

Ofsted update Thank you for your support over the last week; it was certainly a busy couple of days! Thank you for taking the time to complete the parent surveys and/or email or chat to the inspectors at the gate - we appreciated that. We are looking forward to sharing the report with you when it is published, which will be in approximately a month's time.

Year 2 Open Morning This is planned for 21 November at 9am and an invitation has been shared with all parents of pupils in Year 2. If you know a Year 2 parent then please do pass the information on.

Darker Nights As the darker nights draw in, it is worth reminding everyone about 'Being bright, Being Seen' on the way to and from school (and at other times)! Unfortunately we know that young children are more likely to be involved in accidents at this time of year and so anything children can do to stand out will really help. Reflective badges, sashes, etc and also bright/neon clothes and jackets can be a great way to stand out in the gloom.

The pictures on the right are obviously staged to prove a point but they do show the difference a bright coat can make, when compared to a dark one.

The clocks go back on 27th October (Sunday), so it will start getting dark much earlier in the afternoon/evening. It is important that we all think about how we can help to protect children during this time and I would urge everyone to think about what children are wearing and if they can be easily seen. Even a small reflective patch can make a difference and could prevent an accident taking place.



Remembrance We will be marking Remembrance Day in school on 11 November as usual with a 2 minute silence. To support the Royal British Legion, will be selling poppies, bracelets and stickers etc in school. Our suggested minimum donation for a poppy is 50p and the



other items are usually £1, a price given by the Legion. Children are welcome to purchase a poppy or other item at breaktime during the school day.

Athlete visit On 6th November we are very excited to be welcoming Kylie Grimes MBE to our school - a European and Paralympic Champion in the sport of wheelchair rugby. Kylie was the first woman to win a Paralympic gold medal in the sport. On the day, all pupils will take part in a sponsored fitness circuit run by Kylie, this is a brilliant opportunity to get all children excited about sport and to enjoy this session. In a whole school assembly, Kylie will share more information about her journey in sport and how her resilience and determination has helped her to achieve success; there will also be opportunities for children to ask any burning questions at the end. Not only will the visit connect our pupils with an extraordinary athlete role model but will also help to raise money for new sports equipment that will improve physical activity levels in our school. Children should wear PE kit on this day.

Halloween & Guy Fawkes Night With these two events looming, it's important to make sure we are all safeguarding our children. This Press includes some guidance to help with age appropriate films, checking costumes to ensure they meet UK safety standards as well as buying fireworks safely.

When buying fireworks, go to reputable retailers and avoid pop up shops. Category 1 are indoor fireworks, Category 2 fireworks are suited to average-sized family back gardens. Category 3 fireworks need a minimum safety distance of 25m - while non-professionals can buy them, they are really designed for large displays. Category 4 are for professional use only. Only buy fireworks marked with safety standards. We wish everyone a happy and safe half term break. *Miss Windross*

Key Dates

Mon 4 Nov	Individual pupil photographs
Tues 5 Nov	Y6 parent meeting for Avon
Wed 6 Nov	Tyrrell final arrangements - 5pm start
Wed 20 Nov	Kylie Grimes MBE visit & sponsored event
Mon 25 - Fri 29 Nov	Pupil flu vaccinations
Tues 26 Nov - Tue 3 Dec	Avon Tyrrell residential for Y6 pupils
Tue 17 Dec 9am	Book Fair - details coming soon!
Wed 18 Dec 9am	Year 5 & 6 Carol Services
Fri 20 Dec	Year 3 & 4 Carol Services
Mon 6 Jan	School stops for Christmas holidays
Wed 29 - Fri 31 Jan	School stops for Christmas holidays
	Spring term starts for all pupils
	Hooke Court residential for Y4 pupils



PTA AGM 15 Nov 2024 at 3:30

in the junior hall. All welcome!
Childcare provided in Rabbit Class



Secondary School applications

If your child is currently in Year 6, you will need to apply for a Year 7 place in a secondary school for September 2025. You can apply online at [hants.gov.uk/admissions](https://www.hants.gov.uk/admissions) The deadline for applications is midnight on Tuesday 31 October. The Admissions Team contact number is 0300 555 137 or

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions>

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about HORROR FILMS & AGE RATINGS

The 'on-demand' availability of streaming platforms in many homes creates extra possibilities for young viewers to be exposed to age-inappropriate content. Material which features horror or violence can cause anxiety and nightmares for children, especially since it can be hard for young ones to grasp that what they're watching isn't real.

CLASSIFICATION BREAKDOWN

The British Board of Film Classification has the following age ratings:

U: Suitable for all ages

PG: For children aged 8 and above; this content shouldn't unsettle them

12A: Children under the age of 12 should not watch without an adult; this content potentially features bad language, nudity or sexual references

15: Suitable only for 15-year-olds and above

18: Exclusively for an adult audience, with potentially explicit themes of violence, nudity or sex

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

STREAMING IS EVERYWHERE

Modern mobile devices make it very easy for children to watch streamed films without the need for a TV. The availability of inappropriate content has risen significantly on streaming platforms, almost all of which host 18-rated content. If not restricted by parental controls, this could be viewed by children who aren't quite ready for such adult themes, concepts and imagery.

