NORWOOD GREEN JUNIOR SCHOOL

A love of learning grows here...

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Dear Parents and Friends,

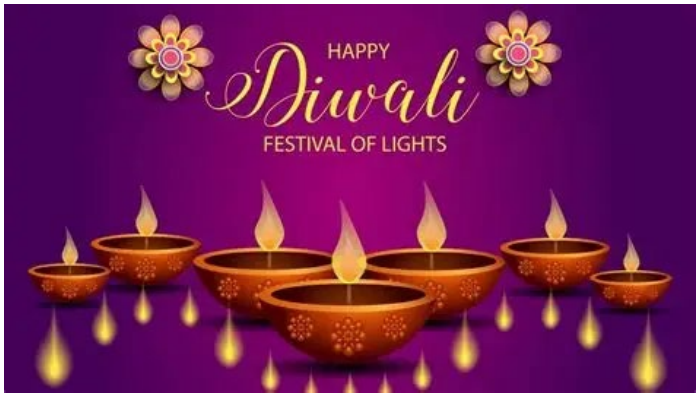
Our school discos were a huge success! Thank you for your kind donations and support. The children were so happy and they looked amazing!

A special thank you to Krish's dad, Mr Kochhar, who was a super DJ on both nights. He created a fantastic atmosphere for all the children.

HAPPY DIWALI

As the Festival of Lights approaches, we would like to extend our warmest wishes to all families celebrating Diwali. We hope you enjoy the celebrations with your loved ones and look forward to hearing about the wonderful experiences from our children.
Wishing you all a very Happy Diwali!

Children had a special Diwali lunch and parties today. They all looked amazing in their traditional/party clothes.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Individual pupil and in school sibling photographs will take place on Friday 13th November. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform on this day, so they look lovely and smart.



PARENT EVENINGS

Parent Evenings will take place this half term on Thursday 19th Nov and Tuesday 24th Nov. This meeting is for parents/carers and it's important that you attend. Meetings will be face to face and give teachers' and you an opportunity to talk about your child's work, progress and targets for the rest of the year.

Please visit **https://ngjs.schoolcloud.co.uk** to book your appointment.

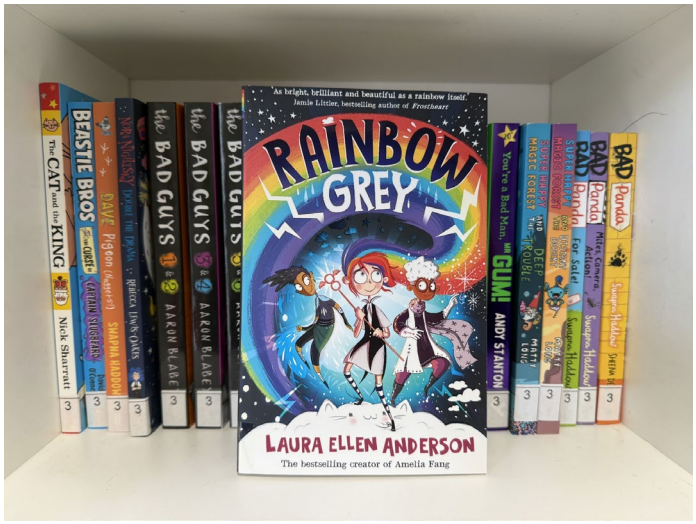
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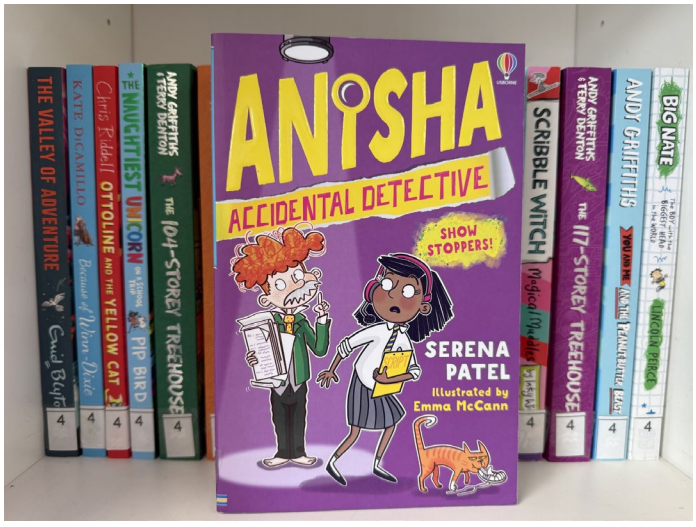
NEW LIBRARY BOOKS

We are delighted to announce that we have lots of exciting new books in our school library! Whether you love exploring imaginary worlds or following the adventures of your favourite characters, there is a new book waiting for you.

