

The Adderley Post

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A BIG THANK YOU

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents who have supported the school during this half term with all our educational visits, parent workshops and the off site-residential.

We also want to wish families a Happy Easter, if you are celebrating and we hope all of our families have an enjoyable time during the Easter Holidays.

We looking forward to seeing you all back in school on **Monday 25th April** ready for our busy summer term.

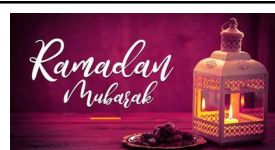


RAMADAN – THE MONTH OF FASTING

We would like to wish 'Ramadan Mubarak' to all our Muslim families and we are aware that Ramadan is a very significant month in the Islamic calendar. We fully appreciate that some of the main benefits of Ramadan are an increased compassion for the needy and poor, focusing on having good intentions and actions at all times, being reflective and working more closely with our families and communities.

Since fasting now takes place during the British summer months, where the fast is typically 12 hours, we view it to be sensible for **only Year 6 to fast on school days if they choose to do so with their parent's permission**. We understand that parents occasionally wish for their younger children to also try fasting; however **this will not be possible during school days this year** and we suggest that our children do this at the weekends when they are in the care of their parents.

Please note that if your child has a medical condition or feels unwell during the fast, the school will be obliged to ask them to break their fast and the office will contact you as soon as they can.



KS2 SATs Test Dates

All KS2 SATs will be held in the week beginning **9th May 2022**, the test will be taken on the scheduled following days, please ensure your child is in school and on time everyday. Parents can find further information on the school website at the following link <https://adderleyprimary.co.uk/assessment>. Thank you to all Year 6 parents who attended Year 6 SATs workshop.

Monday 9th May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling test, Paper 1. Short answer questions. English grammar, punctuation and spelling test, Paper 2. Spelling.
Tuesday 10th May	English reading test, reading booklet and associated answer booklet.
Wednesday 11th May	Mathematics, Paper 1. Arithmetic test. Mathematics, Paper 2. Reasoning.
Thursday 12th May	Mathematics Paper 3. Reasoning.

Below are links to websites that will also help your child revise.

- www.primarytools.co.uk/pages/pastpapers.html
- www.satspapers.org/mathsKS2SATS.htm
- www.compare4kids.co.uk/sats-papers.php
- [Key stage 1 and 2 national curriculum tests: information for parents - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)
- [KS2 SATs in 2022: a guide for parents \(theschoolrun.com\)](https://theschoolrun.com)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Last Day of Half Term
Friday 8th April 2022

School Re-opens
Monday 25th April 2022

You can contact us via email by writing to enquiry@adderley.bham.sch.uk

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

YOUTUBE

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if 'auto-play' is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

HIGH VISIBILITY

Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The painful 'salt and ice challenge', which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

Advice for Parents & Carers

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from chancing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.

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TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator online. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.

MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.

LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child happily devouring a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!

Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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