NEWSLETTER

7th July 2023

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 THEMES THIS HALF-TERM ARE

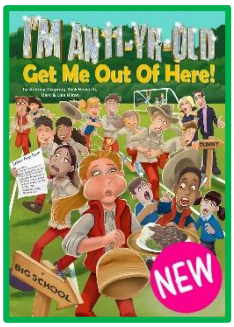
TRUTHFULNESS & HOPE

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13)

Despite being a shorter week than normal, it has still been very busy here at school. We now only have two more weeks left of this academic year – where does the time go!

This week the Year 6 children who will be moving to Plume Academy in September 2023 attended a transition day on Thursday.

We hope all our Year 6's are looking forward to this exciting time in their educational journey!



All the Year 6 children have been busy practising their end of year production "I'm an 11 Year Old – Get Me Out of Here!".

Next week they will be performing the play to the whole school and on Thursday 13th July 2023 at 7pm they will be performing to their families – we wish them all the best and know all their hard work will pay off.

On Thursday, 6th July 2023, we sent a team to represent Latchingdon C of E Primary School at the Dengie Sports Day being held at Ormiston Rivers Academy.

They were all fantastic and we would like to thank Mr Beavis and Mrs Bishop for accompanying them. We would, also, like to thank all the parents/carers that transported the children to and from this event. We will included pictures in next week's Newsletter.

Next week is another very busy week which includes a trip to Chelmsford Museum on Wednesday 12th July 2023 for our Year 4 children and the Year 5/6 children who didn't attend Mersea. As per the letter issued on 18th May 2023 please can children be at school by 8.40am promptly, dressed in school uniform with sensible footwear, bring a packed lunch and drinks (please no fizzy drinks, chocolate or nuts), sun cream and sun hat. The children will be accompanied by Mr Beavis, Mrs Fuller, Mrs Berry & Mrs Carr. The coach is due to leave at 9am and be back at 3pm – please can all our parents/carers ensure they leave room to enable the coach to collect/drop off our children – thank you! We hope they all have a fantastic day!

The week ends with the PTFA Summer Fete on Friday 14th July 2023 from 3pm – we are looking forward to an exciting event!

Staff Changes for Autumn Term 2023

At the end of July 2023 we will be saying farewell to Miss Mallett and Mr Beavis.

Miss Mallett is taking early retirement to be able to spend more time with her family. We would like to thank her for all her dedication to Latchingdon C of E Primary over all the years she has been at the school! We wish her every happiness for the future and she will be missed by us all.

Mr Beavis will be leaving to join a larger school in September nearer to where he lives. Although his time with us has been short we would like to wish him all the very best for the future and we know he will be missed by many of the children.

In September 2023 we are delighted that Miss Spicer will be joining us as the teacher in Badgers class. We are looking forward to welcoming her to our team!

Next Thursday 13th July 2023 all the children will be having a transition meeting with their new teacher and classmates ready for September 2023.

The classes will be as follows:

Red Squirrels
Mrs Strathern (Mon & Tue) & Mrs Deacon (Wed to Fri)

Hedgehogs
Mrs Peacock

Foxes
Mrs Lottering

Otters
Mrs Bishop

Badgers
Miss Spicer

A letter confirming which class your child/ren will be in from September 2023 will be issued next week along with KS1 & KS2 SATs Results.

Celebration Assemblies

Our last Celebration Assembly this academic year open for parents to attend is on:

14th July 2023 – Hedgehogs

Please note change of day

Our Celebration Assemblies start at 10am and finish at 10.15am so please arrive no later than 9.55am to ensure you do not miss anything!

Due to the amount of space we have in the school hall we are only able to admit one adult per family – thank you for your understanding.

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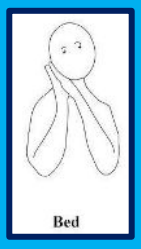
Sign of the Week – Bed



Headteacher Stickers

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

Ella-Mae – Otters
Ronnie – Hedgehogs
Sophie A – Hedgehogs
Dita – Hedgehogs
Thea – Hedgehogs
Emily – Hedgehogs
Tahnee - Hedgehogs

CLOSING DATE OF THIS WEEK'S MATHS CHAMPION QUESTIONS IS 14TH JULY 2023!

