# NEWSLETTER

**6th May 2022**

*My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends (John 15: 12-13)*

## OUR CHRISTIAN THEME THIS HALF-TERM IS

## THE PARABLES OF JESUS

The good Samaritan (Luke 10.25-37)

Another busy week at Latchingdon C of E Primary School! Unfortunately, the Olympics Workshop was cancelled again on Tuesday. This has been re-arranged for 24th May 2022 – third time lucky!

Today we welcomed the parents / carers of Foxes class to our Celebration Assembly. We do hope you all enjoyed sharing the achievement of our children. Next week is the turn of the parents / carers of Hedgehogs class.

Also, next week, our Year 6 children will be sitting their SATs Tests. These are the first SATs sat by any Primary children since May 2019 and we wish them all the best. Attached towards the end of the Newsletter are some tips for SATs week to assist our parents / carers.

## Jubilee Celebration Card Competition

As part of the Vine Schools Trust's celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee they are sending 70 cards from across the Vine Schools Trust to the Queen herself!

They have requested 3 cards be sent to them by each school and they will receive a certificate and a commemorative jubilee bookmark.

As a school we have decided to run a Jubilee Celebration Card Competition.

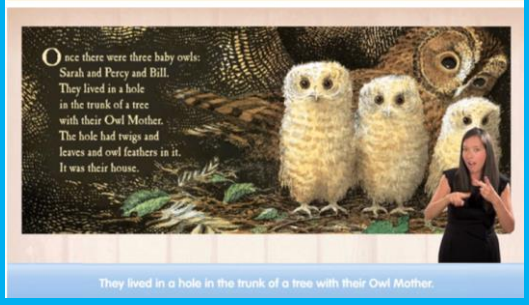
We will choose a winning card from each class and they will receive a commemorative jubilee mug.

We will then select 3 of these winners to be sent to the Vine Schools Trust to be sent to the Queen.

Closing date 9am 20th May 2022

Essex County Council

Story of the Month- May



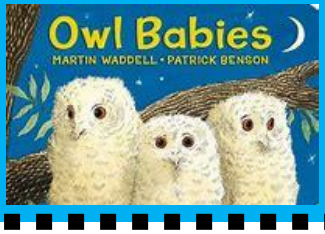

Every month during 2022 there will be a different story chosen and available on the Essex Library Service website.

This month's story is from BookTrust and is a signed version of Owl Babies by Martin Waddell and illustrated by Patrick Benson

There is also a suggested arts and crafts activity that the children could enjoy after listening to the story.

It can be accessed via this link:

**Story of the Month- May (essex.gov.uk)**aries.essex.gov.uk




MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

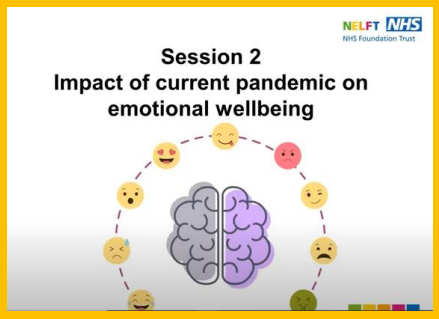
NELFT NHS
NHS Foundation Trust
Best care by the best people

Essex Mental Health and Support Team has prepared a series of prerecorded parent webinars designed to help parents support their child's emotional wellbeing.

There are a total of 4 sessions:

The second session can be accessed here:

Session 2: Impact of the pandemic on emotional wellbeing



SAFERESSEX roads partnership

Thank you to the Safer Essex Roads Partnership Education Team who came into school this week to hold a Road Safety Indoor Presentation to the parents / carers of the children in Reception.

They also took our Year 5 children around Latchingdon Village for a practical outside road safety session.

As this week (2nd to 8th May 2022) is National Gardening Week the School Council members have been re-planting the tubs in our wellbeing/quiet area.

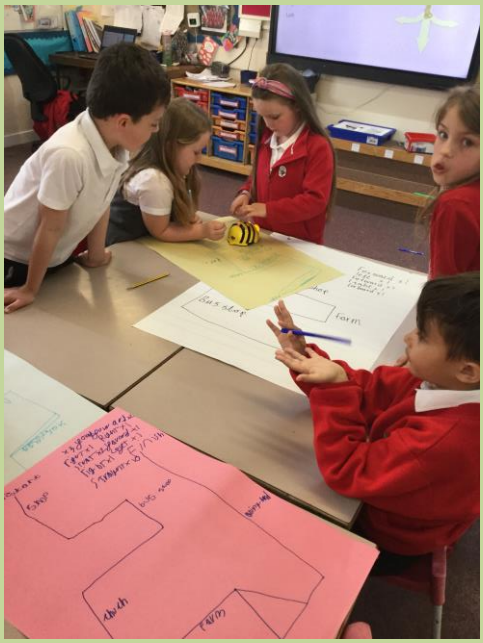
Well done for making the area look lovely for all our children to use!