FACT VS. FICTION

Many children have no trouble separating fact from fiction. However, with modern day technology making pretend violence and horror look ever more realistic, it's becoming harder for youngsters to tell the difference. For instance, consider remakes of older films, where dated special effects (making it easy to discern that something wasn't real) have been replaced by far more convincing monsters and gore.

PEER PRESSURE

Friends encouraging each other to watch the latest film featuring violence or horror can lead to children consuming content that they're not ready for. As 18+ content is available on many streaming platforms, youngsters can watch these together – potentially without their parents' or carers' knowledge.

CHILDREN SCARE DIFFERENTLY

It can be difficult to decide what content is appropriate for children. What's fine for one child could be extremely frightening for another. As many children admit to not sharing or discussing the content they watch with their parents, encouraging an open dialogue around the kind of media that young people consume can help avoid exposing them to any inappropriate content.

PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACTS

Horror prides itself on its ability to startle or induce genuine fear in the viewer – so it's no surprise that this genre isn't usually intended for children. A natural side-effect of this is that 'jump scares' or a creepy, suspenseful atmosphere can have lasting effects on younger minds. The resulting anxiety can impact a child's sleeping patterns or eating habits.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH THE FILM FIRST

If you're concerned that a film might be unsuitable for children (whether it's their first dive into the horror genre or a step up in age classification), then take a look for yourself. There's no better way to judge whether this content is something you'd deem appropriate for a child – and if a parent, for example, has actually seen the film (or at least a portion of it), they can construct a far more credible case if they decide it's inappropriate.

DISCUSS THE CONTENT OF FILMS

If a child has seen a film that you think may have exposed them to potentially uncomfortable themes and ideas, don't shy away from talking about it, and answer any questions they may have. This is especially important if they watched the film without an adult present. Ask them to summarise the story for you, as this will give you an understanding of what they've learned from watching it.

REMEMBER – IT'S NOT REAL

Emphasise to children that the content they're viewing is entirely fictional and has no chance of affecting them in real life. If a child is upset after watching a film, try to understand what exactly has unsettled them; this can help you approach the topic in a healthy and informative manner, to dispel any fears or anxieties they may have.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Most streaming platforms have the option to put age ranges on children's accounts. This means that films and shows that are inappropriate for children won't be advertised while they're browsing and won't even appear if a child specifically searches for them. This can be changed any time at parents' discretion, but it's wise to protect these settings with a password, so a child can't alter anything on their own.

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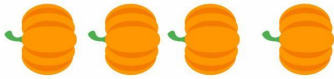
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Be careful what you wear when you're out to scare

Some fancy dress costumes are highly flammable so they can ignite instantly and burn fast.



Try to buy from a reputable store or website. Cheap costumes may not meet UK safety standards.

Look for a costume with a UKCA or CE mark

Look for a label that says: "This garment has undergone additional safety testing for flammability"

Remind children to stay well away from naked flames and other heat sources



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Staying safe with fireworks

As the fireworks season approaches, the night sky will be lit up with firework displays.

With all the sparkle, it's easy to forget that fireworks can be dangerous if not used correctly and responsibly. This advice will help everyone to stay safe while celebrating.



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Be considerate

People and animals may be affected by fireworks. Let your neighbours know in advance if you're planning on using any fireworks. Be mindful of where you site fireworks to minimise disruption.



Look after pets

Cats and dogs should stay inside. Give small animals who live outside lots of extra bedding and nesting material to burrow in.



Read all the instructions

The box of fireworks will tell you important things like how far away people need to stand back once the firework is lit. If you don't understand the instructions and warnings, don't use the firework.



Dispose of fireworks safely

Ensure that fireworks are out, soak them in water overnight, then put them in a rubbish bag and in the bin.

Using fireworks at home?

If you decide to use fireworks at home, here's how everyone can stay safe.



Only buy from licensed sellers

Check before you buy. Make sure you buy fireworks from a licensed retailer, both in-store and online. Do not buy fireworks from unknown retailers on social media sites. It's illegal for anyone under 18 to buy or carry fireworks.



Store fireworks safely

Store fireworks in their original packaging. Lock them away from children and animals. Keep fireworks dry and away from sources of heat or ignition.



Check your timings

Did you know that you can't let fireworks off between 11pm and 7am? The only exceptions are Fireworks Night, when the cut-off is midnight, and Diwali, New Year's Eve and Chinese New Year, when it's 1am. Timings may be different in Scotland. Search 'fireworks' on gov.scot for more advice.

Which fireworks can I use at home?

Category information can be found on the label.

Category F1, F2 and F3 fireworks are on sale to the general public. Consumer fireworks will fall into either category F2 or F3 depending on how much of a **safety distance** is required. Check you have enough space to safely use a firework before you buy. Always follow the Firework Code www.saferfireworks.com

Go to www.gov.uk/fireworks-the-law for more advice

