

Friars, Robert Browning, Snowsfields and Tower Bridge Primary Schools

We learn and succeed together



Lateral Flow Devices

To order Lateral Flow Testing Kits,
please use this link:

[Lateral Flow Device Ordering](#)

Term Dates 2021 - 2022

Spring term

5th January – Friday 11th February 2022

Half Term: 14th February -18th February 2022

Monday 21st February – Friday 1st April 2022

Summer term

Wednesday 20th April 2022 – Friday 27th May 2022

Half Term: 30th May 2022 – 3rd June 2022

Monday 6th June – Wednesday 20th July 2022

Reception Application

If your child was born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018, they are due to start primary school in September 2022. You must apply for a reception place for September 2022, please follow the links below.

The deadline for applications is 15th
January 2022.

Please contact the school office if you need
help.

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-admissions/applying-for-a-primary-school-place>
<https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>

School jumpers can be ordered here:

<https://thebridgesfederation.org.uk/home/uniform/>

Save The Date - Parent Workshop 25/1/2022, 9:30 am.

The NEST are running a one-hour parent workshop aimed at helping you to support your child with their fears and worries. The content of the workshop will cover how anxiety can manifest in a child's thoughts, feelings and behaviours and will include techniques and strategies that can be used to break the vicious cycle of anxiety.

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

More information can be found on their website:

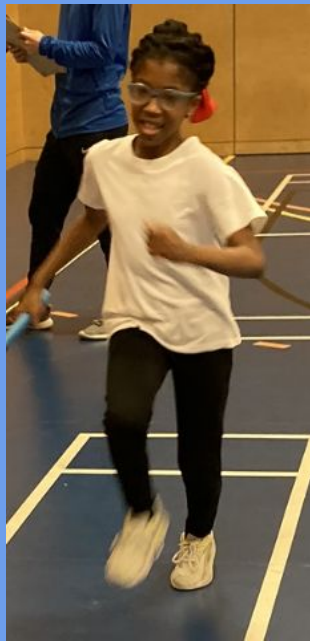
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SCHOLARPACK APP 11 WEEKS TO GO

Do you have access to the scholarpack App? If not, please contact your school office for an access code. From 1st April 2022 we will only be using the App to communicate with parents, we will no longer be sending texts. If you need help to download and access the app, please come and speak to a member of the office team who will be happy to assist.

Indoor Athletics

On Monday, Friars Year 4 took part in Southwark's Indoor Athletics Competition. There were six teams taking part. Year 4 consisted of an A and B team. They both did exceptionally well, coming 4th and 5th respectively. One of our team member was a real star, she showed fantastic sportsmanship. Well done all of Year 4!



We have received purple slips this week at Friars!

Purple Slips are awarded to children who have displayed excellent behaviour for learning, put remarkable effort into their work or completed exceptional work. They are sent to see a member of the Leadership Team who will discuss their performance and congratulate them on their achievements. A good news text is also sent to their parents.



Friars Football

Year 6 played a mixed football match against St Jude's Primary School. The team showed an excellent attitude throughout and were a credit to themselves and to Friars. The final score was 2-5 to St Jude's. There are three schools in our group, and we have two games still to play. We were really proud of our player of the match who was quick to get back onto the pitch after a collision.



NOTICE



To make sure that we all follow our Safeguarding Policy, please could all parents and carers refrain from using their mobile phone on school premises.

All staff at the Bridges Federation have high expectations of all our pupils. We encourage them to be resilient and try their best at all times. The children understand that it is everyone's responsibility to follow and respect our school rules.

Sometimes when this is proving not to be the case, we follow a restorative approach which encourages the children to think how their behaviour affects others.

All children begin the day on 'green'. Should they need to be reminded to behave appropriately, their name will be moved on to the 'amber' section of the behaviour chart. They will then be then supported to turn their behaviour around. Should they fail to do so, they will be placed on red and will be sent to the Leadership team's office to discuss their behaviour. A text will be sent home to inform parents. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents and carers for their continuous support.



