



9: June 2023

Over the past couple of weeks there has been a lot going on. But what this has demonstrated to me more than anything is how absolutely amazing our school community is. We are so lucky to have such an amazing network of support. I would like to extend a huge **thank you** to **Mrs Garrett** and the **St Peter's Church** workparty for giving up their Saturday to come and help us clear the new Reception Class area and weed the front of the school. They did a splendid job! Thank you also to **Clayton Services** for disposing of the vast amount of garden debris for us free of charge. The new area is definitely taking shape! If you can help in any way with gardening, clearing, painting, building items for us out of wood....anything...please do get in touch.



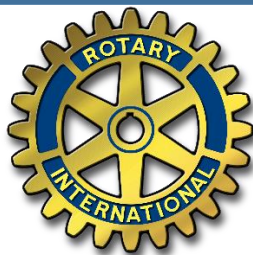
### Year 6 Visit to Winchester Cathedral



Our Year 6 children made us all very proud on their recent trip to Winchester Cathedral. In the morning we attended a calligraphy workshop, where the instructor told us that our children were

the best behaved children she had seen throughout all the many sessions she had done. Once we had written our names in beautiful calligraphy, we explored the cathedral, searching for things shown in our photos. After lunch in the gardens, we attended a service with the many other schools, which included a drumming session where we all clapped the rhythms we had created and some songs all the children had learned, which filled the cathedral with the joy of many children singing.

**Thank you to St Peter's Church for their generous donation towards the coach which enabled all our children to attend.**



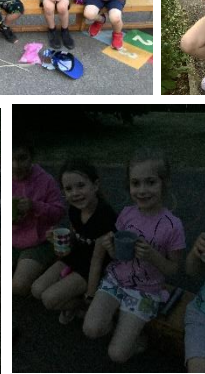
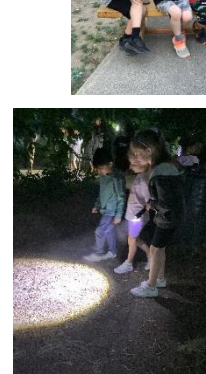
### THANK YOU

**A huge thank you to the Yateley and District Lions Club and to the Rotary Club of Hart who have both generously sponsored some of our pupils to attend residential visits this year.**

I am a huge believer that all children should have the opportunity to attend all of our events, regardless of finances, so I am very grateful for the support we receive from our community to enable this to happen. Please speak to me confidentially if you need financial support.

# SleepOver!

Our first Y2 Nightwalk and Y3 sleepover were a triumph! The children had an absolutely fantastic time and had experiences which they will remember forever! I would like to thank all the staff who attended, as without their goodwill, we wouldn't be able to put on such fun events for the children. Mrs Richards and her friend Rosie, Mrs Gill, Mrs Garrett, Mrs Garden, Mrs Rees, Miss Singer and Miss Portch - you were all amazing, thank you!



# UNIFORM DONATIONS

Thank you to all those who donated their old uniform to the orphanage – they were very grateful and have sent the following message to you all...



**Thank You from Salesian College~SHARE 2023**

Dear Student, families, Staff & PTA  
Many thanks for your kind donation of school uniform to go to Zambia this year!  
You are all amazing!  
Warmest regards  
Melissa.

# PARENT POWER

Why Age Ratings Matter

## Keeping your children safe online!

Age ratings are used across different types of online content and platforms to guide on what is suitable for different ages. Most popular content and platforms – from the films and TV shows you stream, to the games you play and the social media you use – will have an age rating. But things aren't always as simple as you might hope. Online platforms can be rated differently, depending on where you look. Ironically, this can make things harder when having conversations with a child or young person about what may be suitable for them, and at what age.

While age ratings flag when a user may be suited to specific platforms or content, they don't necessarily reflect what may actually be safe or appropriate – including certain risks and harms that are not so obvious.

Most social media platforms (e.g. TikTok, Snapchat, Instagram) state their age rating as 13+.

On the [Google Play](#) store, most social media apps are rated 'Parental Guidance Recommended' by PEGI. This symbol comes up as an exclamation mark. This rating recommends that parents carefully consider whether these apps are suitable for children under 18.

In the [Apple](#) store, most social media apps are rated 12+ – but this doesn't always apply.

Twitter, [Discord](#) and [Twitch](#) are all rated 17+, despite having a 13+ age rating in their own community guidelines. Twitter, for example, is rated 17+ because, as the App store descriptor says, it may include 'profanity, crude humour, mild sexual content', and more. Note that on the Google Play store, Twitter is rated just as 'Parental Guidance Recommended'.

Whether a parent feels that Snapchat is more or less suitable for their child than Twitter is something that, ultimately, parents should decide for themselves. But it is always wise to keep a close eye on what your children are doing online!

# SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL

There were more proud moments for me while watching the performers in our first ever Summer Arts Festival. I was blown away by how brave and resilient our children were and, of course, how they let their light shine with their creativity. It was so lovely to see dance, music and drama celebrated so well and



we will certainly repeat this event in the years to come. Well done to all who participated!

