

# **School News**

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# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

# Friday, 21st March - Year 4 Class Worship at 9am in the School Hall

Parents and carers of children in Year 4 are invited to join us for their class worship at 9.00am in the school hall.

# Friday, 21st March to Thursday, 27th March - Book Fair in School 3.30 to 4.00pm



Following the very popular book fair that visited the school last year, we are pleased to announce that they will be visiting the school again from 21st to 27th March. World Book Day tokens can be used towards purchases from the book fair. Books are available for every budget and the book fair will run every day after school. This is a cash free event and books can be purchased using the QR code which will be available at the fair and is also attached to this newsletter. The school will receive rewards for any books sold which we will use towards purchasing new books for the school.



# Monday, 24th to Thursday, 27th - PTFA Mother's Day Gift Shop in the Library at Lunchtimes

The PTFA will again been holding their Mother's Day gift shop during lunchtimes in the library from Monday to Thursday next week. Children will be able to purchase

small gifts for loved ones costing from 50p. <u>Please can we ask that children bring money in a purse</u> labelled with their name, thank you.

# Tuesday, 25th March - Boys League Football Match home to Cartwright and Kelsey School - Kick Off at 3.15pm

# Thursday, 27th March - Autism Awareness Course

On Thursday, 27th March, we will be holding the fourth and last session of our Autism Awareness Course which runs from 1.30 to 3.30pm in the school hall.



# Sunday, 30th March - Special Mother's Day Service at 10.00am at St. Mary's Church, Eastry

We will be holding the second of our special joint services with St. Mary's Church Eastry on Sunday, 30th March at 10.00am. We will be showing thanks for Mother's or other special people in our lives during this Mothering Sunday Service. We look forward to seeing you there.

# **OTHER SCHOOL NEWS**



# **Decorated Egg Competition**

We again invite **children** to decorate a hard boiled egg (or if you are really adventurous use a blown one!). It could be a person, a model or just simply decorated. **Please bring your entry, which will be displayed in the school hall, into to school from Monday, 31st March to the morning of Wednesday, 2nd April, so everyone can see them. Remember to make a stand, and <u>label clearly with your name and class</u>. There will be a chocolate prize for the winner in each class which** 

will be independently judged on the children's own work. All entries must be in by the morning of Wednesday, 2nd April.

# **COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NEWS**



# Eastry Easter Bonnet Parade Event

St. Mary's Church, Eastry are holding an traditional Easter Bonnet Parade on Saturday, 19th April. You are invited to decorate a hat for Easter and bring it along to the Village Hall at 3.00pm for registration and then parade to the Church Hall where refreshments will be served. Further details are being sent home with children today.

# Fun Family Breakfast Club

St. Mary's Church have announced that regretfully Saturday, 12th April will be the last Fun Family Breakfast Club. As always, everybody is welcome. A big thank you to all who made it possible and such a pleasurable experience.

# My Mum 2025

A little reminder that any My Mum 2025 entries submitted by children in Fledglings, Year 1 or 2 will be included in the special supplement on all paid KM Newspapers issued during week ending 28th March. Digital copies of this year's supplement, and any previous year's My Mum supplements, can be purchased online.

# **Eastry Dance Club Young Voices**

Eastry Dance Club young voices, in collaboration with Maddy4music, are running a workshop on Thursday, 10th April from 10.00am to 12noon in the Eastry Village Hall. Entrants are encouraged to come dressed as a prince or princess. Places are limited and can be booked by emailing maddie4music@btinternet.com or texting 07714433649.

# Free Events at our Local Libraries

Sandwich Library	5th to 22nd April - Easter and Spring Character Hunt	
	5th to 19th April - 10.30am Story Time and craft session (3 - 10 years)	
Deal Library	10th to 15th April - 11am to 12.30pm Easter Crafts Eggstravaganza (4-11 years)	
	14th April - 10am to 11am Author Reading & Activities Booking required (3-7 years)	
Dover Library	14th April - 10.30am to 12.30pm Easter bunny hunt & Easter craft session	
	26th April - 10.30am to 12.30pm Children Craft session (3-10 years)	
For more information call 03000 413131		



At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

#### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Livestreaming has become a big part of the entertainment people consume, and what began as a series of gamers sharing their screens has grown into a huge industry packed with personalities - and potential risks for your children. With over 2.5 million people watching Twitch, the most popular streaming service, at any one time, it's important to remain aware of the risks associated with streamers.

#### **INAPPROPRIATE** CONTENT

Some gaming streamers will stick to family-friendly titles, but others will play more violent games that tend to be more popular. Non-gaming streamers could, in theory, discuss just about anything, and some streamers will often stream in revealing outfits.

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### NEGATIVE INFLUENCES

While things have improved, streamers are often paid by companies to promote products, and this isn't always stated explicitly. While it's unlikely these goods will be harmful to your thirds are accessed by the state of th child, some streamers and influencers have engaged (knowingly or not) in scams in the

### **FINANCIAL** HARM

Streamers will often have donation buttons on their screens for users to submit money. What can start as small amounts can quickly spiral a streamers engage with paying viewers more often, potentially leading to financial issues.

# UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS



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Influencers often showcase how glamourous their lives are, making some users feel as though they are lesser. However, it's important to stress that, in many ways, this is an act, or at the very least, not common. Logan Paul, who has been successful as a streamer and influencer, has a Pokemon card worth \$5 millio but this is atypical of anyone working in the medium.

# MISINFORMATION

Streamers are, in many ways, just like us - and they can get things wrong or reel off an opinion without having thought about it. Some can simply say awful things to get a rise out of viewers or to sway them to their side of a hot topic.

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### ADDICTION AND SCREEN TIME

If your child is watching a lot of a particular streamer, it can be just as damaging to their social life as playing too many video games.

# **Advice for Parents & Educators**

# EXPLAIN HOW STREAMING WORKS

For a younger viewer, being a streamer or influencer seems aspirational, but it involves a lot of work and no small degree of good fortune. Streamers are often managed and unable to speak freely due to sponsors, and influencers are just that -influencing young minds, for better or for worse.

# DO NOT LOG PAYMENT INFORMATION

Streamers can reward donations with additional content, on-camera "shout outs" and more. If you're unsure about who or what your child is watching, consider avoiding linking payment information. This is especially notable with Twitch, which is owned by Amazon and therefore has some crossover.

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# Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of the Daily Star, and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.

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SET SCREEN TIME LIMITS

content they shouldn't be

CHECK OUT STREAMING PLATFORMS

While Twitch was the de facto streaming service for years, YouTube has gained popularity, too. Then there are Kick and Rumble, which have grown in popularity with moves for big-name streamers - despite many being dogged by controversy.

You can set screentime limits for mobile apps on iOS and Google, but with other platforms like a PC it may be more difficult to keep tabs. Consider checking in regularly to ensure your children aren't watching

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# Kind regards

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# AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Week commencing 24.3.2025

MONDAY	
Gardening Club (3.30 to 4.15pm)	Yes
Ballet Club (3.30 to 4.15pm)	Yes
Football Club (3.30 to 4.30pm)	Yes
TUESDAY	
Netball Club (3.30 to 4.15pm)	Yes
WEDNESDAY	
Singing Club (8.00 to 8.30am)	Yes
Home Learning (3.30 to 4.00pm	Yes
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Harmony Club (3.30 to 4.15pm)	Yes
FRIDAY	