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Pupils in both schools had a non-uniform day on 18<sup>th</sup> November to raise money for Children in Need. They looked SPOTacular!





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## Kew Gardens Trip



The Year 4 children had an amazing time at Kew Gardens.

They made detailed sketches from the huge variety of tropical plants and flowers.

A big thank you to the parent helpers who went with them.

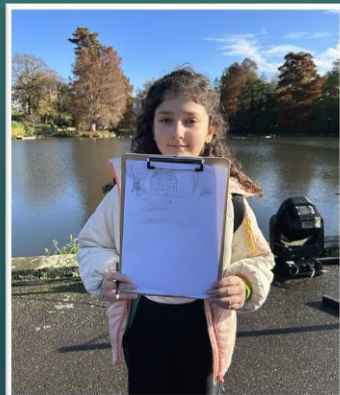




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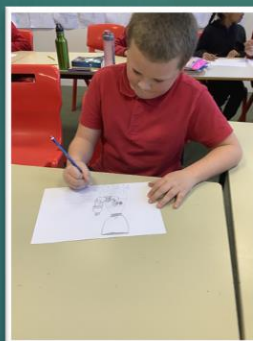
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## Art Afternoon



The children enjoyed a Creative Art afternoon. They were able to develop new skills and produce some lovely artwork. There were animal mosaics, word art, book characters and still life drawings.

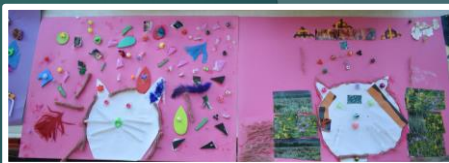




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### World kindness Day



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## World kindness Day



The children had a virtual assembly on World Kindness Day. They then took part in activities about kindness, thoughtfulness and empathy.

## Slough schools participate in Kindness Workshop



Slough schools participate in Kindness Workshop (Image: 52 Lives)



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Slough students marked World Kindness Day with a workshop about being kind and having empathy.

Marish Primary School and Willow Primary School participated in the workshops led by charity 52 Lives, which hopes to empower children and adults to realise the strong impact of small, kind deeds.

52 Lives aims to change someone's life every week of the year and spread kindness.

Marish Primary School commented on the workshop which took place on Monday, November 14, saying: "All of the children and staff at Marish Primary School celebrated World Kindness Day.

"A special, virtual assembly was presented by the charity 52 Lives.

"The assembly introduced the concept of kindness and empathy through a range of discussions and activities.

"The assembly also focused on making positive choices in our daily lives in order to create kinder schools, local communities and a kinder world."

Recent scientific research has shown that acts of kindness can leave an everlasting impression on both the physical and mental health of everyone involved.

Founder of 52 lives Jaime said: "The assemblies were a brilliant way to celebrate World Kindness Day and to kick-off Anti-Bullying Week.

"The children learnt about the impact their little choices can have on other people – but going further than that, they learnt about the impact that kindness has on their own physical and mental health."

The workshops started with an interactive presentation, followed by the opportunity for children to put the theory into action with a scenario of a child in need of kindness.

<https://www.sloughobserver.co.uk/news/23131629.slough-schools-participate-kindness-workshop/>



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## EYFS Activities



Having seen a rainbow in the morning, the children worked as a team to draw rainy day pictures on one large sheet of paper.





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## Parent Notices

### Timings of the school day

**Soft start is from 8am for all year groups.**

<b>Resource Base:</b>	Doors open from 8.15am to 8.45am and then at 3.00pm
<b>Nursery:</b>	8.00 - 11.00am and 12.00pm - 3.00pm
<b>Reception:</b>	8.30am - 2.45pm
<b>Year 1 and Year 2:</b>	8.20am - 2.50pm
<b>Year 3 and Year 4:</b>	8.20am - 2.55pm
<b>Year 5 and Year 6:</b>	8.20am - 3pm

### School Grounds

Please do not bring bikes or scooters of any kind onto the school grounds at any time. Dogs are not allowed on site.

