

APPRECIATION ❤️ BELONGING ❤️ COMPASSION

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace and goodwill to all men



BEE RECOGNISED

In our Bee Book and in Celebration Worship this week the following children were recognised:

Bumblebees: *All the Bumblebees* for bee-ing amazing superstars in their first school Nativity and for managing so well with lots of changes to their normal routines this week. A BIG well done!

Honey Bees: *All of Them!* For bee-ing brilliant sheep, cows, mice, kings, angels, shepherds and inn keepers. You were brilliant and made us all so proud. Excellent singing, dancing and acting. You are all amazing!

Carpenter Bees: To our Nativity characters, *The Cockerel, The Owl, The Cat, The Dog, The Donkey, The Sheep, The Cows, the lovely Camels and our stage helper, Oliver* for bee-ing absolutely fantastic in the school Nativity. You were enthusiastic and put great effort into becoming your characters. You should be really proud, well done!

Year 3: *Finley G, Joseph W, Frankie U, Felix M and Tabatha H* for some fantastic writing this week. They focused on presenting their volcano fact files using their neatest handwriting and worked so hard on taking time to be the best that they can be.

Year 4: *Aoife W* for consistently working hard in all our lessons and bee-ing a brilliant role model in Year 4. She is always kind and supporting to others and this is very much appreciated. Thank you Aoife.

Alba G for a MASSIVE improvement in her presentation and handwriting so her work is now joined carefully and is a pleasure to read. It's brilliant to now easily understand her excellent ideas. Keep going, Alba!

Year 5: *Lucy W* for a huge effort in publishing her newspaper, both speedily, accurately and with great style.

Francesca T for excellent classroom effort, all of the time and for demonstrating such excellent Ropley values.

Leonardo F for increased concentration in lessons, resulting in greater productivity.

Year 6: *Charlie G* for bee-ing such a focused learner this week. He has listened well in input and then put what he has learnt into action in his work, leading to great success especially in English.

Sylvi G for always, always bee-ing ready. Ready to learn, ready to listen, ready to help and ready to put 100% effort in. She is a pleasure to teach and an excellent role model.



BORN IN A BARN

This week, our infant children performed their traditional nativity - ***Born In A Barn.***

We were pleased to be able to welcome 3 residents from Brendoncare Home in Alton who were absolutely delighted to watch the dress rehearsal. They were very well looked after by ***Oliver M, Claude W and Blu B*** who provided

refreshments and stimulating conversation while the infants prepared themselves for their very first performance at the village hall!



On Wednesday, they performed again for the whole school before delivering their final, polished performance to parents on Thursday. I think you will all agree that the children were amazing and performed with enthusiasm. Well done to them all. Thank you for all the donations at the end of the performance which have helped us to fund the Nativity licence and the hire of the hall as well as make a donation to our chosen charity, Abby's Heroes.



DONATIONS TO SCHOOL

Thank you for the positive feedback we have received following the

Governor Focus on budget restrictions in last week's newsletter. We have now set up a donations tab within **Scopay** where you can make a donation to school as often as you wish for whatever amount you wish. Any amount, no matter how small, will support our stretched budget to continue to provide the children with things that they need. We will keep you updated with how the donations are being used.

Thank you!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday to all the children who have their birthday in this week:

Will H
Ally M

Ayanna NC
Ralph Da

If you would like to donate a book, or something else, for your child's birthday, the link to our wishlist is:

<https://amzn.eu/bXvpSme>

FREE MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING COURSES FOR PARENTS

As part of our school's commitment to supporting mental health for children, there is a range of free online support to better understand children's emotional health, brain development and wellbeing. These courses are available, free of charge, to all parents and carers. Further information and links to the courses can be found here:

[Emotional Health and Wellbeing Courses](#)

ATTENDANCE

A reminder that children should be arriving in good time to be ready to start learning at **8.45am**, when our school day starts. An increasing number of children are still walking up the road when the bell rings and this leads to an interrupted start to the day.



The side gate opens at 8.35am when children can go straight through to class, put their belongings away and be ready for registration at **8.45am**. The class teachers have a morning task for the children to complete to get the day started.

We will again start asking your child why they are late when they arrive. **Any children arriving after 9.15am will be marked as unauthorised absence.**

For more information about our Attendance Policy, please visit our website:

[Ropley CE Primary School Attendance Policy](#)

DID YOU KNOW:

All children in Years R, 1 and 2 are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals (UFSM)? They enjoy a freshly cooked meal every day, which is great for their mental health, resilience and encouraging group interaction.

HOWEVER - The Government funds these meals at £2.54 per meal. We are charged £3.00 per meal from HC3S.

