

# RE Week



## Open Classroom Event

Thank you to the many parents/carers who visited our Open Classroom event today. We hope you enjoyed seeing the children's learning during RE (Religious Education) Week. It was fantastic to see so many of you sharing your children's learning.







# RSC Partnership



As you may know, we are currently working in partnership with The RSC (Royal Shakespeare Company) to enrich our curriculum and offer pupils creative ways to learn. We hope:

- To make Shakespeare's work vivid, accessible and enjoyable for pupils.
- To offer exciting opportunities for pupils and staff to work with RSC Education practitioners exploring how rehearsal room approaches to Shakespeare can enhance learning across the curriculum.
- To provide the chance to take part in the national Play Makers Festival.
- To create opportunities to contribute to a national programme of research and publications
- To give pupils access to high quality performances of Shakespeare's work in theatres and in school.

Our focus play for this term is Julius Caesar and, on Wednesday, three member of the RSC acting company visited school to work with pupils in KS2. During the session, children explored key moments in the play and acted as directors, suggesting ways that the actors could re-play scenes and evaluating the effect on an audience. Next week, children will watch a live broadcast of the play and use its text as a stimulus in lessons. You can see pictures of the session below.



# PTA Jumble Sale



A big thank you to everyone who helped with the jumble sale and to all those who gave donations. We have raised an amazing £381.11!

Thank you also to members of the PTA who worked so hard to organise and run this event.

# School Games at Champion



Congratulations to all children who competed in the Inter-School Games at Champion this week. Pupils enjoyed playing a range of sports including, rowing, archery and Boccia (a Paralympic sport designed originally for players with a visual impairment.)

Thank you to Mr Lee, our PE Coordinator for organising our attendance at this event.

# Election Result

Thank you to all families who voted in our election for parent governors. This was a close run battle with only a few votes separating the candidates.

We would like to thank all the parents who put themselves forward for election and can announce that the two successful candidates were Kully Deol and Kae Sandhar. We warmly welcome them to our Governing Body.

# Christmas Performances



**If you are a parent/carer of a child in Reception, Year One or Year Two, you should have received a letter today inviting you to watch your child's Christmas performance.**

**Don't forget to use the slip on the bottom of the letter to book your tickets which are free of charge.**

**Due to fire regulations, tickets are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment. Please also note that we cannot guarantee there will be room in the hall for family members without tickets.**

**Year 3 and Year 4 parents/carers are invited to a Christmas sing-a-long on Thursday 21st December at 2.30pm in the hall. Year 5 and Y6 families are invited to a similar event on Friday 22nd December at 9.30am . We are not issuing tickets for these concerts but all Key Stage Two parents are most welcome!**

# Learn with Espresso at Home

This week, your child should have brought home a letter and pupil log-in for an online learning resource called Espresso. Espresso contains lots of useful information to support learning and is completely free for your child to use as the cost is covered by school.

Below, is a home access guide for parents/carers which should answer any questions you might have:

Question	Answer
What is Discovery Education Espresso?	Espresso is an award-winning digital resource service used in thousands of UK schools. It includes videos, multimedia activities, a weekly news update, printable resources and much more. For further information, please visit: <a href="http://www.discoveryeducation.co.uk/espresso">www.discoveryeducation.co.uk/espresso</a>
What do I need to access Discovery Education Espresso from home?	Discovery Education Espresso can be accessed via an internet enabled device - PC, Mac or tablet/iPad. You can use our software checker which will identify the required software applications currently on your computer and indicate which of these applications need to be upgraded in order to successfully view your Discovery Education services. Visit: <a href="http://www.discoveryeducation.co.uk/support">www.discoveryeducation.co.uk/support</a>
How do I log in to Espresso from home?	Your school will provide you with your child's login details and the URL to access Espresso from home. Both parents and children share the login details and are able to access the same information.
What if I or my child forget or lose the password?	If you forget your password or have trouble logging in, please contact your school. They will be able to re-issue this to you. Unfortunately, Discovery Education does not keep or issue passwords and are unable to answer any login related queries.
Is the content 'safe' for my child?	Yes. Espresso has been designed specifically for children and uses appropriate language and content. It is curriculum friendly and contains educational, fun and interactive materials. Furthermore, many of our modules have been designed by ex-teachers, who have spent many years working in schools and with children.
Can Discovery Education Espresso support me with teaching my child about staying safe online?	Yes. The service features a resource in the Computing subject area at both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 called 'Online safety'. With fun activities, videos and worksheets your child can learn about how to stay safe and have fun online.
How do I find resources?	There are several ways to find resources on Espresso. You can browse by Key Stage and subject area or use a key word and search using the search bar.
Which key stage is my child at?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foundation (F) is for children who are 3 to 5 years of age.</li> <li>• Key Stage 1 (KS1) is for children who are 5 to 7 years of age.</li> <li>• Key Stage 2 (KS2) is for children who are 7 to 11 years of age.</li> </ul>
Can I download anything on Espresso for my own use?	Due to licensing restrictions, it is not possible to download any videos or activities at home
Where can I get help if Espresso is not displaying or playing properly?	If you are having problems using Espresso at home, please report your issue to your child's school. They'll be able to contact us on your behalf.
I have further questions. Who can I contact?	Please contact your child's school. Discovery Education is unable to respond directly to requests from parents/guardians.