### Water Bottles

Children should bring in a water bottle every day, with their name clearly labelled on the bottle.

### No Peanuts

Please do not bring peanuts of any kind into school. We are a nut free school.

### Lost Property

The lost property box in the playground is emptied weekly. Please check for any items that your child may have lost. Unclaimed items will be taken to charity.

### PE Kit

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on the days they have PE. PE Kit consists of T shirt, shorts, joggers/tracksuit bottoms, jumper and trainers.



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## Attendance

### Marish

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Reception: **89.35%**

Year 1: **91.12%**

Year 2: **92.94%**

Year 3: **92.44%**

Year 4: **94.93%**

Year 5: **93.88%**

Year 6: **93.20%**

**Target: 96%**

### Willow

November 2022

Reception: **81.91%**

Year 1: **95.29%**

Year 2: **90.51%**

Year 3: **97.97%**

Year 4: **90.52%**

Year 5: **96.23%**

Year 6: **92.81%**

**Target: 96%**



**EVERY DAY  
COUNTS**

**Student success  
starts with  
attendance**



**Below 90% Serious Concern**

Drastic effect on academic success

**95- 90% Cause for Concern**

Negatively affecting academic success

**100%- 96% WELL DONE**

Achieving full potential



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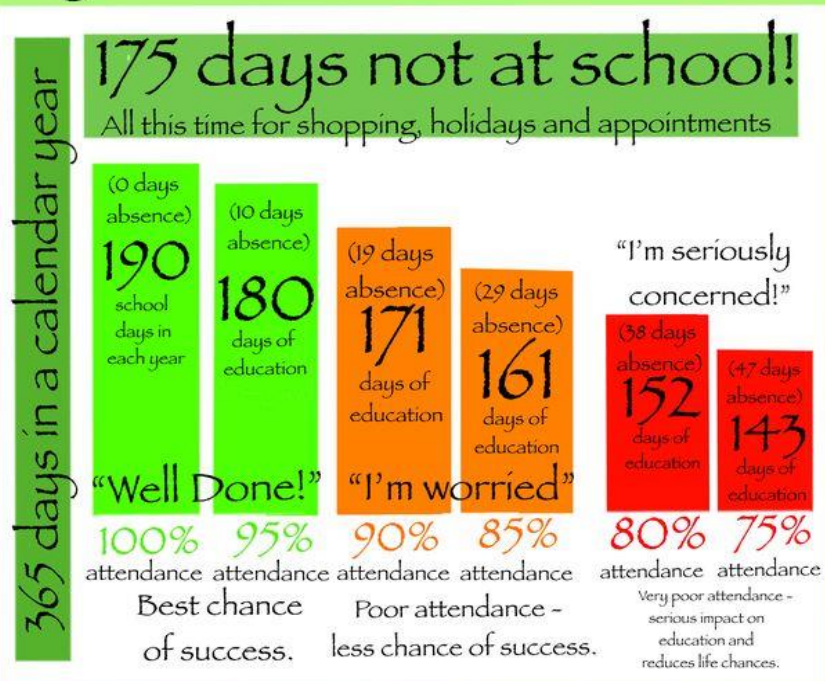
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## Attendance

### Rewards

- Every day the children are in they get 2 stamps each.
- Every day a class has 100% attendance they get 3 bouncy balls.
- Class with the highest attendance for the week wins the attendance Trophy.
- Class with 100% attendance for the whole week earns a non- school uniform day on the next Friday.
- Every child with 100% attendance for the month gets a treat such as popcorn, hot chocolate, muffins, cup cakes etc. with their friends in the hall.

Good attendance means.....  
being in school at least 95% of the time or 180 to 190 days



Did you know? A two week holiday in term time means the highest attendance a child can achieve is 94.7%



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## Nurture visit to Pizza Express



The children who attend our Nurture Groups had lots of fun at Pizza Express. Using different ingredients, they made their own hand-made pizza to enjoy.





