



Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello again. This half term is fairly whizzing by, and Easter is almost upon us. There is a definite feel of Spring in the air and the promise of warmer (I hope) weather.

You would have seen via communication earlier this week that we have welcomed Julie Bird to our team. She will be working in the office alongside Sara. She is sitting next door to my office as I type, learning the multitude of systems that she will need to become proficient in. She has been fully welcomed by staff and will officially start the role after Easter.

ERB Update.

The ERB consult has now been completed and we are waiting for ratification for it to happen. We have been showing around various building firms and the trust is involved in this process. I have already communicated the numerous benefits of having an ERB – so many children struggle with neurodiversity and in so many ways. Staff are excited about the new staffroom and workspace that will be built (along with the relocation of mine and John's office!). Included will be a purpose-built meeting room – which will be a welcomed addition to the school.

Safeguarding

I have attached to this newsletter information about keeping children safe online. I have done a lot of reading around this lately and it was surprising to me how little (if any) control parents have over this. Even if one's 'house rules' are tight, it takes one person with an image on a phone, to put it under one person's nose and that image cannot be eradicated from their memory. I have listened to countless testimonials from children who have 'seen too much' and wish they could have their childhood back – in fact, it was a common theme amongst teens interviewed in the research I read.


Allowing children unchecked access to the internet may be what the children want – but is it the right thing to do? This is a question I believe all parents need to consider.

A Burrough Green parent bought me a book at Christmas called *The Anxious Generation*. It is a stunning, easy to read, eye-opening look at how modern childhood experiences are shaping mental health. Of course, online activities feature heavily. I have attended 2 safeguarding and behaviour courses since January, and the book was recommended as an essential read on both!

For your reference here is a 2026 guide to age restrictions on social media sites:

I have included the most popular ones – I am sure there are many more! I hope you find this informative.

Minimum Age for Social Media in the UK (2026)

Platform 	Minimum Age	Notes on Restrictions
TikTok	13+	Accounts for 13-15 year olds are private by default. Users must be 16+ to direct message and 18+ for live streaming.
Instagram	13+	New users under 18 are placed in "Teen Accounts" with strict settings. 13-15 year olds need parental approval to change settings.
Snapchat	13+	Offers "Family Center" for parents to see who their teens are messaging.
Facebook	13+	Requires users to meet the 13+ age requirement.
YouTube	13+	Users under 18 have stricter content recommendations, particularly around health/fitness.
WhatsApp	13+	Reduced from 16 to 13 in April 2024 to align with global standards.
Discord	13+	Requires user to be 13 or older.
Reddit	13+	Requires user to be 13 or older.
X (Twitter)	13+	Requires user to be 13 or older.

The children are really enjoying their learning and there are some wonderful things happening in all 3 classrooms. Alison is doing a great job updating the community with plentiful Facebook posts (I loved some of the vegetables for World Book Day - my favourite was the 'Peter Rabbit').

Next week brings sporting events (tag rugby) and trips (Malala and Einstein are going to Duxford)

I hope you all have an amazing weekend.

David Sandford and the BG team

Next Week's Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1st Option	Pizza – Margarita (G)(MK)	Mild Chicken Curry with Rice	Meatballs in a tomato pasta sauce (G)	Toad-in-the-hole with gravy (G)(E)(MK)	Homemade Chicken Nuggets (MK)(G)(E)
2nd Option	Omelette and Chips (E)	Bacon and Cheese Pin Wheels with diced potatoes (MK)(G)	Quorn Nuggets and chips (G)	Plant based sausage Hot Dog and Chips (G)(SO)(SD)	Vegetable Stir Fry with Egg Noodles (SO)(E)
Side dish	Beans, Sweetcorn	Sweetcorn, peas	Carrots, Sweetcorn	Roast potatoes, carrots, peas	Chips, beans, sweetcorn
3rd Option	Jacket Potato with Choice of toppings, beans, beans & cheese (MK), cheese (MK), Tuna Mayo (F)	Pasta in a Tomato Sauce (G)	Jacket Potato with Choice of toppings, beans, beans & cheese (MK), cheese (MK), Tuna Mayo (F)	Pasta in a Tomato Sauce (G)	Jacket Potato with Choice of toppings, beans, beans & cheese (MK), cheese (MK), Tuna Mayo (F)
Snack option	Egg mayo wholemeal bread roll (G)(E)	Tuna Mayo Wholemeal Roll (F)(G)	Cheese wholemeal Roll (G)(MK)	Fish Fingers wholemeal roll (G)(F)	Cheese wholemeal Roll (G)(MK)
Dessert	Fruit Muffin (MK)(G)(E), Fruit, yogurt (MK)	Chocolate Brownie (E) (G)(SO), Fruit, yogurt (MK)	Shortbread (G), Fruit or Yogurt (MK)	Chocolate Chip Cookies (G)(SO)(E)(MK), Fruit or Yogurt (MK)	Ice Cream (MK), Fruit, yogurt (MK)
All Jacket Potatoes and Bread Rolls have a side salad. A slice of baguette is available to accompany the main meal.					

