

Robert Browning, Snowsfields and Tower Bridge Primary Schools

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Find us at: www.thebridgesfederation.org.uk

Newsletter 5th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was so lovely to see you all return this week and we hope you had a restful summer. As always, there is already so much planned for the term.

Please make sure you attend Meet The Teacher on Wednesday 10th September. Teachers will be in class with the children at 3.30. We ask you visit all your children's classes as the teachers will be sharing information about the year ahead. It also gives you an opportunity to ask them any questions you may have and also meet other parents.

Advice from the Metropolitan Police: As we start to see that it gets darker earlier into the night and darker in the mornings, a reminder to those who travel at such times be extra vigilant around crossings in darker conditions. Those travelling with young children a good piece of equipment is a small hi-visibility tag, which can clip onto bags, coats, scooter, or even bike. It makes the difference in wet, dark conditions and just highlights your child near roads.

[Read the Prime Minister's letter to parents and carers on Best Start in Life](#)

Have a lovely weekend. Gates open at 8:45am on Monday.

Parents of Children in Year 6

If your child is in Year 6, you will need to plan your visits to potential secondary schools. We shared information about this last term. Please speak to a member of the leadership team if you need further support. The e-Admissions deadline is 31/10/25 so there is plenty of time to visit schools and complete your 6 choices. Please click on the link: [eAdmissions](#)

Dates For Your Diary

Tower Bridge

Wednesday 10th September - Parents - meet the teacher 3:45pm

17th - 19th September - Y5/6 School Journey

20th - 24th October - International Week

Wednesday 22nd October - International Week Performance for parents 3pm

Friday 24th October - Breakup Half term 3.30pm

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Tuesday 9th September - Groundwork Introduction for EYFS parents - 9am

Wednesday 10th September - Parents - meet the teacher 3:45pm in classrooms

Thursday 11th September - Y6 Secondary transfer meeting with parents 9am

Wednesday 17th September and every Wednesday after this date - Stay and Play 8.45am

17th - 19th September - Y5 and Y6 School Journey

Thursday 23rd October - International Week

Performance for parents at 3pm

Snowsfields

Wednesday 10th September - Parents - meet the teacher 3:30pm in classrooms

Friday 12th September - wear your class colour to celebrate the end of neurodiversity week

17th - 19th September - Y5 and Y6 School Journey

Thursday 23rd October - International Week

Performance for parents at 3pm

Term Dates 2025-2026 are on the Federation website

[Term Dates - The Bridges Federation](#)

Term time holidays will not be authorised.

Other important dates for this year can also be found on the school website here:

[Diary - The Bridges Federation](#)



REMEMBER!

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

**MEET
the
TEACHER**

It was so nice to see you all back this week and we hope you had a restful summer. This week's newsletter has some reminders and important information. Please read this carefully.

You can meet your child's teacher next Wednesday after school (10th September). Please go to the class when the gates open at 3.30 (if you have more than one child attending, please make your way around all the classes) to find out all the information about this year.

Days to wear PE Kits

Year 1 - Red Class - Mondays and Wednesdays
Year 2 - Orange Class - Mondays and Wednesdays
Year 3 - Yellow Class - Tuesdays and Thursdays
Year 4 - Green Class - Tuesdays and Thursdays
Year 5 - Blue Class - Mondays and Wednesdays
Year 6 - Purple Class - Tuesdays and Thursdays

- Children who chose to do sports on Friday enrichment afternoons will also need to wear PE kits on Fridays

PE Kits should be worn to school on days your child has PE.

Children should wear:

- white t-shirt
- school jumper
- shorts or jogging bottoms (navy blue)
- trainers



As a school the children take part in Daily Mile each day. This year we have set up challenges for them to aspire to achieve. Please make sure your child wears trainers everyday so that they can take part in Daily Mile safely.



Children may wear stud earrings to school. All other jewellery should be kept safely at home. Please make sure necklaces, bracelets and hooped earrings are not worn to school for their safety.

Save the Date

All our term dates are on the federation website, including INSET days. All other important dates will be shared on the front of the newsletter each week.

Reading is a fundamental part of learning and we actively encourage children to read as much as they can. Children who read at home and complete their journals 3 times a week will be entered into the reading raffle to win a book to keep.





Robert Browning Primary School



Welcome Back to School!

We were so excited to welcome our children and families to the start of a new academic year. Seeing the children walk through the school gates on Wednesday morning, full of smiles and ready to learn, was a wonderful start to the year. Together we will build on last year's successes, develop new skills, and continue to make Robert Browning a safe and happy school to learn and grow. Thank you for your support in helping every child feel ready to shine.