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## E-Safety

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

### What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION  
**13+**

(certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

TikTok is a free social media platform that lets users create, share and watch short videos ranging anywhere from 15 seconds to 10 minutes in duration. The app gained notoriety for its viral dances, trends and celebrity cameos and can be a creative, fun platform for teens to enjoy. Now available in 75 languages, it has more than a billion active users worldwide (as of spring 2022) and is most popular with the under-16 age bracket. In fact, a 2022 Ofcom report found TikTok to be the most-used social media platform for posting content, particularly among young people aged 12 to 17.

#### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

##### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's 'Following' feed only displays videos from users someone follows, 'For You' is a stream of clips based on their previously watched content. Most videos on a child's 'For You' feed will therefore be light-hearted and amusing, but it could potentially surface something unsuitable. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the sheer volume of uploads mean they aren't manually monitored and vetted.

18  
CENSORED

##### DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Due to TikTok's immense popularity, some young people have unfortunately been influenced by videos challenging them to perform harmful, criminal or even deadly acts. One extreme example was the 'blackout' trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. It led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

##### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With around 1.1 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-18s (or youngsters using a false date of birth) are set to public by default. This not only means that someone's profile is visible to everyone else on the app, it also lets their videos be suggested to others and enables anyone to comment on them or download them.

##### IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase emojis in the app. These emojis are then sent as rewards (retaining their monetary value) to other users for videos they've created. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99. TikTok's policy is that they can't be bought by under-18s, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birthdate.

##### ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social networking platforms, TikTok can be addictive. Figures show that young people are investing increasing amounts of time in it. In the UK, children with TikTok spend an average of 102 minutes per day on the app, versus 53 minutes on YouTube. This compulsive repeated use can interfere with their sleep patterns – leading to irritability – and distract them from other activities.

##### TIKTOK NOW

Introduced in late 2022, the 'TikTok Now' feature lets users post a daily video or photo at the exact same time as their friends. Users receive a synchronised notification at a random time of day, giving them three minutes to take a video or real-time photo. This addition can not only be a distraction to young people but could lead to them inadvertently sharing private content such as their location.

### Advice for Parents & Carers

#### ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account with their child's and control their settings remotely. Parents can then, for example, turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content), set screen time limits and manage their child's ability to send messages (and to whom). Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

#### MAKE ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Although under-18s will have their TikTok account set to private by default, bypassing this setting is relatively easy. However, parents have the ability to manually set their child's account to private – meaning that their videos won't be visible to strangers and they won't be able to exchange messages with people who aren't on their friends list.

#### LIMIT IN-APP SPENDING

If your child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter the settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend that you enable this feature, as it's quite easy for a young person – without realising what they're doing – to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins so they can unlock more features of the app.

#### DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If your child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's crucial to talk about the potential risks in this type of app. For example, ensure they understand not to share any identifying personal information – and that they realise they could be exposed to inappropriate content. Thinking critically about what they see on TikTok can help children become generally more social media savvy.

#### READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child might be spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something inappropriate or upsetting that they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the possible signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as are failing to complete homework or regularly not eating meals.

#### Meet Our Expert

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## Some Useful Information

### Cost of Living Help

We are very aware that the cost of living crisis has had a huge impact on our community. When things are difficult it is often hard to know who you can turn to. We hope we, at Marish Academy Trust, can be a place of support during hard times.

If you are finding things difficult, we have put together a helpful guide on what support is available and how to access it. Please use the following link:

<https://marish.marishacademytrust.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/cost-of-living-support.pdf>

If you are struggling, please do not hesitate to contact us at school.

### Switched On! Rail Safety

We are pleased to showcase to you the 'Switched On' campaign. A new rail safety programme for 3-16s that encourages young people to stay Switched On around the railway.

On the Switched On website, you will find a wide range of age targeted films, interactive games and activities, Switched On teaches pupils to be aware of risky behaviour and develop hazard-spotting skills.