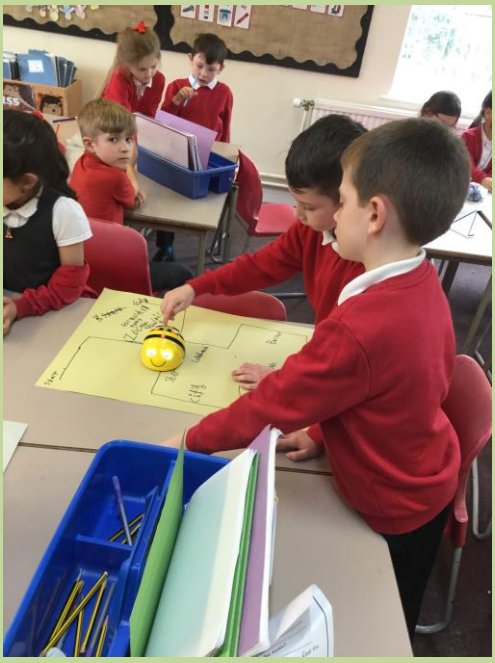
# E & E DANCE CLUB

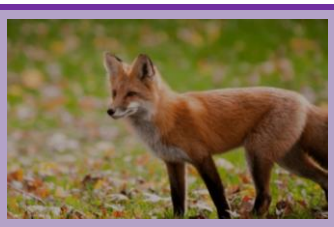
This week in the E & E Dance Club the children have been learning the different elements that make up a 'Jive". They then split into groups to choreograph their own Jive to the song "Happy by Pharrell Williams". They were all fantastic and used all the elements within their routines.

## HEDGEHOGS

This week Hedgehogs class have been looking at writing instructions for Beebots in ICT. They had to plan a route and write instructions for it to follow. Well done Hedgehogs!

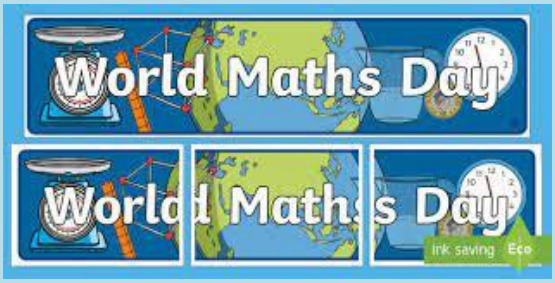






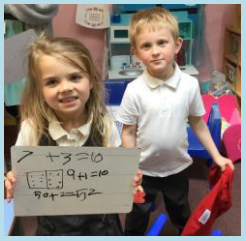
## FOXES

Foxes class have been looking at the patterns and designs in Ancient Greek Vases. They have then used this research to design their own Greek Vases. Good work Foxes!




On Thursday 5th May 2022 it was World Maths Day and each class celebrated by taking part in a fun maths activity.

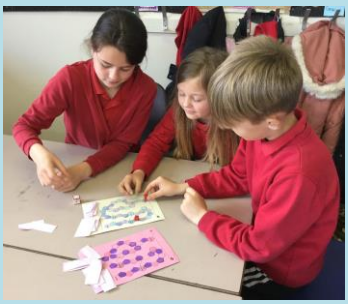
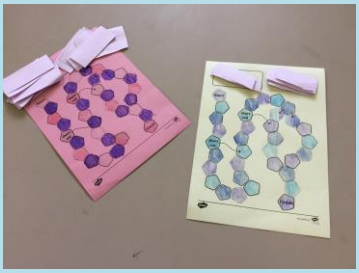
Red Squirrels class went on a maths treasure hunt.

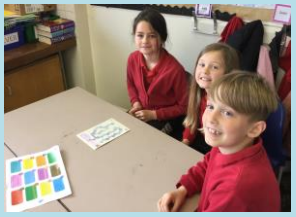


Hedgehogs class made shape pictures to celebrate world Maths day!

