



Today brings to an end a very busy term. It has been another very busy week in school with a really enjoyable final day; Year 11 have been to Drayton Manor, and Years 7-10 have taken part in a drop-down afternoon with a variety of activities including dance, art, football, CSI Science experiments, and escape room challenges to name just a few. A number of our sixth formers have been cleaning cars to raise money for Birmingham Children's Hospital, another example of the great work that our students do to support others. I hope your daughter and/or son has had a good day and very positive experiences. Year 10 and 12, I am sure, will be particularly ready for a break after their fortnight of exams; results will follow in the coming weeks.

Whilst a break is extremely important for staff and students, I know that our Year 11 and Year 13s will be using the time very wisely as they continue to prepare for their upcoming exams. When we return after Easter, exams will be taking place from the second day back and I know that all members of our school community will support these two year groups as they embark on such a significant period; good exam results open doors and opportunities. As such, additional interventions continue to be held where students need specific further input to help them to achieve the very best possible grades; I know that many of our Year 11 and 13 students will choose to come in at Easter, too, to take part in Exam Masterclasses.

Please note that our method of communication with school - [Gospel Oak School - Contact Us](#) – will not be being accessed over the Easter holiday, so communications will not be responded to until week beginning 28th April. A reminder, too, that we ask that parents and carers do not contact individual staff by email as we are unable to track these individual communications; [Gospel Oak School - Contact Us](#) is monitored daily during the school term. You may wish to use time over the holiday period to ensure that school uniform and PE kit are as they need to be; a reminder that [Gospel Oak School - Uniform](#) tells you what is needed.

Thank you for all of your ongoing support; we look forward to welcoming your daughter and/or son back into school at 8.25am on Monday 28th April.

Upcoming Dates

Wednesday 30th April – Year 9 and Year 10
Celebration Assemblies

Wednesday 30th April – RSA8 Trust Project – Talk the
Talk Workshop, Arrow Vale

Thursday 1st May – Year 7 and Year 8 Celebration
Assemblies

Friday 2nd May – Year 9 DTP Vaccines

Wednesday 7th May – Year 9 Armed Forces Showcase

Wednesday 7th May – Envision Programme,
Blakemore

Assembly Themes

Assembly focus this week was Vaisaikhi
w/c 28/04 – Term Ahead – Expectations
w/c 05/05 – VE Day

Please take the time to talk to your child about
what they have learnt in Assembly.

Year Team Updates – w.e 11/04/2025

Year 7:

☀️ Year 7 Update – End of Term Highlights & Important Information ☀️

As we approach the Easter break, we'd like to take a moment to reflect on what has been a vibrant last week for our Year 7s! From academic progress to extracurricular excitement, it's been brilliant to see so many students engaging positively with school life.

Attendance Ladder



🏠 Attendance Matters!

Last week, our Year 7 attendance dipped slightly to **92.6%**, which is still below the national average. We are aiming high with a target of **95%**, and every single day in school makes a difference. Regular attendance ensures students don't miss out on vital learning, build strong routines, and fully engage in school life. Let's work together to improve this figure—**everyday counts!**

🕒 Punctuality Progress – Huge Improvement!

A massive well done to Year 7 for a **phenomenal improvement in punctuality!**

In the week commencing **24/03/25**, we had **165 minutes** of lost learning due to lateness. Last week (commencing **31/03/25**), that number dropped dramatically to just **31 minutes!** Outstanding progress—let's keep this up!

🎓 Brilliant Club Returns

We were delighted to welcome **Tina** back to school last week as part of the **Brilliant Club**. Students worked hard on their essays, receiving valuable, constructive feedback to help improve their writing around their **art project**. We are so proud of their commitment and development!



🌀 Girls' Netball Team Victory!

A huge **congratulations to our girls' netball team**, who secured their **first win** in a tightly contested fixture against Phoenix, with a **1-0 victory!** The determination, teamwork and spirit on display were outstanding. **Well done girls—we are proud of you!**



☀️ Outstanding Ambassadors at Ocker Hill

We'd like to give a special shout-out to **Biatris, Lucas, Gavin, Anisha and Sophie**, who showed **exemplary behaviour and maturity** while attending the **Year 5 & 6 Parents Evening at Ocker Hill**. They supported Mr. Bowser in welcoming parents and future students, speaking with confidence and warmth. They did us proud—**thank you for representing Year 7 so brilliantly!**



🚧 Behaviour and Achievement Points

Positive behaviour is always recognised, and last week we saw a **fantastic increase in achievement points**—from **12,023 to 13,559!**

Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support in helping us uphold expectations and encouraging positive behaviour.

🏆 Sparx Homework Champions

A big well done to our Sparx Stars for their outstanding homework efforts:

📖 Sparx Reader:

🥇 **Gold** – Saad O

🥈 **Silver** – Arthur C

🥉 **Bronze** – Poppie-Rae P

📊 Sparx Maths:

🥇 **Gold** – Arthur C

🥈 **Silver** – Harrison G

🥉 **Bronze** – Henika S

🔬 Sparx Science:

- 1 Gold – Abigail S
- 2 Silver – Finley G
- 3 Bronze – Lexi T

Keep up the fantastic work—your consistency is inspiring!

🐣 Happy Easter & A Few Reminders

We would like to wish all our students and their families a very **Happy Easter** and a **well-deserved break**. Upon returning to school, please ensure your child is fully prepared:

- **Uniform:** Correct school uniform must be worn.
- **Equipment:** Please ensure students come with the basics—**black pen, purple pen, pencil, ruler, and rubber**—as we’ve noticed an increase in missing items recently.

