



'A Christian community with children at its heart'

Date	Who	Detail, Timing and Venue
Fri 25 th Sept	Phoenix parents	Celebration Assembly 9am
Wed 30 th Sept	Year 4 Boys	Football at HSMS 4.30pm-5.30pm (see below)
Thur 1 st Oct	Griffins & Phoenix	Wessex Water trip- please visit MCAS to consent by 30 th September
Fri 2 nd Oct	Griffins Parents	Celebration Assembly 9am
Attendance Roundup:		
Unicorns: 95.5% Elves: 96.9% Griffins: 98.4% Phoenix: 97.5% Whole: 97.3%		

Wessex Water and Yr 4 Residential

Just a reminder to pay for and consent to these trips on MCAS please. Many thanks. If you have booked a hot meal next Thursday don't forget to cancel this.

Phoenix Swimming Due to the Wessex water trip next week, the year 4 children won't be swimming in 1st October only. Instead, we have added an extra session after half-term and they will be going on the 5th November.

Unicorns and Elves Trip – We have arranged for our Unicorn and Elves classes to visit The Wild Place Project on Tuesday 13th October. This is to link in with our topic of animals and their habitats. The cost of the trip will be £15.75 which is available to pay for on MCAS along with your consent.

Census Day Lunch – Next Thursday is census day and our caters are doing a special menu. This will be available FREE to pre-school children as well so if you are thinking about trying hot meals for your child this would be a good opportunity to trial them. The menu is below however on the system it is showing the regular Thursday dishes so you will need to select the following:-

For Nuggets select the main meat dish
For Pizza select the pasta option
For Veggie Fingers select the vegetarian option

Any problems please let the office staff know.

Useful Information

Further information can be found on our website: www.lymphshamcofeacademy.co.uk

Our values
'Hope, Enjoyment,
Aspiration, Respect,
Thankful'

Our Christian Value this
term
'Thankfulness'

Safeguarding

Safeguarding children is everyone's responsibility. If you are worried about a child, please email

office@lymphshamcofeacademy.co.uk
[o.uk](http://www.lymphshamcofeacademy.co.uk)

Designated Safeguarding Lead:
Katie Whiting

Reporting Absence

If your child is feeling unwell, please contact the school office on 01934 750473, or email using the school email address: -

office@lymphshamcofeacademy.co.uk

Contact must be made on
each day of absence.

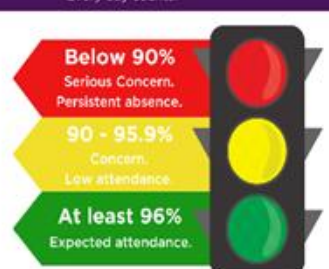
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Somerset, BS24 0EW
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office@lymphshamcofeacademy.co.uk

ATTENDANCE

Every day counts!



Expected attendance means having no more than seven days off this school year!



NATIONAL POETRY DAY MENU 2026

Theme:

WONDER

Take a bite of **wonder** and let
your **imagination** soar!

CHOOSE YOUR WONDER FEAST

WONDER
NUGGETS



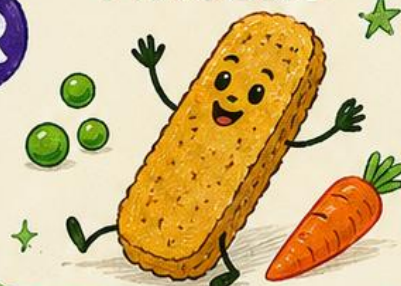
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MAGICAL
MARGHERITA
PIZZA SLICE



OR

VEGGIE
ADVENTURE
FINGERS



SERVED WITH



GOLDEN
TREASURE CHIPS



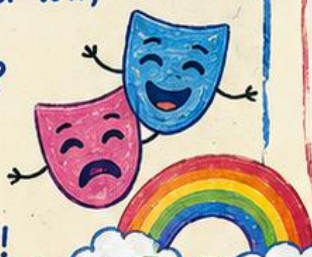
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BEANSTALK
MAGIC BEANS



POETRY DAY RHYME

Wonder high, wonder low,
Where will your
imagination go?
Crunch and munch,
enjoy your meal,
Then discover how
poems make you feel!



SWEET WONDER TREAT

CHOCOLATE
KRISPIE
STAR CAKE



NATIONAL POETRY DAY 2026 -
EXPLORE, IMAGINE, **WONDER!**

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

YOUTUBE

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Almost anyone with an internet connection knows about YouTube. The Google-owned platform allows users to upload and share videos globally, making it a readily accessible resource with free content on almost any topic. However, with over 20 million videos uploaded each day, not all material is suitable for younger audiences.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed across multiple device types, even without an account. While some videos are marked as 'age restricted', this relies on uploader honesty and automated moderation, meaning children and young people may still encounter unsuitable content if these measures aren't taken.



TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

Popular trends and challenges can be entertaining and widely shared. While many are harmless, some can be risky or harmful if copied. For example, the 'salt and ice challenge' has caused injuries when imitated.



EXPOSURE TO EXTREME CONTENT

The platform's algorithm often promotes content that attracts high engagement, which can sometimes include videos containing extreme viewpoints, misinformation, or risky behaviour. As children and young people watch more of this content, similar videos are likely to be recommended by YouTube's algorithm, therefore reinforcing the exposure.



CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

YouTube includes social features such as comments and direct messaging. This means young users can interact with people they don't know, potentially exposing them to inappropriate language, cyberbullying, or unwanted contact. Young content creators may be especially vulnerable.



SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos based on what a user has previously watched. While this can enhance the experience, it may also encourage binge-watching and excessive screen time, particularly when Autoplay is enabled. Without an account, users are shown trending videos, which are not always age appropriate.



SHORT-FORM CONTENT IMPACT

YouTube Shorts – short, fast-paced videos – are designed for continuous viewing. This style of content can be highly engaging but may also contribute to increased screen time and difficulties with maintaining focus over longer periods.



Advice for Parents & Educators

CONSIDER YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids can help reduce young users' exposure to unsuitable content by filtering videos into age groups, such as preschool, younger, and older children. However, as moderation is automated, it should be used alongside active supervision.



USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Google Family Link allows adults to filter content, monitor usage, and manage younger users' screen time. Supervised Accounts offer a gradual step up from YouTube Kids, enabling children to explore the platform with appropriate safeguards.



CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

If a child in your care uploads content, consider setting videos to Private or Unlisted so they are only shared with trusted viewers. Disabling comments can also help reduce unwanted interaction from strangers.



WATCH TOGETHER

Spending time watching YouTube with the children and young people in your care can help you understand what they enjoy and guide your conversations about content. Tools like Downtime in Family Link can also help limit unsupervised viewing.



Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for publications including Wired, TechRadar, Tom's Guide, The Evening Standard and The New Statesman.



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See full reference list on our website

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