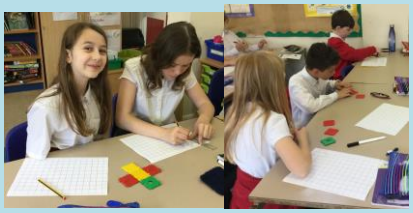
Foxes class linked their maths activity with their PE lesson. They worked out a multiplication sum and the answer was the amount of times they completed the circuit activity.

Otters class made their own times table games and enjoyed playing them!



Badgers class made nets for 3-D shapes using clixi shapes.



Well done to the following children who have all earned Times Table Rock Stars Certificates.

## FOXES

Eddie
Hallie
Ted
Ralph
Catalina
Ashley
Phebe
Lucas

## OTTERS

Ernie
Lola
Sadie
Luke
Maddison
Zac

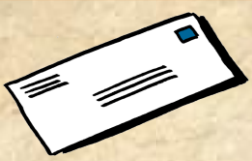
## BADGERS

Jamie
Finley
Laila-Bo
Isla
Lacie

## Headteacher Stickers

This week Mrs Kemp has given Headteacher Stickers to the following children:

Ralph – Foxes
Esme - Hedgehogs



## Letters sent home / info on website for w/e 6th May 2022

The following letters have been sent out and/or put on the school website (under Key Information/ Information Hub/ Letters Home).

- PTFA: Inflatable Day & Summer Fete – 12th June 2022 – 11.30am – 3.30pm
- PFTA: Letter to all Parents asking for donations for Inflatable Day & Summer Fete
- LETTER TO PARENTS FOXES, OTTERS & BADGERS: Visit to Layer Marney Tower – 15/7/22 (dated 6/5/22)

PTFA
LATCHINGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

# SPONSORED WALK

On Friday 13th May 2022, after school, the children are invited to take part in a sponsored walk around the school field.

The PTFA have issued a letter with a sponsorship form attached to enable those children who choose to take part to obtain sponsorship from family and friends.

The PTFA have asked that all sponsor forms and money can be handed into their post-box (in the school reception area) by Wednesday 27th May 2022.

All monies raised will be going towards buying the second shelter for the playground.

Thank you for your continued support.

On Friday 27th May 2022 the whole school will be celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Parents / Carers are invited to join us in our celebrations at 2pm.

We are looking forward to a fun day of celebrations and hope that as many of you as possible are able to join us.

WELL DONE TO THIS WEEK'S MATHS CHAMPIONS!

WHO WILL BE NEXT WEEK'S WINNERS?

*We are looking to tidy up the wildlife garden and re-plant our garden tyres with some summer flowers to encourage wildlife to the area.*

*We are asking if anyone has any garden compost that they do not require and they can donate to the school to assist us with this project.*

*Please contact the school office if you can help us.*

*Many thanks in advance.*

## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS / CARERS OF YEAR 1 CHILDREN

Thank you to the parents / carers of our Year 1 children who attended the phonics meeting with Mrs Peacock this afternoon.

The phonics screening test will take place the week beginning 6th June 2022.

Latchingdon C of E Primary School

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Vine Schools Trust

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING SCHOOL OPENING TIMES TO TAKE EFFECT FROM SEPTEMBER 2022

The Government's White Paper states that all schools must be open for 6½ hours each school day by September 2023.

Currently Latchingdon C of E Primary School is short of this legislation by 5 minutes per school day. Therefore, it has been decided, that from the academic year 2022-2023 (ie from 5th September 2022) the school start time will change to 8.40am instead of 8.45am.

The school finishing time will remain the same at 3.10pm

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

## Application for Leave of Absence During Term Time

Leave of absence may only be granted by a person authorised in that behalf by the proprietor of the school. As from 1st September 2013, the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 amended Regulation 7 to prohibit the proprietor of a maintained school from granting leave of absence to a pupil, except where an advance application has been made by the parent with whom the pupil normally resides, and the proprietor considers that there are exceptional circumstances relating to the application.

Taking your child out of school during term time could be detrimental to your child's educational progress. There is **no** entitlement to parents to take their child out of school during term time, however, you may apply to the school for leave of absence if you believe there are exceptional circumstances.

If the absence is not authorised and the holiday is taken, the case will be referred to the Local Authority who may issue a Penalty Notice for £120 (or £60 if paid within 21 days) to **each parent for each child** taken out of school.