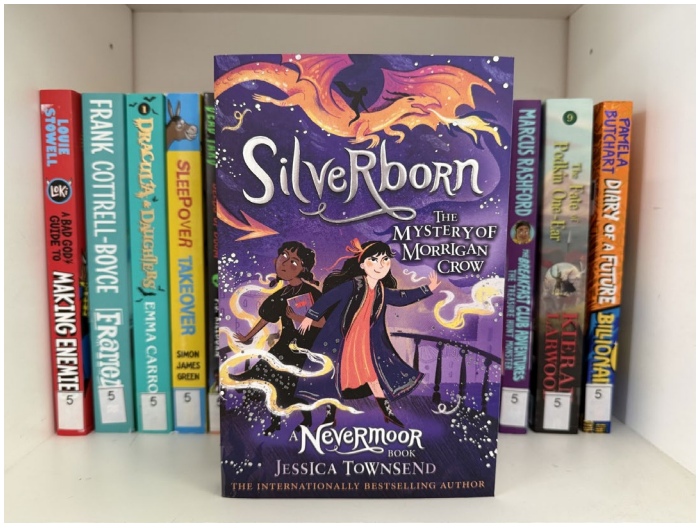
Reading helps us develop our imagination, learn new vocabulary and discover the world around us. We hope our new additions will inspire even more children to pick up a book, explore new stories and develop a lifelong love of reading.

Children are now able to take the new books home. Please support us by encouraging your child to read and helping them to take care of our new books.





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ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS FOR WEEK: 3RD – 6TH NOV 2026

The Attendance Award was won this week by 4S – congratulations! Their attendance this week was 100%!



TERM TIME LEAVE

Please remember that children are not allowed any time off during term time. There are 13 weeks of non-school time throughout the year when holidays and visits can take place. This is a directive by the Government which all schools must follow. Please ensure that your child attends school regularly.

ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Children should be in class and ready for learning by 9.00am. It is important that children learn to be punctual for school every day. Any children who arrive past 9.00am are considered late and must report to the school office or a member of staff on duty on the playground. At the start of the day, we operate a soft start system to help build children's confidence and independence.

ATTENDANCE

NORWOOD GREEN JUNIOR SCHOOL OVERALL ATTENDANCE CHART 3RD SEPTEMBER – 6TH NOV 2026

Class	Percentage
3R	96.8%
3S	96.4%
4R	96.5%
4S	97.8%
4T	98.6%
5R	94%
5S	97%
5T	97.9%
6R	96.4%
6S	94.4%
6T	96.2%
Overall School	96.6%

The Government target for attendance is 96%. Any attendance below this figure has been highlighted red. It is important that your children attend school unless they are too ill to do so.



REPORTING ABSENCES

If your child is ill or unable to attend school, you will need to report it to the school. This can be done by ringing the school office on **0208 574 1726** to speak to a member of the office staff, or alternatively, you can email us at:

office@ngjs.hounslow.sch.uk
or
parents@ngjs.hounslow.sch.uk

Please notify the school by 9am if possible. The school will only "authorise" this absence if it is appropriate to do so.

YEAR 3

YEAR 3 – SCIENCE TRIP

Our Year 3 children had a fantastic time visiting the Science Museum! They loved exploring the exciting exhibits, discovering new things and getting involved in fun, interactive activities. The day was filled with smiles, laughter and curiosity as the children explored the wonders of science. It was a wonderful experience and a fun filled day of learning for everyone!



