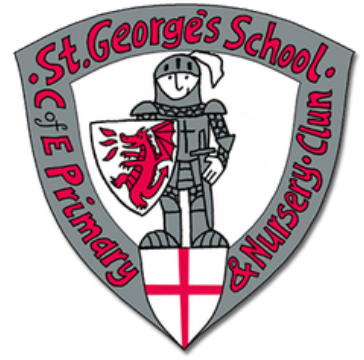




Newsletter

2nd October 2026

This week in school.....

After reading "We're going on a bear hunt" and "The cave", the nursery children were inspired to create their own bear cave. First, they worked together, painting the background using wide brushes and dark colours. Then they created bears using oil pastels and wrote their own speech bubbles using meaningful mark making.

Class 2 have been learning the story map for their new text, Owl Babies. They have come up with actions to help them learn the story and are doing very well! The children have been working hard in maths this week. Both year groups have been exploring number lines and thinking about comparing numbers using the language of less than, greater than and equal to.

Class 3 went to Carding Mill Valley to take part in a cross-country event. All of the children were fantastic and had brilliant sportsmanship. Every child cheered for the rest of the class and supported one another - it was really lovely to watch! On top of that, we also came 1st overall as a school for the boys and the girl's categories! Well done Class 3, you should all be proud of yourselves!

Class 4 have had a busy week in Maths. They have been refreshing their understanding of column addition and subtraction and using this to solve increasingly tricky problems. Mrs Mintoft has been extremely impressed by their use of maths vocabulary and the way that all children have been explaining their reasoning in clear, full sentences. Great work! In English, they have published the persuasive texts that they have been working on for a couple of weeks and there is some outstanding handwriting to be seen.

Attendance

This week's attendance is

Whole School: 94.5%

Class 1: 97.9%

Class 2: 97.5%

Class 3: 91.3%

Class 4: 92.3%

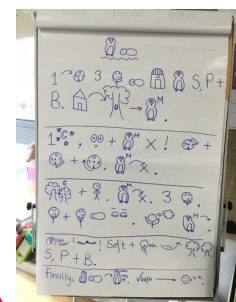
**Special
Reward for
Attendance**

100%

KS1 - George J 100%

KS2 - Rosie C 100%

Class 1's Bear Cave



**Class 2's
Owl
Babies
Story
Map**

Upcoming Events....

Wednesday 7th Oct - Class 2 Forest School
Wed 7th October - Class 4 X Country CMV *late return to school at 3.30pm*
Tuesday 13th Oct - Harvest Festival in Church 2.15pm
Wednesday 14th Oct - Class 3 Forest School
Monday 19th Oct - Parents Evening 3 - 5.30pm
Wednesday 21st Oct - Parents Evening 3 - 5.30pm
Wednesday 21st October - Class 4 Forest School
Thurs 5th Nov - Remembrance Service in Church 9am
Wednesday 11th Nov - Class 3 Forest school
Thursday 12th Nov - Reception Tour 2pm & 4pm
Friday 13th Nov - Reception Tour 9am
Wednesday 18th Nov - Class 2 Forest School
Thursday 3rd Dec - Aladdin Panto at Theatre Severn
Mon 14th Dec - Christmas Nativity in Church 1.45pm

Term Dates

Autumn

Half Term: 26.10.26 - 30.10.26
Ends: 18.12.26

Spring

PD Day: Tues 5th January 2027
Starts: 06.01.27
Half Term: 15.02.27 - 19.02.27
Ends: 25.03.27

Summer

Starts: 12.04.27
Half Term: 31.05.27 - 04.06.27
Ends: 20.07.27



Class 3 X Country



Bronze Ambassadors

On Thursday, our Bronze Ambassador's Evelyn, Florence M, Teddy and Isaac from Class 4 spent the morning with The Sports Ed Coach Jordan and pupils from Lydbury North and Onny schools. They learnt how to be a good sports leader and how to deliver fun and engaging sports sessions. They were so enthusiastic that they decided to create a Dodgeball game during lunch time showcasing their new skills!