Letters Sent Home / Info on Website for w/e 7th July 2023

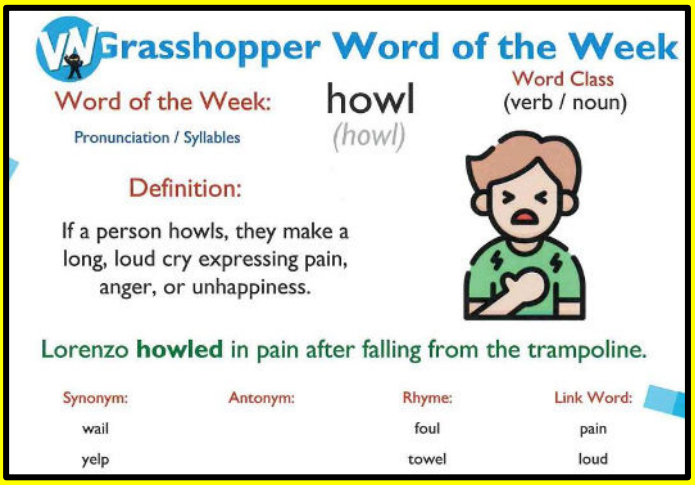
The following letters have been sent out and/or put on the school website (under Key Information/ Information Hub/ Letters Home).

- LETTER FROM PTFA: We're on a countdown to the school's summer fete! (issued 4/7/23)

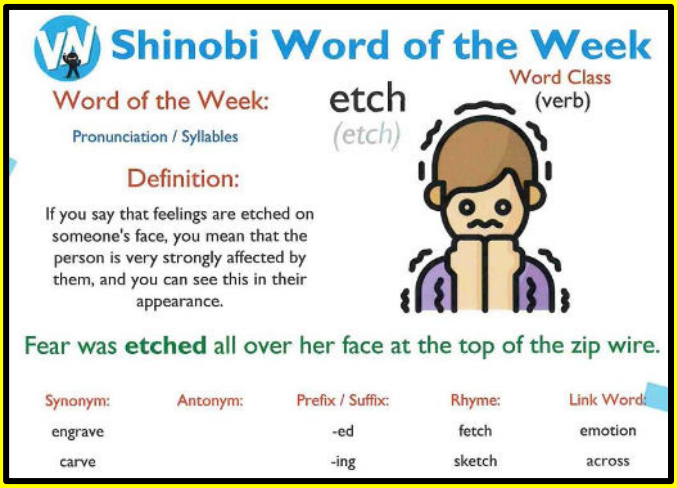
Word of the Week

Wednesday 5th July 2023 to Tuesday 11th July 2023

KS1 (EYFS – Year 2)



KS2 (Year 3 – Year 6)



Please promote the use of the word of the week at home with your children by talking about the word, its meaning and other similar words. If you hear your child using any of the words correctly at home please do let their teacher know, on Seesaw, so we can celebrate this in school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Voluntary One-Way System

With effect from Monday 22nd May 2023

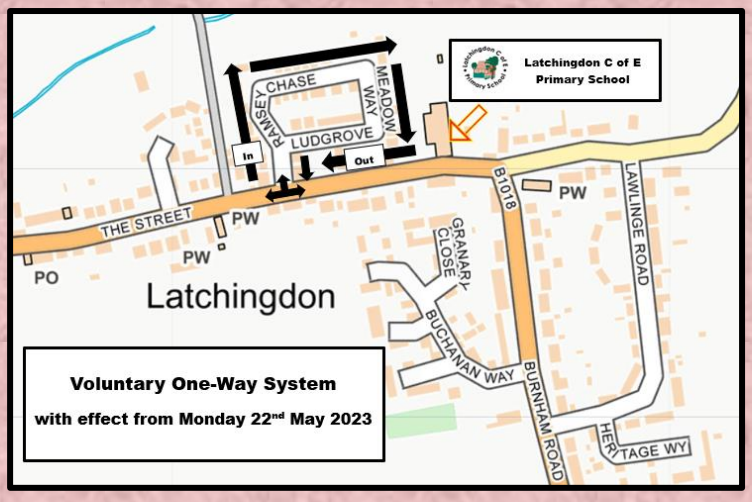
Following on from many complaints from parents/carers and local residents regarding the congestion caused at the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up we have decided to implement a **Voluntary One-Way System**.

