

ST IGNATIUS NEWSLETTER

19.09.2025



'Achieving our best by learning together and serving one another with Christ by our side'



Dear Parents / Carers,

This has been a calm week in school where everyone appears to be getting into the routines again and feeling settled in your year groups.

I'd like to thank you for your commitment to your child and school with ensuring they are in school and on time daily, reading every evening and completing homework on our new system in Years 3-6.

Teachers are letting me know if there are any pupils not accessing homework but overall most classes have 99%-100% completion. The homework will enable you to see the learning standard of the work. It is also an excellent positive behaviour to develop in the children. Thank you.

I met with two of the members of the school PTA last week and they have so many wonderful things for the children to take part in this year. I worry though as there is such a small team running such big events. Please offer to support at least once a year. The funds raised will benefit your child. Last year, the entire playground equipment was bought with parents' funds and it is absolutely wonderful.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MONDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

TUESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER

WEDNESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER
EYFS - Tea with the Teacher @ 2.15pm

FRIDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER
Year 3 attend Mass
Year 5 Swimming

This year's big drive is for a new prayer garden. If you work or know people who are gardeners, work in garden centres, please do let them know we would appreciate any donations. Things like, astro turf, planters, small water features.

I am currently exploring different ways we can tap into grants and funds for the school and I will communicate this over the coming weeks.

Another project we are working on is our school library. We have a lovely building for it but it has become disorganised. If you have any small, good condition stools, we would gratefully receive them. We do not need any book donations though.

It is my daughters 7th birthday tomorrow and we are having a little disco at home. Please wish me luck!

Have a lovely weekend.

God bless,

Mrs Murphy - Headteacher

Absences Reminder

Please be reminded that all absences and appointments should be notified to the school via **attendance@st-ignatius.surrey.sch.uk**. This will help to ensure that our attendance records are accurate. Thank you.

School Office

Reception 'Tea with the Teacher'

This is a notice for Reception parents only.

Please be reminded that your child's 'Tea with the Teacher' meeting will take place on **Thursday 25th September**.

This is an opportunity for parents to visit the school, meet with their child's class teacher and receive information regarding the year ahead. It will include important information about expectations, homework and the curriculum. Each session will be held in a classroom at 2.15pm and will be completed by the end of the school day. **Attendance is very much encouraged.**

Parents should gather outside of the main entrance doors and your child's class teacher will come and greet you.

Mrs Murphy - Headteacher

Trips/Workshops Reminders

Please be reminded of payments due for the following trips and workshops. All payments can be made via [SCOPAY](#).

- **Whole School - Treasure Within Workshop**
 - Payment due by Thursday 25th September. The workshop will take place in school on Wednesday 1st October for all year groups
- **Year 5 - Science Museum Trip**
 - Payment due by Friday 31st October. The trip will take place on Friday 14th November for Year 5
- **Year 1 - Toys of the Past Workshop**
 - Payment due by Thursday 20th November. The workshop will take place in school on Thursday 27th November for Year 1

School Office

PE Reminders

Year 5 & 6 Boys A Team Football - will train every Thursday at 12.15pm with Mr Ivins. Please have your football boots and shin pads.

Year 5 & 6 Girls A Team Football will - will train every Tuesday at 12.15pm with Mr Ivins. Please have your football boots and shin pads.

Years 3 & 4 Boys Football Trials - will be on Wednesday 24th at 12.15pm on the GAFLAC. Please bring your trainers.

Miss Grady - PE Lead

OPAL Play Certificates

The following children have been awarded an OPAL play certificate during our Friday Celebration Assembly.