## Staff News

Sadly we are saying goodbye to Mrs Clancy, who has decided the time has come to leave her current role and pursue other ventures. We wish her all the very best of luck in her future endeavours and thank her for her contribution to the school.

Please remember to put sunscreen on your child and to give them a named hat and water bottle to wear in this hot weather. Thank you!





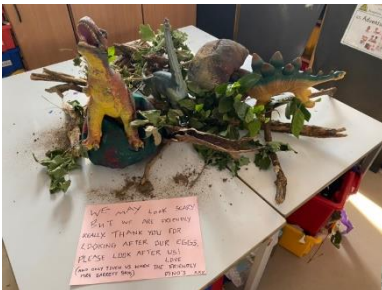
# Pupil Success!



Our reception children were very excited to find some mysterious



dinosaur eggs in their new area! They used their new



story circle to consider what might be inside; give it a shake and a squeeze to see!



There was more excitement when the eggs hatched into dinosaurs two days later! Luckily they

were the very friendly type of dinosaurs!



Aleksander in Y5 recently celebrated his First Holy Communion.



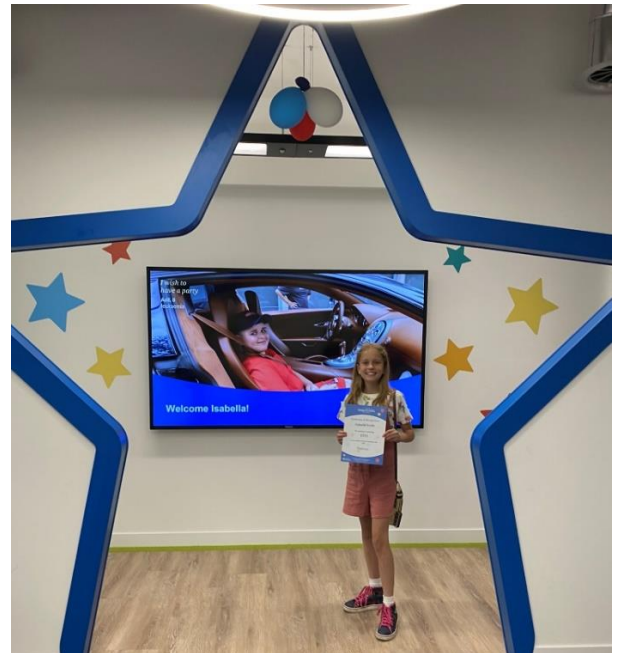
Janco in Y4 has enjoyed swimming activities at Frog and



Friends and kayaking on the lake with his scout group.



Isabella Y6 visited the **Make a Wish** offices to deliver the funds we helped her raise. They had 'Welcome Isabella' on the screen at the entrance! They listened to her tell them all about her fundraising efforts, gave her a tour and presented certificates for her and school.



We also had pupils attending the Rotary Club 'Kids Out' event recently and I hear a wonderful time was had by all!



# SUMMER

# FAIR FUN!

We were blessed with a beautiful day for our Summer Fair! My **sincere thanks** to all **those who supported** with the setting up, running and clearing up of the stalls and to all those who contributed resources and prizes for us to use. Our wonderful PTA put so much work into making the day a success and I hope you all had a great time!



# Origami

## Club



Our children in the Origami club are having a wonderful time and are keen to share some of the things they have enjoyed making including cats, bunnies, boats, planes, windmills....



We are still selling team coloured plastic named water bottles for just £2.50 each! You can buy your bottle from the school



office.

**New and changed dates are given in bold**

- Tues 27<sup>th</sup> June: New Reception Induction Session 2
- Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> June: Reception Class Assembly 8.50am
- Fri 30<sup>th</sup> June: Hart District Athletics Event
- Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> July: New Reception Induction 3
- Tues 4<sup>th</sup> July: Sports Day – picnic and pm for parents
- Wed 5<sup>th</sup> July: Y6 Transition Day – Yateley
- Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> July: Y6 Transition Day – Yateley & Frogmore
- Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> July: Whole School 'Move Up' Day
- Fri 7<sup>th</sup> July: PTA DISCO
- Mon 10<sup>th</sup> July: Y6 to Horseshoe Lakes
- Tues 11<sup>th</sup> July: Ned's Mindset Mission Workshop
- Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> July: Reserve Sports Day
- 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> July: Year 4 and Year 5 Residential
- Wed 19<sup>th</sup> July: Year 1 trip to Jake's Playbarn**
- Fri 21<sup>st</sup> July: Y6 Leavers' Assembly at church 9am
- Fri 21<sup>st</sup> July: Term ends at 1.15pm

**One of the greatest gifts we can give to our children is helping them to see the world through the eyes of another.**

**By learning to see others' perspectives, we are teaching them resilience, compassion and understanding, making them valuable citizens who are well prepared to take our uncertain world into the future.**