Attendance and Punctuality

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 03/01/2022 : **82.27%**

1st Place Attendance: Year 2

1st Place Punctuality: Year 4

Classes	Absences	Lates	Points
Year 1	8	1	0
Year 2	0	2	75
Year 3	12	2	0
Year 4	4	0	50
Year 5	4	3	25
Year 6	10	2	0



Attendance and Punctuality

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 04/01/2022 : **88.26%**

1st Place Attendance: Reception

1st Place Punctuality: Y4 and Y5

Classes	Absences	Lates	Total Attendance
Year 1—Red Class	6	11	84.52%
Year 2—Orange Class	13	8	79.33%
Year 3—Yellow Class	12	12	83.97%
Year 4 - Green Class	6	0	84.13%
Year 5—Blue Class	15	13	93.59%
Year 6—Purple Class	26	8	94.05%



Attendance and Punctuality

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 04/01/2022: **93.39%**

1st Place Attendance: Year 5

1st Place Punctuality: Year 2

Classes	Absences	Lates	Points
Year 1—Red Class	15	4	25
Year 2—Orange Class	17	1	75
Year 3—Yellow Class	14	2	50
Year 4 - Green Class	11	5	25
Year 5—Blue Class	3	2	125
Year 6—Purple Class	8	2	100



Attendance and Punctuality

Overall whole school attendance for week beginning 04/01/2022: **91.2%**

1st Place Attendance: Year 3

1st Place Punctuality: Year 6

Classes	Absences	Lates	Points
Year 1—Red Class	15	12	25
Year 2—Orange Class	8	10	75
Year 3—Yellow Class	5	15	75
Year 4 - Green Class	7	12	75
Year 5—Blue Class	9	18	0
Year 6—Purple Class	7	8	125

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about TIKTOK

TikTok is a video-sharing social media app which lets people create, view and download looping 15-second clips. Typically, these are videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to popular songs or soundbites (often for comic purposes), enhanced with filters, effects and text. Designed with young people in mind, TikTok skyrocketed in popularity in 2019 and has featured near the top of download charts ever since. It now has around a billion users worldwide.

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Most videos appearing on a child's feed are light-hearted and amusing. However, some clips have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, themes of suicide and self-harm, or young teens acting in a sexually suggestive way. The sheer volume of uploads is impossible to moderate entirely – and since TikTok Jump's introduction in mid-2021, users can view third-party content outside the app.

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CENSORED

EXPLICIT SONGS

TikTok primarily revolves around videos of users lip-syncing and dancing to music. Inevitably, some featured songs will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the app's young user-base, there is a risk that children may view older users' videos and then be inclined to imitate any explicit language or suggestive actions.

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TIKTOK FAME

The app has created its own celebrities: Charli D'Amelio and Lil Nas X, for example, were catapulted to fame by exposure on TikTok – leading to many more teens attempting to go viral and become "TikTok famous". While most aspiring stars hoping to be 'the next big thing' will find it difficult, setbacks may in turn prompt them to go to even more drastic lengths to get noticed.



HAZARDOUS VISIBILITY

Connecting with others is simple on TikTok – including commenting on and reacting to users' videos, following their profile and downloading their content. The majority of these interactions are harmless, but – because of its abundance of teen users – TikTok has experienced problems with predators contacting young people.

ADDICTIVE NATURE

Like all social media platforms, TikTok can be extremely addictive. It can be hugely entertaining – but that also makes it hard to put down. As well as the punchy nature of the short video format, the app's ability to keep users intrigued about what's coming next means it's easy for a 5-minute visit to turn into a 45-minute stay.

IN-APP SPENDING

There's an in-app option to purchase 'TikTok coins', which are then converted into digital rewards for sending to content creators that a user likes. Prices range from 99p to an eye-watering £99 bundle. TikTok is also connected with Shopify, which allows users to buy products through the app.

Advice for Parents & Carers

TALK ABOUT ONLINE CONTENT

Assuming your child is above TikTok's age limit, talk to them about what they've viewed on the app. Ask their opinion on what's appropriate and what isn't. Explain why they shouldn't give out personal details or upload videos which reveal information like their school or home address. In the long run, teaching them to think critically about what they see on TikTok could help them to become social-media savvy.

MAINTAIN PRIVACY SETTINGS

The default setting for all under 16s' accounts is 'private'. Keeping it that way is the safest solution: it means only users who your child approves can watch their videos. The 'Stitch' (which lets users splice clips from other people's videos into their own) and 'Duet' (where you build on another user's content by recording your own video alongside their original) features are now only available to over 16s. This might clash with your child's ambitions of social media stardom, but it will fortify their account against predators.

LEARN ABOUT REPORTING AND BLOCKING

With the correct privacy settings applied, TikTok is a relatively safe space. However, in case something *does* slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report inappropriate content and get them to come to you about anything upsetting that they've seen. TikTok allows users to report anyone breaching its guidelines, while you can also block individual users through their profile.

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

'Family Pairing' lets parents and carers link their own TikTok account to their child's. Through your mobile, you can control your child's safety settings remotely – including limiting screen time, managing their ability to exchange messages (and with whom) and blocking a lot of age-inappropriate content. TikTok's Safety Centre also provides resources for parents and carers to support online safety among families. These resources can be found on their website.

