

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

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Holywell is a NO NUT Zone.

Message from
Mrs. Lowrey

Obviously, in school, this week has been taken over by the nature of KS2 SATS for our year 6. There are times in the school year where it becomes so visible how far the children have come on their individual journeys and we are extremely proud of our Year 6 and the way they have settled and worked so hard in exceptional circumstances. Not only have they sat every SATs paper with excellent attitude, but they have demonstrated excellent knowledge throughout. Congratulations, Year 6, you are on the downhill slope now and you will have plenty of opportunities to celebrate your hard work.

In other year groups, the hard work and enthusiasm continues. I have seen many children continue to apply themselves well and support their older friends. It is a delight today to see the sunshine and spend a little more time outdoors – let's hope it continues!

Holywell site

On site at Holywell, you will have undoubtedly seen the works progress. The plastic sheeting and black markings are to contain the asbestos and this will have been completely removed and taken away today. The builders will be working on the internal walls next week. Steve has been on site all week and is excited by the progress that they are making. Next week, I will have more information surrounding the site building works as the walls are stripped and will have a better idea about the length of time that this will take place. I will, of course, share any information about dates for return as soon as I have them.

Items from home

It has been highlighted recently by the teachers that some of the children are increasingly bringing in items from home. The main items causing difficulties in school are pencil cases and their own pens etc. We would kindly ask that children's pencil cases stay at home as we have individual packs for every child in school, which they can keep in their lockers. The reason why is that school pencil cases can end up going home and getting lost and with individual pencil cases, the incorrect pens can end up being used or end up getting lost and causing squabbles. Thank you for your help!

Menu yesterday

I must apologise for not having communicated the change in menu yesterday, I am unsure as to why this specifically happened, but perhaps is explained by the focus on KS2 SATs testing. I will aim to make sure that any future changes are outlined in the newsletter before they happen.

Over the coming weeks, we will have further testing for the children including Year 4 multiplication tables check, Year 2 SATs (not now compulsory) and the phonics screening check. In our experience, testing is handled in a

relaxed way and children enjoy the opportunity to show what they can do. Please do not worry about these, we will support all of the children to do their best and I am very pleased with the progress that they have made through the year.

Thank you all for your continued support, the children are being amazing! Enjoy some sunshine over the weekend and take care. Best wishes, Mrs Lowrey

ParentPay

Please can you check you ParentPay account and pay off any outstanding balances.

The trips available for any outstanding balances to be cleared are:

Years 3 and 4 Swimming

Years R, 1 and 2 Swimming

Rosemoor Trip – taking place on Tuesday 7th May.

School Lunches

Breakfast and After-School Clubs

Pre-School Fees

Links you may find useful.

[HANDi Paediatric app: advice for common childhood conditions - One Devon](#)

Diary Dates

22nd May – Year 1 multiskills at Pilton School (transport to and from provided during school day – provided by PTA)

24th May – Torrington Aquathlon – email sent home this week.

11th – 13th June – Parent conferences – details to follow.

13th June – Tempest Class/Group Photos

27th June – proposed date for a trip for Foxes class – details to follow.

20th June – leavers photos – location TBC

25th June – Year 6 leavers – treat!

1st & 2nd July – Year 6 Taster days Pilton

11th & 12th July – Year 6 Taster days Park

16th July – Sports Day – details to follow.

Other dates to be added when know e.g. Class trips, and leavers service.

Term Dates

May Day Bank Holiday – Monday 6th May 2024

Half Term – Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024 inclusive.

Last day of term – Tuesday 23rd July 2024

First day of the Autumn term 2024-2025 – Thursday 5th September 2024

School Uniform

<https://schoolthreads.org/collections/holywell-c-of-e>

PE T-shirts will still be available to purchase from school.

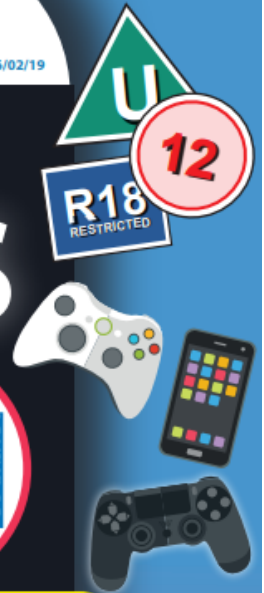
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What parents need to know about AGE RATINGS



If you have children, it is understandable to have concerns about the films and TV shows they watch, as well as the games they play. In this guide, we take a look at the two official ways you can assess if a particular title is suitable for your child. Both the BBFC and PEGI have search facilities on their websites that can be used to look up individual titles so you can check their ratings.