Good Tidying Award

- KS1 - Andreea A
- KS2 - Kayla K D

Good Playing Award

- KS1 - Juliana B
- KS2 - Otilia O

Miss Frew - Assistant Headteacher



Headteacher Awards

Each week our pupils are recognised for following our school values. This week's value was **Kind Katie**. During our Celebration Assembly today the following children were awarded a Headteacher Award:

Reception:

Badgers - Atharv G

Hedgehogs - Noor A-W

Year 1:

1G - Evelina D

1OS - Molly M

Year 2:

2C - George E

2BP - Mabel H

Year 3:

3BF - Marnie R

3V - Hugo H

Year 4:

4AP - Sarah O

4P - Mia K-J

Year 5:

5W - Casey B

5B - Maria K

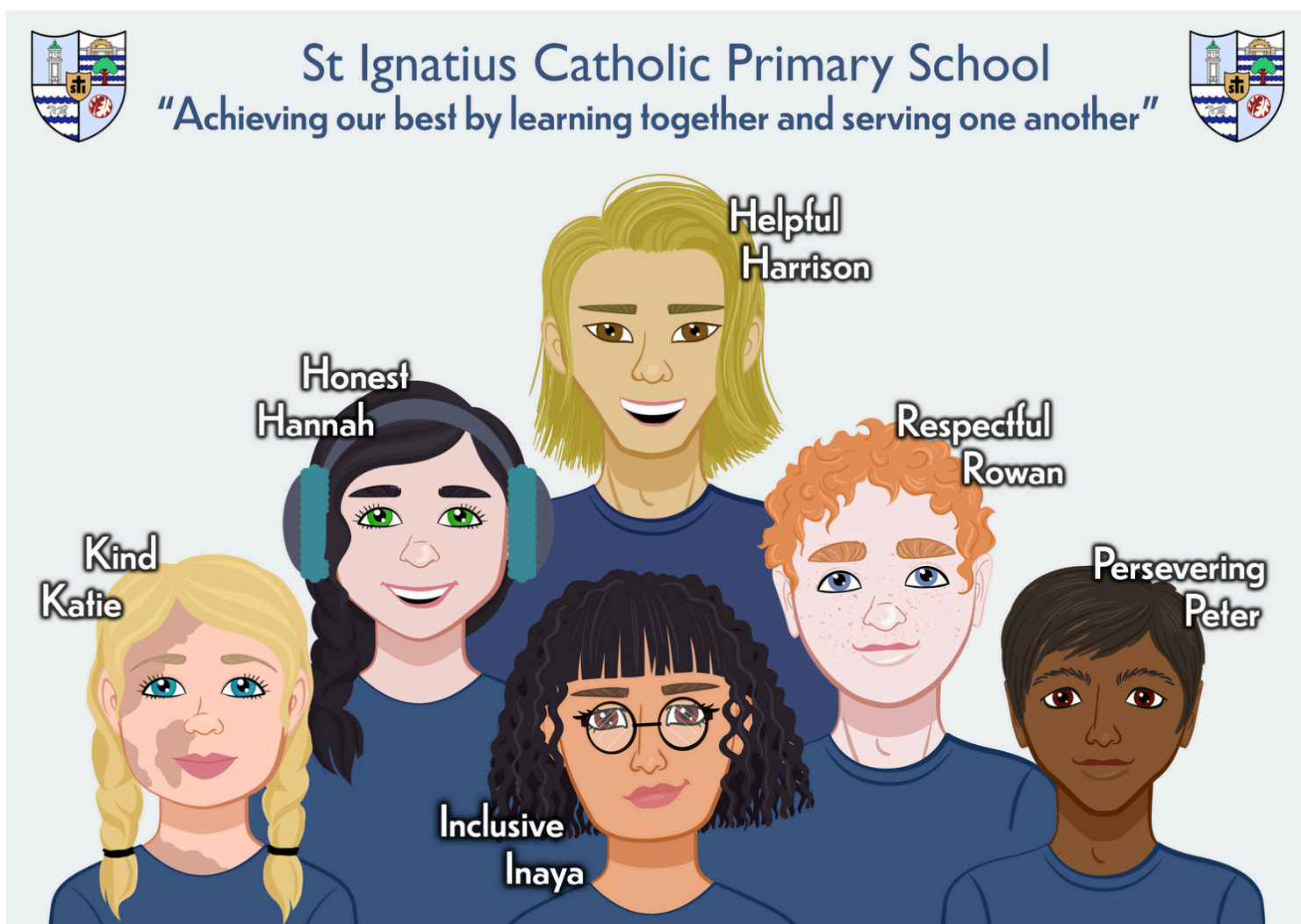
Year 6:

6N - Grayson K-B

6S - Jessica W

I am so very proud of each and every one of you!