2026 - The Year of Reading



Week 27 - Reading Builds Imagination

Books allow children to explore new worlds and ideas.

At home: Ask your child to imagine a new ending.

Recommended read: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe - magical classic.

A Big Thank You to Dr Bike!

Thank you for helping pupils' bikes stay safe, roadworthy and ready to ride!





Be Here
Be Brilliant!



Attendance
Builds
Brighter
Futures!

Celebrating Attendance at St George's

Every week



One KS1 pupil and one KS2 pupil with 100% attendance that week will receive a certificate in our celebration assembly. Their first names will be shared in the school newsletter.

Class attendance



Each class's weekly attendance percentage will be shared in the newsletter and celebrated in Friday's assembly.

Half-term class reward



The class with the highest attendance each half term will receive a class reward. Children will vote for their favourite reward from choices provided by their teacher.

100% for the term



Children who achieve 100% attendance for the term will receive a certificate.

100% for the full year



Children who achieve 100% attendance across the full academic year will receive a special badge.

Improved attendance



Children who make a big improvement in attendance will receive a well done certificate.

Courage, Ambition and Kindness



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Disco

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3 - 5PM

SATURDAY

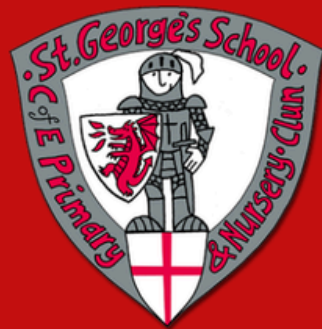
31 OCTOBER 2026
CLUN MEMORIAL HALL

TICKETS: £5 PER CHILD

SPOOKY MUSIC, HALLOWEEN CRAFTS, COSTUME
COMPETITION, SNACKS & BAR

DRESS UP IF YOU DARE!

ST GEORGE'S CE ACADEMY



RECEPTION SCHOOL PLACE TOURS

For parents of children starting Reception in September 2027



- ★ A nurturing and welcoming school community
- ★ Excellent early years provision
- ★ Caring and experienced staff

Thursday 12th November - 2.00pm & 4.00pm

Friday 13th November - 9.00am

Call us in advance to book your place!



Tour the school



Meet staff



Ask questions



Telephone:

01588 640 229



Visit us:

www.clunprimaryschool.org.uk

Online Safety Newsletter

October 2026

CapCut

CapCut is a video editing app. Their services are intended for those over the age of 13 (those under the age of 18 must have consent from their parent/legal guardian). It is rated as 13+ on the App store.

What can I do on CapCut?

CapCut is used as a video and image editing tool allowing users to edit their videos/ images as well as add music, sound effects, text and stickers.

What should I be aware of?

- The templates are user generated, therefore they may not always be appropriate for your child to view, for example may contain adult themes.
- CapCut includes access to a library of music that may include explicit lyrics.
- Premium content – CapCut does include in-app purchases/monthly subscriptions to allow users access to premium content.

Further information

Wayne Denner provides further information about the social side of CapCut including a comments section: <https://www.waynedenner.com/capcut-parents-guide/>

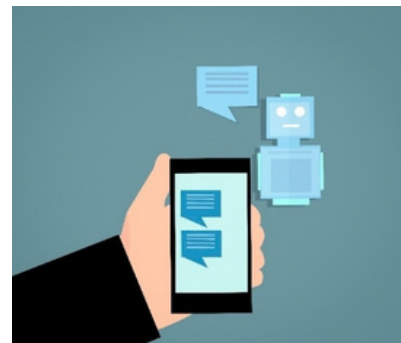
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can use the translate tool on our web version: <https://www.knowsleycitycs.org.uk/october-2026/>

AI companions

What are AI companions?

AI companions are artificial intelligence services designed to interact with users to simulate friendship or romantic relationships. There are many different AI companions available, accessible via apps or websites. **Many of these apps are intended for adults and have an age rating of 18+.**



Why are children using AI companions?

