

St Oswald's CE Primary School and Nursery



JUNE 2025

Message from the Headteacher, Mrs C Reece

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the final weeks of the school year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what a truly wonderful term it has been and to share how incredibly proud I am of all our children.

Our pupils have shown tremendous resilience and maturity during this term's statutory assessments. From our Year 6 children tackling their SATs with focus and determination, to our Year 4s confidently completing the Multiplication Tables Check, and our Year 1s showing great enthusiasm and progress in their phonics assessments – they have each risen to the challenge brilliantly. The calm, positive attitude they have brought into the classroom has been inspiring to see, and they should all feel very proud of their achievements.

Beyond the classroom, it has been a joy to watch our children thrive through the rich variety of opportunities provided this term. Whether it's the teamwork and excitement of bell boating, the essential skills learnt in our first aid workshops, or the independence and adventure experienced during the Year 6 residential – every activity has brought learning to life in meaningful and memorable ways. Our Bikeability sessions have also been a great success, helping children gain confidence and competence on their bikes – a valuable life skill and a step towards greater independence.

It's a real privilege to see the children flourishing not only academically, but socially and emotionally too. Their enthusiasm, curiosity, and willingness to engage with everything offered to them makes our school community a very special one.

Thank you for your continued support.

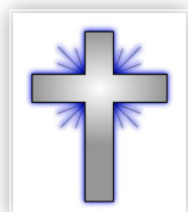
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Our vision is to:

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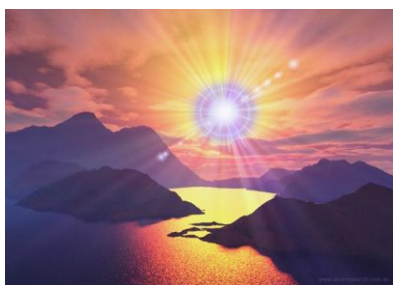
"I came so that they may have life and life to its fullest" John 10:10

Christian Values



Thankfulness:

'Always be thankful.' 1 Thessalonians 5.16



Quotes for you to reflect upon:

'It is not happy people who are thankful; it is thankful people who are happy.'

'Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day.'

Questions for you to consider:

What would you like to achieve in your life that will make future generations thankful?

At night, do you look back on the day and remember the good things?

DEFINITION OF SPIRITUALITY

Spirituality at St Oswald's is about making meaningful connections. This can evoke positive emotions within us such as: **thankfulness**, **feeling at peace**, **feelings of awe and wonder**, **contentment** and a **sense of belonging to something bigger than ourselves**.

Attendance and Attendance Awards

Our whole school attendance for the month of
JUNE 2025
92.4%

Reception	93.4%
Year 1	91.2%
Year 2	94.5%
Year 3	93.3%
Year 4	93.4%
Year 5	89.3%
Year 6	92.3%



Attendance Ladder



Attendance winners: Well done to Year 2

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Our Learning in Nursery

This term our new topic is 'I wonder what is in the garden?'. The children have designed their own gardens using different craft resources and have made binoculars to explore what they can see around them. We have also been listening to 'Waltz of the flowers' and the different used paints, chalks and pens on large pieces of paper to make marks in response to music. The children used great expressive language to talk about how the music made them feel.

This month we have also celebrated Father's Day with a dad's and doughnuts stay and play session and had our nursery sports day. Both events went really well and the children were superstars.



Next month, we have our nursery trip to look forward to and our nursery leavers graduation. We will be continuing with the same topic and have new activities for the children to join in with.

Our Learning in Reception Class

This month we have been learning all about traditional tales. Children have learnt about the key ingredients in a story and are learning how to use oral story telling skills. They have painted their favourite 'goodies and baddies' and the settings appropriate for these characters. We have also read lots of stories and picked out the problems our characters face, hopefully with a happy ever after!

We successfully completed a range of traditional-tale-inspired stem challenges for 'Dads and Doughnuts' and so I would like to thank all adults who came along to support this event – it really means a lot to the children!

Children have also been practising their sports skills such as sprinting, jumping and relay racing – ready for Sports Day.