USE RESTRICTED MODE

In the app's 'Digital Wellbeing' section, you can filter out inappropriate content (specific content creators or hashtags, for instance) using 'Restricted Mode'. This can then be locked with a PIN. You should note, though, that the algorithm moderating content isn't totally dependable – so it's wise to stay aware of what your child is watching.

MODERATE SCREEN TIME

As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child to manage their time on it in the 'Digital Wellbeing' section. Under 'Screen Time Management', you can limit the daily permitted time on the app (in increments ranging from 40 minutes to two hours). This preference can also be locked behind a PIN. That way, your child can get their regular dose of TikTok without wasting the whole day.

Meet Our Expert

Parven Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks: a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.



SOURCES: www.tiktok.com



With over 14 million daily users, Discord is one of the most popular communication tools for gamers. It allows you to create or join what are known as 'servers', where different users can talk in groups via text message or voice call. There is also the option to send direct messages and make video calls.

AGE RESTRICTION
13+



What parents need to know about DISCORD



INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Your child can access almost any chat server on Discord. This means they can easily be exposed to content and conversations that are inappropriate, upsetting or potentially harmful.



SEXUAL IMAGERY

Despite there being guidelines in place to prevent it, users are able to circulate adult content. This can include sexualised images, pornographic videos and provocative discussions. It's important to stay alert and know the risks that your child could be exposed to.



RISK OF CYBERBULLYING

Interactions on the platform are largely unregulated. This means other users can easily say and show things to your child that might be offensive and upsetting. The competitive nature of gaming can lead users to make abusive and harmful remarks about your child.



HIDDEN CHARGES

Though the basic platform is free, your child will be encouraged to sign up to premium subscriptions, which give extra perks, such as animated emojis and free games. The two options are known as 'Nitro Classic' (which costs \$4.99 a month) and Nitro (which costs \$9.99 a month). Prices are only converted to pound sterling during the payment process.



RISK OF CYBERCRIME

Cybercriminal groups have been linked to the platform due to reports of hackers sharing stolen data. It's also possible that your child may be encouraged to share the data of their friends, either through peer pressure, or 'for fun', without realising the consequences.



STRANGER DANGER

To create an account, you only need to display a username and profile image. This makes it easy for someone to hide his or her real identity. Predators from anywhere in the world can join a chat server, message your child and quickly leave to avoid detection. Forbes reports groomers have been targeting children susceptible to online coercion on the platform.



National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

Top Tips to Protect Your Child



1 BE WARY OF WHAT'S SHARED

Whatever your child says or shares on the platform can be seen, heard and shared with a much larger audience. Be careful to make sure your child understands this and does not say or share anything that could be deemed offensive, harmful or put themselves or others at risk.

You can find Discord's own guide for parents here: <https://blog.discordapp.com/parents-guide-to-discord-c77d91793e9c>



2 IMPROVE SECURITY SETTINGS

To help protect your child, make sure they set strong passwords. You should consider using the 'two-factor authentication' function for extra protection. It's also important to remind your child to never to share their personal information, or the details of another user.



3 CHECK THEIR FRIEND LIST

You can restrict who is able to make 'friend requests' to your child in the 'Friends' tab. It's a good idea to deselect the default option that allows anyone to connect. Of course, you should also talk to your child about why it's a risk to allow strangers to connect with them through such platforms.



4 REPORT & BLOCK SUSPICIOUS USERS

Make sure your child knows how to report and block abusive or suspicious users. If you do find your child suffering repeated abuse, contact the platform directly using the email: abuse@discordapp.com. It's a good idea to teach your child how to screenshot any negative interactions too.



5 BE WARY OF NSFW CONTENT

Public forums on the platform are a potential venue for inappropriate content that you should be wary of. There is a Discord mascot known as 'Wumpus', which is supposed to represent anyone under 18. Anyone who posts content unsuitable for under-18s, should mark it NSFW (Not Suitable For Wumpus).



6 SHOW RESPECT TO OTHERS

It's important you actively teach your child to treat other users with respect and behave online the same way as they would offline.

Take the time to read through Discord's Community Guidelines with your child. Find them at: www.discordapp.com/guidelines



7 TURN ON SAFE MESSAGING

You should encourage your child to activate the 'Safe Direct Messaging' option. This will scan and delete any direct messages sent to your child containing explicit content.



Meet our expert

Claire Woffenden has been a technology journalist since 1998 with a specialism in consumer technology (apps, websites, home computing and digital devices). As a Mum of two young children - aged 8 and 6 - Claire is passionate about helping to keep children safe online.