You will be able to meet your child's class teacher after school on **Wednesday 10th September**. Please go to your child's class once the gate is open.

Together we will create the best opportunities for every child to reach their full potential!

PE Sessions

As usual, your child can wear their PE kit to school on their PE days. PE kit includes plain black shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms, a white t-shirt and trainers. The children should wear their usual red school sweatshirt.



**Red (Year 1) - Monday and Thursday
Orange (Year 2) - Monday and Thursday
Yellow (Year 3) - Thursday
Green (Year 4) - Monday and Tuesday
Blue (Year 5) - Tuesday and Thursday
Purple (Year 6) - Thursday
Rainbow - Tuesday**

There will be additional PE sessions when children take part in tournaments and special events. We will let you know about these!

Attendance

Arriving at school on time and attending school regularly is essential for children's well being and progress. Every school day counts.

Leave during term time is not authorised.

Concerns about persistent absence or lateness will be referred to the Education Inclusion Team or Family Early Help Service.

Fines will be issued for term time leave.

For 100% attendance and punctuality, we reward children with wristbands.

To be entered into our attendance hamper draw, your child must have 98% attendance or over for that half term and be on time every day.



Well done to last term's attendance hamper winner!

Great Fire of London Workshop

On Thursday 4th September, Year 2 and Year 3 enjoyed an exciting workshop, stepping back to 1666 to discover how the Great Fire began, spread and reshaped London. The session brought history to life through storytelling, artefacts and plenty of curious questions and the children even imagined what life might have been like for Londoners during the days of the fire!



Secondary Transfer

There will be a meeting on Thursday 17th September to provide you with further information regarding the application process. Remember the deadline for completing the online application form is the 31st October 2025.

secondary transfer for parents of Year 6 pupils



**NORBURY
HIGH SCHOOL
for GIRLS**

"Pupils are articulate, and their confidence shines through. They achieve well and take pride in their work. They behave respectfully and are keen to learn." - Ofsted, 2022



Open Evenings 2025

- Tues 15th July & Tues 16th Sept, 16.00 - 19.00
- prospective year 7 students & their families
- Open mornings - please call/email to book

Norbury High School for Girls
Kensington Avenue CR7 8BT

020 8679 0062 | admin@nhsg.org.uk | nhsg.org.uk

Please find information
about specialist
secondary schools in
the link below:

[Secondary \(Ages 11-16\)
| Southwark Local Offer](#)

HARRIS ACADEMY BERMONDSEY
OUTSTANDING EVERY TIME!
Ofsted Outstanding in 2009 | 2015 | 2019 | 2025
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Outstanding in all areas – including Quality of Education, Behaviour and Attitudes, Personal Development, Leadership and Management, and Sixth-Form Provision.

Open Days
3rd June
10th June
17th June

Book a Tour

What Ofsted said about us

“Pupils benefit from an exceptional enrichment offer.”

“Pupils develop a rich body of knowledge and achieve very highly.”

Keep up with the latest school news, student achievements, and community events—follow us!

Stay Connected, Stay Informed – Follow HAB Online!

Contact us if you have any questions at admissions@harrisbermondsey.org.uk
55 Southwark Park Rd, Bermondsey, SE16 3TZ
www.harrisbermondsey.org.uk 020 7237 9316

Please find information
about secondary school
open days for children
in year 6 in the link
below:

[Check secondary
school open days and
evenings | Southwark
Council](#)



OPEN EVENING

Thursday 11th September (5.00 – 7.30pm)

OPEN MORNINGS

Saturday 13th September (10am - midday)
Wednesday 17th September (9.00 – 10.30am)
Thursday 18th September (9.00 – 10.30am)
Wednesday 24th September (9.00 – 10.30am)
Thursday 25th September (9.00 – 10.30am)

Bacon's College is a fully inclusive Church of England academy that is open to students of all faiths and none.



Proud to be rated a **GOOD** school by Ofsted in 2022.

Come and see for yourself! Book online at baconscollege.co.uk



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GIRLS
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PATHWAY

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HARRIS ACADEMY
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SESSIONS EVERY
FRIDAY

16:30PM- 18:00PM

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FREE TRIAL

N.FARRELL@MILLWALLCOMMUNITY.ORG.UK



AFTERSCHOOL SPORTS

AT MARLBOROUGH SPORTS GARDEN

School's out, time to play!

