



# Panshanger Press - Vol. 15

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*Panshanger Primary School*

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## Summer is here!

*Message from Mr Longland*

Hello everyone!

What a busy half term we have had and we now only have our final one to go! This half term was particularly busy for Year 6; SATs, Chessington and a residential trip to Norfolk.

We hope to get the most out of our swimming pool during this upcoming half term and I'm sure you won't need any encouragement to attend our after school PTA sessions. Also available on Saturdays and Sundays. If you are still interested in becoming a 'Pool Supervisor' then please contact your class rep.

Please enjoy a restful half term and we look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 4th June.

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## SATs

We are incredibly proud of every single one of our Year 6 children. They showed our school values throughout the tests of being: Respectful, Ambitious and (especially) Resilient.

Although we understand national tests have to be completed, we feel it is very important to remember that they are not life-defining but just a snapshot of where the children are at the moment. We would like to share the following poem as a reminder for all...

# SATs Don't

SATs don't measure sports  
SATs don't measure art,  
SATs don't measure music,  
Or the kindness in your heart.

SATs don't see your beauty,  
SATs don't know your worth,  
SATs don't see the reasons,  
You were put upon this earth.

SATs don't see your magic,  
How you make others smile,  
SATs don't time how quickly,  
You can run a mile.

SATs don't hear your laughter,  
Or see you've come this far,  
SATs are just a tiny glimpse,  
Of who you really are.

So sitting at your table,  
With a pencil and your test,  
Remember SATs aren't who you are,  
Remember you're the best!

Haydee Waldron Jones- 11/05/2018

Chessington



As a celebration of completing their SATs, our Year 6 children had a fun filled day at Chessington World of Adventures on Monday. We enjoyed a beautiful day with the children who had an incredible day. As always, the children were impeccable whilst representing the school, leading one member of the public to say "Wow, you must be incredibly proud of your children."

Yes, yes we are. Thank you Year 6.











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## Year 6 Residential - Norfolk

You may have noticed that school has been slightly quieter since Wednesday. Mrs Quinn, Mr Quinn and I have taken Year 6 away for their residential trip to West Runton, Norfolk.

The children have been given some extraordinary opportunities to engage in activities that they may not usually have access to. These include:

- Zip Wire
- Rock Climbing
- Archery
- Shooting
- Jacob's Ladder

Once again, we are thrilled and delighted to have shared this experience with such well-rounded, well-mannered and enthusiastic children.























## Considerate Parking



I would like to thank all of our parents who are parking considerably nearby our school during those busy times of drop off and pick up. However, I would like to remind some of our parents about the following:

- Parking is available at the red shop at the end of the road with a short walk back up to school. This is a much safer way to park.
- Please remember that local residents need constant access on and off of their driveways at all times.
- The path is not a safe place to park. We would much rather the children arrived a few minutes later for school rather than endangering themselves or others.
- The school site is for staff only. Please do not use the school grounds to perform a U turn. Of course, the exception to this is the use of our disabled bay.
- The yellow zig zag lines at the front of school are not a safe area to: park, drop off or pick up.

## What Parents Need to Know about Online Content

# ONLINE CONTENT

## 10 tips to keep your children safe online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.



### 1 MONITOR VIEWING HABITS

Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.



### 2 CHECK ONLINE CONTENT

Understand what's being shared or what seems to be 'trending' at the moment.



### 3 CHECK AGE-RATINGS

Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age-limit.



### 4 CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.



### 5 SPEND TIME ON THE APP

Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.



### 6 LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE

Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.



### 7 ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could cause distress.



### 8 LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK

Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.



### 9 KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

If a child sees distressing material online; listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance.



### 10 SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT

If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.

 **National Online Safety**  
#WakeUpWednesday





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*PTA Updates*

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**Summer term PTA update:**

This term the PTA have had 2 events so far - we have launched the second-hand bookshelf and enjoyed Break the Rules Day last Friday, we hope the children enjoyed it!

Work is underway to plan next terms events - it is always a busy one! Here is a summary of what we have planned:

Frozen Fridays - every Friday afternoon after May half-term, we will be selling ice lollies and ice-creams after school! Keep an eye out around the dining room doors.

Friday 14th June - "rainbow hamper" non uniform day. More information will be shared shortly; each class brings donations in a specific colour of the rainbow to help make hampers for our summer fair.

**Swimming pool**

PTA swim sessions are back! The pool opens for PTA swimming on Saturday 25th May. Hopefully, if we have enough volunteers, we will open every day after school and on Saturday and Sunday afternoons for school families to come and swim. Please speak to your class rep if you can volunteer.

Pool parties - the school pool is available to hire for just £125 for a 2 hour private hire, including lifeguard. Speak to your class rep for more info or contact [ptapoolbooking@gmail.com](mailto:ptapoolbooking@gmail.com) to book.

**School Tea Towels**

School tea towels are back! The children have recently drawn their faces for a 2024 Panshanger Primary School Tea Towel. SchoolGateway is now open for you to pre-order tea towels for just £3 each. As well as being useful in the kitchen, they make great gifts for the family and additions to children's memory boxes. Don't miss out - we only do these once every 3 years!

## Swimming Pool Update

Thank you so much to all that have made your contribution towards the swimming pool. If you have not been able to make your donation yet, SchoolGateway will remain open until the end of the summer term and payments can be made at any point.

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### *Upcoming Dates for the diary*

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Friday 14th June - Non-Uniform Day for Rainbow Donations

Friday 28th June - Non-Uniform Day for Bring a Bottle

Friday 5th July - Summer Fair 17:00 - 20:00

Please check your class WhatsApp groups for more details

## Dates for the Diary

### **We have now added term dates for 2024/2025 to our website.**

**Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May - Half Term**

Monday 3rd June - INSET Day

Wednesday 5th June - Class Photos

Monday 10th June - Friday 14th June - Year 6 Bikeability Week

Wednesday 12th June - Year 2 Trip to Rye Meads RSPB

Monday 24th June - Sports Day

- Nursery & Reception - 9:00-9:45
- Year 1, 2 & 3 - 10:45-12:00
- Year 4, 5 & 6 - 14:15-15:30

Thursday 27th June - Year 3 Trip to Celtic Harmony

Tuesday 2nd July - Year 6 Trip to Hertfordshire Showground

Friday 5th July - PTA Summer Fair

Thursday 11th July - Transition Day

Tuesday 16th July - Summer Music Concert

Tuesday 23rd July - End of Term (2 o'clock finish)

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*More dates are available on the '[Diary Dates](#)' page of our website*

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