



# St Mary and St Peter's Church School News



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## Head's Update...

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to thank the many of you who have come to see me this week regarding protecting our children online. Our new **Online Safety Newsletter** has had really good feedback from lots of you. Several parents have also thanked us for the NCA warning letter we sent this week, warning of the criminal online sexual extortion of children.

In the past, many used to think of Online Safety as preparing our children for High School. The world has changed. **The youngest victim in this criminal extortion was just 5 years old.**

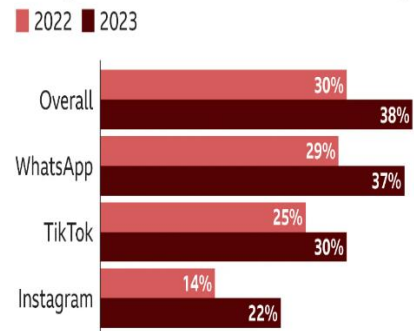
I have included a table to show how social media use is increasing for children aged 5 - 7 years old. The age of young children makes them even more vulnerable to abuse. All I ask you to consider is, **does your child actually need a smartphone?** Are you aware of the risks... if not please come and see me as many parents have, helping you to make informed decisions.

Best wishes,  
*Connel Boyle*

Executive Headteacher



How the percentage of five to seven-year-olds using social media has risen in one year



Based on responses from 1,509 parents in 2022 and 749 parents in 2023

Source: Ofcom



## School Uniform

We do understand that sometimes wearing full uniform is not always possible. However, we are starting to see no items of school uniform being worn.

We have always taken a relaxed approach to uniform, so we ask that you support us in this.

Today we will have table outside with free uniform, all washed for anyone to take who wants extras.

**Our thanks in advance for your help on this.**

**Our School attendance target is 95%**

**We are at 90% -0.03%**

**Hobbit Class current attendance 90.36% +0.03%**



**Improving!**

**Gruffalo Class current attendance 89.5% -0.13%**



**Lets get above 90%!**



Congratulations  
to this week's  
winners!

**Friday's Child**

**Eddie Harry**

**Headteacher's Award**

**Willow Arthur**  
**Eddie Bella**



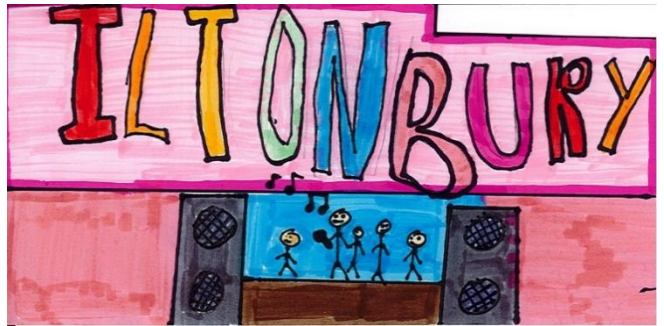
**Headteacher drop-in  
sessions**  
**every Friday**  
**9.30am- 10.00am**

Mr Boyle is available for any parent to drop in to see him without the need for an appointment. Please do feel free to use this session to answer any queries you may have.

**Friday Family Assemblies**  
**Every Friday at**  
**9.05am**



**Gruffalo's Woodland Display at St Mary's Church**  
**Come and see our lovely artwork!**



**Iltonbury Festival - 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024**  
**Well done to Oscar for designing this year's Iltonbury Logo.**

**From the money we raised at Bingo over Easter, all of our children will this year get their own Festival T-Shirt!**

**Diary Dates:**

- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May - BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY**
- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 SATS WEEK**
- **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May - LAST DAY OF TERM**
- **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - RETURN TO SCHOOL**
- **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June - INSET**
- **June TBC - Gryphon Class Britain at War Trip**
- **July TBC - Phoenix Class Trip**
- **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July - Gryphon Class Residential**
- **FRIDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY - 95%+ ATTENDANCE WIN A BIKE DRAW**
- **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July - Iltonbury Festival**

The school calendar for 2023 to 2024 can be found under the Parents Tab, listed as Term Dates. Go to: [www.stmaryandstpeters.co.uk](http://www.stmaryandstpeters.co.uk)