This means every UFSM costs the school budget 46p.

Not much for one meal, but the average uptake is 65 meals a day x 190 days in a school year = **£5,681 every year** from our school budget! **What would that pay for?** **474 LSA Hours** or **5,600 glue sticks** or **1 interactive board!**

DIARY DATES

New dates or changes in bold

Tue 12th Dec	Yr1 to visit Brendoncare, Alton
Wed 13th Dec	PANTO TIME! - Snow White at The Mayflower, 2pm
Thur 14th Dec	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
Fri 15th Dec	Christmas Service for Parents, 11am Break for Christmas, 12.30pm
Tues 2nd Jan	Return to School Spring 1
Thur 4th Jan	Multisports Club starts, 3.15-4.15pm
Fri 5th Jan	KS1 Football Club starts, 3.15-4.15pm
Mon 8th Jan	Inclusion Hub with Mrs Hayes 9am at school
Mon 8th Jan	KS2 Football Club starts, 3.15-4.15pm
Mon 15th Jan	Yr R 2024 Applications Portal Closes
Wed 17th Jan	Phonics & Reading Workshop for Parents, 9am
Thur 18th Jan	Teacher Led Clubs start (6 weeks) 3.15pm to 4pm
Tues 23rd Jan	KS2 Maths Workshop for Parents 9am
Mon 29th Jan	KS1 Maths Workshop for Parents 9am
Wed 31st Jan	Runways End Activity Day, Yrs 3, 4 & 5 Year 6 Height & Weight

MESSAGES FOR THE OFFICE

Please can we encourage you to use the post box in the entrance lobby or send the office an email if you are just passing on information. The number of parents who are coming into school at drop off is becoming unmanageable at a very busy time of day.

If you just want to pass on a message or some information, please email:

adminoffice@ropleyschool.hants.sch.uk

This will allow Mrs Howling time to deal with it once the children are all in and settled. **We have also re-instated the clipboard in the entrance lobby. Any messages for KS2 classes can be written here and the office will pass them on.** Alternatively, if you are dropping off any paperwork, please use the black postbox in the entrance lobby.



12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS QUIZ

To celebrate the start of December and the 12 days of Christmas, the Multiply tutors have put together a fun and festive family numeracy quiz for our school community to take part in. Entries opened on 1st December and participants will have up until the closing date of 12th December to submit the form. **One lucky winner will be selected and win a £60 cinema voucher.** Simply scan the QR code on the poster on Page 4 and have a go at answering a series of maths questions.

It's Christmas Time!



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



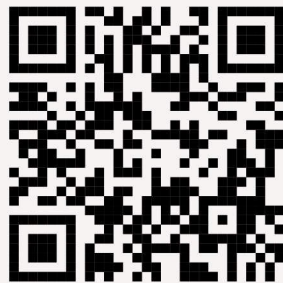
A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



A Parent's Guide to Gaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



scan the QR code with your phone's camera to see the guides on our website



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

It's always best to be prepared

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period.

Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games.

Scan the QR code to find out more.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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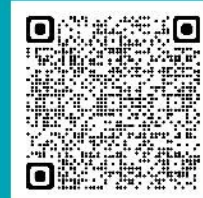
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Take part in our Christmas Quiz for your chance to win a £60 cinema voucher!



Start the festivities with a bit of fun to test your maths knowledge. Entries open on 1st December and close on 12th December 2023. Once submitted, you will be in with a chance to win a £60 cinema voucher for you and your family.

Simply scan the QR code below and have a go at answering a series of maths questions. This is a great opportunity to get the children involved too! If you are struggling and need some support with any of the questions then our friendly tutors are on hand to support you. Please join the TEAMS call on 6th December at 12pm to talk to a tutor. You can use the link below to join or email multiply@hants.gov.uk to arrange a call.

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 392 051 839 07

Passcode: ApmMAz

[Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#)



Best of luck! Wishing you a very Merry Christmas from the Multiply Team.

For more information about Multiply please visit www.hants.gov.uk/multiply

JUNIOR CLASSES FOR 5 -10 years

Fun cooking classes at:

Ropley Village Hall

spaces available for Jan



All ingredients included!
plus a craft activity & a recipe card to keep

**SPACES AVAILABLE IN JANUARY
STARTING 9th Jan,**

**We collect your children from
school and walk them down to
the hall session starts at
3.30pm-4.45pm collection from
the Hall.**

**Please email me to grab your space
ready for the new term**

Call / Text Jo: 07735 832 282

Email: jo@cookstars.co.uk

Book Online: <https://cook-stars-mid-hants.class4kids.co.uk>



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about **DISNEY+**

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

The Walt Disney Company's streaming service, Disney+ combines entertainment from the famous animation studio itself with Pixar, Star and National Geographic, plus the Marvel and Star Wars franchises. With access to the latest releases, Disney classics and original series, there's plenty of content to explore. While parents may have noted that adverts have now been introduced on some versions of the service, the platform is – unsurprisingly for a Disney product – designed to be appropriate for the whole family.

