



School News

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday, 2nd May - Fledglings visit to Samphire Hoe

Friday, 2nd May - Year 2 Class Worship

Parents and carers of children in Year 2 are invited to join us for their class worship at 9.00am in the school hall.

Monday, 5th May - Bank Holiday - School Closed

Tuesday, 6th May - Partnership with Parents Meeting at 9.00am in the School Hall

All parents and carers are invited to join me for our next Partnership with Parents meeting which takes place on Tuesday, 6th May at 9.00am when we will be discussing handwriting and presentation of books. I look forward to seeing you then.



Tuesday, 6th May - Nonington Cricket Club Sports Session with Year 3 & 4

Wednesday, 7th May - Bags2School

The PTFA have their next Bags2School collection on Wednesday, 7th May. Please bring any unwanted clothes, paired shoes, bags or jewellery to school on the morning of 7th May, as these will be collected shortly after 9am from the staff car park. The more items donated, the more funds that will be raised for the school! Please do not bring bags before this date as the school does not have anywhere to store them.

Wednesday, 7th May - Year 3 and Year 4 Catch-up Swimming Lessons

Friday, 9th May - Year 1 Class Worship

Parents and carers of children in Year 1 are invited to join us for their class worship at 9.00am in the school hall.

HEALTH ADVICE/ONLINE SAFETY SECTION

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

SAFETY ON THE ROAD

Traffic-related incidents are a significant risk for young pedestrians and cyclists, so understanding road safety is crucial for children's wellbeing. While all road users share responsibility for keeping one another safe, this guide offers strategies for empowering young people to navigate the roads confidently and responsibly.

1 TAKE PRACTICE JOURNEYS

Making 'practice' journeys with children is a great way to help them stay safe, thereby modelling responsible behaviours and having road safety conversations as they prepare to travel independently. Add hazard perception activities like spotting electric vehicles – which may have a green number plate – and point out how quiet they are. Children learn by watching others: remind them that their peers might not always be the best role models.

6 STOP BEFORE THE KERB

Teach children to stop before reaching the kerb – not right at the edge of it. Halting before they get to the kerb allows them to see if anything's coming, whereas getting too close to traffic is dangerous. If there's no pavement, children should stand back from the road's edge but ensure they can still see approaching traffic.

2 BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN

Visibility is lower during darker winter days, and drivers need to take extra care to look out for pedestrians. Wearing bright and reflective clothing can help make children more visible to drivers near roads. In poor daylight conditions, encourage children to wear light, bright or fluorescent clothing. When it's dark, wear reflective clothing or materials such as a reflective armband or jacket.

7 CROSS SAFELY

Children should always find a safe spot to cross the road, prioritising zebra crossings or pelican crossings, footbridges and subways. Find a place where they can see traffic coming from both directions. Avoid crossing near junctions, bends in the road, or obstacles that block their view. Instead moving to somewhere they can see and be seen. Remind them to use their eyes and ears together when checking the road, as sometimes they can hear traffic before they can see it. Looking and listening while crossing helps them quickly spot traffic, including cyclists and motorcyclists driving between other vehicles.

3 EYES UP

Encourage children to look up and keep their eyes on the road. Teach them to constantly watch for traffic and practise double-checking the road before crossing – looking right, left and then right again.

8 PARKED VEHICLES

Crossing between parked vehicles is very dangerous. Teach children to use extra caution if crossing in this way, and, ideally, avoid it altogether. They should use the outside edge of a vehicle as if it were the kerb, waiting and checking for traffic before moving. They should ensure vehicles aren't about to move, by looking for drivers in the vehicles and listening for engines running – but remember that electric vehicles may move off silently. They should always make sure there is a gap between any parked vehicles on the other side, so they can reach the pavement.

4 LIMIT DISTRACTIONS

Where possible, devices like phones should be kept away from children while out and about near roads. If they're carrying devices, these should be put away until they've reached their destination. Children must also avoid playing with toys or being distracted by friends. If a friend wants to show them something funny on their phone, there'll be time for that once they've safely arrived.

9 REVERSING VEHICLES

Children must never cross behind a reversing vehicle – it's extremely dangerous. Remind them to look for white reversing lights and listen out for warning sounds. Can they hear the engine sound or a radio playing inside the vehicle?

5 SLOW DOWN

Discuss the importance of waiting instead of crossing immediately. It can be tricky to judge the speed of traffic and spot obstacles that could cause a trip or a fall. For safety, children must stop and think before they get to the kerb and should always walk – not run – when crossing the road. They should avoid crossing until they're certain they have plenty of time. Even if traffic seems a long way off, it could still be approaching very quickly.

10 WAIT FOR THE BUS TO LEAVE

When getting off a bus, children must wait for it to leave before crossing so they can have a clear view of the road in both directions. This also allows them to see and be seen by other road users. Crossing near large vehicles is particularly dangerous and should be avoided.

Meet Our Expert

THINK! is a year-round national campaign that aims to encourage safe road behaviours – whether we're driving, cycling, horse riding or walking – with the aim of reducing the number of people killed and injured on the UK's roads each year. Find out more at: <https://www.think.gov.uk/education-resources/>





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OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

10% Discount on Uniform Orders

Brigade Clothing, our uniform supplier, are offering a 10% discount on all orders placed between 3rd to 5th May. Please quote promocode **BANKHOL10** at checkout to receive your discount.

Kind regards

Sarah Moss

Mrs Sarah Moss
Headteacher

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Week commencing 5.5.2025

MONDAY	
Ballet Club (3.30 to 4.00pm)	NO
Football Club (3.30 to 4.30pm)	NO
Netball Club (3.30 to 4.15pm)	NO
TUESDAY	
Cheerleading Club (3.30 to 4.15pm)	Yes
WEDNESDAY	
Singing Club (8.00 to 8.30am)	Yes
THURSDAY	
Harmony Club (3.30 to 4.15pm)	Yes
FRIDAY	