Could parent/carers please enter via The Street, straight into Ramsey Chase, right into Meadow Way then into Ludgrove and back onto Ramsey Chase to exit via The Street.

We feel that this will make the roads a much safer place for everyone as the traffic will all be flowing in one direction.

We are aware that we do not have the authority to make this mandatory. However, the more of our parents/carers that participate in this Voluntary One-Way System the safer and less frustrating the start/end of the school day will be for everyone!

We appreciate your co-operation in this matter and if it proves to ease the congestion then we will produce leaflets to distributed to the residents of Ramsey Chase, Meadow Way and Ludgrove to let them know what action we have taken and to thank them for their continued co-operation.



SPORTS DAY

Please note that due to the NEU Strike Day on Wednesday 5th July 2023 our Sports Day has been moved to:

Tuesday 18th July 2023

The school gates will be opened at 12.30pm for parents/carers to join their child/ren and bring a picnic lunch before the afternoon Sports Day activities commence.

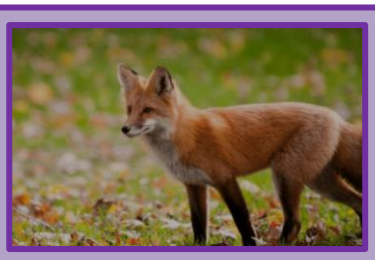
We are looking forward to seeing you all with your picnic lunches and blankets!

We hope sun hats and sun cream are also required!!

We are delighted that the children who will be joining the Red Squirrels class in September 2023 have been having transition visits over the past 6 weeks.

We hope that they and their parents/carers feel prepared ready for this exiting chapter in their lives. This week some of them even joined us for lunch!

We are looking forward to getting to know them all better in the Autumn Term!

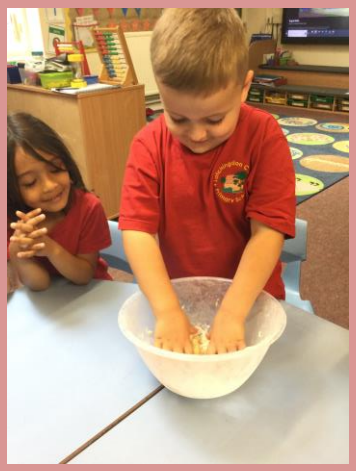


FOXES

As part of this terms theme of "Roots, shoots & juicy fruits" the children in Foxes class have been making fruit salads. They all enjoyed tasting all the different varieties – excellent work Foxes!

RED SQUIRRELS

Red Squirrels class are always busy – this week has included making play dough and ensure all the plants in their outdoor area have been watered – keep up the lovely work Red Squirrels!



HEDGEHOGS

Hedgehogs class have this week been making salads with tuna and salmon. They worked really well using their cutting, chopping and grating skills – well done Hedgehogs!

VISIT THE NEW STICK MAN TRAIL AT WEALD COUNTRY PARK

Keep the kids entertained this Summer with Explore Essex by visiting the official Stick Man sculpture trail at Weald Country Park, based on the much-loved picture book by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler, licensed by Magic Light Pictures.

Why not make a day of it and take your own picnic and enjoy the open spaces and kids play area.

[Weald Country Park | Explore Essex (explore-essex.com)]

Essex Music Education Hub

Summer Music Workshops for Young People

Essex Music Education Hub are running a range of workshops for young people this Summer - from playing in a film orchestra or rock band, being a DJ or pop singer.

If you're child/ren are interested, register for a summer music course or email:

musichub@essex.gov.uk

Registration - Essex Music Service

Essex Music Education Hub

Stay Active this Summer with Essex Outdoors

Keep the kids entertained this summer with Essex Outdoors (EO) School Holiday Activity Days.

There are many more ways to have fun with Essex Outdoors this summer including:

- learning to sail at RYA training centre EO Bradwell.
- reaching new heights with climbing and high ropes sessions.
- learning how to operate a powerboat and gain the qualification you need for when on holiday in the UK or abroad.
- Alternatively, sit back and enjoy someone else taking the helm on a Sailing or Powerboat Experience Day on the Blackwater Estuary.

