



Gwladys Street CP & Nursery School



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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Dear parents/carers,

We have had a busy, fun week in school with lots happening again. Firstly, apologies that there have not been many Twitter messages this week. We have experienced some technical issues due to the changeover from Twitter to X in the summer holidays.

Thank you to all parents/carers who attended the 'meet and greet' sessions last week. Don't forget there are more sessions week beginning 18th September 2023.

Y5 will depart for Barnstondale in October so any issues or concerns regarding the visit, contact Mr Jones who is our group leader or Mrs Barry who is dealing with the finance and logistics for the trip.

Have a wonderful week and take care.
Ms Booth

Nursery opens at 8.30am Teaching and Learning begins at 8.45am

Please make sure you are in on time

We currently have a waiting list for Nursery places.

To secure your place please make sure your child attends their sessions as poor attendance could result in your child's place being withdrawn.

School doors open at 8.50am - 9.05am

If you arrive at school after this time please bring your child/children to the school office.



Please click [here](#) to view term dates for the school year.



Gwladys Street School continues to a GOOD School. You can read the full report online by using the link [here](#).



HOW GWLADYS STREET SCHOOL KEEPS YOU INFORMED .



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Parent App - Letters, Messages, News letters and general information will be sent out using this app. You will be invited to join via the email you provide.



Parent Pay - We are a cashless school. You will receive an activation letter once your child has been admitted to our school. www.parentpay.com



Study Bugs - This is a free app to download to report your child's absence.



Find use on Facebook— Gwlady's Street Community Primary & Nursery School



PE TIMETABLE

Monday:
New Zealand
Year 6 Swim-
ming

Tuesday:

Australia & Year 5

Wednesday:

France & Year 4

Thursday:

Germany

Friday:

Year 3

All children must wear their PE kit to school on their PE day.



Click [here](#) to view the lunch menu for next week

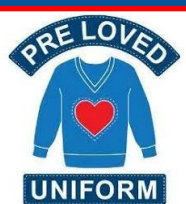
Free School Meals

Are you entitled?

Free School meals

Use the link attached to check if you are eligible for free school meals.

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims>



Our Pre Loved Uniform shop is open and available to take orders

We have very kindly been donated uniform donations from past pupils.

These items of clothing have been washed by a member of staff and checked that they are all in a resalable condition.

Access the store by clicking here.





SCHOOL UNIFORM



Full school uniform must be worn every day.

Please make sure it has your CHILD'S NAME in.

Nursery (F1)

pupil's uniform will be:

- Royal blue jogging suit consisting of round neck jumper and royal blue jogging bottoms.
- White polo shirt.
- Velcro black shoes with black soles.



Reception (F2)

pupil's uniform will be:

- Royal blue jogging suit consisting of round neck jumper and royal blue jogging bottoms.
- White polo shirt.
- Velcro black shoes with black soles.
- Grey socks or tights.



Year 1 and Year 2

pupil's uniform will be:

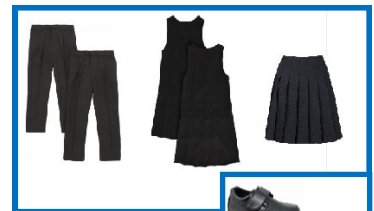
- Royal blue round neck jumper or cardigan.
- Grey skirt/pinafore or trousers.
- White polo shirt.
- Grey socks or tights.



Years 3/4/5/6

pupil's uniform will be:

- Royal blue V neck jumper or cardigan.
- Grey skirt/pinafore or trousers.
- White shirt.
- School tie.
- Grey socks or tights.



All children from Reception through to year 6 also require a PE kit.

This consists of:

- A white round neck t-shirt.
- Royal blue shorts.
- Royal blue jogging bottoms and Sweatshirt can also be worn.
- Black pumps or black trainers only.



Exceptions can only be made if you have contacted school in advance.

Attendance Matters

Whole School Target: 97% - This week's Whole school attendance: 94.52%

Absence—if your child is absent from school you **MUST** contact the school before 9:00am each day of your child's absence. Failure to make any contact with the school will result in a home visit from staff and Head teacher.

Appointments—should be arranged outside of the school day and if this is not possible, medical evidence should be provided.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance %</u>	<u>Position</u>
Morocco	98.85%	1st
Ladybirds	98.74%	2nd
Australia	97.56%	3rd
China	97.14%	4th
Chile	97.04%	5th
Japan	96.67%	6th
Kenya	96.43%	7th
Costa Rica	95.04%	8th
Germany	94.70%	9th
India	93.60%	10th
New Zealand	92.74%	11th
France	91.33%	12th
Butterflies	90.68%	13th
Russia	90.00%	14th
Caterpillars	84.39%	15th

CONGRATULATIONS



To the **330** children who
had **100%** attendance
this week.