GOSPEL OAK SCHOOL SCHOOL SHOE POLICY

WHAT IS EXPECTED?

- Formal black polishable shoes (in bad weather students are allowed to walk to school in appropriate footwear, but change when they arrive)
- No logo or branding on trainers or pumps
- No heels over 2cm
- No converse/Vans
- No boots

BOYS		GIRLS	
✓	✗	✓	✗

GOSPEL OAK SCHOOL SKIRT AND TROUSERS POLICY

WHAT IS EXPECTED?

- Formal black trousers
- Formal knee length black skirt
- Black or flesh- coloured tights or white/black socks should be worn
- No chinos, jeans, leggings, jeggings, joggers or skinny trousers.
- No stretchy or lycra material.
- No external buckles or logos.

GOSPEL OAK SCHOOL UNIFORM NON NEGOTIABLES

WHAT IS EXPECTED?

Hairstyles, Jewellery and Make-up

Not Acceptable:

- A smartwatch
- Rings, bracelets, necklaces and wristbands
- No nail polish or false nails
- Heavy make-up
- False eyelashes
- Facial piercings of any description

Hairstyles

Hair should be neat, tidy and safe with no extremes of fashion permitted. Where hair is coloured or extensions added, it must be of natural shades only.

 **Don't forget to check out the image below to see where children can eat for free over Easter—a great way to support families during the holiday!**



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) EASTER HOLIDAYS 2025
moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

BURGER KING From Monday 7th - Sunday 20th April 2025. Kids Eat Free with every adult meal, via the app.	PREZZO Kids receive a free, 3 course kids meal, everyday at Prezzo between 31st March - 27th April 2025
BILLS Kids eat free Mondays - Fridays, from Monday 7th - Friday 25th April 2025.	COCONUT TREE One child (under 10) eats free every day, 12pm - 6pm from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April 2025
FARMHOUSE INNS 2 kids eat FREE with one paying adult, Monday 7th - Friday 25th of April. Sign Up Required	PIZZA HUT Kids eat free buffet from Monday 7th - Sunday 27th April, until 3pm daily with a £10 spend
TGI FRIDAYS Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)	PRETO Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms
ZIZZI Sunday 6th - Sunday 27th April 2025 kids eat free with every adult main. (excludes Saturdays)	SAINSBURYS CAFES Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.
CAFE EIGHTY NINE @ THE RANGE Kids eat free Sat 5th April - Mon 21st April 2025	BELLA ITALIA Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Sun to Weds. All Day Thursdays
YO! SUSHI Kids eat free all day (monday - friday) during all school holidays, when dining with an adult	MORRISONS Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend
SIZZLING PUBS Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids eat for £1.	LAS IGUANAS Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App
ASDA Kids eat for £1 every, with no adult spend.	TABLE TABLE 2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult!
TRAVELDGE & PREMIER INN 2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast	PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm
GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day	HUNGRY HORSE Kids eat for £1 on Mondays
WHITBREAD INNS 2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast	THE REAL GREEK Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend
BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE 2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast	SA BRAINS PUBS Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

Enjoy your break and see you all in the new term, refreshed and ready to go!

Year 8:

This week has been another fantastic one for Year 8 at Gospel Oak School! Mr. Johnson, Miss Smith, and Mr. Marrs continue to be blown away by the incredible accountability students are showing when it comes to their behaviour—way to go, Year 8! Not only did the year group impress with their behaviour, but they also made a huge achievement by cutting their total minutes late to lessons from 168 to just 88—what an incredible improvement! Attendance was a bit of a dip at 91.9% (down from 92.6% last week), but the year group is determined to raise those numbers and hit a new high next week!

In assembly, Mr. Bhatti delivered a fascinating talk on Islam and its teachings during the time of Eid, and he couldn't have been more impressed with Year 8's fantastic behaviour and focus. Mr. Johnson has been working hard to secure the Barclays Life Skills program for Year 8, which will launch after half-term. The whole year group will get involved, along with further students for some exciting 1-to-1 intervention work. Watch this space for more updates! It's been a week of great learning, impressive achievements, and even greater energy—keep it up, Year 8!

100% ATTENDANCE
In school on time every day
No lost learning time
No concerns

90% ATTENDANCE
Lost learning:
• half a day a week
• 4 weeks in a school year
Attendance concern

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

80% ATTENDANCE
Lost learning:
• 1 day a week
• 1 half term a year
Significant attendance concern

LATENESS
5 minutes late every day = 3 days per year absent
15 minutes late every day = 2 weeks absent per year

Year 9:

The final week of a super busy half term for the Y9 family and lots to shout about and praise this week! Some “EGG-CELLENT” opportunities have been thrown our way this week with students taking part in drop-down activities on Friday 11th April to end this half term in an “EGG-CITING” way! Easter egg hunts, prize live draws, football games, escape rooms, team building and of course, our Y9 personal favourite Just-Dance and Karaoke! What a way to end such a busy but memorable half term together!



As we come to the end of this half term and prepare to break up for a well-deserved Easter break, we need to reflect on some key priorities. **Attendance:** attendance has been very up and down over this half term and we must prioritise getting it back to where we know it can be! Our average dipped again slightly last week to **89.7% which is not where it needs to be!** In the Summer 1 half term on our return after the break, we need to aim for **93% and above every single day, are you up to that challenge Y9? Can we achieve and succeed with those figures?** Thank you to the many students in our family that despite being unwell, still showed up and gave their best – This needs to continue and we need to aim for 93% and above every day. The 10/10 attitude, effort and attainment in lessons is a true testament to your dedication to your education and your Y9 journey so far. We all need to ensure we are doing this to prove that **attendance matters**.