Mrs Murphy - Headteacher





TAKE OUR READING TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Volunteer at our Reading Cafe

Open Monday to Friday
8:30 - 9:00
in the School Hall

Volunteer for a regular weekly or
fortnightly session

Sign up by emailing
readingcafe@st-ignatius.surrey.sch.uk
with the day(s) you can help

Training provided



Wake Up Wednesdays

With over 900 million monthly users, Snapchat continues to be a favourite among children and young people; however, with its ever-evolving features, the risks have evolved too. From AI-generated filters and chatbots, to disappearing messages and the Snap Map location-sharing tool, it's easy for children to stumble into unsafe territory. This guide breaks down the latest updates, including the Lens+ subscription service, and web browser access.

We've also unpacked the risks of sextortion scams, overuse, and inappropriate content that may slip through the app's moderation systems. With expert advice from online safety consultant Dr Claire Sutherland, this guide is a must-read for anyone helping young people navigate Snapchat responsibly and confidently.

Miss Partington - Year 4 Class Teacher

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION 13+

With over 900 million active monthly users and billions of 'Snaps' sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the 'My AI' chatbot and AI-powered filters, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These tools may share unfiltered or inaccurate responses, promote unrealistic beauty standards, and collect personal data. Advanced filters and deepfake-style lenses can distort reality, potentially leading to manipulation, impersonation, or inappropriate content.

SNAPCHAT+

Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2025, Snapchat introduced a new tier called Lens+, giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing Snaps. These paid features may encourage young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of overspending or feeling pressured to make in-app purchases.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Snapchat boosts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks (daily Snapchat exchanges between you and a friend). When a streak's been going for a few days, users will see a 📅 emoji. The number alongside it shows the number of days, but if users miss a day and break the streak, the only way to restore it is to pay. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app even more often.

ACCESSIBILITY

Snapchat is now accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make activity harder to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of unsupervised communication or exposure to inappropriate content.

SEXTORTION

Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may foster a sense of safety, users may become targets of sextortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images, then somehow copy those images to threaten and intimidate the victim. This might involve claiming they will share the images with friends or family unless money is paid.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's disappearing messages feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB

Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat has developed a Family Safety Hub that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this guidance before allowing a child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger connects with a child on Snapchat and makes them feel uncomfortable by pressuring them to send or receive unwanted or inappropriate images, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile to report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user, with a tailored reporting section under the 'Nudity and Sexual Content' category. In this category, there's the option to report somebody for threatening to leak sexually explicit images, or 'nudes'.

USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Sit down with the children in your care and explore Snapchat's privacy settings as a shared activity. You can help them adjust who can contact them, view their stories, or see their location on Snap Map. It's a good opportunity to explain why some settings are safer than others, reinforcing their understanding of online boundaries. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes in their friendship groups.

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.

#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/snapchat>

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Let's Celebrate

We love to hear about our pupils' achievements both inside and outside of school.

- Congratulations to **Elena P-F** (3BF) for her achievement in being ranked top three in the U8's Surrey County Championship Tennis Singles
- Congratulations to **Eliza M** (3BF) for completing the Stage 3 Swimming Badge this week and is now moving up to Stage 4.. She's really proud for hard work and has come on extremely well with her swimming since the summer holidays
- Congratulations to **Cruz P** (4AP) for being named 'Player of the Match' in his first game of the season for the Chertsey Blues football team. Such a fantastic achievement in a sport he's so passionate about, where his dedication on the field truly paid off



If you would like your child's achievement to feature in the newsletter, please email the details along with a photograph to newsletter@st-ignatius.surrey.sch.uk.

Mrs Tunnicliffe - Office Manager

EXTERNAL NOTICES

Please be advised that whilst we share external advertisements, St Ignatius does not personally endorse/recommend any of these companies.

St Richard Reynolds Catholic College - September 2026 Entry

Applications for our Primary, High School and Sixth Form are now open. If you would like to visit the college, tours are running as follows:

- every Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9am for High School
- every Friday morning at 9:30am for Primary

Please visit our website via: <https://strichardreynolds.org.uk/whole-college/admission/> for more information.