Congratulations

to Classes **Ladybirds** and **Morocco**
who are our Attendance winners
this week. The children will all
receive a
Golden time activity.
Well done!

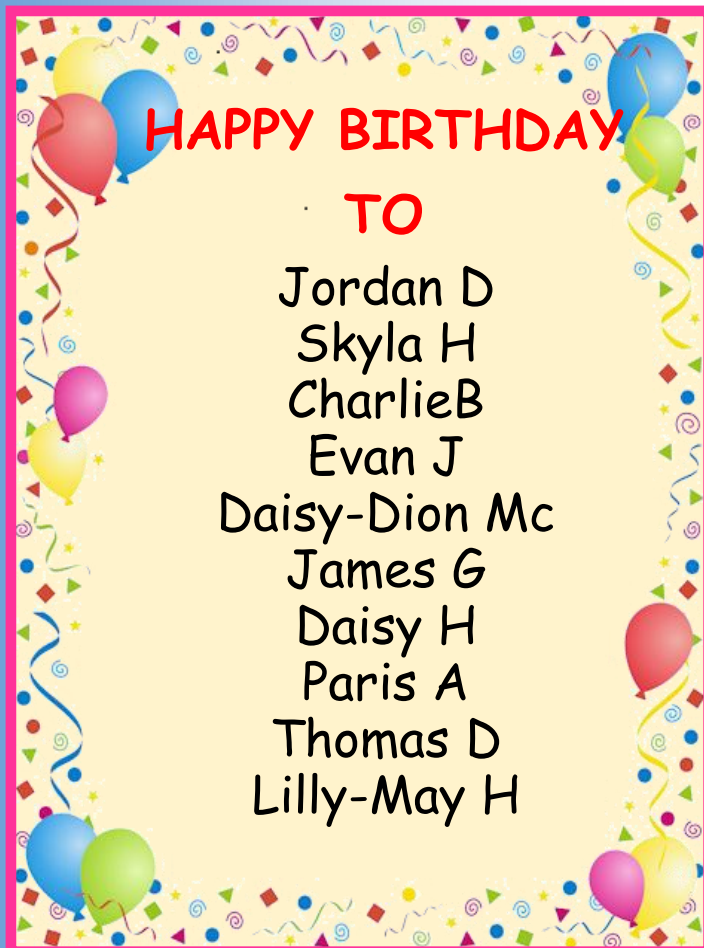


Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky

deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

[Use this link for information and advice.](#)



DOING GOOD MADE TASTY



Feeling hungry? With the Too Good To Go app, you can eat well while making an impact. Save Surprise Bags of good food at an even better price from restaurants and shops near you.



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HELP THE PLANET BY PREVENTING WASTE.

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TEAM

★ Stars of the Week ★

Class

Name

Caterpillars	Harley C
Butterflies	Cherry Blossom
Ladybird	Muhammed P
France	Charlie B
Germany	Harry
Australia	Frn EB
New Zealand	Emmy B
Kenya	Tedy N
Morocco	Henry W
Chile	Connie D
Costa Rica	Timon C
India	Sienna Mc
Russia	Lexi H
China	Joshua W
Japan	Ava C



**Well done to
our wonderful**



TEAM

STARS OF THE WEEK

**Your hard work and
efforts have not gone
unnoticed.**



Are You Worried about a child or young person?

If a child or young person is at risk of harm, abuse or neglect please report it to :

CARELINE

Call

0151 233 3700



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ONLINE FINANCIAL SCAMS & EXPLOITATION

To date, nearly 42 million UK internet users have encountered a financial scam online, roughly 20% of these victims wound up at least £1,000 out of pocket as a result. The number of job artists playing their trade in the digital world has grown in recent years, becoming a trend which, unfortunately, appears likely to continue – and their methods have become increasingly sophisticated. It can therefore be difficult to recognise an online financial scam – let alone to safeguard our children against them – but it is not impossible. Our guide offers a few pointers on what to look out for.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PHISHING SCAMS

Scammers often use deception to obtain personal and financial information from their target. They might pose as legitimate organisations, such as pretending to be a bank, and tricking you into action for unpaid tax unless the victim provides their national insurance number. Their efforts have been getting more convincing recently, so be mindful of any unexpected or unusual emails.

IDENTITY THEFT

Children can manipulate someone into providing personal data, then use it to assume their identity online and commit fraud, make unauthorised purchases or engage in other illegal activities. Identity theft can be accomplished by tracking victims' online browsing history, by hijacking their accounts, or by using their parents' social media devices, or through phishing scams.

