



Newsletter

7th November 2025

Odd Socks Day

Anti-Bullying Week 2025 will take place from Monday 10th - Friday 14th November, with the theme: Power for Good.

On Monday, it's Odd Sock Day, celebrating the superpowers we all have inside. So, please send children to school wearing their oddest pairs of socks - it's an opportunity to celebrate our individuality and what makes us all unique!

Attendance

This week's attendance is

Whole School: 96%

Robins: 98%

Skylarks: 97%

Owls: 95%

Starlings: 98%

Kites: 99%

Children In Need

Children in Need is coming up next Friday, 14/11/25!

Children can come to school wearing spots—just one, a few, or lots—showing their support in a fun and colourful way. For a suggested donation of £1, we can all help raise money for this important charity, which supports children and families who need a helping hand. It's a great way to have fun, be creative, and make a difference in the lives of others!

Thank You Card Design Competition

Calling all young artists!

We're excited to invite local children to participate in our 'Thank You Card Design Competition', for Bishop's Castle Food Bank.

The winner will receive a £40 prize, and the runner up £20, and their artwork will be featured on the cards we send to our donors to thank them for their generous support.

Competition Guidelines

Eligibility: Open to children from Bishop's Castle Primary School.

Theme: Bishop's Castle Food Bank

Artwork Requirements:

- Design your artwork within the space provided on the entry form.
- Use vibrant colours and creativity.
- Ensure the design is original and designed by the individual child.

Submission Details

- Deadline: 9th. January 2026
- Where to Submit: All submissions will be collected from the primary school.
- Contact Information: For questions, please contact:
andystelman@icloud.com

Design Space

Please draw your design within the box on the entry form.

We can't wait to see your amazing designs and share them with our donors. Thank you for helping us express our gratitude in such a beautiful way!

Online Safety Newsletter

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CapCut

CapCut is a video editing app. Their services are intended for those over the age of 13 (those under the age of 18 must have consent from their parent/legal guardian). It is rated as 13+ on the App Store.

What can I do on CapCut?

CapCut is used as a video and image editing tool allowing users to edit their videos/images as well as add music, sound effects, text and stickers.

What should be aware of?

- The templates are user-generated, therefore they may not always be appropriate for your child to view, for example they may contain adult themes.
- CapCut includes access to a library of music that can be used within videos that may include explicit lyrics.
- Premium content – CapCut does include in-app purchases/monthly subscriptions to allow users access to premium content.

Further information

Internet Matters have created this useful guide:
<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/apps-and-platforms/skills-building/capcut/>

Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translate tool on our web version:
<https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/november-2025-primary>

WhatsApp Update

School WhatsApp groups

Are you part of a parent WhatsApp group at your child's school? These groups can be useful for sharing information and reminders, but it is important to use them thoughtfully. Here are some tips on how we can ensure they remain positive and respectful:

Be considerate – we know messages can sometimes be misinterpreted so carefully think about what you share. These groups should not be used to share criticisms of the school, staff or other parents and children. Any concerns should always be discussed with the school directly.

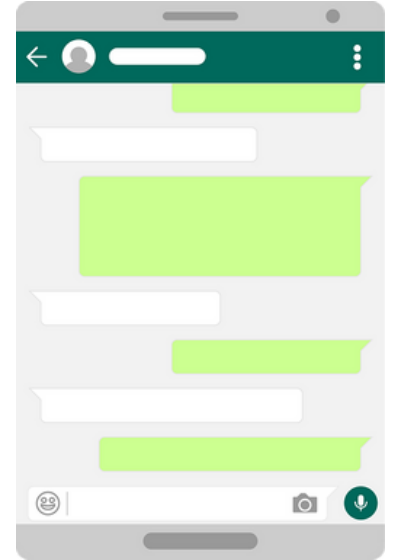
2. Don't spread rumours – avoid sharing any gossip within the group.
3. Protect privacy - do not share photos or videos of other children.
4. Think before you send – be mindful of the time and if the message is necessary for everyone.

Our children watch how we communicate, so let's model healthy, online communication to them.

WhatsApp Channels

Users should be at least 13 years old to use

WhatsApp. If your child is using WhatsApp, then you should be aware of WhatsApp Channels. Channels are a one-way broadcast tool used by companies and individuals to send updates to followers. WhatsApp Channels can be found on the Updates tab. From here you can view a whole host of channels, including channels that will not be age appropriate and may include adult content.