Attendance – w/e 7/7/23

The winning class for the week ending **7th July 2023** is Red Squirrels class.

Year	Attendance %
R/1(Red Squirrels)	100%
1 / 2 (Hedgehogs)	97.7%
3 / 4 (Foxes)	93.83%
4 / 5 (Otters)	97.53%
5 / 6 (Badgers)	89.66%

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.

If you child arrives late then please could an adult accompany them into the office to sign them in. Anyone arriving after the registers close (after half an hour) will be classed as an unauthorised absence unless we are aware of the reason in advance.

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.

Essex Careers Magazine

The second edition of Essex Careers has landed! The magazine is your one-stop shop for local job, training and education opportunities.

The latest edition focusses on careers in health and social care, as well as businesses and training in West Essex. Read the Essex Careers Magazine online or find a copy in your nearest library or ACL centre.

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

Academic Year 2022-2023

July 2023

11th July – 1.30pm – Year 6 Production to School
12th July – Year 4 & Year 5/6 (not going Mersea) – Chelmsford Museum Trip
13th July – Pupil Meet the Teacher Transition Mtgs
13th July – 7 pm - Year 6 Production to Parents
14th July – 10am Celebration Assembly – Hedgehogs
14th July – 9.30am to 12pm – Year 5 visiting William De Ferrers School
14th July – 3pm to 7pm – PTFA Summer Fete
18th July – 12.30pm to 3.10pm – Latchingdon Picnic & Sports Day
18th July – No hot dinners available – packed lunch only
19th July – 3.30pm to 5pm – Year 6 Leavers Party
20th July – Red Squirrels & Hedgehogs – Wat Tyler Park Trip
20th July – 10am – Year 6 Leavers Assembly
20th July – No hot dinners available – packed lunch only
21st July – NON-PUPIL DAY
22nd July to 1st Sept – SUMMER HOLIDAY

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Academic Year 2023-2024

September 2023
4th Sept – NON-PUPIL DAY
5th Sept – First day Academic Year 2023-2024 – Autumn Term

October 2023
6th Oct – NON-PUPIL DAY
23rd to 27th Oct – HALF TERM HOLIDAY

December 2023
1st Dec – 9.30am - Cinderella Pantomime in School
21st Dec to 3rd Jan 24 - CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

January 2024
4th Jan – First day of Spring Term

February 2024
19th to 23rd Feb – HALF TERM HOLIDAY
26th Feb – NON-PUPIL DAY

March 2024
29th March to 12th April – EASTER HOLIDAY

April 2024
15th April – First day of Summer Term

May 2024
6th May – BANK HOLIDAY
27th May to 31st May – HALF TERM HOLIDAY

July 2024
22nd & 23rd July – NON-PUPIL DAY
24th July – SUMMER HOLIDAY

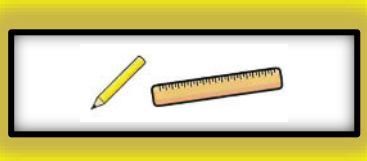
Maths Champion

Maths Problem of the Week

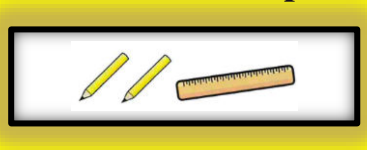
KS1 (EYFS – Year 2)

The Problem

Mike buys these items and it costs him 30 pence.



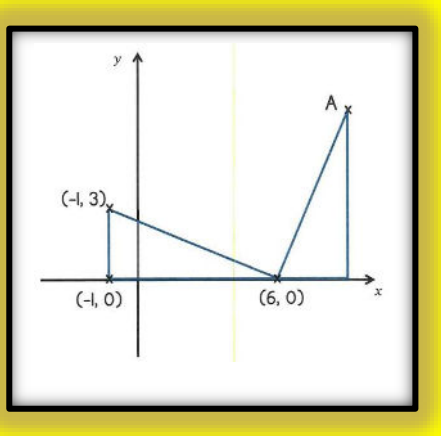
Olga buys these items and it costs her 42 pence.