[www.discoveryeducation.co.uk/espresso](http://www.discoveryeducation.co.uk/espresso)



# Update



Many parents/carers will remember that, last year, we worked in conjunction with Warwick Arts' Centre and three other local schools on a range of exciting visual and performing arts projects. The work created by pupils was showcased in July at the fantastic SPLAT festival in Jephson Gardens. (See [splatartsfestival.co.uk](http://splatartsfestival.co.uk) for pictures and videos of our children performing. Keep checking this website as content is being added all the time.)

The good news is that we are hoping to keep the SPLAT festival alive! Over the summer holiday we worked with Warwick Arts' Centre to submit a bid to The Arts Council to fund a continuation of the project. We should hear whether our bid has been successful in approximately two week's time. Fingers crossed!

# Lateness

Please make sure your child is on time for school and in their line by 8.55am each morning so they can walk independently in to class for a prompt start to their learning.

**If you do arrive late, you must use the main entrance in to school and sign your child in using the late register.** This is very important as we need an accurate picture of who is in school in case there is an emergency and we have to evacuate the building.

At the end of school, please do not enter the corridors or classrooms as this poses a safeguarding risk. **If your child needs the lavatory when you pick them up, please ask at the office and a member of our administrative staff will show you to the toilet.** Our hard working cleaners need to access the children's toilets at 3.20pm each day and cannot complete their duties if parents/carers are in there with their children.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

# Food For Life Roast Dinner Day

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Enjoy the tastiest food  
made from fresh,  
natural ingredients!  
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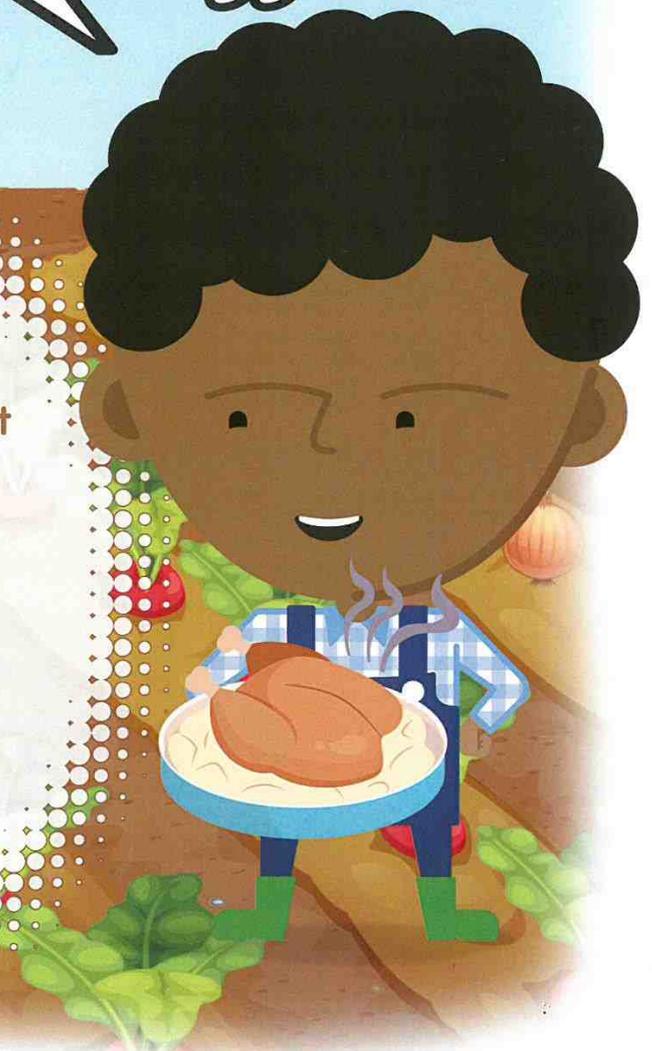