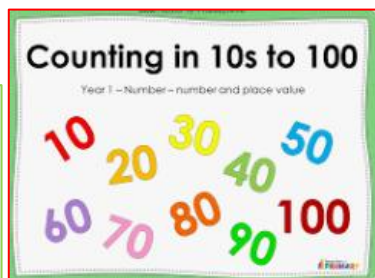
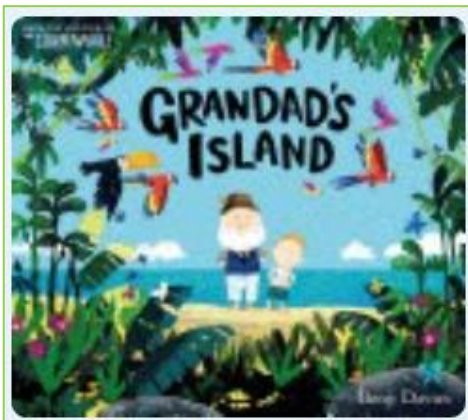
Children are also really enjoying taking Hilda the Dragon home as an opportunity to practise handwriting and sentence construction. There have been some excellent examples so far of sentence practise and neat handwriting.



Next month, we will be consolidating all of our learning so far in traditional tales. We will be creating a final version of our own story. Firstly, we will orally retell it using all the elements of a successful tale then we will write our story using an appropriate sequence and apply our phonics and handwriting so that it can be read by someone else!

Our Learning in Year 1

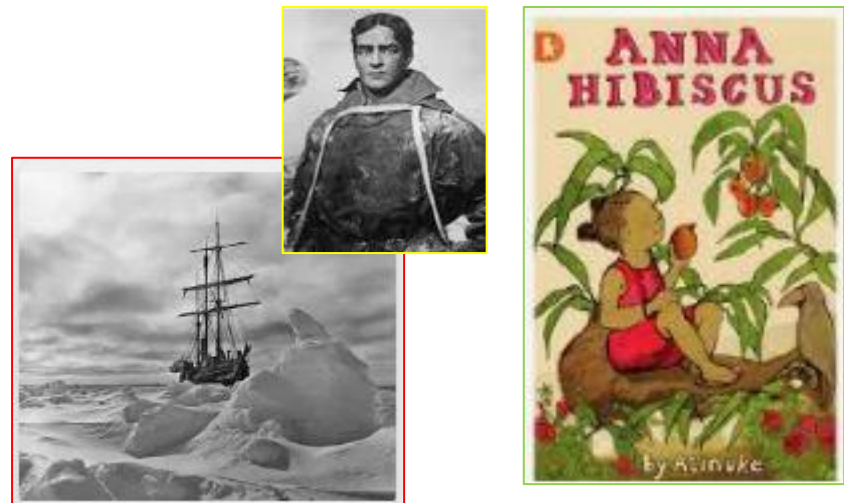
This month we have been learning all about the countries that were involved in World War One. We have used atlases to find these on a map of Europe. We have started the book Grandad's Island and have used some lovely adjectives in our sentence work. In science, we have continued to investigate and sort different materials according to their properties. In maths we have been looking at numbers up to 100 and how they can be made up of groups of ten and ones. Keep practising those doubles facts!



Next month, we will be learning more about World War One, particularly why the war started and what life in the trenches was like for the soldiers. Primary sources like photos, letters and diaries will help us find out about this. We will use our sentence work to help us write our own 'Grandad' stories where they will go on a new adventure! In maths, we will learn to tell the time when it is o'clock or half past. Please do practise this skill at home.

Our Learning in Year 2

This month, we have been writing persuasive letters to our pencil pots to persuade them that we will treat them better next year because we don't want them to leave us! In maths, we have been revising addition and subtraction, focussing especially on two-step problems involving these operations. In history, we have been learning about the explorer Ernest Shackleton and his expedition aboard the Endurance. The children were very interested to see the video footage of the ship's discovery. We also discussed the values the crew must have demonstrated and how these connect with our school values.



We will continue developing our narrative writing skills, building on what we've learned so far. Our class text, *The Building Boy*, will remain a key focus as we explore storytelling techniques and character development. In maths, we'll be revising key topics, with a particular focus on multiplication and fractions to consolidate understanding before the end of the year. Our geography curriculum will wrap up this term as we shift our attention to studying our local area, including the school grounds. We will be finishing the term with our final guided reading text, *Anna Hibiscus*. The children will continue developing important reading skills, particularly inference and retrieval techniques.