How much does a ruler cost?

KS2 (Year 3 – Year 6)

The Problem



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 8.40am on Friday 14th July 2023.**
A 'Maths Champion' of the week, will be announced in Celebration Assembly each week. Good luck!

Summer Sports Camp

31st/7th/2023 - 4th/8th/2023

For children in school years R-YR 6

Qualified Level 3 coaches

9.00am - 3.00pm

High Class Sport

£18.00 per child, Per day (Discounted options)

Join us for an action packed sports session which will include; Football, Dodgeball, Cricket, Nurf Wars, Tennis, as well as competitions and prizes throughout the day

Venue - St Nicolas CofE Primary school, Tillingham, CM0 7TJ

To book your place visit https://bookwhen.com/highclasssport

Make summer Wild
NATURE TOTS
DROP OFF DAYS
FOREST FUN
SUMMER EVENTS
PLUS LOTS MORE!
School holiday activities
Let your children connect with nature in the great outdoors this summer holiday! With fun Forest School days, weekly Nature Tots group, creative activities to help wildlife, trails to explore and amazing family events and activities, this will be the best summer holiday yet!
Book a place or find out more:
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Drop-off days
EXPLORE
LEARN ABOUT WILDLIFE
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School holiday drop-off days
We are offering drop-off days for children aged 5 and over to explore our fabulous outdoor locations for wildlife! Our programmes help to build confidence, enhance self-esteem and develop social skills. Each group is led by an experienced Wilder Learning Officer.
Book your sessions or find out more:
www.essexwt.org.uk/drop-off-days
Essex
Wildlife Trust

The 2023 Summer Reading Challenge starts this month!

For this year's Summer Reading Challenge, Essex Library Services and The Reading Agency are teaming up with the Youth Sport Trust for a very special sports, games, and creativity themed Challenge.

Children will be able to join a superstar team and their marvellous mascots as they navigate a fictional summer obstacle course, brought to life with illustrations by children's illustrator Loretta Schauer.

The challenge will run from Saturday 15 July 2023 to Saturday 2 September 2023 in all Essex libraries and mobile libraries.

Children will be asked to read 6 books throughout the summer holidays. As they read their library books, they will collect special stickers to fill up their folder, and other rewards along the way. After reading 6 books they will earn their certificate and medal!

Children can read any library book of their choice! Whether it's fiction, non-fiction, picture books, or books they share with parents and carers – they all count! Of course, the under threes are not forgotten, with a special version of Ready, Set, Read! made just for them.

The Summer Reading Challenge takes place every year during the summer holidays to help children continue their reading goals over the summer, give them access to books, and encourage reading for pleasure. It is open to all children, free of charge.

To find out more please visit Summer Reading Challenge | Reading Agency and Summer Reading Challenge 2023 | News | Essex Library Service

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

Mid and South Essex Health and Care Partnership

NELFT NHS
NHS Foundation Trust

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM
ONLINE SUMMER WORKSHOP SERIES
FOR PARENTS & YOUNG PEOPLE

Emotional Wellbeing Support, Advice and Toolkit Ideas

Finding Calm in the Chaos

Helping you put some routine and structure into the chaos of the summer holidays - open to all parents

2nd August 10-11am
3rd August 3-4pm

Moving on to Secondary School

Open to all parents and young people in year 6

30th August 10-11am
31st August 3-4pm

To book your place on one of the workshops, please scan the QR code above or access the following link:
https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/mental-health-support-team-summer-workshop-series-2367169

NELFT NHS
NHS Foundation Trust
Best care by the best people

To find out more please look at the attached Primary Schools Leaflet:

Primary Schools Leaflet

Community Gaming Initiative (CGI) Summer Sessions

CGI will be hosting the following weekly sessions:
Maldon* - 26th July & 23rd August
Burnham - 31st July & 28th August

Benefits to attending the sessions are:

- IMAGINATIVE THINKING
- PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS
- FASTER REACTION TIMES
- INCREASED CONCENTRATION SPAN
- ENHANCED SOCIAL SKILLS
- IMPROVED HAND/EYE COORDINATION

Now with fully updated equipment including the most recent consoles and games as well as hosting many new activities such as tournaments.