ATTENDANCE
WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?



EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!

Children are required by law to attend 190 school days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

HOW DO YOU MEASURE UP?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 lessons

89% and below
Drastic effect on academic achievement

95% - 90%
Cause for concern

100% - 96%
Excellent

A reminder of something that Miss Ralph speaks of daily, everything you do now Y9 is part of your journey into your future and you being at school, following the BASICS and getting it right really does make the difference! Options have now been picked and Miss Tanner is finalising the blocks so that we can start to look ahead towards that future pathway of our chosen subjects that will lead to our future careers and adult jobs and journeys! You know more than anyone that it's never too early to start thinking about the skills and experiences that will shape your futures, and you know that Miss Ralph, Mr Bhatti and Mrs Kler will continue to encourage every student to take ownership of their learning journey from now. The only way is up for you all Y9, but remember, education is your power with anything and everything you want to do, but YOU are the only ones that can make it happen! 10/10 always!

Year 10:

Students have shown us solid punctuality and attendance to school during the mock period we expect the same each day moving forward into the summer term.

At KS4, pupils who attended school nearly every day in Year 11 (with an attendance rate of 95-100%) were 1.9 times more likely to achieve the Grade 5 in English and Maths GCSE compared to pupils who only attended 90-95% of the time (relating to up to 2 weeks more time in school over the course of a year) and 3 times more likely than persistently absent pupils who only attend 85-90% of the time (relating to 4 - 6 weeks more time in school). This means missing just 10 days of year 11 reduced the likelihood of achieving grade 5 in English and Maths by around 50%.

Pupils who attended school 90-95% of their time were also 1.6 times more likely to achieve Grade 5 in Maths and English GCSE compared to pupils who only attended 85-90% of their time, relating to an additional 2-4 weeks in school. This demonstrates there are improvements in the chance of success from increased attendance by one absence band.

At lower attendance levels, KS4 pupils who only attend between 50 and 55% of the time are 1.6 times more likely to achieve 9-5 in Maths and English GCSE than students who are severely absent and attend less than 50% of sessions. Increased attendance from severely absent to 60-65% (equating to approximately an extra 4-6 weeks in school) is associated with double the likelihood of the expected outcome compared with pupils who attend <50% of the time.

Year 11:

Masterclasses for Y11 will be running during the school holiday. Students can bring their letter to school reception if they are attending on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday at the start of the holidays – the full list of masterclasses is in last week's eZine.

Sixth Form

6th form students have continued to work hard – Year 12 with their mocks and Year 13 with their upcoming examinations.

The 6th form area will be open Monday and Tuesday during half term for any 6th form students that want to have a place to learn.

A reminder to be logging on and completing your online learning.

We are still taking applications for anyone that would like to join the Gospel Oak 6th Form.

Your sincerely,

Mr Bala
Associate Assistant Principal Post 16

Year 12 student of the week – Lesha

Year 13 student of the week – Varni

Year12 attendance – 97 %

Year 13 attendance – 96 %

Events –

8th – 10th July - Year 12 work experience



To: Year 11 Parents/Carers

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Our Ref: SBO.KH.3261

Your Ref:

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Year 11 Uniform

As we approach the end of the academic year, we would like to acknowledge that some Year 11 students may be facing difficulties with their uniform, whether due to shoes breaking or trousers ripping. We completely understand that, especially at this time of year, it may not make sense to purchase new items.

However, we have noticed that a significant number of students are choosing to wear incorrect uniform items, despite the availability of alternatives. In light of this, we want to remind everyone of the expectations for uniform going forward.

We are pleased to inform you that Year 11 students will be permitted to wear their Leavers' Hoodies after the Easter holidays. However, students are still expected to wear school shoes — absolutely no white trainers or leggings are allowed.

Additionally, we have a large stock of brand new uniform items that students are welcome to wear. We encourage you to make use of these items if needed.

As the role models of the school, Year 11 students play a key part in maintaining the standards we uphold. Allowing these standards to slip in Year 11 can ultimately impact the rest of the school community. We appreciate your support in ensuring that all students continue to present themselves appropriately as we finish the year.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Miss S Bott
Senior Vice Principal

Water Bottles

Students must NOT leave lessons to fill up water bottles or to ask for water; this impacts on learning time. If students want water, they must fill up their water bottle at break or lunchtime. If they do not have a water bottle, they can buy one using their ClassCharts' points.



DO YOU LIVE IN TIPTON?

Would you like to Volunteer and be part of a FRIENDS GROUP to help improve the Railer and the Crackers green spaces?

Become part of a FRIENDS GROUP and let's come together to make a difference. Contact - Andrew Walker - smbc_volunteering@sandwell.gov.uk

"Help Us Make Our Tipton Cleaner and Greener"

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

INSTAGRAM

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

Instagram remains one of the world's most popular social media platforms, especially among teens – with around 70% of 13 to 17-year-olds using it. Owned by Meta, Instagram allows users to share photos and videos, create interactive 'stories', broadcast live, send private messages and follow others. With regular updates and new features, it's essential for parents and educators to stay informed about how children are using the app – and what the risks are.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EXCESSIVE SCREEN TIME

Instagram's design encourages prolonged use through endless scrolling of trending content and generating a fear of missing out (FOMO). Children can quickly lose track of time browsing posts from friends, influencers, and strangers, which may disrupt their day-to-day activities.

