



Pope Francis  
@Pontifex

Let us not forget to persevere in prayer for all who suffer due to wars in many parts of the world, especially for the dear people of Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine. #Peace

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November  
IN REMEMBRANCE

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are in full flow of Nativity and carol service rehearsals and next week we look forward to the start of Advent.

Just a polite reminder about the PE uniform, please ensure children are wearing navy blue jogging bottoms and navy blue jogging tops over their gold PE tops.

Also, the temperature is supposed to dip over the next week, so please make sure that your child is equipped for the cold weather with hat and gloves.

We are still in the process of sorting communications on Arbor and hope to have the teething issues sorted soon so we can fully migrate away from Parentmail.

Thank you for your understanding as we address these issues.

Warm regards,

Lucille Martin

**This half term we are supporting Ipswich Family Bank with their Christmas Shoe Box Appeal.**

**Please see the next page of the newsletter for details.**



**TERM DATES 2023-24**

**Term ends:**

Wednesday 20th December

*Inset Day: Wednesday 3rd January*

**Children return:**

Thursday 4th January

**Our Gospel Values**

Creativity

Courage

Forgiveness

Generosity

Humility

Joy

Perseverance

Stewardship

**Head teacher**

Mrs Lucille Martin

**Assistant Head teacher**

Mr Ross McGill

**SENCO**

Mrs Rebecca McGill

**Our Classes**

Rainbows Miss Aldous

Mrs Iannelli

Class 1 Mrs Thackeray

Mrs Nwafor

Mrs Durston

Class 2 Mrs Veitch

Ms Hughes

Ms Abbott

Class 3 Mr Grimwood

Mrs Harvey

Class 4 Mrs Crowther

Mrs Tella

Class 5 Mrs Jones

Mrs Smith

Mrs Katkuniene

Class 6 Mr McGill

Ms Borley

## **Ipswich Family Bank** **Christmas Shoe Box Appeal**

We are looking for people to support those less fortunate this Christmas and asking for them to make up shoe boxes which can be distributed to local families who need an extra helping hand this year.

### **What to do :**

Find an old shoe box

Pack it with essentials / exciting things

You can wrap this if you wish

Label with the age and gender of the child

Pass the shoe box on to reception or leave in the foyer

**Please can all boxes be returned by Monday  
11<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

*Thank you for helping us support local families*





### **U11 Tag Rugby Festival at St Joseph's College**

The following children represented the school in the Tag Rugby Festival: Cameron, Faustas, Gabriel, George, Harrison, James, Jessica, Laurie, Nathaniel and Oscar.

Although the scores were not recorded in the 5 matches that were played, the team produced some strong performances. There was some excellent tagging, passing and running with the ball.

Thank you to the parents/grandparents for their support on the day - it was gratefully appreciated.

Mrs Rafferty



## **Upcoming Dates for the Autumn term:**

Wednesday 29th November—School Mass

Friday 1st December— NSPCC Speak out, Stay safe workshops  
for Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6

Wednesday 9th December—Christmas Fair 11-2pm

Wednesday 13th December— Nativity performance (2pm)

Thursday 14th December— Nativity performance (2pm)

Friday 15th December— KS2 Carol service (2pm)

Wednesday 20th December— Last day of term

# MR. MCGILL'S WEEKLY UPDATE - ONLINE SAFETY!



Apologies for the format of this information but it is a useful one to read.

## Control your comment section

You have the power to decide whether you want to allow comments on videos from everyone, followers only, or restrict comments to prevent certain keywords, or pre-approve any comment that appears on your video.

### Gifting on TikTok

You must be 18+ to access gifting features on TikTok. Users having problems with any virtual currency should contact TikTok using the form: [tiktok.com/legal/report/transaction](https://tiktok.com/legal/report/transaction)

### Limit the content you see

If you don't like a video, you can report it by pressing on that video and tap **Not interested** to see less of that sort of content in the future. Users have greater control over their algorithm by being able to use **Keyword Filtering** along with the ability to refine their algorithm as they want a more specific feed. The content of the content feed is ranked content based on thematic maturity.



## Set your messaging preferences

For users 16-17, 'Direct Messaging' is off by default but can be changed to allow Friends - those who follow you and you follow back, to message users. Direct Messages are off by default for under 16s.

You can unfollow or block a user to stop them from sending you direct messages or disable messaging entirely from your privacy settings.

### Set your video to private

If you've already uploaded the video, tap the three dots, tap **Privacy settings** and select **Only me**. If you're about to post a video you can choose who can watch it. **Only Me, Friends or Everyone** and you can choose whether comments are allowed. The **Everyone** option is not available to under 16 accounts.



## Supporting community and wellbeing

TikTok does not allow content that promotes, glorifies, or normalises harmful content, however it does support people who choose to share their personal experiences to raise awareness or help others struggling and looking for support using the community.

To help users do this safely, TikTok provides wellbeing guides ([tiktok.com/safety/en-gb/wellbeing-guide](https://tiktok.com/safety/en-gb/wellbeing-guide)) to support the platform, developed with the guidance of independent experts.

**Redirecting Users** - when someone searches for words or phrases that are associated with self-harm, mental health support resources such as Samaritans or BEAT are offered.

**Warning Users** - when a user searches content that some may find distressing, for example 'scary make-up', the results page will be covered, requiring individuals to opt-in to see content.



## Additional information and support

You can find TikTok's policies, tools and resources in the Safety Centre [tiktok.com/safety](https://tiktok.com/safety). You can also look at TikTok's safety videos to learn more [tiktok.com/safety](https://tiktok.com/safety).