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Our Learning in Year 3

This month we have been writing non-fiction texts based on the book 'The Street Beneath my Feet.' The children have all worked hard to include a wide range of features needed in their writing. In maths, we have finished off our unit on 'fractions' and moved onto working on 'time'. Although some found it tricky to grasp the concept at first, all children have made great progress in being able to tell the time. In PE, we have had athletics practice to prepare ourselves for Sports Day. Lastly, the children took part in the music concert with their ukulele performance, and they all did incredibly well. They should all be very proud of themselves.



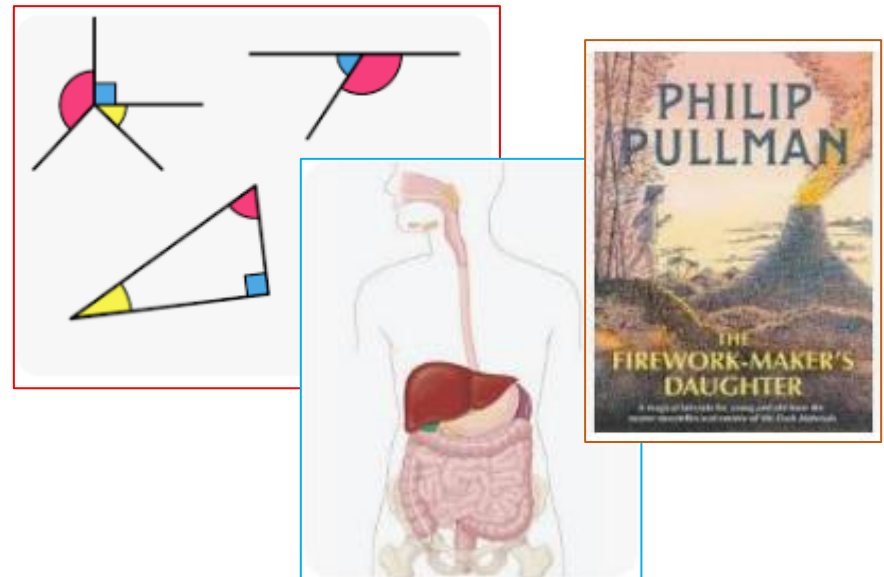
Next month, in English we will be continuing with our new book 'The Secret of Black Rock.' In Spanish, we will be continuing to learn about ice cream flavours and how to order one and in history, continuing to learn about the Romans. Finally, all the children are looking forward to Sport's Day at the beginning of the month.

Our Learning in Year 4

This month we have been learning about decimals and angles in maths. Year 4 also took their Multiplication Times Table Check and I am so proud of all of them. They smashed it!

In English we have been using the Disney animation 'Feast' to inspire our writing and have been enjoying the Firework Maker's Daughter in guided reading. In science we have moved on to look at the digestive system and in history we have started to learn about the Vikings.

Year 4 also enjoyed taking part in Bike ability and earning their level 1 badge!



Next month, we will be continuing to learn about the Vikings in history. In science we will be looking more into the digestive system and also looking at our teeth. In English we will be building up to our independent write and will continue to practise our athletics skills ready for sports day!

Year 4 have been working hard on their Social Action Project and will continue to put their skills to good use to help people in our community.

Our Learning in Year 5

This month we have been writing narratives based on the Anthony Browne book, 'The Zoo'. We have worked hard to remember all of the Year 5 skills we need to include! In maths we have been converting between different units of measure, utilising our previous learning about multiplying and dividing by 10/100/1000 to help us. We have learnt about the desert biome in geography and explored how babies develop during pregnancy and in the first year of their life in science.