Additionally, the High School will be hosting an Open Evening on Wednesday 1st October, 5:30pm - 7:30pm. The Sixth Form will host theirs on Wednesday 8th October, 6pm-8pm.

For more information, please contact office@srrcc.org.uk or call 020 8325 4630.



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OPEN EVENTS

Admissions to Year 7 in 2026

Mornings Tours

Tours every Wednesday & Friday morning from 9am-9:45am until the 22nd October. To book a family ticket for the tours, please visit our website.

"The school is a prayerful community and the experiences of prayer and liturgy provided by the school engage pupils and lead them to full, active, and conscious participation".
Diocese Report



Enquiries for Year 7
Tel: 020 8325 4630
Email: admissions@srcc.org.uk

High School Open Evening

Wednesday 1st October from 5:30pm—7:30pm

Principal Address at 6:30pm and 7:30pm (booking available via Eventbrite)

Sixth Form Open Evening

Admissions to Year 12 in 2026

Wednesday 8th October from 6pm—8pm

Head of Sixth Form Address at 6pm



"This is an exceptional school where pupils flourish. The school has the highest expectations for what pupils can achieve. Pupils in the school, including in the popular sixth form, rise to these expectations at every opportunity".
Ofsted 2024

Tel: 020 8325 4630
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Outstanding
Provider

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Whitton Waves



Junior Netball Club

Recruiting U10 and U11 Players

Looking for a fun but competitive netball club?

Whitton Waves helps girls grow confidence, make new friends and develop their skills in a supportive environment.



Training Day

Wednesday



Time

5.30-7pm



Location

Richmond Upon
Thames School
Sports Hall

Fixture Info

Surrey Junior League
fixtures on alternate
Sundays

Please email whittonjunior.netball@gmail.com for more details

Autumn Term 2025

Thursday 25th September - EYFS Tea with the Teacher @ 2.15pm

Monday 29th September - Parent Information Session - KS1 English @ 2.15pm

Tuesday 30th September - Open Morning @ 9.30am

Tuesday 30th September - Parent Information Session KS1 Maths @ 2.15pm

Wednesday 1st October - Catholic Social Teaching Theatre & Workshop

Thursday 2nd October - Parent Information Sessions KS2 English @ 2.15pm

Friday 3rd October - Year 6 Try It Out Day (Cycling)

Friday 3rd October - EYFS Welcome Assembly @ 2.15pm

Saturday 4th October - Community Morning

Monday 6th October - Safeguarding and Online Safety Session @ 2.15pm

Wednesday 8th October - Parent Information Session KS2 Maths @ 2.15pm

Friday 10th October - Grandparents Afternoon

Monday 13th October - Year 6 PGL Trip (All Week)

Wednesday 15th October - Open Afternoon @ 1.30pm

Thursday 16th October - Open Morning @ 9.30am

Monday 20th October - Year 6 Learn to Ride Course

Monday 20th October - Parents Evening @ 3.30pm

Tuesday 21st October - Parents Evening @ 3.30pm

Wednesday 22nd October - PTA AGM Meeting (online) @ 7pm

Thursday 23rd October - INSET Day

Friday 24th October - INSET Day

Safeguarding

Governors and staff of St Ignatius share an objective to help keep children safe by:

- Providing a safe environment for them to learn
- Identifying children who are suffering or likely to suffer significant harm, and taking appropriate action.

Please read through the safeguarding guidance documents on this page, which include those designed for children. Please contact the Designated Safeguarding Leads below should you have any concerns about the safety or welfare of a child.

You can do this by calling the school directly, or emailing: dsl@st-ignatius.surrey.sch.uk

You can also find out more about how we teach safety to children on our [Safety Curriculum](#) page, in the Curriculum section of the website.

DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD (DSL):

Mrs E O'Neill - Deputy Headteacher

DEPUTY DSL:

Mrs H Murphy - Headteacher

Miss T Frew - Assistant Headteacher

Any concerns can be discussed with a DSL. If you have any concerns that involve the Headteacher, please contact the **Ascension Catholic Academy Trust** via email at admin@ascensioncat.org or by telephone on 0208 325 4630. The LGB details are being updated.

You can read our **Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy** [here](#).

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