1.Allergen Key: Celery (C), Cereals (G), Crustaceans (CR), Egg (E), Fish (F), Lupin (L), Milk (MK), Molluscs (MS), Mustard (MU), Nuts (N), Peanuts (P), Sesame Seeds (SE), Soya (SO), Sulphur Dioxide/Sulphites (SD)

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Upcoming Events

Please make sure you check our [school calendar](#) to stay up-to-date with information about future events, term dates, training days etc

March

17 th March	Malala and Einstein trip to Duxford
18 th March	Small Schools Tag Rugby
19 th March	Malala NO OUTSIDERS 9am
19 th March	Royal Ballet Live Lesson
19 th – 24 th March	Book Fair after school
20 th March	GenR8
20 th March	PTA School Disco
23 rd – 27 th March	Shakespeare Week
23 rd March	Music Concert 3.45pm – 4.45pm
23 rd March	Full Governors Meeting 6pm
26 th March	Easter Service at the Church 2.15pm
27 th March	Owls closed
27 th March	End of term
1 st May	May Day Celebration – 2pm

Wrap Around Timetable – Owls

w/c	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
16 th Mar	Sensory Circuits	Crafts and Free Play	Countries of the World Spain Practice your Spanish and Tapas	Prestige Sports	Cooking: Hawaiian Tropic Chocolate squares
23 rd Mar	Den building	Crafts and Free Play	'Let's go Outside' Free play	Prestige Sports	No Owls End of Term

Raise money for the school without spending more!



All you have to do is download the Easy Fundraising App and then select your store!

Easyfundraising.org – There are lots of retailers and service providers on the list, businesses you normally shop with anyway. Even if you log into your favourite retailer through the app halfway through, it saves your basket, so you don't have to do anything different. **Try it, it really does make a difference!**

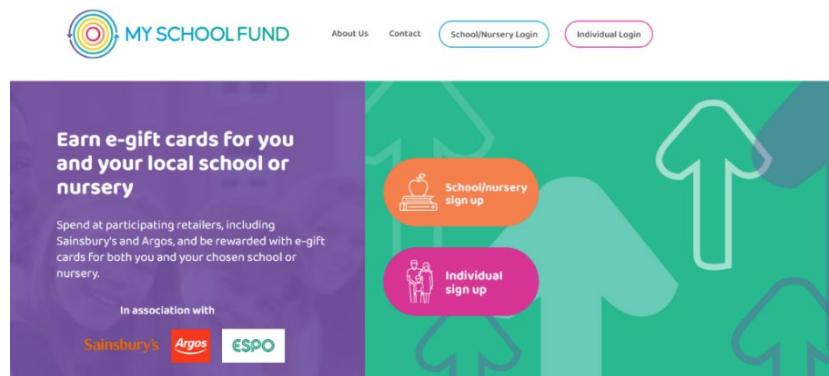
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>

The screenshot shows the Easy Fundraising website interface. At the top, there are navigation links: 'How it works', 'Find a cause', 'Register a cause', 'Register a business', 'Log in', and 'Sign up'. The main heading reads 'You spend, brands donate.' Below this, it says 'Sign up to easyfundraising and see your favourite brands donate to the cause you care about whenever you shop with them.' There is a yellow button that says 'Sign up and get started'. To the right, there are several icons representing different brands: a plant, a lifebuoy, a t-shirt, a banana, a car, a dog, a milk carton, and a dress. Below the icons, there are four cards for partner retailers: Amazon (up to £50.00 donation), eBay (up to 0.50% donation), Argos (up to 3.00% donation), and John Lewis & Partners (up to 1.00% donation). At the bottom, it says 'View all 7,000+ brands' with a right-pointing arrow.

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My School Fund - In association with Argos and Sainsbury's, we have a new way to fundraise for the school when you are shopping. Every time you make a purchase, both you and BG benefit with cashback. Click on the link to register as an individual and link your account to the school.

<https://www.myschoolfund.org/#/>



The screenshot shows the My School Fund website. At the top left is the logo, a colorful circle with the text "MY SCHOOL FUND". To the right are navigation links: "About Us", "Contact", "School/Nursery Login", and "Individual Login". The main content area is split into two columns. The left column has a purple background and contains the text: "Earn e-gift cards for you and your local school or nursery", "Spend at participating retailers, including Sainsbury's and Argos, and be rewarded with e-gift cards for both you and your chosen school or nursery.", and "In association with" followed by logos for Sainsbury's, Argos, and ESPO. The right column has a green background with large white arrows and two buttons: "School/nursery sign up" (orange) and "Individual sign up" (pink).