You cannot switch off access to channels and there is no age rating associated with the channels so you would have to access them to know what the content truly is. Clicksafe highlight what you should be aware of:
<https://www.klicksafe.eu/en/news/was-sind-whatsapp-kanale-und-was-muessen-eltern-beachten>

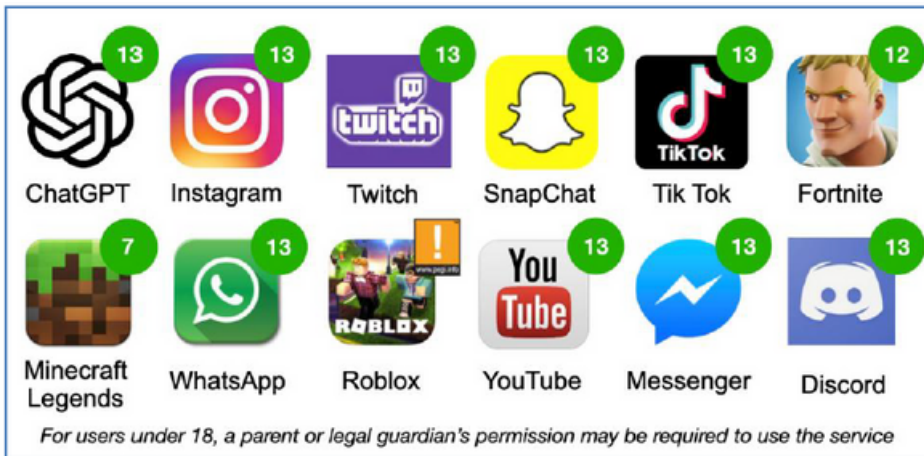
Find out more about WhatsApp channels in general here:
<https://faq.whatsapp.com/549900560675125>

Age Ratings

Age ratings exist to help protect your child by showing whether content is suitable for your child's age. Whether your child is viewing films, accessing apps, playing games online or using social media— make sure you check the age rating first to see if your child is old enough.

Popular apps and their age ratings

Here are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are currently accessing.



What else should I review?

It is important to note that whilst age ratings do allow you to see if something may be appropriate for your child, **it is also vital to review the content yourself**. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable for your child to access and if it is necessary to apply further parental controls. For example, does it include the ability to communicate with others and are in game/app purchases available?

What else can I do?

Explain the importance of age ratings to your child and how they protect them.

Go online together to see what your child is accessing.

Set up parental controls on your broadband, devices and on any individual apps that your child is using. This will reduce the chances of them accessing or viewing anything unsuitable.

Chat to your child regularly about what they are doing online and remind your child that if anything is worrying them then they should talk to you or another trusted adult.

Further information

You can find out more here:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/age-ratings>

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Help to keep children safe online with Techosaurus

The NSPCC have created Techosaurus, a friendly dinosaur to assist you in having chats with your child about online safety. It is aimed at younger children and includes a book and activity pack (both chargeable). You can find out more here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/techosaurus/>

Online Roasting

Have you heard of this term? It has been around a while now, but Online Roasting refers to a form of cyberbullying. Roasting typically involves making fun and insulting somebody, sometimes with their consent and other times not.

What can I do?

- Talk to your child about what online roasting is, ask them if they have ever experienced it and what they think about it.

- If this has negatively impacted your child then save any evidence and involve the school (if appropriate). Childline also offer further advice and support in relation to cyberbullying.

Further information Find out more here:

<https://www.bark.us/blog/online-roasting-signs-cyberbullying/>

What to do, when

CEOP Education have published this poster directing you to the relevant information around six different situations, such as what to do to protect your child from online blackmail. You can access it here:

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/globalassets/professional/resources/wtdw-round-up.pdf>

Catherine Jones Art Workshops

Saturday 29 November

1-3pm

Priest Weston Village Hall

For children who love being creative!

Children's Christmas and Winter

Art Workshop

for ages 7-10

For more info

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tel 07407 260949

Book on Eventbrite £15 + fees or book direct
only 10 places!

Please read blurb on Eventbrite before booking

[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/winter-and-christmas-art-workshop-for-children-tickets-](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/winter-and-christmas-art-workshop-for-children-tickets-1964115271650?aff=oddttdtcreatorYour)

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Shropshire Parenting Help and Support Line

01743 250950

Mon - Thurs, 9.30am - 4.30pm
Fri, 9.30am - 3.30pm

No judgment, just support. For **all** Shropshire families, including those whose children have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)



Does your child struggle with their sleep?

Free Sleep Tight Groups

Join us on one of our virtual or face-to-face groups and:

- Find out why sleep is important for our health and emotional wellbeing
- Get support to help improve sleep and bedtime routines
- Meet other parents/carers to share and discuss experiences

Sleep Tight Group Monday 12th January 2026 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm Virtually Via MS Teams

Sleep Tight Group Thursday 15th January 2026 from 9.30am to 11.30am Highley Primary School

Sleep Tight SEND Group Monday 23rd February 2026 from 1.00pm to 3.00pm Virtually Via MS Teams

Sleep Tight Group Tuesday 24th February 2026 from 9.30am to 11.30am Crowmoor Primary School

The groups run for 5 weeks excluding the school holidays

SEND groups are for parents/carers of Children who might have special educational needs and disabilities, no formal diagnosis is needed to attend the groups

To book a place email Parenting.team@shropshire.gov.uk or call 01743 250950

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