AI CHATBOT CONCERNS

Meta's AI, which is available on Instagram, allows users to chat with an in-app chatbot. While often helpful, it can blur boundaries for young users, who may ask for or read content that is inappropriate or see it as a real friend or confidant. Privacy issues also arise, as conversations may not be as secure or private as children assume.

RISKS OF GOING LIVE

The **Live**stream feature allows real-time broadcasting to followers – or anyone, if the account is public. This increases the chance of unwanted contact from strangers and pressure to act in ways that gain attention, including engaging in inappropriate behaviour. Viewers may also post offensive or harmful comments during live sessions.

THREADS INTEGRATION

Threads is Instagram's sister app for public, text-based conversations. Posts from Threads appear in users' Instagram feeds and can lead children to view, share, and comment on public conversations with strangers. The content may not always be age-appropriate and can be misleading or false.

SCHEDULED MESSAGING

Instagram's newer ability to schedule direct messages late at night or early in the morning. This can disrupt their sleep or keep them preoccupied before the school day even begins.

EXCLUSION AND LOW SELF-WORTH

Feeling left out online can have a real emotional impact. Being left out of photos, receiving fewer likes, being unfollowed, or being ignored in chats and comments can leave children feeling excluded, which often hurts as much as in real life. There is a risk this can lead to reduced self-esteem and a sense of not belonging.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE INSTAGRAM'S SUPERVISION TOOLS

Instagram's built-in Family Centre lets parents monitor how much time their child spends on the app. Specialised 'teen accounts' are private by default and offer controls on who can message them. Make sure that children use their real age when registering their account to ensure they have these protections.

OPEN UP THE CONVERSATION

Talk regularly to the children in your care about what they enjoy on Instagram – and what makes them uncomfortable. Encourage honest chats about filters, body image, and online approval. Reassure them that they don't need to edit their appearance or chase 'likes' to feel valued.

SET BOUNDARIES FOR THREADS AND AI

Parental controls on Instagram also apply to Threads. These allow parents to monitor time spent in the app, check follower lists and adjust exposure to sensitive content. Discuss AI features, too, therefore helping children understand that chatbots aren't real people and should be used with care.

BE MEDIA-SAVVY WITH INFLUENCERS

Parents should follow a few of the influencers their child watches, so they can better understand the content they're seeing. Use this as a springboard to talk about the difference between genuine recommendations and paid promotions – and how online personalities can shape opinions and behaviour.

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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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SEARCH ENGINES

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Search engines are an integral part of everyday life – with Google alone processing around 100,000 searches every second. Search engines use algorithms to predict which results will be useful to us, though this can expose children to inappropriate content, misinformation and even scams. This guide explains the risks associated with search engines and offers practical advice to help safeguard young users online.

MANIPULATED SEARCH RESULTS

Although search engines take site reputation into account, trustworthiness isn't the main factor. Instead, they use algorithms that can be gamed via tactics like search engine optimisation (SEO), which is big business. As a result, users may encounter misleading content and low-quality commercial products that appear more credible than they actually are.

MISINFORMATION AND DISINFORMATION

Search engines index billions of web pages – and not all of them are factual or safe. Children might stumble across false information or even deliberate disinformation, especially when searching for trending topics or controversial issues.

ENGINES BEYOND GOOGLE

Even if Google's SafeSearch is enabled, children may use lesser-known search engines that don't have similar protections. Some of these alternatives are less effective at blocking unsavoury content – sometimes by design – making it easier for children to encounter harmful or explicit material. Parental controls may also struggle to detect and block these sites.

FUNNY JOKES

ILLEGAL CONTENT CAN SURFACE

Search engines are designed to retrieve content based on keywords – not to judge whether that content is lawful. As a result, even illegal or harmful material can appear in search results. Children might assume that anything found through search engines must be safe, just because they're so widely used. This misunderstanding can lead to accidental exposure to seriously inappropriate content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT EXPOSURE

Although parental controls like Google's SafeSearch exist, they aren't foolproof, and search engines may bypass them. Young users may still see inappropriate images or content, especially in image searches, even though they may not be able to click on the results. Some niche search engines lack even basic filtering, posing further risks.

UNRELIABLE AI SUMMARIES

Some search engines now offer AI-generated answers at the top of results. While these can be helpful as webpage summaries, they're not always accurate. There have been instances where AI summaries have presented false or even dangerous information, reinforcing the need for critical thinking.

AI OVERVIEW

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACTIVATE PARENTAL CONTROLS

While no parental controls tool is perfect, this software can help reduce the likelihood of inappropriate content appearing in search results. Use tools like Google Family Link to set search restrictions and monitor your child's browsing activity.

IDENTIFY AND AVOID ADVERTS

One of the ways search engines generate revenue is by showing adverts to their users. Sponsored search results are labelled, but they're not always easy to spot and can sometimes be malicious. Show your child how to distinguish between paid ads and organic search results – explain why some ads might be misleading or unsafe.

QUESTION AI-GENERATED CONTENT

While AI content is generated quickly and often appears legitimate, teach children that, just because an AI summary is well presented, it doesn't mean it's accurate. Encourage them to review the sources behind AI summaries and check the information with reputable sites or fact-checkers.

PROMOTE DIGITAL LITERACY

Encourage children to question the motivation behind online content and develop critical thinking, as not all sites can be trusted. Some deliberately misinform users in order to sell products or promote misinformation. Developing a critical mindset is one of the best defences against these tactics.

