



## What we have been up to this week:

First week back after the holidays and we are already in full-swing and getting all the children on board and loving their new topics.

The football team are straight back into action and playing their next round of matches. We are missing Mrs Fletcher and everything she brought to PE at our school, but we are making sure that we keep PE and sports on the boil and high profile just as they have always been.

To that end, we are having our 'Wake Up Shake Up' competition at the end of the half-term. Every class makes up a keep-fit routine to a piece of music which they then perform in front of the other classes for our panel of judges.

The children have all been choosing the track they are going to use and making up their routines this week. They will then practise and refine them until they all know exactly what they are doing and keep in sync. Every class produces a routine to a really high standard and they are a joy to watch. We will post them all on Tapestry when they are ready.

Lots of our Year 4 children made up a Skipping Team this week to enter the annual competition. They were complimented on their excellent behaviour, their support for one another and, of course, for winning lots of events. Our thanks to the Year 4 staff who have been training them up and getting them match ready. You clearly did a great job.

This half-term is very busy as we have lots of the end of year statutory assessments going on. Year 6 have their SATs in the week beginning 13th May 2024. They have written tests in Reading, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar (Spag), and Mathematics that are sat in test conditions and sent away to be marked externally. Their Writing is assessed internally and teacher judgements submitted.

Year 2 have assessments throughout the month of May to enable teachers to make judgements on whether they are meeting age related expectations in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. These judgements are shared nationally.

Next half-term our Year 4 children will be undertaking the Multiplications Tables Check (MTC) and our Year 1 children will be undertaking the Phonics screening check.

Whilst the children are all working hard and focussed on showing their best in all the assessments, there is still plenty of fun learning going on. Never a dull moment in our school!

**Ms Talbot**  
**Enjoy, Aspire, Persist, Achieve**

## Dates for your Diary:

23.4.24	Blossom Class Trip
24.4.24	Year 1 Hearing Checks
25.4.24	PTFA Meeting 6pm
26.4.24	Reception Health Checks
30.4.24	Willow Class Trip
7.5.24	Governors
8.5.24	Year 4 Sleepover
15.5.24	Year 4 Trip
21.5.24	Year 3 Celebration Assembly
21.5.24	PTFA KS1 Film Night
23.5.24	PTFA KS2 film Night
24.5.24	School closes
3.6.24	School opens
3.6.24	Year 4 Times Table Checks
4.6.24	Year 5 Celebration Assembly
5.6.24	Year 2 Trip
7.6.24	Year 3 Mr Egypt
7.6.24	PTFA Dress Down Day
10.6.24	Assessment Week
10.6.24	PTFA Fathers' Day Gift Shop
17.6.24	Assessment Week
1.7.24	Rock Steady Concert
4.7.24	Year 6 Transition Day at Woodkirk
5.7.24	Year 6 Leavers Concert
9.7.24	Reception Celebration Assembly
10.7.24	Nursery Graduation
11.7.24	Year 3 Camp Over
19.7.24	School closes



## PTFA Update:

Hope everyone had a great break! Few updates from the PTFA for you and as ever if you have any questions, queries, ideas or would like to join our little crew please email [ptfa@eastardsley.leodis.org.uk](mailto:ptfa@eastardsley.leodis.org.uk).

### Next PTFA meeting:

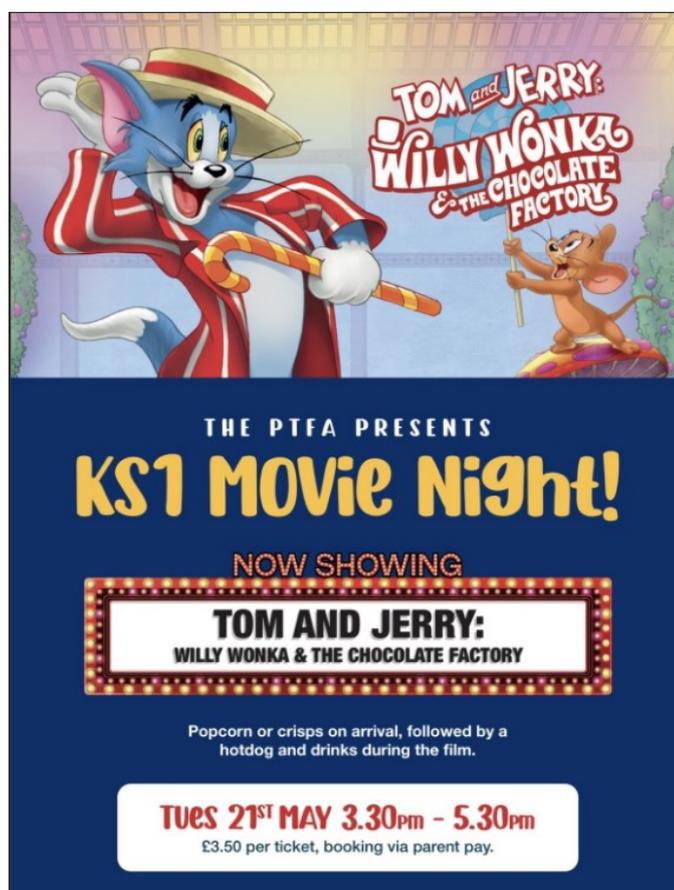
Our next meeting is the 25th April 2024 18.00—19.00 at school. Please join us if you would like to get involved.

### KS1 and KS2 Movie Nights:

Dates for the diaries... we have two more of our ever popular movie nights coming up in May—this time chocolate themed.

Just to let you know, unfortunately we have had to pop the ticket price up a bit to cover the costs of providing snacks/drinks at the events and still make a small profit for the kids.

Please see the details below and the tickets will be available on parent pay nearer the time.



The poster features Tom and Jerry from the cartoon. Tom is on the left, wearing a red and white striped suit and a straw hat, holding a large lollipop. Jerry is on the right, wearing a red and white striped suit and a top hat, holding a large lollipop. The title 'TOM and JERRY: WILLY WONKA & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY' is written in a stylized font above them.

THE PTFA PRESENTS  
**KS1 MOVIE Night!**  
NOW SHOWING  
**TOM AND JERRY:  
WILLY WONKA & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY**

Popcorn or crisps on arrival, followed by a hotdog and drinks during the film.

**TUES 21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 3.30pm - 5.30pm**  
£3.50 per ticket, booking via parent pay.



The poster features Gene Wilder as Willy Wonka, wearing a brown top hat and a purple coat, looking to the side. The title 'Wonka' is written in a large, white, cursive font to the right of his head.

THE PTFA PRESENTS  
**KS2 MOVIE Night!**  
NOW SHOWING  
**WONKA**

Popcorn or crisps on arrival, followed by a hotdog and drinks during the film.

**THURS 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY 3.30pm - 6pm**  
£3.50 per ticket, booking via parent pay.

That's all from us this week.

Have a great weekend everyone,

PTFA Crew

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# ▶ YOUTUBE ▶

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

### CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

### SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if 'auto-play' is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

### HIGH VISIBILITY

Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

### TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The painful 'salt and ice challenge', which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

### SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from changing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.

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### TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.

### CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

### CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator online. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.

### MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.

### LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child happily depleting a card for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!

### Meet Our Expert

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