YEAR 3





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YEAR 4 – HOME LEARNING

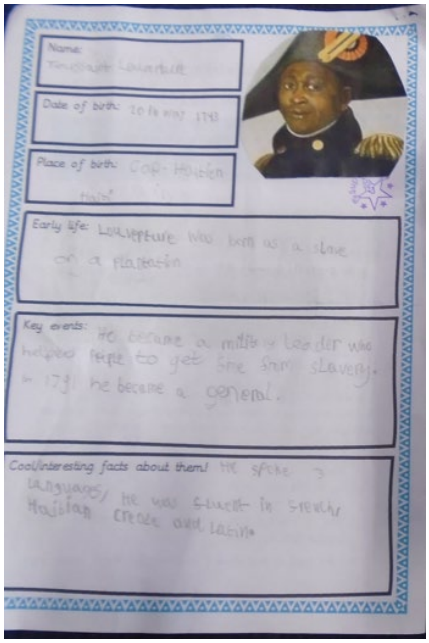
Year 4 were given a set of optional home learning tasks to complete during the half term holiday. They were asked to research a significant individual as part of Black History Month. To excite them about our upcoming topic, they were asked to an Anglo-Saxon time capsule with a mystery object that wouldn't have been around during that time.

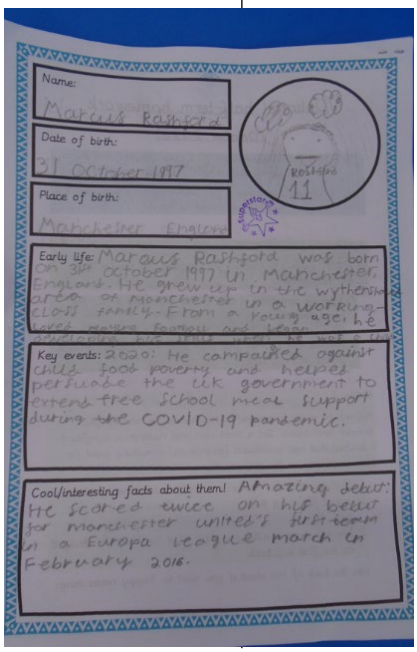


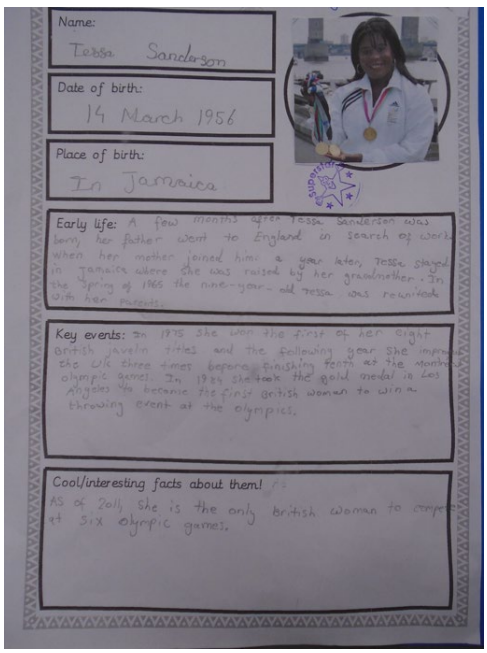
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YEAR 5

YEAR 5 – DIVERSITY

This term, Year 5 have been busy exploring DIVERSITY during Wider Curriculum Week! We explored the importance of honesty and why being truthful is such a valuable habit. Through exciting role-play activities, discussions and real-life scenarios, we learnt how to make honest choices. We also got creative by drawing pictures to show what honesty means to us!

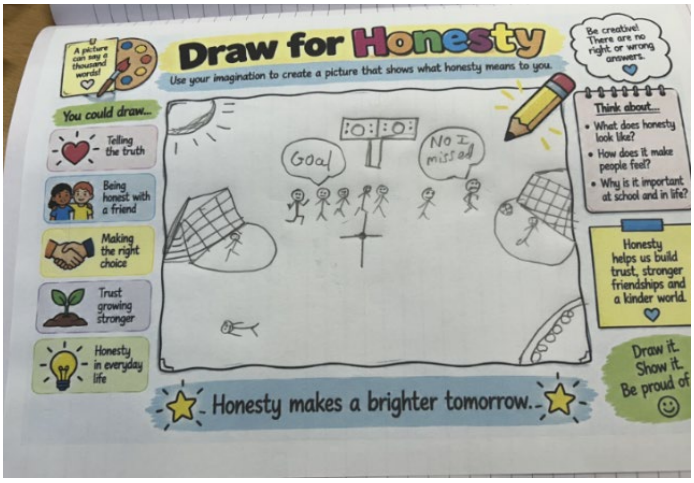
As part of Article 23 – Rights of Children with Disabilities, we celebrated different abilities and learnt the importance of respecting and including everyone. We were inspired by incredible Paralympians such as Hannah Cockroft and Ellie Simmonds, discovering how their determination, courage and achievements make them fantastic role models!