These community gaming sessions are open to young people moving into secondary school this September.

*The Maldon dates are those that are 11+. If your child has not yet reached 11, please contact us to discuss attending.

Scan to book

Community Gaming Initiative Membership Form

To find out more email
gaming@maldoncvs.org.uk
or call 01621 851981

Community Gaming Initiative

Maldon & District CVS are a service provider which values diversity and inclusivity towards our service users, partners and members regardless of their gender identity, sexual orientation, race, disability or creed.

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 apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about RUMBLE

AGE RESTRICTION 12+ on the App Store; 'Teen' on Google Play

A video-sharing platform designed as an alternative to YouTube, Rumble is the epitome of a 'slow burner' in digital circles: it was initially launched in 2013, but it's only in the last two or three years that it's begun to gain serious traction. Much of Rumble's recent growth has stemmed from its association with Truth Social, the platform founded by former US President Donald Trump. Rumble's content frequently reflects some intense political viewpoints; this can often affect the way it approaches topics and has occasionally caused the platform to venture into controversial territory.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

POLITICAL AFFILIATIONS

The company which developed Rumble is also responsible for hosting Truth Social, the often contentious news and social network founded by Donald Trump. Indeed, Rumble's content often reflects the ideas of one group of US voters, who have embraced it as an alternative to more mainstream social media. Many parents may feel that such an overtly political platform isn't suitable for young people.

PROVOCATIVE CONTENT

Rumble prides itself on championing free speech, with its CEO declaring the platform "immune to cancel culture". Many of Rumble's highest-profile content creators – such as Andrew Tate and Russell Brand – are well known for sharing opinions which are often described as extreme. While adults might be equipped to treat this content objectively, much of it may not be appropriate for a young audience.

INAPPROPRIATE MATERIAL

In very simple terms, Rumble works a little like YouTube but with far fewer censors and restrictions being applied to its content. If age-inappropriate material or potentially harmful misinformation is trending on the platform and being shared among more mature users, there's a distinct possibility that Rumble's algorithm may also recommend that content to a child.

CONTROVERSIAL FIGURES

Many of Rumble's best-known accounts are owned by individuals who have previously been banned from other social media platforms. There could, of course, be a variety of reasons behind this – but it almost certainly increases the chances of your child coming across content on Rumble which probably wouldn't be deemed acceptable on other similar platforms.

SENSITIVE TOPICS

In recent months, some prominent Rumble influencers have expressed uncompromising views on sensitive subjects such as gun control, abortion, LGBTQ issues and more. With many Rumble accounts tending to display a noticeable political bias, the concern would be that young people using the platform may not always be presented with an impartial perspective on these important and complex topics.

THE ALTERNATIVE VIEW

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT POLITICS

Rumble *does* have a team of moderators, but the nature of the platform means that some permitted content is likely to be controversial and highly subjective. That possibility might make many parents uncomfortable – but if your child *does* view (or hear about) something provocative on Rumble, it can still provide a useful opportunity to discuss politics at home in a safe, relaxed environment.

RESEARCH ALTERNATIVES

No video-sharing platform is totally free from potentially harmful content, of course – but the number of prominent account holders on Rumble whose output has previously been banned from similar services is certainly a cause for concern. If your child is becoming interested in influencer culture or politics specifically, you could perhaps research more family-friendly platforms together.

CHECK UP REGULARLY

Like any video-sharing platform, there's a chance that Rumble might suggest inappropriate content for your child. There may be an algorithm issue – or it could be that the recommendations are based on videos they've previously viewed. If your child uses Rumble, you might consider a chat with them about which accounts they follow and what type of content is suitable for their age.

DISCUSS IMPARTIALITY

Many prominent Rumble accounts wear their political leanings firmly on their sleeves. As a result, it can be tricky for impressionable young people to appreciate both sides of any given debate. If your child is old enough to use Rumble, you may feel that a discussion of some things they've seen might be prudent – if so, be prepared from some complex (and possibly lengthy) conversations!

Meet Our Expert

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Source: https://www.pewresearch.org/journalism/2022/10/06/prominent-accounts-on-alternative-social-media-sites-mostly-are-individuals-not-organizations/

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