



There will be a newsletter next week, please read this bulletin carefully as there is important information and dates for your diary.

**TOMORROW! PARTY in the park @  
Holy Family School**



The poster features a vibrant background with a large yellow sun, colorful bunting, and illustrations of children playing on inflatables, dancing, and holding hands. A logo for 'HFFA' (Holy Family Friends Association) is in the top right corner, with the tagline 'Giving Sharing Friends Together'.

**PARTY  
IN THE PARK**

**The Holy Family Catholic Primary School**  
Welwyn Garden City AL7 1PG

**Saturday 6th July** | **Adult £1**  
**12pm to 3pm** | **Kids free entry**

**JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!**

- drinks, snacks, BBQ food
- 5 inflatables
- games
- music and dancing
- entertainment
- face painting
- market stalls
- and much more!

Please contact us on [holyfamilyfa@gmail.com](mailto:holyfamilyfa@gmail.com) to:  
hold an external stall or volunteer to help on the day

For more information visit: [www.facebook.com/holyfamilyfriends](https://www.facebook.com/holyfamilyfriends)



## Partnership for inclusion of Neurodiversity in schools (PINS)

If you haven't had the chance to complete the survey emailed out earlier in the week, please click on the link below. It only takes a few minutes and will provide really important feedback to help make improvements in mainstream schools.

*We are pleased to let you know that your child's school is participating in the Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) programme, which aims to improve support for children with additional needs. The programme is funded by NHS England, in partnership with the Department of Education, Department for Health and Social Care and the National Network of Parent Carer Forums (NNPCF).*

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/HertsPINS1](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HertsPINS1) - The survey is open until 19<sup>th</sup> July.

## Lost property

Please ensure that all items of clothing are labelled clearly, especially items of clothing that are removed regularly such as jumpers, cardigans, hats and coats. We have lots of unclaimed items that will go to the local clothes bank if not collected by the end of term.

## School Milk for September 2024

If your child is in EYFS, year 1 or year 2, milk for the autumn term is now available on ARBOR. Even if your child is entitled to FREE school milk, you still need to select it on ARBOR. The final deadline for ordering before the summer is Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July .



## 200 Club Winners

### Apr 2024 Draw

D Alves £50.00

M Coyne £25.00

### May 2024 Draw

C Maynard £50.00

S Henley £25.00

### June 2024 Draw

P Shepherd £50.00

A Levett £25.00

*Please collect your winnings from the office.*





## The Holy Family School News Bulletin – 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024



### **Year 6 Rounder's tournament**

Cian (Captain) and Emily have given us a report of how things went on the day.

We started with a really strong performance, we played well as a team and managed to win our first game 9-3 against Oaklands Primary School. We believe this is what drove us to do so well in the tournament.

We narrowly lost in our second game to Sherradswood School due to a few mistakes but we knew now that if we were to make the final we would have to win our next two games.

Our fielding in our 3<sup>rd</sup> game was outstanding and we were getting closer to the semi-finals, a win in the 4<sup>th</sup> game against St Michael's Woolmer Green secured us a place in the Semi-Finals. With a great batting performance we beat Creswick Primary School 7-5 and cruised into the final.....against Sherradwood, our nemesis. It was a stressful game as we had previously lost to them in the 2<sup>nd</sup> game, we were really strong with our bowling and fielding and they only managed to score 7 rounders.

We all tried our hardest and battled away but we fell short by half a rounder but we were all very happy with the way we played and the effort we put in. We all congratulated each other.

### **Year 6 Residential trip**

All the children and staff had a wonderful few days away this week at Grafham Water for the year 6 residential trip. There was lots of fun and laughter.





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

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# REDDIT

R/FUNNY

R/TRENDING

AGE RATING

13+

R/MEMES

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Reddit describes itself as a social news website where users connect and share stories, opinions and support; debate issues; ask questions; and chat to people with similar interests. Discussion topics are organised into communities (known as subreddits) that are created, run and populated by users, who remain anonymous throughout. Free speech is encouraged, and users – or ‘redditors’ – can vote posts ‘up’ or ‘down’ so they get more (or less) attention. Reddit is free to join, although signing up to Reddit Premium unlocks an advert-free version of the platform.