Children aged 5-11 - join us for FREE afterschool sports at Marlborough Sports Garden! Fun, beginner-friendly sessions run Tuesday-Thursday, with free play on Monday and Friday. Choose from football, touch rugby, rollerskating, cricket, volleyball and more.

SPRING 2023

Week 1: week 27/03-01/04/2023
Week 2: week 28/03-02/04/2023
Week 3: week 29/03-03/04/2023
Week 4: week 30/03-04/04/2023

SUMMER 2023

Week 1: week 01/06-05/06/2023
Week 2: week 06/06-10/06/2023
Week 3: week 13/06-17/06/2023
Week 4: week 20/06-24/06/2023
Week 5: week 27/06-01/07/2023

TIMES

All sessions start from 3.45 - 5.15pm

LOCATION

Marlborough Sports Garden
Lower Road, SE7 1DB



Get in touch by email sports@bantock.org.uk
or 020 7403 3393 or visit online at
www.bantock.org.uk/afterschoolsports

Bantock's Open Spaces Trust

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OPEN SPACES
TRUST

Lewisham Disability Sports Network presents:

Lewisham Inclusive Sports Festival

A free event, accessible to all abilities, for disabled young people and their families, aged 5-25!

Register below or scan the QR code:
<https://bit.ly/LewishamMultiSport>

Register Now!

Saturday 21st June

2 pm to 4 pm

Ladywell Arena

Silvermere Rd

SE6 4QX

In Partnership with:

Camille.Redfern@AccessSport.org.uk 020 7993 9883

MADE FOR
THIS CRUISE

BIG FOOTBALL DAY

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DATE AND TIME
23rd July, 10am-2pm

LOCATION
St Paul's Sports Ground, Rotherhithe, SE16 5BT

WHICH SPORTS
Millwall Community Trust

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CHILDREN'S WESTMINSTER MILE
FREE FOR WESTMINSTER CLUBS AND SCHOOLS

SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2025
TIME - 11:15

Active Westminster invites schools and groups to bring their children and young people to run, jog, walk, or wheel one mile in the heart of the capital. Finishing in front of Buckingham Palace.

Register here:



We are excited to let you know that the **Vitality Westminster Mile is back for 2025!**

As a local school **we would love to offer you free family/group entry** for this amazing day filled with energy, smiles, and unforgettable moments, including:

- **Finishing your mile right outside Buckingham Palace**
- **Exploring the free Vitality Wellness Festival in Green Park** – packed with fun activities and taster sessions for all ages

Registrations are open to family entries -

Event Details

- **Date:** Saturday 27 September 2025
- **Location:** Central London, finishing on The Mall
- **Wave:** Westminster Family/Group Wave (11:15am Start Time)

Register now for FREE!

Secure your place now using the exclusive link below:

https://www.letsdothis.com/gb/checkout/ticket?eventId=234419&reservationCode=rewl41liz6ridg&utm_organiser_id=29443&utm_source=reserved_entry

Click on the link below for information about activities for children:

[Eequ](#)



Family support

FATHER'S GROUP



Join a 12-week course to improve your parenting skills.

Whether you are a father, grandfather or stepdad, receive advice and tips on topics such as positive parenting, improving relationships and role modelling. Crèche provided.

When:
Where: 1st Place Family Hub, 13 Charnleigh Street, Burgess Park, SE16 0NF

BOOK A PLACE
Email: ben.campbell@southwark.gov.uk
Phone: 07738 860 768

PARENT SPACE
A QUARTERLY ONLINE & IN PERSON PROGRAM
A 12-WEEK COURSE DESIGNED FOR PARENTS WITH CHILDREN FROM 0-5 YEARS. TO INCLUDE: PARENTING SKILLS, EMOTIONAL SUPPORT, AS WELL AS GOOD LIFE'S PRACTICES THAT SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN.

DATES:
WEDNESDAY 10th JANUARY 2018 10:30-11AM
WEDNESDAY 20th APRIL 2018 10:30-11AM
WEDNESDAY 10th JULY 2018 10:30-11AM

FOR DETAILS & TO REGISTER:
• Admin@parentspace2go.com
• parentspace2go.org

CONTACT:
07507443293
0772530083
02030201808
07584443882

PLEASE NOTE: TO ENJOY OUR PROGRAM, YOU MUST HAVE A SPACE FOR YOURSELF.

The Nest - Wellbeing Hub

The Nest operates a drop-in service every **Saturday between 10:30 and 14:30**. Therapeutic practitioners and support workers can offer 1:1 emotional support, information & advice and signpost you to the appropriate services.