Meet Our Expert

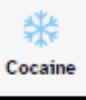
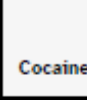
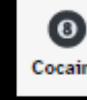


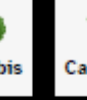




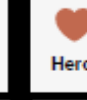


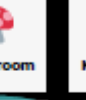






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EMOJI'S EXPLAINED

FROM SECRET SLANG TO CODED MESSAGES, EMOJIS ARE OFTEN USED TO CONVEY MEANINGS THAT PARENTS MIGHT NOT RECOGNISE. UNDERSTANDING THESE HIDDEN MESSAGES CAN HELP BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN GENERATIONS AND ENSURE OPEN, INFORMED CONVERSATIONS.








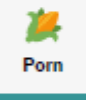
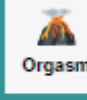
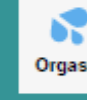
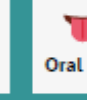








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







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 Weapon	 Weapon	 Weapon	 Crime	 Crime	 Murder	 Murder
	 Threat	 Locked Up	 Snitch			







SEX

 Penis	 Penis	 Genitalia	 Bum	 Vagina	 Vagina	 Nudes
 Porn	 Orgasm	 Orgasm	 Oral Sex	 Lust	 Lust	 Anal Sex
 Intercourse	 Fingering	 Playful	 Horny	 Lets Hump		


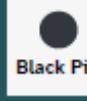
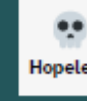













SELF HARM

 Cutting	 Cutting	 Burning	 Trapped	 Sad	 Down	 Anxious	 Not Eating
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






EXTREMISM

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INCEL CULTURE

 Red Pill	 Black Pill	 Hopeless	 Emotional Detachment	 Men are kings	 Extreme Masculinity	 Power	 Older woman
 Lone Wolf	 Incel	 Incel	 Incel	 Incel	 Anti-Women	 Anti-Women	 Anti-Women

HEARTS

 Love	 Horny	 Friends	 Interested	 Loyalty	 Platonic	 Pretty	 Trust
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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about BLUESKY SOCIAL APP

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

With an App Store rating of 17+ & Google Play rating Mature

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

While Bluesky has been around since 2019, it's suddenly taken off in a big way thanks to a significant exodus from X (formerly Twitter). Indeed, it looks and behaves a lot like Twitter before Elon Musk bought the platform. Bluesky has been touted in recent months as a safer, more open-minded alternative to X – but like any social media site, it still has its share of risks.

NO PRIVATE ACCOUNTS

While most social networks allow accounts to be private, at the time of writing, all Bluesky accounts must be public. The development team has indicated this might change in the future, but the app is built on a public-first protocol. If private accounts are ever introduced, it may only be in a limited way – such as through the implementation of group chats.

INTERACTIONS WITH STRANGERS

Every account being public means that anyone can be contacted by anyone else. While users don't have to respond and can easily block people and move on, it does mean that youngsters are at particular risk of being contacted by scammers, messaged by predatory adults or exposed to others with ill intentions. These hazards can be compounded by the fact that Bluesky doesn't require its users to provide their real name.

TROLLING AND BULLYING

While Bluesky currently feels a lot friendlier than X seems to have become, its lack of private accounts means that there's nothing to stop users from trolling and cyberbullying younger people. While accounts can be blocked and reported, a persistent bully could simply create a new profile, potentially making their victims feel unsafe in continuing to use the app.

DANGEROUS MISINFORMATION

Established news organisations have fact-checking and editing processes, but social networks have no such controls and can often serve as breeding grounds for misinformation and disinformation. Bluesky will possibly be no different once it reaches a certain size, and children may not have the critical thinking skills to tell fact from fiction – or to discern an informative, honest user from a malicious one.

ADULT TARGET AUDIENCE

Bluesky isn't designed with children in mind, and there aren't many parental controls on the platform. In an interview with the BBC, Bluesky's CEO originally said that the app would only allow users aged 18 and above to sign up, but a spokesperson later clarified its age restriction as 13+. This could imply the app was originally meant for an adult audience and suggests that making the platform more child-friendly might not currently be a priority.

RAPID GROWTH

At the time of writing, Bluesky seems calm in comparison with other social networks where moderation is lax and the atmosphere toxic – but that's due at least in part to its smaller community. The app has recently been adding as many as a million users per day, and if that continues, there'll be more unpleasant users to handle, and moderators could struggle to maintain the pleasant environment Bluesky is currently known for.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE THE ADULT CONTENT FILTER

Bluesky doesn't have much in the way of parental controls, but there are content filters which can hide sexual and graphic imagery. These are enabled by default for underage accounts but can be manually turned on in the 'Moderation' section of the app's settings. The 'advanced' Bluesky Moderation Service lets you restrict content even further, hiding – for example – self-harm content, extremist rhetoric, and even nude posts.

LOOK OUT FOR FAKES

Impersonation is a problem on all social networks. While the consequences are usually benign, imposters sometimes attempt to scam or groom children by pretending to be a popular influencer or online personality. Bluesky is unique in that it can be connected to official domains, with users' handles linking to other sites; while this isn't widely used right now, it could be a reliable way to verify celebrities and public figures in future.

ENCOURAGE BLOCKING AND REPORTING

Another tool that Bluesky uses to ensure a decent experience is muting and blocking accounts. The former prevents you from seeing a specific user's content, while the latter stops them from seeing yours. If a child is encountering trolls or bullies on the platform, encourage them to use this function, while also reporting the offenders to help make the platform a nicer place for everyone.

KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

As with all social media platforms, moderation and content filters can only do so much; it's highly likely that a child will eventually face something unappealing. For that reason, it's important to make sure that young people are aware of the risks and know how to handle the technology if anything they see on the app makes them feel unsafe or uncomfortable.

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Holiday Activities - Tipton

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Time Step Dance at Conegre Arts Centre - Activities include "The Big Picture" street art-inspired mural, SEND TikTok dance workshop, SEND Wicked workshop, and a magic show with party time.

Sandwell Leisure Trust at Tipton Sports Academy - Plenty for your children to get stuck into with various sports activities such as tennis, football, basketball, athletics, dodgeball, cricket, badminton, netball and team games.

Life in Community at Brook Street Community Centre and St Johns Church Hall - Activities include the Kidz Easter Party at Brierley Hill Civic, the Easter Fun Factory, and "It's an Easter Circus" featuring circus skills with Steve the Juggler.

ELP Sports LTD at Joseph Turner Primary School - Providing sports and games which will promote healthy physical lifestyles.

4 Community Trust at Jubilee Park Community Centre & St. Mark's Church - We offer wide range of activities like arts & crafts, drama, dance, cooking, healthy eating, nutrition workshops, visiting workshops (poetry), sports, digital media and technology activities, games, social play, themed activities, sensory play, water play, plus, many more!

Sandwell MBC Youth Service at Malthouse Activity Centre - Activities include canoeing, climbing, and archery.

Sandwell MBC Youth Service at Conegre Arts Centre - We offer wide range of activities like school of rock, drama and dance!

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Holiday Activities - Oldbury

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Oldbury United at Portway Lifestyle Centre & Ormiston Sandwell - Offering multi-sports such as football, dodgeball, basketball, athletics and dance.

Warrens Hall Riding School at Oakham Road - The activities include stable management, lunch, pony grooming, and horseback riding. We also offer craft and sensory activities.

Lion Farm Action Centre at St James Church - Children will have the opportunity to participate in dance workshops, indoor games, arts and crafts!

Earls Gymnastics at Earls Gymnastics Centre - Children will have the opportunity to participate in a number of gymnastic activities as well as themed arts and crafts.

Genius! Tuition at Lightwoods Primary Academy - Consists of different activities including science experiments, arts and crafts activities and sports activities.

KIDS Specialist Provision at Langley Park Lodge - Physically and mentally stimulating fun for the whole family. Activities focused around the social, physical, sensory and emotional needs of the children / young people with SEND.

Ideal For All at Salop Drive Market Garden - Welly to Belly! Activities focused around the social, physical, sensory and emotional needs of the children / young people with SEND.

The Albion Foundation at Portway Lifestyle Centre - Providing a wide range of multi-sports and many other enriching activities for children with SEND.

Sports Plus at Tivdale Hall Primary & Perryfields Pre-School - Providing a wide range of fun and exciting sports!

4 Community Trust at Burntree Primary - A range of activities, arts & crafts, drama, dance, cooking, healthy eating, nutrition workshops, sports, digital games, social play plus many more!

Sandwell Children's Trust - Metsec Buildings - Specialist provision for children we care for, includes a range of activities such as arts and crafts, a pamper day, a trip to the farm, and much more!

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Creative Active Lives CIC at Rowley Learning Campus - Enjoy activities like clay pottery, gaming, VR, Nerf games, circus skills, tug of war, drift trikes, graffiti workshops, pottery painting, paper plane making, soft play, laser tag, woodland play, scavenger hunts, and more, including an animal man visit and Minecraft LAN gaming.

Sporting your Futures at Cradley Heath Community Centre - A range of multi-sports and activities such as football, tennis, dodgeball, archery, golf, hockey, fencing, boxing, tag rugby, handball, rounders, cricket, badminton and dance alongside arts, crafts, air hockey and many other enriching activities.

Sporting Spirits at Rowley Learning Campus - A variety of multisport activities such as football, cricket, tag rugby, and badminton as well as creative arts and crafts.

CNC Dance at Unit 8, Hill Crest Trading Estate - Dance classes including gymnastics, tumbling, street, contemporary, jazz and disco freestyle.

RB Active at Hurst Green Primary - Activities include football, basketball, tennis, fencing, archery and much more!

Sport 4 Life UK at Goals Rowley Regis - A great way to stay active and meet new people. Activities include football, rounders, cricket, baseball, dodgeball, golf, archery, circuit training, tennis, volleyball and much more!

The Albion Foundation at Goals Rowley Regis - Providing a wide range of multi-sports and many other enriching activities for secondary aged children.

4 Community Trust at Temple Meadow Primary - A range of activities, arts & crafts, drama, dance, cooking, healthy eating, nutrition workshops, sports, digital games, social play plus many more!

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Holiday Activities - SEND

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Here are some of our SEND specific activities across Sandwell:

Exclusive provision for children with SEND:

Fantastic Journeys at Windmill Community Centre - Fantastic Journeys is a social enterprise providing a multi-sensory music and movement session for children with additional needs.

KIDS Specialist Provision - Provide borough wide activities focused around the social, physical, sensory and emotional needs of the children / young people with SEND. Activities will take place at The Chestnut Carvery, Langley Park Lodge, Good Sheppard Church, Forge Mill Farm, Odeon West Bromwich, West Bromwich Leisure Centre and Spacehoppas Play Zone.

4 Community Trust SEND at 4 Community Trust Hub in West Bromwich - Offer a range of activities, arts & crafts, drama, dance, cooking, healthy eating, nutrition workshops, sports, digital, games, social play, themed activities, sensory play plus much more.

The Albion Foundation at Portway Lifestyle Centre - Providing a wide range of multi-sports and many other enriching activities for children with SEND.