RATINGS FOR FILMS, TV & MUSIC VIDEOS

Since 1912, the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) has informed UK residents of the age suitability of films, TV and music videos - providing parents with the information needed to assess whether or not it is appropriate for their child's age. This applies to cinema releases, DVDs and streaming video services such as Netflix.

WHAT ARE THE BBFC RATINGS?

BBFC ratings are broken down into seven age categories:

Universal, suitable for all ages	Parental Guidance required	Suitable for people aged 12 and over	Suitable for people aged 12 and over, anyone younger must be accompanied by an adult
Suitable for people aged 15 and over	Suitable for people aged 18 and over	Adult content only available in specially licenced cinemas and specialist retailers	

WHAT ELSE CAN BBFC REVEAL?

Accompanied with the age suitability rating, BBFC also provide an additional warning regarding the content and what to expect, such as swearing, sexual content, violence and anything you may consider to be inappropriate for your child. In addition to this, the content is also rated in three levels: frequent, mild or strong.

LIMITATIONS OF BBFC RATINGS

It's important to note that there is no obligation on streaming video services to use or display BBFC ratings. Due to this, we advise that you check the rating online before your child streams the content. It may also be a good idea to watch the content first yourself or discuss it with other parents to help you decide whether or not it is suitable for your child.

Source: www.bbfc.co.uk

RATINGS FOR GAMES

PEGI (Pan European Game Information) is a content rating system that ensures all video games are labelled with a minimum age recommendation. These age recommendations are based on the types of content featured within a game. With each game, PEGI also provide a content descriptor that indicates the potential issues and concerns, including sex, violence, bad language and drugs.

WHAT ARE THE PEGI RATINGS?

PEGI ratings are split into age restriction and content descriptors. Additional 'content descriptors' help parents and children to understand the type of content featured within a particular game, including sex, fear, bad language, discrimination, gambling, drugs, violence, and in-game purchases. In combination, the two different ratings can provide a good level of information to help make informed decisions regarding the suitability for your child.

PEGI age ratings are broken down into five categories:

www.pegi.info	www.pegi.info	www.pegi.info	www.pegi.info	www.pegi.info
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PEGI content descriptors are broken down into eight categories:



LIMITATIONS OF PEGI RATINGS

It's possible for young people to buy games online without a required proof of age, opening them up to age-inappropriate content without you knowing. We advise that you regularly monitor your child's gaming activities and maintain a honest and healthy dialogue with them about the online world.

PARENTAL CONTROLS

It is a good idea to put in place parental controls for all online accounts which your child may use to purchase or download online games e.g. The App Store, Google Play Store, PlayStation Store and Microsoft Xbox Store etc.

Source: www.pegi.info

Ventrus Job Vacancies

<https://ventrus.current-vacancies.com/v?id=VENTRUSMUL&t=Ventrus-Careers>

Including vacancies at local schools.



Free School Meals

Check if your child can get free school meals and additional funding support.

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 at state schools in England automatically get free school meals.

However, parents and guardians are encouraged to apply for free school meals when they enrol their child in school, as this can help their child's school to attract additional '[pupil premium](#)' funding to support learning.

From year 3 onwards, children whose parents are getting any of the following are entitled to free school meals:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS).
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income that does not exceed £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

How to apply

Apply through the [Devon Citizens Portal](#). This is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision. Alternatively, call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

School Transport

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-and-college-transport/>

[School and college transport –
Education and Families](#)
School transport information,
including free school transport.
www.devon.gov.uk

NEW Privacy Notices – November 2023

Important information

Ventrus main privacy notice can be found at <https://ventrus.org.uk/our-people/privacy-notices/>

Ventrus pupil privacy notice can be found at <https://ventrus.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/Pupil-Privacy-Notice-2022-23-Academy-Ventrus-Nov-22.pdf>

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