## Wednesday 15th November

Red Tractor British Chicken Joint or Fillet  
with Fruity Stuffing and Gravy  
or  
(v) Chef's Omelette made with  
Local Free Range Eggs

Crispy Roast Potatoes  
Fresh Seasonal Vegetables

Syrup Sponge and Custard  
or  
Cheddar Cheese and Biscuits  
with English Apple Wedges



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# Cyberbullying and online harassment

**Cyberbullying and online harassment can be extremely distressing. They can be classed as criminal offences but there is lots of help available to support you.**

## Tips to stay safe online

**Think before you post** - when posting or commenting on the internet, consider what you say and what effect this may have. Never post comments that are abusive or may cause offence to others.

**Keep personal information personal** - do not say anything or publish pictures that might later cause you or someone else embarrassment. Be aware of what friends post about you, or reply to your posts, particularly about your personal details and activities.

**Make the most of privacy settings** - keep your profiles closed, allowing access only to your chosen friends and family.

**Report cyberbullying to internet service providers** - lots of content on social media that is offensive or upsetting is not necessarily a criminal offence. However, cyberbullying often violates the terms and conditions established by social media sites and internet service providers. Report cyberbullying to the social media site so they can take action against users abusing the terms of service.



**Social media help sections** can show you how to block users and change settings to control who can contact you. You can get advice and support on using the following social media sites including the ability to report content to them.

**f** Facebook - facebook.com  
**t** Twitter - twitter.com  
**@** Instagram - instagram.com  
**in** LinkedIn - linkedin.com  
**g+** Google+ google.com  
**yt** YouTube - youtube.com  
**in** Pinterest - pinterest.com  
**t** Tumblr - tumblr.com  
**📸** Snapchat - snapchat.com

If you believe that you are the victim of an offence, always keep a record of the content, by taking a screenshot, for example. If you are worried that your child or a loved one might be the victim of cyberbullying here are some signs to look out for:

- Low self-esteem.
- Withdrawal from family and spending a lot of time alone.
- Reluctance to let parents or other family members anywhere near their mobiles, laptops etc.
- Finding excuses to stay away from school or work including school refusal.

For further signs and advice visit [bullying.co.uk](http://bullying.co.uk)



## Advice for parents and guardians

The internet can be a valuable resource for children, allowing them to connect with friends and learn new things. But there are also risks when going online, and children can be particularly vulnerable. Talking to your child is one of the best ways to keep them safe online.

By understanding the risks and keeping yourself up-to-date on the latest technology, websites and social networks you can help your child enjoy the internet safely and securely.

For further help and advice, please click on the links to our partners websites, where you will find additional help and support. We are proud to be working alongside a range of charities on this important subject.

**NSPCC**

**NSPCC**  
[nspcc.org.uk](http://nspcc.org.uk)

**BullyingUK**  
by the family trust

**Cyberbullying UK**  
[bullying.co.uk](http://bullying.co.uk)

**mumsnet**  
by parents for parents

**Mumsnet**  
[mumsnet.com](http://mumsnet.com)

**Kooth**  
BETA

**Kooth**  
[kooth.com](http://kooth.com)

**internet matters**  
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**Internet Matters**  
[internetmatters.org](http://internetmatters.org)

**kidscape**  
preventing bullying

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[kidscape.org](http://kidscape.org)

## Help protect your children online

- Keep computers and games consoles in family rooms where you can monitor activity. Also make sure the games your child plays online are age appropriate.