**Professional online safety helpline:** [www.childline.gov.uk/contact/online-safety-helpline](https://www.childline.gov.uk/contact/online-safety-helpline)

**UK Safer Internet Centre:** [www.saferinternet.org.uk](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

**Report Harmful Content:** [report.harmfulcontent.com](https://report.harmfulcontent.com)

**SWiGFL:** [www.swigfl.com](https://www.swigfl.com)

**UK Safer Internet Centre:** [www.saferinternet.org.uk](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

**OSWGL:** [www.oswgl.com](https://www.oswgl.com)

**NOHINET:** [www.nohinet.com](https://www.nohinet.com)

**1023:** [www.1023.org.uk](https://www.1023.org.uk)



## What is TikTok?

TikTok is an online entertainment platform. After downloading the TikTok app, you can start creating your own videos or watch content created by other users. Creating and editing videos is simple, with different effects, filters, and stickers to choose from.

## Age restrictions

TikTok is only for users aged 13 and over, with TikTok actively removing accounts for users under 16. To help enforce this, we've enabled [privacy@tiktok.com](https://tiktok.com/legal/report/privacy) or completing an online form [tiktok.com/legal/report/privacy](https://tiktok.com/legal/report/privacy).

Accounts for users under 16 are set to **Private by Default**. Only someone the user approves can view or comment on their videos. They cannot Direct Message; their accounts are not suggested to others, and their videos cannot be downloaded.

For 16-17, newer features have enhanced privacy settings, with many features set to **off by default** unless the user actively decides to enable it. Users under 18 are not able to livestream and do not have the ability to access gifting features.

## Managing your wellbeing on TikTok

To help users manage their wellbeing, we've introduced a number of features to help you manage your account. A new 'wellbeing' section allows you to approve or deny followers and restrict your uploaded content to followers only. To make an account Private:

- Tap on the profile tab
- Go to the **three-line** icon in the top-right corner
- Tap on **Settings and Privacy**
- Select **Privacy**
- Then toggle **Private account**
- TikTok also provides a number of wellbeing features found in **Settings and Privacy** to support with experience, some of these features include:
  - Screen Time limits and prompts
  - Screen Time dashboard with weekly notifications of usage
  - Filtering keywords to restrict content
  - Sleep reminders
  - Muted notifications for non accounts at nighttime



## What about parental controls?

The **Family Pairing** feature allows parents to manage their teens' account settings and restrict content. To set up Family Pairing, some of the features include:

- **Screen Time Management:** Control how long your teen can spend on TikTok each day
- **Restricted Mode and Keyword Filtering:** Limit the appearance of content that may not be appropriate for them
- **Direct Messages:** Report who can send messages to the account
- **Search:** Decide whether teens are able to privately search for content



Parents or caregivers that enable Family Pairing receive advice for parents, which are available on the **Guardians' guide** section of TikTok's **Safety Centre**.

## How do I report a problem?

If you feel someone is harassing you or otherwise being inappropriate, you can report them or a specific video to TikTok's dedicated moderation team in the app. You can also report via the web form: [tiktok.com/legal/report/feedback](https://tiktok.com/legal/report/feedback)

- To report a specific user:
  - Access the user's profile
  - Tap on the **arrow** in the top-right corner
  - An option saying **report** will come up
  - Follow the on-screen instructions
- To report a specific video:
  - Tap **report** and follow the on-screen instructions



TikTok also works with the **Professional's online safety helpline** (0344 381 4772 or [helpline@saferinternet.org.uk](mailto:helpline@saferinternet.org.uk)), a free and independent helpline for teachers and other professionals working with children in the UK.

If you're a professional working with children and you come across inappropriate content, you can call or email the Helpline. The team will then report the content directly to TikTok's Trust and Safety team.

## Blocking users on TikTok

You can also block a user so they won't be able to view your videos or interact with you through direct messages, comments, follows, or likes.

- Go to the profile of the account you want to report
- Tap the **arrow** icon
- Tap **block** and follow the steps in the app
- Users can also **bulk report** delete or block up to 100 comments or accounts at once by long pressing on a comment or tapping the pencil icon in the upper left corner to open a window of further options.



Rainbows – [Sinachi](#)- you have settled and have had a fantastic first 2 weeks in Rainbows, following the School rules so well.

Sun class – [Westley](#) for his beautiful singing and Makaton signing during our rehearsals.

Moon class – [Liliana](#) for working so hard in our Maths lessons this week, for persevering even when it was tricky. Keep it up!

Flora class – [Alex](#) for showing determination and focus in maths. This has allowed him to make fantastic progress with his times tables.

#### Stars of the Week



Fauna class – [Finley](#) for consistently following the school rules, working hard in all subjects and is always willing to help his peers and his teachers.

Ocean class – [Kian](#) this week for writing an excellent cinquain poem about the war, full of emotive language!

Mountain class – [Lily](#), for a tremendous start to Y6. She always tries her hardest and is not afraid to ask for help when work is challenging!



**Think  
before you  
park**

## **Your guide to safer parking outside schools**

### **POOR AND INCONSIDERATE PARKING CLOSE TO SCHOOLS CAN PLACE CHILDREN AT RISK**

Most accidents involving children outside schools occur when a child has their sight obscured by parked cars.

Parking restrictions and marked areas on the roads are there for a reason – to keep children safe. The safest option when dropping or picking your children up is to park away from the school and take a short walk to the gates.

If you must park near to school and space is limited, please follow the rules:

- **Do NOT park on zig-zag lines or KEEP CLEAR markings**
- **Do NOT park on yellow line restrictions**
- **Do NOT park across dropped kerbs or drives**
- **Do NOT park on footpaths**
- **Do NOT stop to drop kids off in the centre of the road**

*Failure to follow these rules may result in a Penalty Charge Notice being issued.*

Please park safely and be considerate of children and residents by not causing an obstruction

**#thinkb4upark**



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