

Woodstock Weekly



The weekly newsletter from Woodstock CE Primary School

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LETTER FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this week's newsletter finds you well.

BBC Children in Need:

Thank you for supporting our fundraising activities for Children in Need on Friday. It was great to see so many cakes for the sale, and judging by the queue after school, it was certainly very popular. Thank you for making Pudsey and the firefighters so welcome too. I noticed a number of families took the opportunity to get a photo! Thanks to Pupil Parliament for overseeing the bucket collection and cake sale.



Oxford Hospitals Charity:

As you will know, we regularly support Oxford Hospitals Charity, an organisation close to our hearts. This Christmas we will be supporting their Give a Gift appeal. Pupils in Years 3-6 will be writing a personalised card to go inside a hamper containing books, games and chocolates amongst other items, that will be given to sick children and patients in hospital over the Christmas period. We are asking for a £2 donation, which can be made via Parentmail, to sponsor a hamper. I'm sure you will agree that this is a lovely initiative to support and will bring joy and happiness to those in hospital. David Childs from the charity is visiting tomorrow afternoon to lead an assembly to explain the appeal and give information about the work of the charity. Pupils will then complete the cards for David to take away and add to the hampers. Thank you in advance for your support.



Expansion:

Now that the foundations are complete, the walls seem to be going up quickly! The contractors are hoping to have the roof completed before Christmas. Here is a bird's eye view of what is happening behind the fence!

Christmas dates:

Please see below a reminder of the dates of our various nativities and carol services in the church.

Phase	Date
EYFS Nativity	Wednesday 13th December 2023 at 9.45am and 2.00pm
Key Stage 1 Nativity:	Thursday 14th December 2023 at 9.45am and 2.00pm
Years 3&4 Carol Service	Wednesday 13th December @ 6.00pm
Years 5&6 Carol Service	Thursday 14th December @ 6.00pm

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Christian McGuinness, Headteacher

Safeguarding Children Updates:

What to do if you have concerns about a child

If you have any concerns about a child relating to Safeguarding, please get in touch with one of our Safeguarding Leads immediately by contacting the school directly on 01993 812209 or by email safeguarding@woodstock.oxon.sch.uk

If you are unable to speak to a member of our Designated Safeguarding Team at school and have a safeguarding concern, please contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) directly who will be able to advise you.

If you have a concern about a child, please call MASH on 0345 050 7666.

NSPCC Updates for Parents and Families

The NSPCC have updated some of their guidance on supporting children with mental health issues. Please follow the links to some very useful pages on their website.

Child Mental Health: click [here](#)

The Safeguarding Network: click [here](#)





School Photographs

Individual and sibling school photos will take place tomorrow, Tuesday 21 November. All children should come to school in their school uniform even if they would normally wear their PE kit. They should bring PE kit in with them, and they will be able to change once their photo has been taken. Thank you for your support.

Key Dates when applying for Primary School

Key dates for applications	
Key dates	Event
1 November 2023	Applications open via Oxfordshire County Council's website.
15 January 2024	Closing date for applications.
29 January 2024	Last date for confirmation of change of address.
16 April 2024	Offer letters sent by second-class post where needed and emails sent to those who applied online.
September 2024	Start of the school year.

Collective Worship Weekly Theme

Week Beginning: 20/11/23		Collective Worship
Key Idea: Helping each other		
Biblical Link:	Luke 10 30-35 ³⁰ In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he travelled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii[a] and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'" (NIV)	
Christian Value:	Compassion	Invitation prayer Dear God, Help us to recognise when we or someone else may be struggling. Help us to make the world a better place with our compassion. Thank you that you are always here, Amen
Understanding Christianity Theme:	 Kingdom of God	
Worship Song:	Light up the fire	



How can we show compassion to others?

Let's look at this week's story

Community centres, libraries, businesses, and churches across the UK have been set up as free warm spaces to help provide warmth and companionship during the winter months. With cold weather continuing, charities and campaign groups are concerned that households face higher energy bills than last year. More than 12,000 warm banks were used by millions of Britons last winter in response to rising energy prices that worsened the UK's cost of living crisis. The scheme was set up by local councils, charities, and partner organisations.

Learn more about this week's story [here](#).
Watch this week's useful video [here](#).
This week's Virtual Picture News [here](#).



UN Rights of a Child

We have the right to food, clothing and a safe place to live so we can develop in the best way. The government should help families and children who cannot afford this.



British Values

Mutual Respect and Tolerance

Life is not the same for everyone. By showing compassion, we ensure our behaviour, actions and words affect others in a positive way.