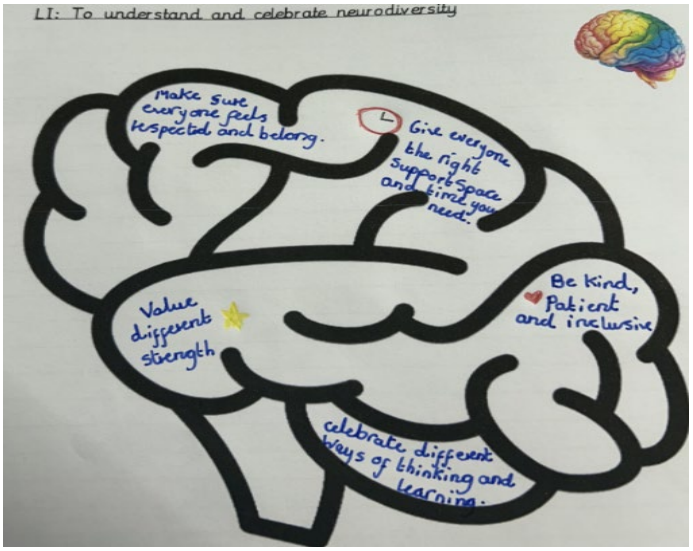
Finally, we travelled all the way to Afghanistan through our learning! We discovered fascinating facts about its culture, traditions and geography, recording our findings in our very own passport files.
What a wonderful week of learning, celebrating differences and discovering that everyone is unique and special!



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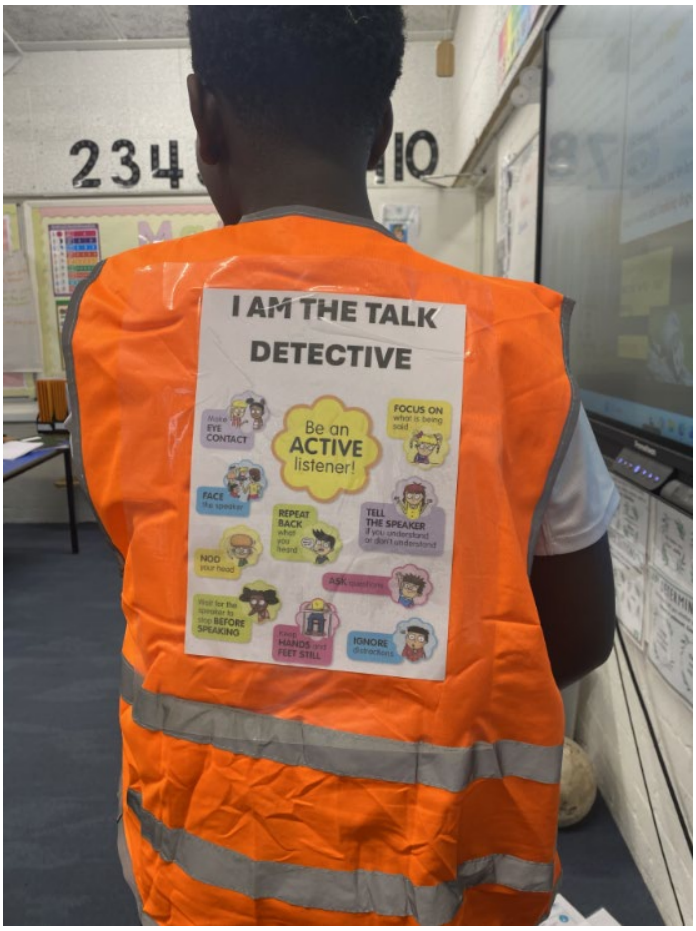
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YEAR 6 – TALK DETECTIVES

This week, Year 6 have been developing their oracy skills by becoming **'Talk Detectives'**! They have been listening carefully to their classmates, identifying effective speaking and listening skills and looking out for the use of sentence stems from our *Student Talk Tactics*. The children are learning how to build on others' ideas, share their opinions confidently and contribute thoughtfully to class discussions. They are becoming more active and reflective listeners!







