

Children can also watch other people's live streams, which could potentially contain *anything* at any time (such as nudity, drug use or profanity). Most apps claim to monitor live streams and will stop any that don't adhere to their guidelines – but with millions of streams per day, it's complicated to regulate them *all*, so children could be exposed to inappropriate content without parents knowing.

### DANGER OF GROOMING

There are increasing reports of children being coerced into performing "suggestive acts" by strangers on some live-streaming apps. Due to the lack of verification required for certain apps, almost anyone can sign up to these services (including anonymously or under a fake identity). It's vital, therefore, to ensure the correct safety measures are in place before your child begins live streaming.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### PUT PRIVACY FIRST

Through the streaming app's settings, switch your child's account to 'private', so only their friends and followers can see their broadcasts. You could also turn off the live chat, shielding your child from any upsetting comments – although viewers' feedback is often seen as an integral part of the fun. Identify any nearby items (such as school uniforms or visible landmarks) that could give away your child's location.

### MANAGE MULTISTREAMING

Some apps and sites let users stream their content through multiple social media platforms at once. A broadcast on SteamYard, for example, can be shared on YouTube, Twitch, X and Facebook if the accounts are linked. The privacy settings can differ on each of these, so we'd suggest only streaming via one platform at a time to maintain greater control over who's watching your child's videos.

### GET INVOLVED YOURSELF

Research suggests a significant number of streams show a child on their own, often in a supposed safe space like their bedroom. If your child wants to live stream, ask if you could be present because you're interested in how it works. You could even set up your own account to gain a more detailed knowledge of what your child talks about in their live streams – and who they're broadcasting to.

### TALK ABOUT LIVE STREAMING

Try to start with positives before discussing potential risks. You could ask which live streaming apps your child likes and how they use them. Do they just watch streams or create their own? Explain why it's unwise to reveal personal information while streaming (even to friends). If you feel your child's too young for live streams, explain your reasoning to them and perhaps agree to review this decision in the future.

### CONSIDER THEIR ONLINE REPUTATION

As the broadcasts are live, it often causes the misconception among young people that whatever happens in their video simply 'vanishes' once the stream ends. However, videos can stay online indefinitely or be recorded by other users. It's important that your child understands what they do and say in a live stream could potentially damage their online reputation and, quite possibly, be seen by prospective future employers, colleges or universities.

## Meet Our Expert

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