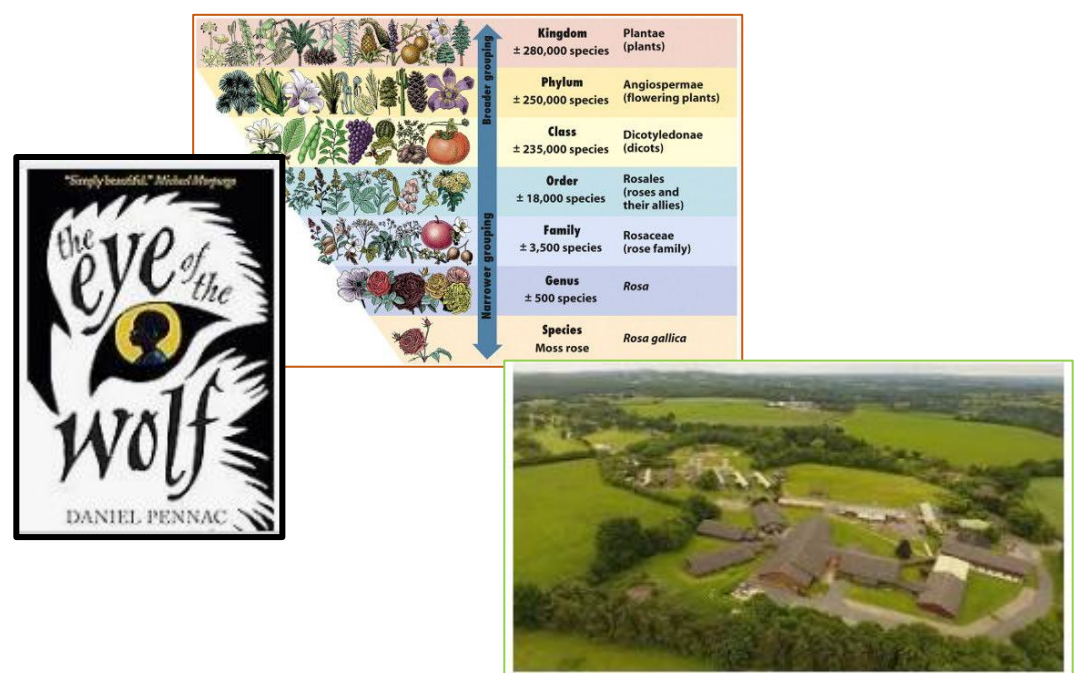
We have also learnt some basic first aid with 'Mini First Aid' on Friday 20th June. We learnt how to help someone who is choking, perform CPR and what to do if someone burns themselves.



Next month, we will be learning about the changes our bodies go through as we get older during our science and PSHE lessons. In English we will be using the poem 'The Highwayman' as a stimulus for writing our own poetry. We will be taking part in Sports Day, working as a team. Finally, we will be preparing for Year 6 and all the exciting opportunities that brings!

Our Learning in Year 6

This month, we have been learning all about the ancient civilisation of Benin in history and using artefacts to find out about their society and customs. In RE, we have been learning about what religions say when life gets hard. In science, we have been learning about the Linnean System of classifying living things. In Guided Reading, we have started our new book 'The Eye of the Wolf'. As well as all of this, some of us have taken part in a boat trip and others have taken part in Bike ability. We are also very excited to go on our residential trip!



Next month, fresh from their 2-night residential trip to the Pioneer Centre, the children will have made lifelong memories of days spent tackling activities and evenings spent having fun together. We will continue rehearsing for our end of year play 'Oliver With a Twist'. We will start preparing props and backdrops and the children will need to organise their costumes (a letter will have been sent out with suggested costume ideas). The children will need to continue practising their lines until they can say them without their scripts. They should also continue to practise the songs and dance routines!

