

Dear Parent/Carer,

This week we have had a visit from our Nicola Coupe, our diocesan advisor; she enjoyed a walk around the Atworth site looking at the children's work and speaking to some. She was impressed by their understanding of spirituality.

Next week will be SATs week for our year 6s, the children and staff have worked really hard preparing for these and whilst I know they will do their absolute best and we will all be incredibly proud of them, I am reminded of this poem...

**SATs don't measure sports, SATs don't measure art,
SATs don't measure music, or the kindness in your heart.
SATs don't see your beauty, SATs don't know your worth,
SATs don't see the reasons you were put upon this earth.
SATs don't see your magic, how you make others smile,
SATs don't time how quickly you can run a mile.
SATs don't hear your laughter, or see you've come this far,
SATs are just a tiny glimpse of who you really are.
So sitting at your table, with a pencil and your test,
Remember SATs aren't who you are, remember you're the best.**

There has been a huge sign up for the fun run on Saturday and we are forecast more sunshine. I look forward to seeing many of you there, although I will not have my running gear on!

Mrs H Saunders
Head of School



Another week with lots of busy mathletes. Leighton and Jasper have reached the Epic podium - well done boys! I'm so impressed with the sustained hard work that goes on over the year - Kestrels and Nightingales have both reached a mean average of more than 10 certificates per child which is a brilliant effort. Let's see if every class can match this by the end of the year.

Bronze : Sammy B, Imogen W, Toby, Harley, Julia, Florence W

Silver : Henry B, Jazmyne, Felix

Gold : Henry H, Olivia S

Platinum : Ted E, Otto, Jude

Emerald : George R, Ted L, Vinnie, Hattie D, Christina

Diamond : Oliver H, Josiah, Quita, Joseph, Oliver CJ, Benjamin, Harry L

Epic : William, Rufus, Leighton, Emily J, Alexis M, Jasper
Legend : Alexis G, Maddox

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Singing opportunity



We have been offered the opportunity to take part in a very exciting project with Trowbridge Symphony Orchestra which will enable children to sing in a massed choir accompanied by the full symphony orchestra.

The repertoire is still being finalised but is likely to include songs from Encanto, Frozen, Jungle Book, Les Misérables and Mama Mia. Children will learn the songs in school, supported by a workshop from an experienced singing leader.

The performance takes place after school on Wednesday 10th July at St Augustine's College. Parents will be asked to drop children off for a rehearsal at 6pm followed by a performance at 8pm.

Due to the later time it is anticipated that this will be open to UKS2 children, although we would not wish to exclude any keen younger children if you feel they would have the stamina to manage the evening.

Before we book in our workshops, we would like to know if this opportunity would be of interest to children. Please speak to the school office, or directly to Mrs Croker/Miss Ottner if your child would like to be involved.

Spiritual Garden

Today at Churchfields Atworth base we had the privilege of planting in our new, beautiful bespoke spiritual garden. We had help from some wonderful volunteers and the children positively loved this experience! Thank you to the team, especially Emma Bennett and Mr Mather's (Meadows fabulous daddy) for all of your work and the love that has gone into this project. We are so blessed!

Love Team Churchfields



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Churchfields' Weekly Newsletter

Friday 10th May 2024

Term dates for 2023/2024

<p>Term 5: Monday 15 April – Friday 24 May</p> <p>Monday 06 May Bank holiday (school closed)</p>	<p>Term 6: Monday 03 June – Wednesday 24 July</p> <p>Wednesday 24 July - INSET DAY (school closed)</p>
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Term 5	
Monday 13 May – Thursday 16 May	KS2 SATs week
Friday 24 May	End of Term 5
Term 6	
Monday 03 June	Start of Term 6
Tuesday 04 June	Music Cluster event
Wednesday 06 June	R24 Meet the Teacher 5pm Atworth; 5:30pm MF
Monday 10 June	NSPCC visit
Tuesday 11 June	R24 Induction afternoon
Wednesday 12 June	Rotary club concert
Monday 17 June	Yr 6 leavers service Salisbury Cathedral
Tuesday 18 June	R24 induction afternoon
Wednesday 19 June	St Laurence Summer Festival
Tuesday 25 June	R24 Induction afternoon
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Wednesday 26 June	Year 5 Cluster day St Laurence
01 July-05 July	Sports week
Tuesday 02 July	Melksham Oak transition day
Tuesday 02 July	R24 Teddy Bear's picnic
Wednesday 03 July	Melksham Oak transition day
Thursday 04 July	Yr 6 induction day (1 of 2) St Laurence School
Friday 05 July	Sports Day afternoon
Thursday 11 July	Yr 6 induction day (2 of 2) St Laurence School
Tuesday 16 July	Move up morning
Friday 19 July	Provisional Sports Day
Friday 19 July	Pupil Reports go home
Monday 22 July	Leavers service St Michaels Church 1:15pm
Tuesday 23 July	Last day term 6
Wednesday 24 July	INSET DAY

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We know the information shared today is for an 18+ PEGI rated game, we wanted to make parents aware of the game and content just in case older siblings were playing.

