

Conway Chronicle

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Leadership Message

As we come to the end of my first year as Headteacher of Conway Primary School, I would like to take a moment to say a heartfelt thank you to our entire school community. When I accepted the role, so many people told me what a special place Conway was. I can honestly say that they were absolutely right—but even they underestimated just how special it truly is. It has been a privilege to get to know our wonderful children, supportive families and dedicated staff. I would particularly like to thank every member of our staff team for their incredible commitment, care and hard work throughout the year. They consistently go above and beyond to provide the very best for our children, and I know how fortunate our pupils are to be surrounded by such talented, caring and passionate professionals every single day.



This year has been one of real achievement, and there is so much to celebrate. Our pupils have made excellent academic progress, with attainment continuing to rise across the school. We are particularly proud that, for children who have attended Conway since Reception, outcomes are now above national figures in every assessed area. Alongside these academic successes, our parent, pupil and staff surveys show just how positive our school community feels about Conway, something that means a great deal to us. Beyond the classroom, our children have enjoyed over 50 educational visits, visitors and enrichment experiences, ensuring learning has been memorable, exciting and inspiring. As we reach the end of the academic year, we do so as a happy school, proud of what we have achieved together and determined to continue improving so that Conway becomes even better for every child.

At this time of year, we also say goodbye to valued members of our staff team. Mrs Vercauteren, Mrs Shahzad and Miss Kennedy will all be leaving Conway at the end of term. While we are naturally sad to see them go, we completely understand their decisions and thank each of them for the commitment, kindness and dedication they have shown to our children and families during their time at Conway. They have each made a lasting contribution to our school, and we wish them every happiness and success in the next chapter of their careers and lives.

Finally, I hope all of our families enjoy a happy, restful and safe summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Thursday 3rd September**. As always, the wellbeing of our children remains our highest priority. If, during the summer break, you have any safeguarding concerns or are worried about the safety or wellbeing of a child, please contact the school using our safeguarding email address. This inbox will be monitored throughout the holiday period, and any concerns will be responded to appropriately. Thank you once again for your continued support throughout the year. Have a wonderful summer, take care of one another, stay safe, and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Dates for your Diary

17th July

Last day for children before summer holidays (1pm finish)

3rd September

Back to school for Year 1 to Year 6

Lots of FREE summer activities available in Birmingham—see posters at the end of this newsletter.

Free School Meals eligibility is changing.

For more information and to check if you are eligible, please see page 5.



Safeguarding

Please go to page 3 and page 4 for parent guides for a safe summer.

Star Pupils of the Term

HIVE

Ola, Aliyah, Awais, Abdul-Rahman

EYFS

Ahmed, Arminder

Year 1

Maido, Nathania

Year 2

Mahad, Jannat

Year 3

Shaheer, Arya

Year 4

Nicole, Eshrak

Year 5

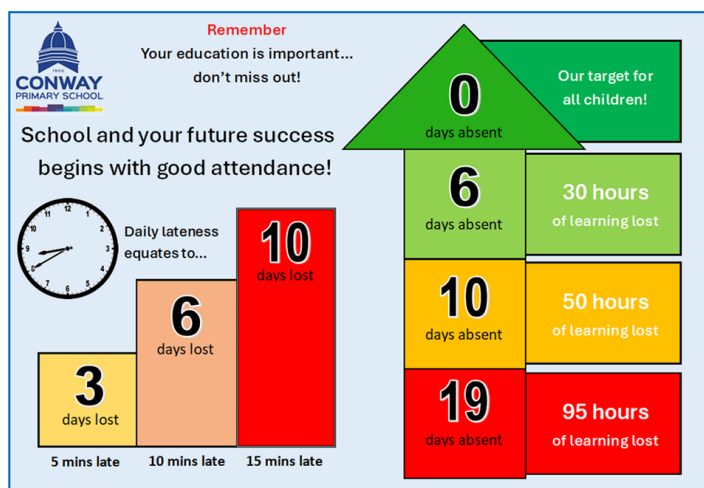
Daniyal, Muntashir

Year 6

Maryama, Evan



Congratulations to the 25 children who had 100% attendance at school. What an achievement. Well done!



Have a fantastic summer!

Summer holidays – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

School's out for summer!

It's always best to be prepared

During the summer holidays, without the distraction of school, internet usage for many young people can increase all the way up to September. This guide is designed to help parents with a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games. Please click on each image below for more information.



A Parent's Guide to Social Media



A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures



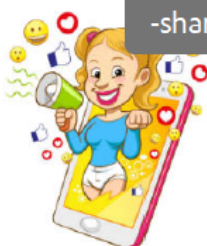
<https://safetynet.skipseducational.org/a-parents-guide-to-sharing-pictures/>



A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming



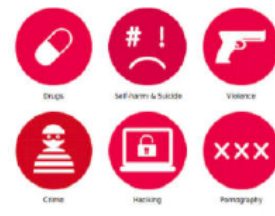
A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming



A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers



A Parent's Guide to Fake News



A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school if you would like to attend a parents internet safety workshop or have any concerns.

Schools please [contact us](#) if you would like a SKIPS Safety Net session delivered to your parent groups or staff.

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Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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Skips

Keeping children safe online

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Skids Safety Net

Keeping children safe online

When Something Goes Wrong Online — A Simple Action Plan for Parents

1. Stay Calm First

If your child tells you something worrying:

- Thank them for telling you
- Avoid blaming or panicking
- Reassure them: "We'll deal with this together."

2. Keep the Evidence

- Take screenshots (include usernames and dates)
- Save messages
- Keep profile links

3. Use Official Reporting Routes

Grooming or exploitation – CEOP: www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre

Illegal images – Internet Watch Foundation: www.iwf.org.uk/report

Nude images shared (under 18s) – Report Remove: www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/report-remove

If in immediate danger, call 999.

4. If You Feel Overwhelmed – Use Structured Support

You can use free ChatGPT to help structure next steps.  ChatGPT

Free access: <https://chat.openai.com> Example prompts:

- My child received inappropriate messages. What steps should I take in the UK?
- How do I report online grooming?
- What should I say to my child after cyberbullying?

Important: ChatGPT is a support tool and does NOT replace official reporting or police action.

5. Ongoing Protection at Home

- Keep regular, calm conversations
- Review privacy settings together
- Monitor gaming contacts
- Encourage early disclosure

Children will make mistakes online, just as they do offline.

Trust and communication protect them more than punishment.



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



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School Meals

Important Information: Free School Meals Eligibility from September 2026



Free School Meals eligibility is changing from **September 2026**.



From September 2026, there will **no longer be an earnings limit** for families in receipt of Universal Credit. This means that if your family receives Universal Credit, you may be eligible to claim Free School Meals for your child.



However, please note that a child will only receive Free School Meals where an **application has been made and eligibility has been verified by the Local Authority**, these will be checked on an annual basis.



If you are in receipt of Universal Credit, it is very important that you **complete an application before September 2026** to avoid your child not receiving Free School Meals when we return after the summer break.



Please **complete the application as soon as possible**, alternatively pick up a paper form from the main office.

Scan here to
apply online



Don't miss out – apply before September 2026!

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.



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