Christmas Baking workshop



LITTLE PUDDINGS

CHRISTMAS

baking workshop

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DECEMBER

10AM - 12PM
£27 per person

22 Banbury Road, OX201LQ
Woodstock

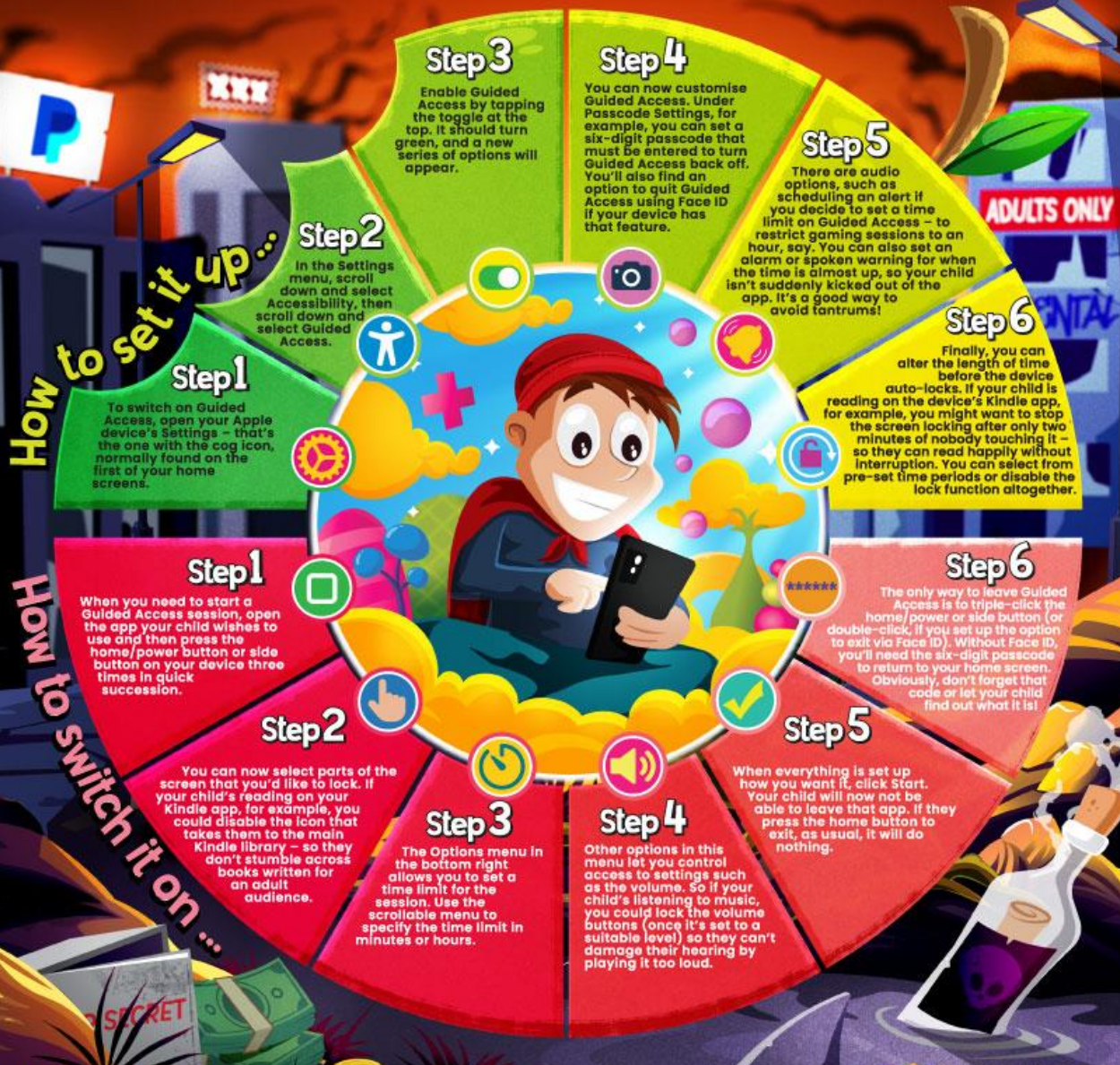
www.thelittlepuddings.com

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents and Carers Need to Know about APPLE GUIDED ACCESS

iPhones and iPads don't offer separate user accounts. So when you hand your Apple device to a child to play a game or watch a video, you're also handing them access to your email, the web, messaging and numerous other apps through which they could accidentally do something regrettable.

Apple Guided Access solves this potential problem by letting you restrict the iPhone or iPad to one particular app whenever your child uses the device. If they try and leave that app, they will be asked for a password or Face ID, meaning they can't access anything they shouldn't elsewhere on the device. Here, we show you how to find and set up the Guided Access feature, so you can confidently let your child borrow your iPhone or iPad.



Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as the *Sunday Times*, *Which?*, *PC Pro* and *Computeractive*. He's appeared regularly as a technology pundit on television and radio, including on *Newsnight*, *Radio 5 Live* and the *ITV News at Ten*. He has two children and has written regularly about internet safety issues.



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WHY CHILDREN SHOULD TAKE A BREAK FROM SOCIAL MEDIA

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Switching off from social media could be good for your mental health. It could reduce feelings of anxiety, loneliness or jealousy

Switching off from social media could help you to get more things done

You will find yourself with more time to see friends, exercise or engage in hobbies

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Because it can negatively impact your self esteem

So that they can have more time to rest and recharge

You will be more present with what you are doing

You will develop better relationships with friends and family

Switching off from social media could help to improve your sleep

Because by connecting with people in person is really important for our wellbeing