FRAUDULENT INVESTMENTS

Fraudsters might lure victims into offering their hard-earned cash for a "sure-fire" investment opportunity, promising high returns or quick profits – such as cryptocurrency. Scammers currently use social media influencers to promote their schemes, but beware: if you see a post from a well-known influencer, it's not always what it seems. They may be paid to promote a product, or they may be using their followers into paying for courses which promise to help them become rich and more attractive.

DECEPTIVE ADVERTISING

Many online ads are false or misleading, advertising to persuade people to buy a product or service. Some websites, for instance, have become notorious for using attractive images to advertise their products, promising to deliver on them for a fraction of its usual price – only for a cheaper-looking, poor-quality reproduction to arrive in the post instead.

SOCIAL MEDIA SCAMS

Scammers use social media to manipulate or deceive victims, often by posing as a popular influencer and exploiting their audience – such as swiping a link to a "giveaway" which actually is a scam. If a child is a victim of a scam, it's important to report it to the relevant authorities, as children tend to be more vulnerable targets.

Advice for Parents & Carers

EDUCATE YOUR CHILD

Talk to your child about the risks of online financial scams and encourage open communication about their digital activities. Make sure they know the red flags that are out there, and what to look out for when encountering a potential scam. Foster their critical thinking skills – and emphasise that if something they see on the internet seems too good to be true, then it probably is.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Almost all devices that children typically use to access the internet have built-in safeguards. Use parental controls and monitoring tools. Stay aware of the options available to you, and make use of them to shield your child from possible exploitation as best as you can. This, combined with common sense and critical thinking, should go a long way towards keeping them safe.

STAY INFORMED

Try to keep your knowledge of current and emerging scams in the digital world up-to-date, so you can help your child stay safe. New methods of exploitation are developing all the time, but thankfully it's not all doom and gloom. There are plenty of sources – such as Ofcom – that keep a record of online scamming methods, plus lists of which sites or schemes to be wary of.

PRIORITISE PRIVACY

Teach your child to value their own privacy: that is, to respect the value of their personal data and be cautious about sharing it online. It's especially important that children know to safeguard their financial details and other sensitive data – and never to provide that information to anyone online, unless they're absolutely certain that it's safe, secure and for a legitimate reason.

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

Encourage your child to report any suspicious or potentially harmful online encounters to you or another trusted adult. Make it clear that they will never get in trouble for telling you about what's happened. Fraudsters often attempt to play on children's fear of getting into trouble, so cancelling out that notion is one of our greatest weapons.

Meet Our Expert

With a degree in computer science and a background in cyber security, having spent 10 years in the industry, we're proud to have a team of experts who can help you understand the risks of online financial scams and how to protect your child. Our experts are available to answer your questions and provide you with the latest advice on how to keep your child safe online.

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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 be older or younger than they actually are). In many cases, this means that young live streamers can never be fully 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 about 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 app your child has signed up to.

ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN

As the video streams are live, children might encounter (or be involved in) inappropriate content. Most live-streaming apps have safety features, such as reporting tools, but these can be bypassed. If a child is exposed to harmful content, it's important to report it to the relevant authorities, as children tend to be more vulnerable targets.

UNAUTHORISED RECORDINGS

Each live streaming platform stores complete videos for different periods of time, for example, YouTube and Twitch remove them only if the creator requests. Deleting a video, though, doesn't always stop it from being shared in some cases, as some have been frequently 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 or any one (sex, race, religion, drug use or other inappropriate content). It's important to monitor live streams and stop any that don't adhere to the guidelines – but with millions of streams every day, it's impossible to regulate them all, as children could be exposed to inappropriate content without parents knowing.

DANGER OF GROOMING

There are increasing reports of children being groomed online, often through live streaming. Groomers use a variety of tactics to build trust and rapport, often posing as a friend or a romantic interest. It's important to teach children to be cautious about sharing personal information online, and to report any suspicious activity to a trusted adult.

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 viewer feedback is often used as an integral part of the fun. Identify any nearby risks (such as school uniforms or visible location tags) 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 Steam, for example, can be shared on YouTube, Twitch, 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 solo 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. Leave it to them if you feel your child is 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

With a degree in digital marketing and a background in cyber security, having spent 10 years in the industry, we're proud to have a team of experts who can help you understand the risks of live streaming and how to protect your child. Our experts are available to answer your questions and provide you with the latest advice on how to keep your child safe online.

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Don't be afraid to use

BIG words with

little kids.

If they

can say

Tyrannosaurus Rex...

they can say

anything!

~CINNAMON