Inclusive provision to meet SEND needs:

Warrens Hall Riding School at Oakham Road - The activities include stable management, lunch, pony grooming, and horseback riding. We also offer craft and sensory activities.

Time Step Dance at Coneysgre Arts Centre - Activities include "The Big Picture" street art-inspired mural, SEND TikTok dance workshop, SEND Wicked workshop, and a magic show with party time.

Creative Active Lives CIC at Rowley Learning Campus - Enjoy activities like clay pottery, gaming, VR, Nerf games, circus skills, tug of war, drift trikes, graffiti workshops, pottery painting, paper plane making, soft play, laser tag, woodland play, scavenger hunts, and more, including an animal man visit and Minecraft LAN gaming.

Ideal For All at Salop Drive Market Garden & Barlow Road Community Garden - Welly to Belly! Activities focused around the social, physical, sensory and emotional needs of the children / young people with SEND.

Forge Mill Farm at Forge Lane - Explore the farm with activities like den building, a low ropes course and food farming. SENDsational! Enjoy games, animal interactions, and food-making tailored for all abilities.

Other:

Sandwell Residential Service at Frank Chapman Outdoor Education Centre - Activities include family team challenges and archery (age 8+), climbing and orienteering (age 7+), bushcraft and geocaching (all ages), and a high ropes challenge course (age 8+).

To contact the providers or find out more search SEND on our website!

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Friar Park at Millennium Centre - Activities include sports coaching (dodgeball, tennis, football, basketball, glow-in-the-dark football, multi-sports, and sack races), arts and crafts (birdhouse making, wooden bird decorations, bracelet making, Easter card making), cooking activities (making pizzas and fruit smoothies), soft play area, outdoor play area, library use, board games, puzzles, outdoor trips, and an egg hunt.

Pilot IMS Ltd. at Wodensborough Orimston Academy & Wednesbury Leisure Centre - Join us for fun filled days of adventure, crafts, games and cooking! Every day will be filled with new activities for young people to engage, learn and most importantly have fun! We have everything from multi sports, cooking, arts & crafts, dance and much more!

KIDS Specialist Provision at The Chestnut Carvery - Physically and mentally stimulating fun for the whole family. Activities focused around the social, physical, sensory and emotional needs of the children / young people with SEND.

Ideal For All at Barlow Road Community Garden - Welly to Belly! Activities focused around the social, physical, sensory and emotional needs of the children / young people with SEND.

Centre Spot at Leisure United - Sports and physical activities such as football, multi sports, dodge ball, basketball, craft sessions and much more!

Sports Plus at Old Park Primary - Providing a wide range of fun and exciting sports!



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Holiday Activities - Smethwick

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You can access activities anywhere in Sandwell but here are some activities available in your local area:

Community Connect Foundation at North Smethwick Resource Centre - Providing activities such as dodge ball, football, trekking, music and much more!

Fantastic Journeys at Windmill Community Centre - Fantastic Journeys is a social enterprise providing a multi-sensory music and movement session for children with additional needs.

Bears' Playhouse at Thimblemill REC - Arts and crafts, smoothie making, football skills, and invigorating relay sessions.

West Smethwick Enterprise at Stepping Stones Pre-school - Activities include an Easter egg hunt obstacle course, Easter crafts, planting vegetables, creating and decorating your own Easter egg, smoothie making, a yoga session, and a messy play fun day!

Limitless Academy at West Smethwick Park - Boxing, fitness circuit, roller skating, dodgeball, soft archery and badminton.

Community Action Project at CAP Centre - Activities include clay modelling and playdough (Easter theme), cooking and baking Easter treats, a ZooLab animal explorer workshop, arts and crafts, and an Easter-themed workshop.

Premier Education at St Gregory's Catholic Primary School - Activities include archery, fencing and curling!

Ileys Community Association at Victoria Park Skills Centre - Activities include football, multi-sports, and a variety of other options.

RB Sports Activities at Crocketts Community Primary - Children will have the opportunity to participate in multi-sports, football, dodgeball, fencing, archery, and arts and crafts.

Sport 4 Life UK at Hadley Stadium - Activities include football, rounders, cricket, baseball, dodgeball, golf, archery, circuit training, tennis, volleyball and much more!

ELP Sports LTD at Sandwell Aquatics Centre - Providing sports and games which will promote healthy physical lifestyles.

The Albion Foundation at St Philip's Catholic Primary - Providing a wide range of multi-sports and many other enriching activities for Primary aged children.

Centre Spot at Windsor Olympus Academy - Sports and physical activities such as football, multi sports, dodge ball, basketball, craft sessions and much more!

Holly Lodge at Holly Lodge High School - Sports and physical activities such as football, multi sports, dodge ball, basketball, craft sessions and much more!

The Abrahamic Foundation at Smethwick High Street - A diverse range of activities that cater to every interest and age group. Providing activities such as cooking and sports, there's something for everyone.

Sports Plus at Devonshire Junior Academy - Providing a wide range of fun and exciting sports!

4 Community Trust at Victoria Park Primary, Uplands Manor Primary and Hurst Road Community Centre - A range of activities, arts & crafts, drama, dance, cooking, healthy eating, nutrition workshops, sports, digital games, social play plus many more!



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Holiday Activities - West Bromwich

Sandwell Holiday Activities offer exciting opportunities for children who live or go to school in Sandwell to take part in activities during school holidays. There is lots of choice right across Sandwell with different activities happening in each town. Activities are for children aged between school age 5-16 years.