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Bellboating June 2025

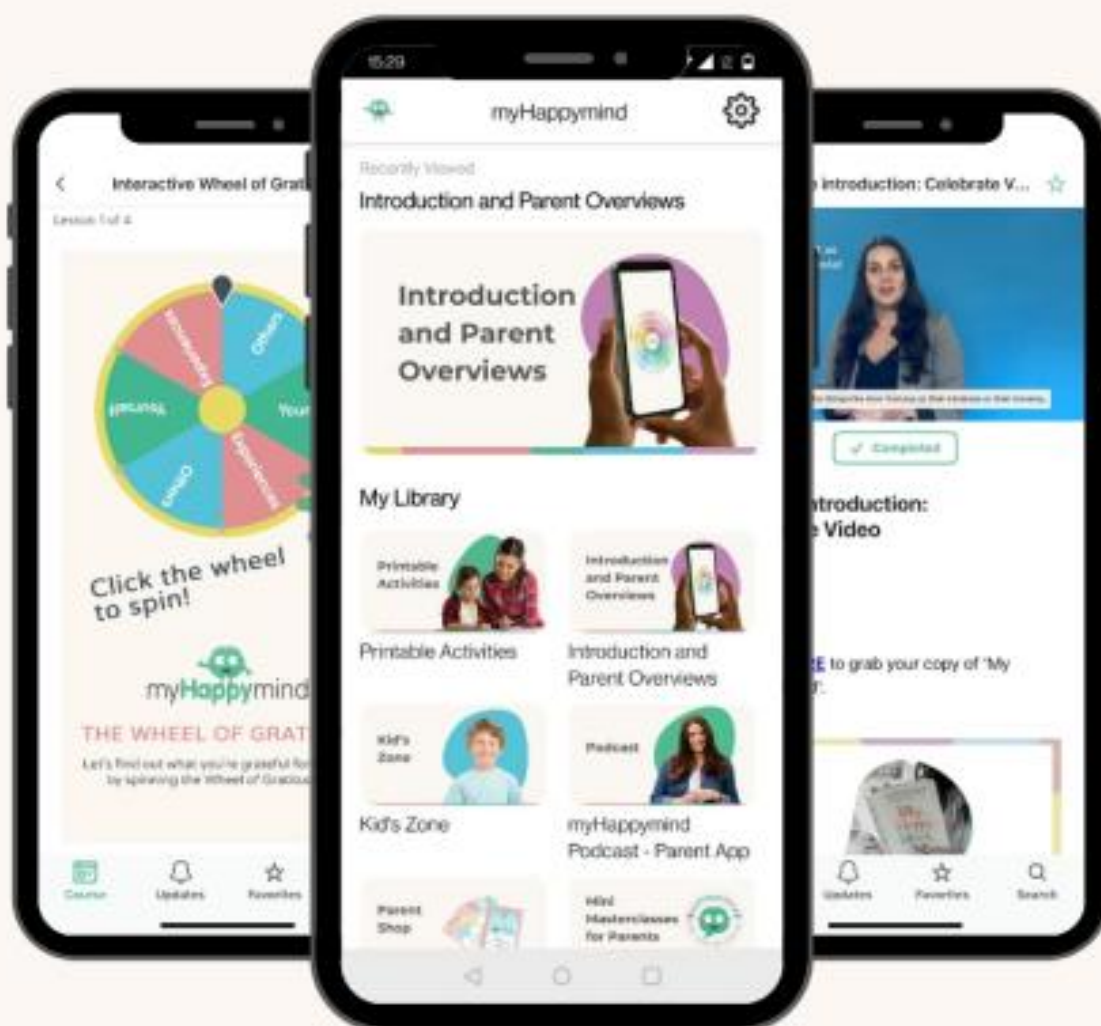
On Wednesday 11th June children from Years 5 and 6 went to the canal at Cookley for the day. We had a wonderful time paddling down the canal, having a picnic lunch, and then paddling back up! We had to work as a team and persevere when it became hard work and our arms started to ache!



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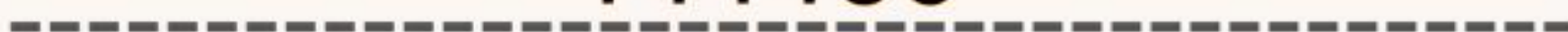


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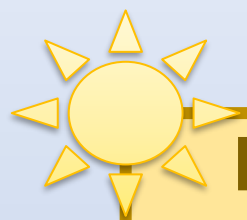
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Wraparound Care Provisions

Wraparound care provisions is a fun, nurturing environment with a range of enrichment activities tailored to the needs of the children. The children have the choice of free play which builds lovely new friendships. We offer toys, games, technology, relaxation, reading, role-play, outside play (weather permitting) and lots of seasonal arts and craft activities for your young person to enjoy.



Breakfast Club

We open our doors at 7.40am and charge £4.30 per session. You can drop at any time between 7.40 and 8.30am. Children can have a healthy breakfast of cereal, toast, bagel, fresh fruit and squash, making them ready for the school day ahead. Cut off for booking sessions will be 12 midday the day before.