**Please see our website for full details of Dates to remember. Details of any events will be sent out nearer the time.**

### SUMMER TERM

**May 2022**

9th May to 13th May – Year 6 SATS
13th May – 10am - Celebration Assembly – Hedgehogs
13th May – 3.10pm – PTFA - Sponsored Walk
16th May – 20th May – Walk to School Week
18th May – Junior Parkrun Assembly
20th May – 10am – Celebration Assembly – Otters
24th May – History of Olympics Workshop
25th May – Class Photographs
27th May – 10am – Celebration Assembly - Badgers
27th May – 2 pm - Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Celebration
30TH May to 3rd June – HALF TERM HOLIDAY

**June 2022**

6th June – NON-PUPIL DAY
9th June – PTFA Meeting – 3.10pm in School Hall
12th June – 11.30am – PTFA Bounce Day & Fete
28th June – EYFS/KS1 Barleylands Trip

**July 2022**

7th July – Year 6 Transition Day – Ormiston Rivers
15th July – KS2 Layer Marney Tower Trip
11th July to 15th July – Science Week
20th & 21st July – NON-PUPIL DAYS
22nd July – START SUMMER HOLIDAY

### ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-2023

1ST & 2ND Sept – NON-PUPIL DAYS
5TH Sept – First Day Academic Year 2022-2023

## Attendance – 6/5/22

The winning class for the week ending 6th May 2022 is Red Squirrels class.

| Year | Attendance % |
|---|---|
| R / 1(Red Squirrels) | 97.88% |
| 1 / 2 (Hedgehogs) | 90.82% |
| 3 / 4 (Foxes) | 96.27% |
| 4 / 5 (Otters) | 97.62% |
| 5 / 6 (Badgers) | |

Each Friday we hold a raffle for all pupils in school, on time all week. This week the raffle was drawn and the winning pupil was Archie from Foxes class.

The Government expects our attendance to be 96%.

If your child is not in school, please remember to phone each morning before 9 am and leave a message. **We must have a reason to enable us to authorise the absence.**

If you receive a text message, please contact the school to explain the absence. If we do not hear from you telephone calls will be made.

Safeguarding requires the school to know why a child is not in school. Every child legally must attend school and parents/carers have a duty to notify the school.

Each week the Friday Assembly is led by members of Badgers Class. This week's leaders were Tom J and Laila-Bo.

Well done to all these children.

## Stars of the Week – w/e 6/5/22

| Year | Name |
|---|---|
| R / 1(Red Squirrels) | Travis & Ronnie |
| 1 / 2 (Hedgehogs) | Molly & Isla-Mae |
| 3 / 4 (Foxes) | Ted & Ralph |
| 4 / 5 (Otters) | Girush & Zac |
| 5 / 6 (Badgers) | Ronnie & Louis |

## Star Writers – w/e 6/5/22

| Year | Name |
|---|---|
| R / 1(Red Squirrels) | Gopish |
| 1 / 2 (Hedgehogs) | Harrison |
| 3 / 4 (Foxes) | Catalina |
| 4 / 5 (Otters) | Rylee |
| 5 / 6 (Badgers) | SATs Practice |

## Good Manners – w/e 6/5/22

| Year | Name |
|---|---|
| R / 1(Red Squirrels) | Archie & Frankie |
| 1 / 2 (Hedgehogs) | Ruby & James |
| 3 / 4 (Foxes) | Phebe & Nancy |
| 4 / 5 (Otters) | Erin & Daniel |
| 5 / 6 (Badgers) | Lacie & Cheri |

## Lunch Time Stars – w/e 6/5/22

Arlie-Blaiz – Red Squirrels
Rylee – Otters
Lily - Badgers

## Reading Challenge – w/e 6/5/22

| Year | % children reading at home regularly |
|---|---|
| R / 1(Red Squirrels) | 70% |
| 1 / 2 (Hedgehogs) | 67% |
| 3 / 4 (Foxes) | 50% |
| 4 / 5 (Otters) | 56% |
| 5 / 6 (Badgers) | 82% |

# Maths Champion

## - problem dated 29/4/22

KS1 Answer = There are 36 sweets in the bag – WINNER – Gopish – Red Squirrels

KS2 Answer = The perimeter of the shape is 50cm – WINNER – Edith - Foxes

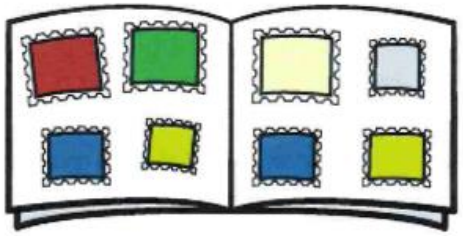
Well done to you both!