CENTRE FOR THE DEAF

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CENTRE FOR THE DEAF – ART

The children had a go at making some paper pumpkins which were quite tricky!

They needed to draw and cut out 10 semi-circle shapes on orange paper, then fold them and stick them all together. They used scissors to curl a strip of green paper for a stalk and then drew and cut out a leaf to finish off their pumpkin. We hung them up in the Centre and are all quite proud of them.













STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week this week, we are very proud of you all!

YEAR 3 STARS OF THE WEEK



Gia
3R

Hinaya
3S

YEAR 4 STARS OF THE WEEK



Amelia
4R

Taliyah
4S

Avanthika
4T

STARS OF THE WEEK

YEAR 5 STARS OF THE WEEK



Rubani
5R

Mahamed
5S

Hussain
5T

YEAR 6 STARS OF THE WEEK



Aanya
6R

Sanveer
6S

Rishan
6T



DIARY DATES

13 NOV: YEAR 5&6 BOYS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT AT GUNNERSBURY PARK

13 NOV: SCHOOL PHOTOS

17 NOV: INTO FILM FESTIVALTRIP FOR CENTRE FOR THE DEAF

19 NOV: PARENTS EVENING

24 NOV: PARENTS EVENING

24 NOV: FLU IMMUNISATIONS 2ND CLINIC

2 DEC: CHRISTMAS PANTO

9 DEC: PUPIL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

18 DEC: LAST DAY OF TERM – PUPILS FINISH AT 2.30PM

4 JAN: PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL

TERM DATES 2026-2027

AUTUMN TERM 2026
THURSDAY 3 SEPTEMBER TO FRIDAY 18 DECEMBER 2026

HALF TERM:
MONDAY 26 OCTOBER TO MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2026

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS:
MONDAY 21 DECEMBER TO FRIDAY 1 JANUARY 2027

SPRING TERM 2027
MONDAY 4 JANUARY TO THURSDAY 25 MARCH 2027

HALF TERM:
MONDAY 15 FEBRUARY TO MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2027

EASTER HOLIDAYS:
FRIDAY 26 MARCH TO FRIDAY 9 APRIL 2027

SUMMER TERM 2027
MONDAY 12 APRIL TO WEDNESDAY 21 JULY 2027

MAY DAY: MONDAY 3 MAY 2027

HALF TERM:
MONDAY 31 MAY TO MONDAY 7 JUNE 2027

Online Safety Newsletter Nov 2026

Spotify Parental Controls

Spotify is a music streaming service. You must be aged over 13 to access it. If under 18, parent/guardian consent is required. However, under-13s can access Spotify through a managed account set up by a parent or legal guardian.

Since July 2026, Spotify has provided parental controls for managed accounts on both free and premium plans. These controls:

- turn messaging off.
- turn explicit content off.
- turn videos and canvas off.
- allow you to block specific artists or tracks.

Further information

Read the news announcement here: https://newsroom.spotify.com/2026-05-13/managed-accounts-free-tier-expansion/

Spotify have produced this Parental Guide to assist you with further information: https://www.spotify.com/us/safetyandprivacy/parental-guide

Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translation tool on our web version: https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/november-2026-primary/

Online Grooming



What is Online Grooming?

Online Grooming is when an adult builds a relationship online with a child to manipulate, exploit, or abuse them.

How does Grooming take place?

Groomers often use fake profiles to pretend they are someone they are not, for example they may claim to be younger than they really are or pretend to be a person of influence. They will use flattery and attention to build trust and friendship. They may use online games or social media to initiate contact but then encourage your child to switch to a different app to chat with privately - usually on an app that offers limited or no parental controls and/or encrypts messages.

What can I do?

- Use appropriate parental controls.
- Set privacy settings.
- Show them how to use any blocking or reporting tools.
- Chat to your child regularly about what they do online and who they communicate with. Remind them that people online may not always be who they say they are.

What are the signs that my child is being groomed?