All 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 HELLDIVERS 2

Within weeks of release, *HELLDIVERS 2* had become one of 2024's biggest gaming success stories. The sequel to a top-down shooter from 2015 has smashed sales expectations, owing to its frantic gameplay and tongue-in-cheek humour. However, the game comes with several risks to younger players, as indicated by its 18+ rating.

AGE RESTRICTION
PEGI 18+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PEGI 18 RATING
Due to its intense violence and the presence of in-game purchases, *HELLDIVERS 2* carries a PEGI 18 rating. While players are generally fighting fantastical enemies like giant bugs and robots, their characters can be killed in various gruesome ways, up to and including dismemberment. It's certainly worth considering whether such a game is appropriate for younger players.

FRUSTRATION TRIGGER
The thrill of barely escaping through a dangerous mission in one piece is integral to *HELLDIVERS 2*'s appeal. To accentuate this feeling of achievement, the game includes some very difficult levels that could prove to be too hard for some players – even those who are legitimately old enough to play. Losing streaks can be incredibly annoying, so repeatedly failing in missions could easily provide frustration or anger in younger players.

IN-GAME PURCHASES
In *HELLDIVERS 2*, players can use real money to buy in-game currency, with which they can unlock cosmetics and new weapons. At the time of writing, all the in-game items can be acquired without spending so much as a penny – but even if young players wanted to keep up with their friends, they may still feel the temptation to purchase new weapons more quickly, rather than laboriously earning the in-game currency through play.

LACK OF ACCESS
The game is available on PC and PS5, but not (as yet) on other consoles. Some people will naturally be disappointed they can't get involved and might look for similar alternatives to play on their own console – alternatives which may contain similar levels of violence and gore but lack the same humour or approach to user misconduct and in-game purchases as *HELLDIVERS 2*.

VOICE CHAT AND MESSAGING
HELLDIVERS 2 is always played online with others, who often use voice chat or in-game texts to coordinate, strategise or just joke around. This does mean that children who play without their friends will be put in contact with strangers. Unfortunately, this represents a risk of the game, as the game can't control how people treat each other online. However, you can easily report other players for abusive behaviour via the game's 'social' tab.

Advice for Parents & Educators

GIVE IT A GO FIRST
HELLDIVERS 2 is a third-person shooter with intentionally humorous elements, but much of its comedy is rooted in satire which may go over the heads of some players. Consider playing the game first yourself – while shooting bugs and robots feels too unrealistic to be upsetting, seeing your character get torn to pieces may be too much for young players.

SET EXPECTATIONS
At the time of writing, *HELLDIVERS 2* costs £34.99. It could turn out to be an expensive and wasteful purchase if a player gets irritated and gives up shortly after receiving the game. If a young person tends to become frustrated easily, it's worth considering whether *HELLDIVERS 2* is really the game for them.

CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES
If playing on Xbox – where *HELLDIVERS 2* isn't available – consider something like Halo: The Master Chief Collection as an alternative. One of its game modes – Firefight – replicates *HELLDIVERS 2*'s mechanics to some degree. Alternatively, younger players may be better suited to the more light-hearted *Over the Hedge* game, which sees them play as fantasy dwarves in space, involving far less gruesome violence.

KEEP AN EYE ON PAYMENTS
Many titles offer in-game purchases, but *HELLDIVERS 2* are comparatively cheap. You'll still need to monitor your payment information (or use a prepaid card on the account), in case your child buys the in-game currency in bulk, on the whole, however, the game's selling methods are far less egregious than most similar titles on the market.

MONITOR COMMUNICATION & ADJUST SETTINGS
Thanks to an in-game "Ping" system (allowing players to highlight important details without speaking), communication isn't integral to *HELLDIVERS 2* as it is in other games. You can turn off the chat options in-game on PC, or on the PS5's own settings, and feel more secure in the knowledge that your child won't be speaking to people they don't know.

Meet Our Expert
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