Drop-In Service | The Nest

SENsational Stay & Play
Fun FREE groups for children with additional needs or disabilities and their parents/careers.

• Have fun with your child
• Meet other families
• Get advice and support from a range of specialists on topics such as Speech & Language, Behaviour and Autism

Multiple locations across Southwark
Midweek stay & play sessions for under-5s
Saturday respite sessions for 9-11 years
See timetable on back of this leaflet

For more info visit www.southwark.gov.uk/parenting
Or to book www.southwark.gov.uk/parenting

Southwark Children and Family Centres
We are currently looking for volunteers to support our sessions.

Southwark Young Carers

To get involved, you can refer via our website www.imago.community or scan the QR Code

IMAGO

We support young people living in Southwark aged 6-24, who provide unpaid care or support to a family member with a long-term illness, disability, mental health condition or a substance misuse issue.

For further information, please contact our Hub
youngcarers@imago.community
0300 333 1110

Southwark Young Carers is a service of Imago Community
Registered charity number: 2018 0008

Free Workshops for Parents and Carers

Do you want more guidance on how to talk to your children, teens and young people about vaping, alcohol or drugs? Do you want to be informed on the current themes and trends we come across working with young people in the borough?

Substances are more accessible today than ever before. For parents, carers or anyone responsible for children and young people, it can feel overwhelming and difficult to know how to respond.

We're offering FREE online workshops for parents and carers in Southwark, to give advice and guidance to help you navigate this quickly changing landscape.

Workshops:

- Current trends amongst young people
- Strategies for talking to young people about substances in an open and supportive way
- Practical advice on how to keep your children safe from the dangers of substance misuse

For further information contact:
• Email: Southwark.YoungPeople@tqi.org.uk or scan the QR code for a direct link to the eventbrite page.
• You can call us on: 020 3404 7699

TAP - IN SESSIONS

Free and stand alone information sessions for parents and carers on a range of topics - 'TAP-IN' to the ones you need or complete the set!

Sessions include:

- Digital Safety - how to support children to be safe online
- Ages and Stages - how to support different developmental stages
- Parental Wellbeing - how to communicate our needs
- Parenting and Autism
- Parenting and ADHD
- More to come...

JOIN NOW

Beth Gilbey
07394 865 980
bethany.gilbey@southwark.gov.uk
EARLYHELP@SOUTHWARK.GOV.UK

We hold in person and online sessions throughout the term
Contact the team for next available session



Please click on the link below for Chattertime sessions for children under 5:
[Chattertime sessions | Evelina London](#)

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES STRENGTHENING COMMUNITIES

For parents of children aged 8 - 16 years

This 12-week course helps parents and carers to:

- Build positive family relationships
- Manage anger and stress
- Implement effective discipline strategies
- Understand your child's development
- Recognise and value your family and cultural traditions
- Develop effective communication
- Meet others and share ideas

JOIN NOW

Web to support: www.southwark.gov.uk/parenting

WHEN IS IT ON?
Weekly
From 10:30am to 12:00pm
Every Tuesday
10:30am to 12:00pm
Online every Tuesday from 10:30am to 12:00pm

The Neurodiversity Family Hub

The Neurodiversity Family Hub provide specialised clubs for children & young people with SEND in Southwark, including: Teen Tribe, Junior Tribe and Tiny Tribe

As well as parent/carer support, including: Parent Connect, Parent Circle, Walk & Talk, My Advocacy Partner and whole family gatherings.

[The Neurodiversity Family Hub](#)

family info

Price & Buckland

NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM WEBSITE LAUNCH

On the 11th of February we will launch our NEW website. The URL remains: www.price-buckland.co.uk



Website QR code. This will take you to the homepage to search for your school.



If you have ordered from our website before, go to the Account Section and re-set your password. You can use the same password that you have currently.



You can then see previous orders and manage your account.

Any Questions? Call us on 01188 640622

SOUTHWARK SCHOOLS' INDOOR AIR QUALITY

Southwark Council is already undertaking several projects to tackle air pollution in schools, and you can get involved!

Asthma - Air Quality Monitoring & Engagement Project for students in Year 6 and above

This project will see air quality sensors placed in classrooms and the homes of pupils with asthma, offering a live insight into the air quality they experience.

Teachers and students will participate in a specially designed curriculum to deepen their understanding of air quality's effects on health and discover strategies to **minimise** harmful emissions.

This initiative builds on existing air quality efforts and provides tools such as a dedicated webpage and monitoring devices to assist schools in fostering a cleaner, healthier educational atmosphere.