- Install parental control software or activate parental controls through your internet to prevent access to inappropriate content.

- 'Friend' or 'follow' your child on social networking sites, so you can see how they are using them.

- Check they are old enough to join any websites or social networks with age restrictions.

- Advise your child not to post personal information or any images they wouldn't want everyone to see.

- Avoid using webcams unless talking to close friends or family. Consider covering your webcam when it's not in use.



- Monitor your children's internet usage, and be watchful for any secretive behaviour.

- Encourage your child to be open about what they do online and who they talk to.

Further advice is available for parents and carers of children at [gov.uk](http://gov.uk)

## Advice for schools

Advice by the Department for Education:

### Preventing and tackling bullying

Advice for headteachers, staff and governing bodies can be viewed at [gov.uk](http://gov.uk)

**Cyberbullying** Advice for headteachers and school staff [gov.uk](http://gov.uk)

## What can the police do?

If we consider a message or post to be potentially criminal, we will take appropriate action. This could involve arresting the person responsible or interviewing them under caution. Cases involving sustained abuse or where someone's life is threatened will be treated seriously.

We will look at all of the circumstances when considering the best response to a report of cyber bullying. We will assess how vulnerable the victim is and what resources are required to trace the offender via social networking sites, which often operate abroad and to different legislation. In certain cases it may be difficult to take action if the offender isn't in the UK.

We will work with the victim to bring about the most suitable and proportionate conclusion. This could include alternative options that include the officer in the case using their discretion and working with the offender to record an apology to the victim.

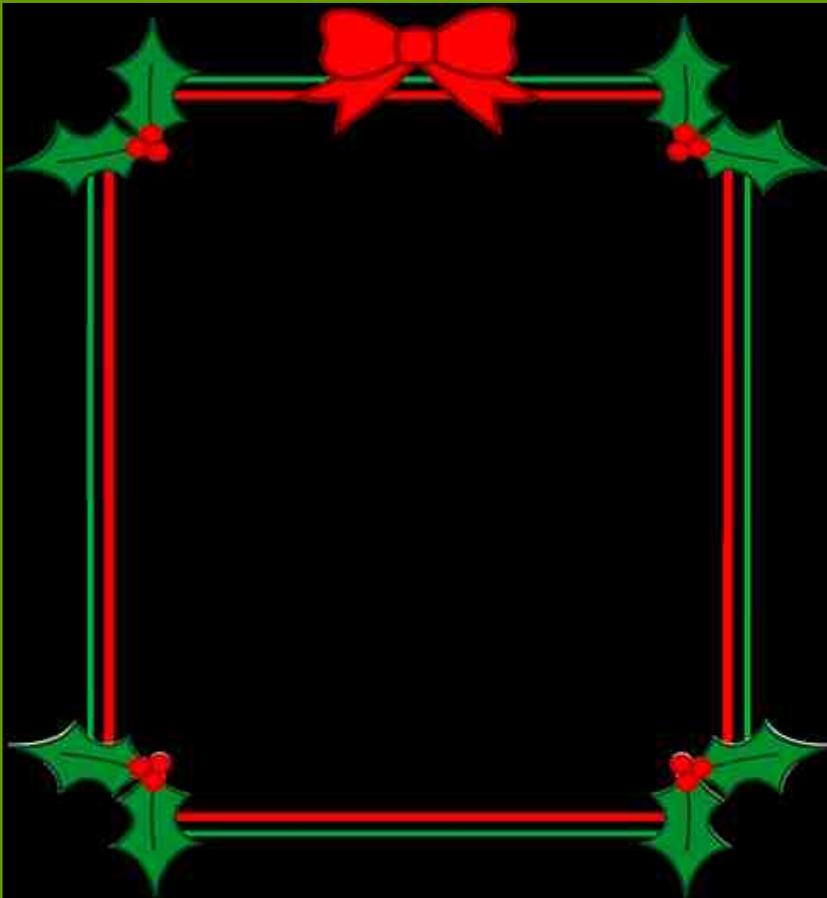


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[www.warwickshire.police.uk/becybersmart](http://www.warwickshire.police.uk/becybersmart)



Our delicious Christmas lunch will be served on Tuesday 12th December. Pupils will be treated to:



## How to order a Christmas lunch:

All pupils in Reception, Y1 and Y2 are entitled to a free Christmas lunch. Please inform the office if your child is NOT having the lunch.