### MINIMAL MODERATION

As sharing opinions on Reddit is easy (and anonymous), offensive or age-inappropriate content is frequently posted. Moderation by admins and bots does occur, but can't cover every community – so reddit relies on users voluntarily moderating these spaces. Subreddits marked NSFW (‘not safe for work’) can contain anything from profanity to pornography, so are not suitable for under 18s.

### HARASSMENT AND TROLLING

If someone on Reddit doesn't agree with your child's opinion, they may feel compelled to say so – in an uncertain terms. This could lead to a public bombardment of hurtful messages. Likewise, Reddit users are highly likely to encounter trolling (where someone posts a deliberately inflammatory comment to provoke a reaction) on the platform, which can be distressing.

### FAKE NEWS

Absolutely anyone can post a story on Reddit, so sub-reddits are occasionally prone to bias, misinformation and opinions being repeated as if they are facts. Fake news articles often grab users' attention with catchy or controversial headlines, and Reddit is no exception. It's important that young people are able to identify fake news – and disregard it rather than sharing it.

### GIFTING AND SPENDING

Users can gift awards to the authors of posts that they like (thereby encouraging their favourite redditors to keep contributing) by spending Reddit Coins. This virtual currency can be bought on demand (with real money) or received as part of the paid-for premium package. Users sending a gift can also leave an anonymous private message, a feature which has been abused by groomers.

### 'SUPPORTIVE' STRANGERS

By definition, reddit users interact with strangers in public through their community – but also have the option to do so privately. Groomers could repeatedly up-vote a child's comments or respond encouragingly to their posts to win their trust. Once they've built a rapport, the predator then begins messaging the child in private to obtain personal details or try to lure them into meeting in person.

### NEVER-ENDING NOTIFICATIONS

Reddit's default is for all notifications to be on. There are a total of 26 types of notification on the platform, ranging from chat messages and comments to updates and mentions of username. This would lead to a child's device being pinged almost constantly with alerts, frequently causing them to be distracted by floating notifications rather than being present in the moment.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### SORT THE SETTINGS

Reddit's user settings can help ensure that minors don't view adult material. Under the 'Feed Settings' tab, switch the Adult Content toggle to 'off', and enable Safe Browsing Mode (this blurs out any explicit images). Also in settings, you can turn off all unnecessary notifications, to prevent your child being distracted by every post or comment on Reddit, allowing them some tech-free time.

### ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

It can often be difficult to tell if something online is real or fake – particularly for young people. It's important to encourage your child to double-check with reputable sources if what they've read is genuine. Remind them to consider what motives might be in the message – and to watch out for scams. Chatting about this regularly helps to develop critical thinking skills and good online habits.

### RISE ABOVE IT

If a person says something critical or offensive to your child on Reddit, it's natural that they'll want to respond. Explain to them, however, that it is exactly the reaction that trolls look for. Don't give them the satisfaction. Instead, report the comment to Reddit support for investigation. Blocking a user stops them from messaging or following your child on the platform.

### AVOID PRIVATE MESSAGING

Through their Reddit profile, young people can control who's able to message them privately – with options including 'no-one' and 'accounts older than 30 days'. These controls help ensure potential groomers can't talk to your child in private, and that Reddit's admins and other users will be able to moderate and report anything they spot which causes them concern.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at DCyberAware. She has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety workshops and policies for schools in Australia and the UK. Claire has written various guidance papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and texting behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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## Dates for the Diary

### July

- 6<sup>th</sup> – HFFA Party in the Park 12-3pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Transition morning
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Year 1 & 2 Seaside trip
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Y5 Hearts on Fire trip to St Albans
- 17<sup>th</sup> – 9.30am Summer Choir Concert
- 17<sup>th</sup> - 1.30-2.30pm Y6 Production
- 18<sup>th</sup> – 1.30pm Y6 Leavers Mass/Assembly
- 19<sup>th</sup> – School closes at 1.15pm for the Summer holidays