# Maths Problem of the Week

## KS1 (EYFS – Year 2)

### The Problem:

**Fred sells stamps.**
**On Monday he sold 25 stamps.**
**On Tuesday he sold 15 more stamps than he did on Monday.**
**How many stamps did he sell altogether?**



## KS2 (Year 3 – Year 6)

### The Problem:

A school makes 50 sandwiches each day.
The table shows the number of sandwiches sold each day last week.

| Day | Number of sandwiches sold |
|---|---|
| Monday | 20 |
| Tuesday | 32 |
| Wednesday | 47 |
| Thursday | 18 |
| Friday | 39 |

How many sandwiches in total were **not** sold last week?

If you would like to solve your KS problem, please put your completed answer, labelled with your name and class, in the **'Maths Competition' box in the main School Office Foyer by 8.45am on Friday 13th May 2022.**

A 'Maths Champion' of the week, will be announced in Celebration Assembly each week. Good luck!

# Tips for SATs Week

- The SATs don't effect what school you will get into
- They are important, but most teachers just want you to do your best
- Lots of schools make the SATs week really relaxed, having breakfast clubs, extra playtime, relaxation time, no other lessons, so it can even be fun. Find out what your school is doing
- This is good practice for taking tests. But you can do it in the comfort of your school which you know well and will help support you
- Talk to your friends and family about how you are feeling about the SATs. It's likely that other people are feeling a bit nervous too
- If you're struggling, talk to your teacher or another adult at school that you trust and you know will listen
- If it helps, write a timetable for the week. Make sure you add some treats, like watching your favourite show, doing sport, or having your favourite meal/ snack
- Talk to the people around you and tell them what you think would help you in that week, e.g. I might need more hugs or down time; I need to get to bed on time; I want you to walk me to school in the mornings
- Concentrate on the tests one at a time. Do your best and however they go, try to let the last one go and then focus on the next one
- Try to eat well, sleep well and take some exercise that week
- Get your clothes and school bag ready each night, so in the morning you can stay calm
- Celebrate when they are over!

# Walk to School Week

## 16th May - 20th May 2022

What are the benefits of Walk to School Week?

Being active and getting some exercise in the morning before arriving at school will help set kids up for a positive day; improving focus and concentration, and instilling a sense of physical and mental wellbeing.

Walk to School Week is also designed to extend beyond the week itself, by encouraging healthy habits for life with a focus on exercise, diet and wellbeing.

There are many health benefits to walking:

- Exercise helps develop strong bones and increase muscle strength. It also tones the whole body.
- Walking gets the heart pumping, which can help improve cognitive function for lessons throughout the school day.
- Walking helps to improve mood. Getting outdoors and making the most of natural daylight makes for a positive start to the day.
- When walking to school, children can relax and let off steam before they head into the classroom to learn.

Walking to school can help children to feel more independent, confident and in control of themselves too. They'll learn the route from home to school, which can boost their navigation skills, and they'll learn more about road safety. Once children are old enough to walk to school by themselves, they'll already have the confidence and the knowledge that they need to get there safely (and in time for their first lesson!).

Another great benefit of Walk to School Week is that it reduces the morning traffic. Instead of driving to school in the car and contributing to congestion, carbon emissions, and pollution, you can bypass this route completely by walking. In the long run, we'll all have cleaner air if there are fewer cars on the road. You can do your part by getting involved with Walk to School Week and leaving your car at home. You'll help to reduce carbon emissions and enjoy all the benefits of walking at the same time.

Walk to School Week also provides a great opportunity to build strong bonds in the community and enjoy increased social interaction. Walk in groups with friends and take a look at your surroundings and what you can see on your route to school.

How can I get involved in Walk to School Week?

Although it may not be possible for every child to walk the distance from their house to their school, parents are encouraged to 'drive and stride,' parking further than they normally would and walking the rest of the way. This also means that traffic congestion and pollution is reduced around school gates.

To get involved, simply leave your car at home (or a few streets away from school) and get your walking boots on. All you've got to do is walk!

With so many benefits to Walk to School Week, what's not to love?

# Southminster United are delighted to announce their new Weetabix Wildcats training sessions will commence from May 7!

This is an FA programme aimed at helping girls aged 5-11 take their first steps into football whilst making friends and having fun, all provided by their qualified coaches and volunteers.

Their first session will be held on Saturday 7 May, 09:30-10:30 down the King George V Memorial Field, Southminster.

