



LANDKEY COMMUNITY PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Newsletter
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END OF SPRING

It's been a busy Spring term and we are really proud of all of the children and the hard work they have shown. Today's assembly full of certificates was a chance to celebrate a lot of these achievements. The term has had many highlights including swimming for year 3, Tennis festival for year 4, an Easter visit to the church for Year 2 and 4 and World Book Day! This half term we have been looking at History enquiry questions and have been building to the answer each week.

The questions we explored were:

Reception – Do all kings and queens live in a castle?

Year 1 – How have kings changed?

Year 2- How did London change following the Great fire of London?

Year 3 – What did the Ancient Greeks give to the world?

Year 4- How has education changed over time?

Year 5- Were the Vikings just brutal savages who did no good?

Year 6- What can we learn from the Shang Dynasty from artefacts?

Through the final week of term, there were some excellent end outcomes being produced: Year 1 had their Kings and Queens celebration today where they all came in dressed as royalty; Year 2 have produced the most wonderful books explaining all about the Great fire of London and Year 4 had a powerful debate about education over time. The children have produced some amazing work during the half term and have been able to talk, with enthusiasm, all about what they have discovered!

Staffing updates

We are delighted to share the happy news that Sophie Austen and her husband welcomed their baby in the last couple of weeks. While she is on maternity leave Charlotte Hewitt is our Deputy Headteacher.

We have said a fond farewell to Buffy Best today who has retired after 20 years at the school! We will all miss Buffy hugely and are enormously thankful for the years of service she has given to our school community. We hope Buffy enjoys her retirement which we know will be filled with her gardening and family. Gina Steele has also finished her post as a meal time assistant today and we wish her well in her future opportunities.

Our trainee teachers from Devon Primary SCITT have finished their spring term placements, Gemma Lain in year 1 and Louise Rae in year 5. We will be welcoming Emily Everitt back to the year 2 class to continue her placement from the Autumn term.

An official welcome back to Hannah Elliott who has returned from maternity leave and will be working on a Monday and Friday in her role as SENDco. Please contact the school office if you need to speak to Hannah Elliott or if there is a SEND query during the week I will continue to pick these up.

A huge thank you to Sarah Griffin, Natasha Smith and Hannah Ralph for their role over the year as phase SEND supporters alongside myself covering the SENDco role in school.

This morning our new Seals nursery class visited for their transition morning. We are looking forward to them joining after Easter and Becky Hawkins who is our new EYFS practitioner for the nursery. The office are taking bookings for nursery spaces in September.

A huge thank you to our Friends of Landkey team for their fundraising efforts this term and all of you who have contributed. Plans are underway for lots of exciting playground investments.

Thank you for your continued support of school this term to ensure your children get the very best education. The government has been putting a huge focus on attendance and we are very grateful to you all for working with us to support your child's attendance. We hope you enjoy your child's report, it is always a pleasure to read them and I know the huge effort that the teachers put in to writing them.

Have a good Easter break, hopefully with some warmer weather and a chance for people to spend time with family and friends.

Best wishes,

Georgie Gratton



REPORTS

Your child's school report has been uploaded to MCAS ready for you to view.

READ, WRITE INC BOOKS

If you have any Read, Write Inc books at home please return these to school after the Easter Break.

GTS AQUATHON

We have been invited to attend the annual Aquathon (swim/run) taking place at Torrington Swimming Pool/Football Club on Friday 24th May 2024. Your child will need to be confident in the following to compete:

- **Year 6 Boys and Girls – Swim 8 lengths and run the commons course.**
- **Year 5 Boys and Girls – Swim 6 lengths and run the commons course.**
- **Year 4 Boys and Girls – Swim 4 lengths and run 2 laps of football pitch.**
- **Year 3 Boys and Girls – Swim 3 lengths and run 1 lap of football pitch.**

Unfortunately, GTS is no longer able to fully fund this event. Therefore, we are having to charge a fee of £7.00 per athlete to cover the costs of venue hire, staff cover and medals etc. Parents will also be required to provide transport for this event.

If your child is interested in entering this competition, please complete the [online form](#) by Friday 3rd May 2024.

TARKA LEARNING PARTNERSHIP

Please click the link to view the Tarka Learning Partnership Newsletter

[Tarka Learning Partnership Newsletter March 2024](#)
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Dates for your diary

New Dates Highlighted

15 Apr	First Day of Summer Term
24 Apr	Year 1 Spring Walk
24 Apr	Year 2 Tennis Festival
06 May	Bank Holiday
08–09 May	Year 4 Rock & Rapid Residential
24 May	Aquathon – See advert
27–31 May	HALF TERM
30 Jun –03 Jul	Year 5&6 Isle of Wight Residential
08 Jul	Non-Pupil Day
24 Jul	Last Day of Term



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We are a forward thinking, creative school and require a nurturing, caring and flexible Meal Time Assistant to support children with lunch time routines and play activities. A willingness to undertake necessary training is essential.

The role will involve setting up and clearing the dinner hall as well as engaging in play activities and supervising the children.

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Closing date: Noon 17th April 2024

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Easter Activity days

Dates:
Tuesday 2nd April
Wednesday 3rd April
Thursday 4th April
Tuesday 9th April
Wednesday 10th April
Thursday 11th April

Venue:
Sticklepath Primary school
EX31 2HH

Ages:
5-11 Years old

TIME:
8.30am-3.30pm

To book:

- Visit - www.primary-sports.co.uk
- Click on the "Book now tab"
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9-14s		1pm - 4pm	£12

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION

16+

in UK and Europe;
rest of the world 13+

...MSG ME...

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging; WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original ... and might not be entirely factual, either.

VIEW ONCE CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safely on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

Advice for Parents & Carers ...TYPING...

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval: you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except ...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

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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