The cost of the Christmas lunch for pupils in Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 is £2.15. This will appear on Parent Pay as a separate item called "KS2 Christmas Dinner." Please book/pay for your lunch by **November 15th** at the latest so that the kitchen can purchase the appropriate quantities of food. **Bookings/payments will not be accepted after this date.**

# Online Safety Session for Parents/Carers



## Please attend!



Dear Parents and Carers,

Keeping your child safe whilst online is a challenge for most families. With this in mind, **we would like to invite you to attend an online safety session**, led by Mr Hawes (our Computing Subject Leader) **on Friday 17th November from 9.15—10.00am.**

During the session, Mr Hawes will explain how you can set appropriate privacy settings to keep your child safe when using a laptop, tablet, phone, games console or personal computer. He will also be sharing up to date advice concerning which websites, games and app's are suitable for children of primary school age. In addition, Mr Hawes will try his very best to answer any other questions you have regarding online safety.

**If you would like to attend this event, please return the slip below** to your child's class teacher. Anybody attending should wait outside the school office. A member of staff will then take you through to the session. We look forward to seeing you there!

Yours sincerely

Miss Glenny  
(Associate Headteacher)

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Name of child/children .....

In Year/Years .....

I confirm my attendance at the Online Safety Session for parents/carers on Friday November 17<sup>th</sup> 2017 from 9.00 – 10.00am.

Signed .....

# Diary Dates

**Diary dates do sometimes change due to unforeseen circumstances. If any date changes, we will always try to notify you via text or letter. However, the following dates are correct at the point of going to press!!**

Monday 13th November 2017	Rocksteady music workshops for YR—Y6.
Monday 13th November 2017	Shakespeare Week.
Tuesday 14th November 2017	Matt Black (poet) working with Y6 and leading assembly.
Thursday 16th November 2017	Royal Shakespeare Company visiting KS2.
Friday 17th November 2017	Y5/6 Sports Hall Athletics at Campion, 9.30am—12.00pm
Friday 17th November 2017	Online safety session for parents/carers, 9.15—10.00am.
Monday 20th November 2017	Rocksteady music lessons begin.
Thursday 23rd November 2017	Open afternoon at 2.00pm for prospective Reception parents/carers, September 2018.
Thursday 23rd November 2017	Y3 JM visit to Sarehole Mill.
Friday 24th November 2017	MUFTI Day (bring 50p to wear non-school uniform.)
Friday 24th November 2017	Y3 AH visit to Sarehole Mill.
Wednesday 29th November—Friday 1st December 2017	Y6 residential to Marle Hall, Wales.
Friday 1st December 2017	Christmas Crafternoon for YR parents/carers, 2.30pm—3.15pm
Wednesday 6th December 2017	Y2 Christmas performance at 9.30am.
Tuesday 12th December 2017	Christmas lunch.
Wednesday 13th December 2017	Y1 Christmas performance at 9.30am.
Thursday 14th December 2017	Y3, 4, 5 and 6 visit to “101 Dalmations” at The Birmingham Repertory Theatre.
Friday 15th December 2017	Christmas jumper day!
Friday 15th December 2017	YR/KS1 visit to “The Snow Dragon” at The Bridge House Theatre in Warwick.
Monday 18th December—Friday 22nd November	No clubs (except Breakfast Club and Butterflies) this week.
Monday 18th December 2017	Last Y3 JM swimming lesson.
Wednesday 20th December 2017	YR Christmas performance at 9.30am.
Wednesday 20th December 2017	Last Y3 AH swimming lesson.
Thursday 21st December 2017	Y3/4 music concert for parents at 2.30pm.
Friday 22nd December 2017	Y5/6 music concert for parents at 9.30pm.
Friday 22nd December 2017	Break up for the Christmas holiday.

## CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

**Monday 8th January 2018**  
**Tuesday 9th January 2018**

**School closed for staff training**  
**Children return to school for the Spring Term.**

# Sydenham Super Stars!



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I hope you have a relaxing weekend.  
Best wishes from  
Miss Glenny (Associate Headteacher)