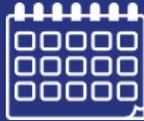


Dates for Your

DIARY



13th April

School opens

14th April

Reception trip

15th April

Nursery trip

4th May

School closed– bank holiday

11th–14th May

Year 6 SATs week

25th –29th May

Half Term

Summer Term dates to follow

A message from the **PRINCIPAL**



Dear Parents,

The spring term has been fulfilled with so much to celebrate. The children continue to work hard every day and make progress within all aspects of their development.

A huge well done to our Year 6 children who have completed their final practice SATs before the real thing in May and we have been so impressed with their commitment and attention when completing these. These determination skills will support them in life, regardless of the outcome.

The Easter festivities have brought joy and sunshine to many of us over the past week (despite all the weather types that we have seen). Thank you to all of the parents, carers, nans, grandads and community

members that have supported us with these at Church, attending the Easter bonnet parade or supporting the children to get creative. It was a beautiful end to the term.

It was lovely to see so many of you at parents' evening, celebrating your child's achievements. We really do appreciate the time that you spend supporting your children's learning.

I wish you a very restful (and hopefully sunny) Easter break. Your children have definitely earned the time to relax and recharge. I look forward to seeing all of the children and families on 13th April.

Laura Niemczyk

Co-Principal



Thank you Miss Clarke!

Today marks Miss Clarke's final day at Sun Academy Bradwell. She worked very hard to support many children and families over her time at Sun from attendance support, uniform support, making up hygiene packs, applying for household vouchers and driving the mini bus!

Miss Clarke will be starting a new job at a college after the Easter holidays and we know she will be amazing. We wish her lots of luck and know she will visit us.



Please continue to report attendance to the school office via Miss Bailey's phone. All attendance queries will now be directed to Mrs Lewis.

Termly Winners

Congratulations to our termly awards winners- you make sun shine!

Nursery- Noah P and Emily

Reception- Finley

Year 1- Alarna

Year 2- Lexie B

Year 3- Elijah

Year 4- Lottie

Year 5- Oliver B

Year 6- Ronnie



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 chancing 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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CENSORED

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 devouring a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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Club Timetable– w/c 20th April

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	Y6 booster Begins 13/04	Y6 booster Begins 13/04	Y6 booster Begins 13/04	Y6 booster Begins 13/04	
Lunchtime					Cartoon Club (KS1)
After School	Choir Craft Club (EYFS/ KS1) Football Boogie		Y6 SATs booster (invite only)	MTC Club (Y4)	



Trips and Experiences this half term



ATTENDANCE

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What a great end to the term.

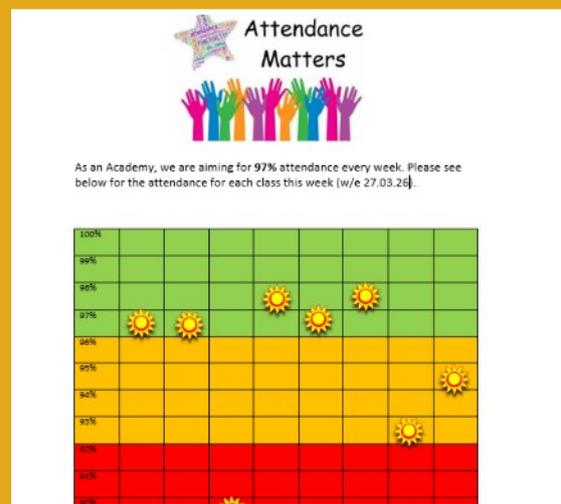
Amazing attendance from Reception, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 who are all in the green zone and have over 97% attendance for the final week of term.

Thank you parents for your continued support with our attendance.

Attendance really does matter.

A huge well done to all of the children who received certificates yesterday in celebration assembly for 100%, over 97% or improved attendance. It was lovely to see so many children standing up!

Current year to date attendance: 93.5%



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