For further information, please use the following link!

<https://marish.marishacademytrust.co.uk/switched-on-rail-safety/>





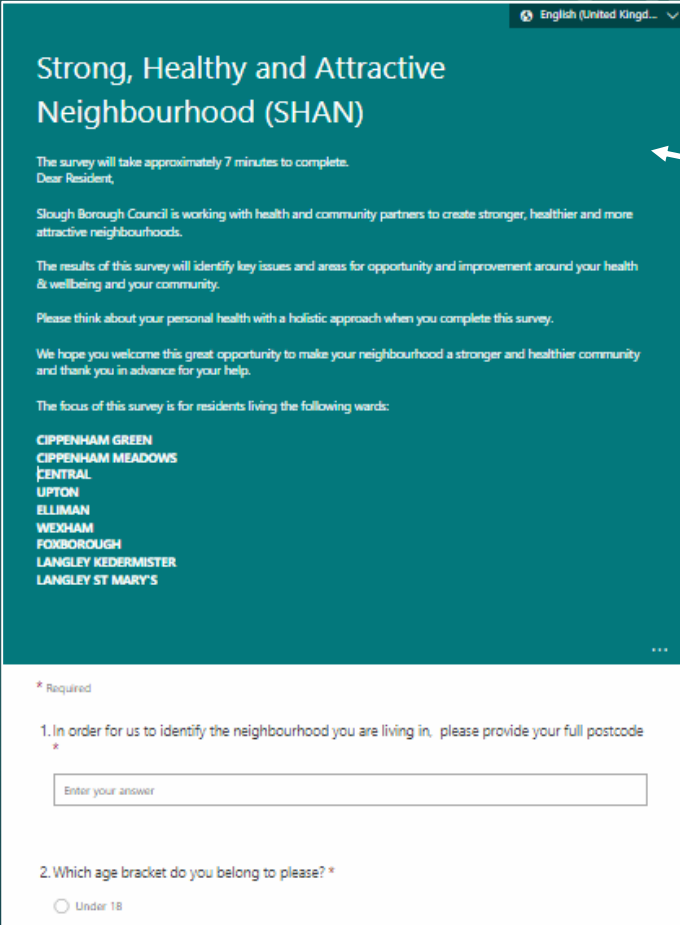
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### Message from Slough Borough Council

Slough Borough Council is working on an action plan to make Langley a stronger, healthier and more attractive place to live. In order to ensure we are working with partners to deliver the right activities and services we need as many people to complete the survey – or as much as they can. I would be most grateful if you could spare 5 minutes to take a look and complete as much as you like. The survey is anonymous but please remember to include your postcode so I can match results and actions back to Langley.



The screenshot shows a survey titled "Strong, Healthy and Attractive Neighbourhood (SHAN)". It includes an introduction, a list of wards, and the beginning of a questionnaire. A white arrow points from a cloud-shaped callout to the survey title.

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### Strong, Healthy and Attractive Neighbourhood (SHAN)

The survey will take approximately 7 minutes to complete.  
Dear Resident,

Slough Borough Council is working with health and community partners to create stronger, healthier and more attractive neighbourhoods.

The results of this survey will identify key issues and areas for opportunity and improvement around your health & wellbeing and your community.

Please think about your personal health with a holistic approach when you complete this survey.

We hope you welcome this great opportunity to make your neighbourhood a stronger and healthier community and thank you in advance for your help.

The focus of this survey is for residents living in the following wards:

- CIPPENHAM GREEN
- CIPPENHAM MEADOWS
- CENTRAL
- LIPTON
- ELLIMAN
- WEXHAM
- FOXBOROUGH
- LANGLEY KEDERMISTER
- LANGLEY ST MARY'S

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\* Required

1. In order for us to identify the neighbourhood you are living in, please provide your full postcode \*

Enter your answer

2. Which age bracket do you belong to please? \*

☐ Under 18

Click on the picture to visit the form