Book your first session here: https://faevents.thefa.com/bookevent?eventID=6362&utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=booking

Full details here: https://www.southminsterunited.co.uk/news/wildcats-sessions-now-available-2697525.html

# Why is learning outdoors so good for you?

**Learning outdoors is important because it makes you feel happy and helps you to learn important skills. Plus, it's a lot of fun!**

## KEEP MOVING

When we learn and play outdoors, we move our bodies more. This helps us to get stronger and fitter.

## WORK WITH OTHERS

Learning to co-operate with others is an important skill. In the outdoors, you'll learn how to take turns, solve problems and make things together.

## KEEP CALM

Did you know the colour green helps people to relax? So it makes sense that being in a green, natural space can make you feel calmer.

## TRY SOMETHING NEW

What's new for you? Hunting for bugs, climbing a tree, or swinging on a rope? Trying new things can be scary at first, but helps you to learn and to feel more confident.

## EXPLORE NATURE

Being outdoors helps us connect with nature, so go on – explore and discover what's outside!

OUTDOOR LEARNING AWARD

**Find out how the Outdoor Learning Award can help bring these benefits to your school, email contact@schoolimpactawards.co.uk**

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LATCHINGDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

# INFLATABLE DAY & SUMMER FETE

## Sunday 12th June

## 11.30am - 3.30pm

Entertainment by Quest 4 Entertainment
4 full size inflatables (13 years and under)
Raffle
Tombola
£1 in the bucket
BBQ & refreshments
A special performance by Miss Furley & some of the school children
Plus lots more.....

**This event is organised by the PTFA and all funds raised go directly to benefitting the children of Latchingdon Primary School.**
**Thank you for your support.**

# HARLOW BLACKWATER SAILING CLUB

# OPEN DAY ON 14TH MAY 2022

Want to try any of these?

Join **Harlow Blackwater Sailing Club.**

- A **friendly** club on the River Blackwater, in Maylandsea
- In a **sheltered bay** so suitable for all ages and abilities.
- A variety of **club boats** - from Optimists to Wayfarers - as well as kayaks and windsurfers are available for any member to borrow
- There is frequent club **racing** and usually plenty of **cake** in the club house
- So come to the **Open Day on 14th May 2022** to get on the water and try the club's facilities—join on the day to get 18 months membership for the price of 12 months
- Or visit harlow-blackwater-sailing-club.com to find out more

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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

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| BAY | DINGHY | RACING |
| BLACKWATER | ENJOYABLE | SAILING |
| BUOYANCY | FRIENDLY | SHELTERED |
| CAKE | HARLOW | WETSUIT |
| CANOE | JETTY | WINDSURFING |
| CLUBHOUSE | LAUNCH | YACHT |
| CRUISING | PADDLEBOARDING | |

## Harlow (Blackwater) Sailing Club

Seaview Parade (end of North Drive) For Sat. Nav. use CM3 6AG

***We look forward to seeing you at the Open Day from 10:00am - For those intending in taking part in on the water activities, we advise you bring a change of clothes – just in case (changing facilities available). We will supply buoyancy aids for you.***

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, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

# LONELINESS ONLINE:

## What Causes It and Ways to Feel Better

Have you ever been online and felt a little bit lonely? In a recent study, 14% of 10–12-year-olds said they often felt lonely, so you're not the only one who sometimes feels that way. We spoke to a group of children and teenagers, who told us some of the things that make them feel isolated when they're online.

### CAUSES OF LONELINESS ONLINE

- Seeing photos or videos of friends having fun without me
- Being excluded from group chats or games with friends
- Friends or family not replying to texts or answering my calls
- People being unkind to me online
- When friends leave my group chat

### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

So if these things happen to you and you start to feel down, what can you do? The same young people also told us how they make themselves feel less lonely when they're online – and we've collected some of their advice to share with you.

- Tell a friend or a trusted adult that you feel lonely
- Watch funny videos of cats and pandas
- Watch yoga videos and do some exercises
- Play single-player games you enjoy
- Listen to happy music
- Listen to your favourite audiobooks
- Send nice messages to your friends and family
- Play games with friends who you trust, if they're online too

### TAKE A BREAK

Sometimes the best thing you can do is to take a break from technology and do something offline that makes you feel happy.

Here's what our group suggested!

- Paint or draw pictures
- Play with a pet
- Write about your feelings
- Hang out with your family
- Get outdoors & enjoy nature

### FURTHER SUPPORT

Remember, it's normal to feel a bit lonely sometimes – but if it's really upsetting you, and you have no-one to talk to, you can call Childline for free on

**0800 1111**

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