- Being **secretive** about who they are talking to.
- They become **withdrawn** from family and friends.
- Appearing **anxious or upset** after receiving messages.
- Receiving unexpected **gifts**.

Find out more here: https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/safeguarding-child-protection/offender-gaining-trust

What should I do if my child is being groomed?

- If you think your child is in immediate danger, contact the police.
- Stay calm and reassure your child that they are not to blame.
- If you are worried about online abuse or the way somebody has been communicating with your child online, report it to CEOP: (https://www.ceop.police.uk).

Further information

- https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/11_18/lets-talk-about/sexual-abuse/online-grooming/

COM Networks

COM Networks are online communities where harmful and deeply disturbing behaviour occurs, including child sexual abuse, cybercrime and extremism. These networks operate on mainstream messaging apps, gaming platforms and through social media. **It is important to be aware that such networks exist and understand the risks they can pose to children.** Introductions to COM Networks can begin with harmless conversations on a game or social media platform, but then as trust builds, groups will gradually introduce harmful content, extreme challenges and pressure to prove loyalty. Some groups use threats, humiliation or the threat of exposing private information to control members. Images, messages or personal details may be used to blackmail victims.

What should I look out for?

- **Increased secrecy**
- **Emotional or behavioural changes**
- **Unfamiliar language:** using new expressions or discussing extreme content, opinions or beliefs.
- **Unexpected gifts**

Sky News investigation into COM Networks (and links on popular sites such as Roblox and Discord)

You may have seen Sky News' investigation into COM networks. The report highlights findings from a six-month investigation that found self-harm-themed avatars, clothing and related content available on the gaming platform Roblox, including items that could be **accessed by children as young as five years old**. The report can be viewed here, **please be aware that it contains upsetting content**:
https://news.sky.com/video/inside-robloxs-dark-side-sky-news-finds-self-harm-avatars-available-to-young-children-13592551

How can I protect my child?

- Have regular and open conversations with your child. Ask your child what they do online and who they communicate with.
- Reassure them that they can always ask for help, even if they have shared something personal or broken a family rule.
- It is important to remember that threatening to confiscate their devices may make them less likely to talk to you when something goes wrong.
- Regularly review privacy settings and set up appropriate parental controls on all devices your child is using.
- Ensure your child understands the risks of sharing personal information or intimate images online.

Further information

- https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gscp/professional-resources/sadistic-online-exploitation/
- https://saferschoolsni.co.uk/understanding-com-networks/

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WhatsApp Channels and Parental Controls

Users must be at least 13 years old to use WhatsApp. Children under 13 can access WhatsApp through a parent-managed account.

WhatsApp Channels

WhatsApp Channels are a one-way broadcast tool to send updates to followers. Channels can be found in the Updates tab. From here you can view a whole host of channels, including channels that will **not be age appropriate and may include adult content.** If your child has their own WhatsApp channel, then you need to be aware that they are **public. Anyone can view and follow a channel and anything you share on your channel is public.** We would recommend that parental controls are used to prevent children creating and accessing WhatsApp channels.

Parent Managed accounts

Parent managed accounts are required for those under 13. These accounts have additional safety restrictions and do not allow access to features such as Channels, Meta AI and location sharing. You also have control over which groups they can join.