Easter activities will run from Monday 14th April 2025 - Saturday 20th April 2025 (excluding Sundays and Bank holidays)
 If your child is eligible for HAF then you will have received an email or text with a HAF activity voucher containing unique HAF codes for your child and a link that enables you to book activities.
 If your child does not meet the criteria, you can find other activities on our website (some may have a charge attached) visit <https://holidayactivities.sandwell.gov.uk/>

You can access activities anywhere in Sandwell but here are some activities available in your local area:

SADWICA at Beeches Road - Children will take part in fun, age-appropriate activities in a secure setting, including days out!
Great Bridge Community Forum at Farley Park Lodge - Arts, crafts, games, sports, a kids entertainer and competitions.
Yemeni Community Association at Lodge Community Centre - Packed with activities that are fun, enjoyable, educational, challenging and enriching.
G.A.P Entertainment CIC at G.A.P Entertainment Studios - Offer performing arts sessions, consisting of dance, drama, and music.
Any Girl Netball at West Bromwich Collegiate Academy - Offer netball and multi-sport sessions.
EPIC CIC at Wood Lane Community Centre - Activities include an introduction to healthy eating and dodgeball, mindfulness and the meaning of wellbeing with pebble painting, Snack Attack, learning about healthy snack planning and traffic light snacks, and dinosaur-themed yoga with storytelling.
ExceR8 at West Bromwich Leisure Centre - Activities include tag games, swimming, open sports play, fundamental skills, ball games, arts and crafts, kids fitness, team building, and team sports.
Forge Mill Farm at Forge Lane - Explore the farm with activities like den building, a low ropes course and food farming.
SENDSational: Enjoy games, animal interactions, and food-making tailored for all abilities.
KIDS Specialist Provision at Good Sheppard Church, Forge Mill Farm, Odeon Cinema, West Bromwich Leisure Centre & Spacehoppers Play Zone - Physically and mentally stimulating fun for the whole family. Activities focused around the social, physical, sensory and emotional needs of the children / young people with SEND.
The Albion Foundation at George Salter Academy - Providing a wide range of multi-sports and many other enriching activities!
Centre Spot at West Bromwich Leisure Centre - Sports and physical activities such as football, multi sports, dodge ball, basketball and much more.
Dynamic Kids CIC at Kenrick Park Community Centre - Activities include a family day, cooking, a STEM workshop, forest school, a triathlon, a creativity workshop, and an activity day.
Aspire Active Camps Ltd at Yew Tree Primary School - Activities include warm-up games, English on the move, multi-sports, basketball, football, dodgeball, bench ball, maths on the move, and active families.
SADA at Alpine Gymnasium - Non-contact boxing including bag work, pad drills, fitness exercises, and skipping.
Sports Plus at Lyng Primary School & Yew Tree - Providing a wide range of fun and exciting sports, plus family activities!
4 Community Trust SEND at 4 Community Trust Hub in West Bromwich - Offer a range of activities, arts & crafts, drama, dance, cooking, healthy eating, nutrition workshops, sports, digital, games, social play, themed activities, sensory play plus much more.
4 Community Trust at 4 Community Trust Hub in West Bromwich - We offer wide range of activities like arts & crafts, drama, dance, cooking, healthy eating, nutrition workshops, visiting workshops (poetry), sports, digital media and technology activities, games, social play, themed activities, sensory play, water play, plus, many more!
Sandwell Young Carers at The Old Vicarage - Specialised provision offering play, arts and crafts, and sports activities.

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Go Play this Easter in Tipton

Tuesday 15th April
 10am-12pm Tipton Library (DY4 8SD)
 1pm-4pm Victoria Park (DY4 8SD)

Thursday 17th April
 10am-12pm Farley Park (B70 OHQ)
 1pm-4pm Jubilee Park (DY4 ORL)

Tuesday 22nd April
 10am-12pm Tipton Library (DY4 8SD)
 1pm-4pm Victoria Park (DY4 8SD)

Thursday 24th April
 10am-12pm Farley Park (B70 OHQ)
 1pm-4pm Jubilee Park (DY4 ORL)

All Go Play sessions are FREE, open access (so come along at any time) and do not require booking. Sessions are aimed at families with children aged 6-12 and up to 19 with additional needs.

Sessions are NOT drop-off sessions.

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 **JOIN US ON AN:** 
**EASTER HOLIDAY
BIKE RIDE**



WEDNESDAY 23RD APRIL
MEET AT BRUSHSTROKES CAR PARK (B66 3NJ)
AT 9:30AM FOR A 10AM START

GENTLE-PACED RIDE SUITABLE FOR ALL ABILITIES.
WE'LL BE STOPPING OFF AT THE IKON GALLERY (BRINDLEY PLACE) AND THE MIDLAND ART CENTRE (CANNON HILL PARK)
TOTAL DISTANCE = 15 MILES (FLAT ROUTE)
EXPECTED RETURN TIME TO BRUSHSTROKES = 3PM
ANY QUERIES - 07827 258680
OPTIONAL REGISTRATION VIA QR CODE OR JUST TURN UP




The Active Wellbeing Society

Tividale Park Half Term Activities

Learn to ride and cycling skills sessions.
Free to join - Bikes and helmets provided.
Booking required - Contact Victor to complete cycling booking.

Fun family street games available too!

 Monday 14th April - 1pm - 3pm
Thursday 17th April - 1pm - 3pm
Tuesday 22nd April - 1pm - 3pm
Thursday 24th April - 1pm - 3pm

 Tividale Park, Oldbury B69 2HU

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