School staff and parents can register interest by filling out the form on this QR code or by emailing: <https://forms.office.com/e/QUwM8JA2E6>
environmental.protection@southwark.gov.uk
anna.czerska@southwark.gov.uk

Climate School Action Plan
 Check out the Climate School Action Plan Guide which includes actions to improve air quality.

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Privates are private



Always remember your body belongs to you



No means no



Talk about secrets that upset you



Speak up, someone can help



Free Home Fire Safety Visits

A fire can start in any room and the effects can be devastating, even a small fire in your home can lead to substantial damage and expensive repairs. The LFB want to stop fires from happening and that is why we offer free home fire safety visits to help keep you and your loved ones safe.

What happens during a home fire safety visit?

Our firefighters or trained staff will visit you at home, at a time that suits you and carry out a risk assessment. They will give you advice based on your home and individual needs, this includes; information on how to prevent fires, the importance of smoke alarms to detect a fire and your escape plan in the event of a fire.

A visit can take up to 90 minutes or longer if needed and we will fit free smoke alarms if required.

Specialist alarms can be fitted for people who may have a delayed response to escape for example; strobe light and vibrating pad alarms for those who are deaf or hard of hearing.

How to book a Home Fire Safety Visit:

Freephone: 0800 028 4428

Email: smokealarms@london-fire.gov.uk

Text /SMS: 07860 021 319

<https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/safety/the-home/home-fire-safety/>

Worried about a relative, friend or neighbour? Although everyone is eligible for a free home fire safety visit, some people with health problems or lifestyle behaviours can have an increased chance of a fire happening. To help you we have listed some of these examples below:

Increased risk factors can include:

Anyone that smokes; overloaded electrical sockets or poor wiring; unsafe use of candles or naked flames; previous fires or near misses; cooking left unattended; hoarding of any kind or someone who lives alone.

They are less able to react because of:

Mental health conditions such as dementia or learning difficulties; no smoke alarms are fitted or they don't work; alcohol dependency or drug misuse (prescribed or recreational); physical health issues including sensory impairments eg: hearing or sight.

They have a reduced ability to escape:

Mobility issues due to a physical disability; age-related problems or as a result of a long-term illness; escape routes are not kept clear or are blocked due to actions such as hoarding or conditions that affect decision making.

If you know anyone who has **any combination of these risk factors**, give them our details to arrange a free home fire safety visit or simply ask them if they would like you to book a visit for them.

Remember -This is not an exhaustive list, if you are unsure please contact us for extra advice.

We're using Arbor's free Parent Portal and Parent App

We've chosen Arbor to help us manage our school.

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Parent App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

The Parent Portal works on Google Chrome (computer or laptop) and you can download the Parent App from the App Store or Google Play Store on your phone (Android 5.0, iOS 10.0 and upwards).

How to get started

- Wait for your welcome email from us telling you Arbor is ready - you won't be able to log in before
- Click the link in your welcome email to set up your password
- Go to the App or Google Play Store on your phone and search 'Arbor'
- Click 'Install' on Android or 'Get' on iPhone then open the App
- Enter your email, select the school, then enter your password
- Accept the Terms & Conditions and enter your child's birthday

Need help using Arbor?

Contact the school office if you have questions about Arbor, the App or Parent Portal. Tell us the type and model of your phone, e.g. an iPhone SE, and include screenshots or screen recordings.

To safeguard student data in line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), Arbor only works directly with schools.

Some tips to try:

- Ensure your username is the email address you use for Arbor. Ask us to **check the email address** linked to your account.
- Reset your password from the login page, or ask us to do this.
- If the login email was sent to you more than 96 hours ago, the **password link will have expired**. Ask us to send it again.
- Ask the school office to check that your email address has not been used twice - e.g. on another guardian or child's profile.
- Enter the birthday of one of your children to log in.
- Only relatives who are **Primary Guardians** of a child can access the Arbor App. Ask us to check you can access Arbor.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

AGE RESTRICTION
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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform. Its colourful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and it offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS

YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

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CENSORED

BE WARY OF ADVERTISING

Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pervasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

BUY NOW!

DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE

YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED

YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.

AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION

There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'scientific' videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.

DATA COLLECTION RISK

While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS

YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.

CHECK WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.

SET TIME LIMITS

The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced journalist with more than 10 years of experience covering the technology industry. Previously a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly is now a freelance journalist, editor, and copywriter. Her bylines include Forbes, TechRadar, Tes, The INQUIRER, The Metro, Uswitch, and WIRED.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College