After School Club

We close our doors at 5.30pm and charge £4.60 if collected by 4.30pm or £8.20 if collected by 5.30pm. You can collect any time between 3.30pm and 5.30pm, by ringing the bell at the side entrance to the back playground or by calling our wraparound mobile phone number 07507565364. Light healthy snacks are also provided in after school club. Cut off for booking sessions will be 12 midday for after school club on the same day.

Booking and Cancelling Wraparound for All Children - Nursery to Year 6

All wraparound sessions are booked via Arbor, our parent portal (unless your child is of nursery age): <https://st-oswalds-primary-school.uk.arbor.sc/?/home-ui/index> – you will find wraparound services under clubs and payment is due at the time of booking also through Arbor. If for any reason you need to cancel the session, you can do this on Arbor by cancelling before the days cut off time of 12 midday for After School Club the same day and Breakfast Club for the following day. This will give you a full refund.

Universal Credit and Nursery Funded Hours

We are more than happy to supply a letter of evidence of your child's attendance at wraparound. Our school's URN number is 144456, should you need to provide this. We can also accept funded nursery hours as childcare providers, should you need a little extra time before or after nursery hours. Please contact us on office@stoswalds.worcs.sch.uk should you need assistance. For more information please take a look at the Government website to assist with funding childcare up to 11 years old: <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

Late school pick up: If your child is still on school premises at 3.25pm, they will be taken across to after school club, where the usual After School Club charge will apply.

Late collection Fee: This is charged at £5.10 between 5.30pm and 5.45pm and an additional £5.10 for every 5 minutes after that. If you have booked for a 4.30pm collection and arrive after this time, you will be charged the 5.30pm cost (an additional £3.60).

Unattended booked sessions (e.g. due to illness) will still be charged unless 24 hours notice has been given of the cancellation. This should be done via the Arbor app.

School Uniform Shop



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£6.99



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£15.99

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£13.99 – £15.99

Pre-
Loved
£2

St Oswalds stocks pre-oved uniform in the office foyer. All items are £2 and you can get a great bargain. The money raised stays in our school and is used for things like books and play equipment for classes and communal areas. Payable using the Arbor app, under clubs – pre-loved uniform

Donate

If your child has outgrown their uniform or they are moving on, please donate their freshly washed uniform to our Pre-Loved sales via the office. Asides from the items pictured above we can also accept PE kits, shoes pumps/trainers, forest school items, coats and packaged underwear.

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How we help

Is someone else's alcohol or drug use affecting you? Cranstoun Worcestershire offers advice, support & guidance for family members & friends to cope with someone else's substance use through our **Family Support Service**.

Alcohol and drug use can greatly impact individuals, families & communities. Our service is for both young people (under 18) & adults.

Cranstoun operates our services & interventions across all six Worcestershire districts.

What we offer

We know helping someone who uses drugs or alcohol problematically can be very difficult. You may feel alone, or that you have tried everything to help. Cranstoun offers:

- a free & confidential Family Support Service
- one-to-one support
- a safe & supportive environment
- someone to talk to who will understand
- ideas how to manage the situation
- ideas how to restore balance in your own life
- support for you to help your loved one
- signposting to other services
- young people specialist advice & support



Family Support Service Worcestershire

T: 0300 303 8200

Castle House, 14 Castle Street
Worcester WR1 3AD

Visit our website at:

cranstoun.org



Opening hours

We're open Monday to Friday
9am – 5pm.

Helping young people stay safe on smartphones and online



In light of the recent series shown on Netflix - Adolescence and the need to educate young people about the pressures and the content they can view online, Kooth are offering parents and carers this 30 minute webinar in July covering how you can encourage them to think about how they spend their time on social media platforms and how they can get help to deal with similar situations that they may find themselves in.

Wednesday 23rd July, 6pm- 6:30pm OR Thursday 24th July, 6pm- 6:30pm

The webinar will cover:

- Young people online
- Social media, the law, the pros and cons
- Smartphone safety
- What parents can do to support their children
- How our platforms can help

Register your interest for this event here - <https://connect.kooth.com/events/event/23-jul-helping-young-people-stay-safe-on-smartphones-and-online>

Can't attend? We can share guidance on this topic. Click the link and complete the form and we'll send you the follow up

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