Parental Controls for Teenagers

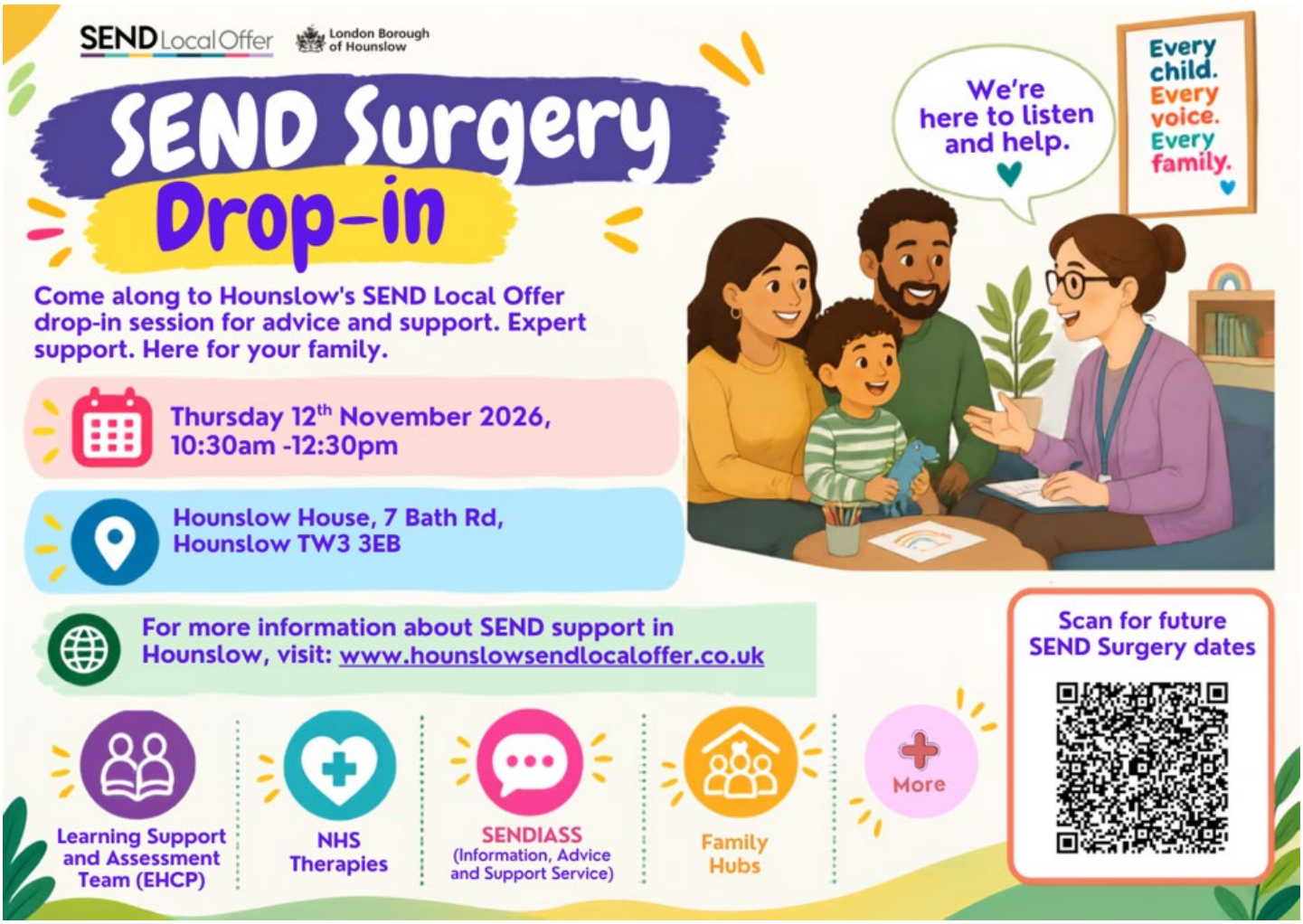
For users aged 13 to 17, WhatsApp offers parental control settings to limit access to certain features such as Channels.

For more information, visit:
https://www.whatsapp.com/parentalcontrols

Rage Bait

Have you heard of this term? Rage bait is when somebody deliberately posts online content to make people feel angry or frustrated to generate views and engagement. Find out more here:
https://findmykids.org/blog/en/rage-baiting


Scouts
4th Heston
WINTER FAIR 2026
SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER
FROM 3 - 6 PM
FOOD, GIFTS & GAMES!
SANTA'S GROTTO, STALLS, RAFFLE, CAKE!
BUY LOCAL, HELP YOUR SCOUTS' FUNDRAISING
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NEW HESTON ROAD, (BY THE POOLS) TW5 0LW
2026WinterFair4thHestonScouts.eventbrite.co.uk



Sensory Session for parents

Sensory Session for parents being offered. If you are interested please register your interest through the link.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfq8g9sNo-1IA80-PsxnhazWEhPbIlAJgrF81uBiYYILhDqtQ/viewform

Event details
Monday 25 January 2027
10:00am–1:00pm (in-person session)
Hounslow Arts Centre, Treaty Centre, Hounslow
Online session: Date and time to be confirmed


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Free Parenting course: Understanding Children's Mental Health
Online
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