LESS SUITABLE CONTENT

While Disney+ is predominantly family friendly, there are some movies and shows in its library which are aimed at an older audience: these may scare younger ones or contain themes or language that you'd rather your child wasn't exposed to. You could avoid such situations by enabling Junior Mode (see 'Adjust content settings', below) or specifying a content age rating for your child's profile.

BINGE WATCHING

With the option to view content on any internet-enabled device and a growing catalogue of movies, cartoons and documentaries, Disney+ can make managing screen time difficult. This could result in children binge watching content, distracting them from activities like homework or socialising. Too much screen time has also been shown to negatively impact mood, sleep patterns and weight.

PHISHING EMAILS

Be especially cautious if you receive emails or text messages purporting to be from Disney+. There have been numerous reports of online scammers impersonating Disney+ staff in an attempt to gain access to subscribers' personal information. Disney+ states it will never email or call customers asking for their payment details, their private information or their password.

ENCROACHING ADVERTS

Disney+ has introduced a new subscription package – Disney+ Standard with Ads – which plays commercials before movies and during shows (like many TV channels). There are no adverts in Junior Mode, but profiles with a content rating of 6+ years will see ads appropriate for that age category. Adults who give consent will see personalised adverts based on their location and viewing history.

ACCESSING ADULTS' PROFILES

If adults don't set a PIN for their profile, children could access it and encounter content which isn't age appropriate. In the settings, Junior Mode has a toggle titled 'Kid-Proof Exit' which requires the user to read four words (numbers, spelled out) and enter them to switch profiles. For older children who can read, though, this isn't secure enough – so using a PIN for adult profiles is recommended.

Advice for Parents & Carers

ADJUST CONTENT SETTINGS

When setting up an account, there's an option to create profiles in what's called Junior Mode. This generally covers material that's suitable for children up to age 6 and is therefore fairly limited. You can give older children a wider choice of viewing by building a standard profile, then going into the settings and choosing a content rating from one of the pre-set alternatives: 6+, 9+, 12+ or 14+.

ADD PIN PROTECTION

Disney+ enables you to effectively lock profiles behind a four-digit PIN. In particular, some of the shows on the platform's Star content hub are far more oriented to adults (including several hard-hitting dramas from US networks), so protecting parents' or older siblings' profiles with a PIN will help to prevent younger children stumbling across material which isn't intended for them.

TURN OFF AUTO-PLAY

When a cartoon, show or movie finishes, Disney+ uses algorithms to identify content with similar themes, which it thinks your child will also enjoy. This suggestion will then automatically begin to play by default. There's an option to turn off this auto-play function in the profile settings, which will encourage your child to take a break from the screen and move on to a different activity.

ENJOY AS A FAMILY

When your child watches a movie or show on Disney+ for the first time, you may want to sit with them to ensure it's suitable. You could do the same when introducing them to older films that you haven't seen for years: your perception of what's appropriate has very probably changed, and some of the language and attitudes in movies from your own childhood may seem quite shocking today.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING

Every year, the Government allocates funding to schools to help address the national trend that disadvantaged students do not attain as highly as non-disadvantaged students. This valuable extra money is allocated to schools to provide additional or enhanced provision, so that no child is left behind in their education as a result of financial circumstances. This can include subsidising after school clubs and trips as well as providing additional learning support or resources in class, for example.

Eligibility criteria

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Parents and carers can check eligibility simply and easily by visiting:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/hants/>

and clicking on 'New Application'. Once you have input your details it will return an instant result and notify the school office electronically of your eligibility. If you would prefer us to check on your behalf, please email Mrs Burr with YOUR name, YOUR date of birth and YOUR national insurance number. We would like to reassure you that all applications made are confidential and no child is identified as a Pupil Premium child in any way in their day to day school life. Equally being entitled to free school meals does not mean your child has to eat a meal every day!

Even if your child is in Year R, 1 or 2 and already entitled to Universal Free School Meals, if you think you might be entitled to this benefit please complete the form. This valuable extra funding ensures that we can offer many different types of support throughout the years your child is at our school and will ensure they continue to receive free school meals as they move into KS2.

**Just one day of qualifying entitlement = 6 years of funding!
Current funding = £1455 per child per academic year**