There are many reasons a child might want to use an AI companion, including:

- ☐ To ask advice and questions that they may be embarrassed to ask another person. It may be easier to talk to an AI companion, so it is imperative children understand the difference between AI and real people.
- ☐ They feel lonely and are looking for friendship.
- ☐ Children may just be curious and want to try new technology.

What should I be aware of?

Age restrictions: it is important to check the age rating to see if it is appropriate for your child.

Inappropriate content: there is often a lack of moderation so users could be exposed to content/language that is not suitable for their age.

Emotional dependence: AI companions are designed to act as a friend, encouraging an emotional dependence. This may lead to your child becoming over reliant on the service. A chatbot should never replace a parent, a medical professional or other trusted adult.

Relationships: repeated use of AI may influence a child's understanding of relationships and consent in real life.

Privacy and personal information: children should not share personal or confidential information with AI companions.

What can I do?

- ☐ Check the age rating and any privacy settings.
- ☐ Set up appropriate parental controls on their devices/ broadband.
- ☐ It is crucial to have regular conversations with your child about the risks outlined above and about what they are doing online. Ensure your child knows that they should talk to you or another trusted adult if anything concerns them.

Further information

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/ai-chatbots-and-virtual-friends-how-parents-can-keep-children-safe/>

Discord

Discord is a social networking app originally designed for gamers, but is now used by lots of different people to **chat to each other online**. The minimum age to access Discord is 13. **The App store rates it as 17+.**

Discord is made up of servers, which are spaces for groups to chat, upload files and share images etc. Anybody can set up a server, and it can be set as either public or private. Users can video call and send direct messages to other individuals or groups. Children who play online games such as Fortnite may use Discord to chat whilst playing the game (**rather than using the game's own chat facility**). In-app purchases are available through Discord's subscription service called Nitro.



How can I make it safer?

Discord have created a Family Centre, which provides further information about what Discord is, as well as information about different safety settings available:

<https://discord.com/safety-family-center>

As always, we would encourage you to chat to your child to see why they use Discord and ensure that they know how to block users and what to do if they see any inappropriate content. It is important to be aware that Discord does include video/voice calling which cannot be filtered. **Discord is used by an array of users and therefore adult content can be found on Discord, as well as inappropriate language.** Discord have produced this article, which answers frequent questions:

<https://discord.com/safety-library>

5 fun online activities

Whilst we must be aware of the negative aspects of the internet, it's also important to remember that it can also be a great place to have fun or learn something new as a family. Why not try the following?



1. Playagametogether.
2. Takeafamilyquiz—itcouldbearoundthetopicofonlinesafety(e.g. from Childnet) or you could use Kahoot to create your own.
3. Learnsomethingnew—exploreBBCBitesize,NationalGeographic Kids or Khan Academy.
4. Createsomething—makeadigitaldrawingorvideo.
5. ReadanAudiobook.

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Doki Doki Literature Club

Doki Doki Literature Club is a game that, due to its cartoon anime appearance may appear to be a game suitable for all. However, as the game progresses, it contains much darker and potentially distressing themes. The game includes references to suicide, self-harm and death.

The App store rates it as 18+ as it has cartoon or fantasy violence and horror/fear themes as well as infrequent profanity and crude humour. The game is described as psychological horror. You should also be aware that the app also includes in app purchases.

The game's own website also states that it "is not suitable for children or those who are easily disturbed."

Please ensure you have set up appropriate parental controls on any devices and platforms that your child uses to ensure they can't access games that are not suitable for their age.

Happy Tree Friends

Happy Tree Friends is another animated series that might look harmless because of its cartoon graphics, but the programme contains violence, death and blood. Clips of Happy Tree Friends are also circulating on social media platforms.

As above, we would recommend that you have set up appropriate parental controls to limit exposure to content like this. Also, chat to your child about what they are watching online and ensure they know that if they do see something online that upsets them, then they should talk to you or another trusted adult.

Further information:

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/website-reviews/happy-tree-friends>