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 **Resilience and Perseverance**

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 **Your Wellbeing and Health**

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**OUR VALUE THIS
HALF TERM IS:
PERSEVERANCE**



A message from Mrs Young

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a lovely end to the half term this week and we are starting to see some signs of Spring appearing slowly but surely.

On Tuesday we celebrated Safer Internet Day which gave us time to reflect on important messages around safe online use across school. Did you know that we teach about online safety in our St James Spirit Lessons each half term? Such a vital part of our PSHE offer.

Y4 enjoyed their 'Golden Shell' experience this week and spent 2 days on a Winter Warmer experience with Active Hope. They were all commended for their behaviour and they all truly lived out our Christian value of perseverance!

Unfortunately the Y5 football competition was rained off on Thursday but we have high hopes for the trophy cabinet at future events!

Tomorrow marks the start of the Lunar New Year - The year of the dragon! This event is celebrated by many cultures in different ways and in Liverpool and Manchester this weekend there are some amazing events occurring which you may wish to visit. I will be in Liverpool with my family on Sunday so if you see me there please say hello!

<https://www.visitliverpool.com/event/lunar-new-year-2024/38919101/#:~:text=Taking%20place%20from%20Friday%209,the%20Royal%20Albert%20Dock%20Liverpool.>

Have a wonderful half term and I look forward to seeing you all on 19th February,



Mrs Young



to

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Attendance	
Whole School	94.4%
Reception	94.1%
Year 1	96.8%
Year 2	98.7%
Year 3	94.8%
Year 4	93.0%
Year 5	90.0%
Year 6	92.3%




136


pupils
with perfect attendance this week.

Can we beat this next week?



Attendance Update

We need to try really hard each and every week to make sure every year group is beating our **97% target**—this will help us to succeed!

Our attendance this week is:

94.8%

ATTENDANCE WINNERS!



The Bumper Breakfast Attendance Bonanza!

To celebrate 'National Hot Breakfast Month' being in the month of February, we are launching an exciting competition!

Come to school each day from 29th January to 9th February (10 school days) and you will be in with a chance of winning a luxury breakfast hamper to enjoy with your family over the half term break.

Breakfast items will include all of the essentials to make a delicious hot breakfast plus lots of luxury added extra treats for you to enjoy! Drink items to wash down your yummy hot breakfasts will be included too!

Good Luck!



Well done to all of those children who attended school everyday and on time for the last twelve days of this half term! Your names all went into the prize draw . We are pleased to announce that the winner of our Breakfast Hamper is

Noah Barnes

The winner of the half termly class challenge is **Year 5**. They will enjoy a popcorn and movie afternoon during the first week back after half term. Well done!

AWARD WINNERS

Journey Driver Focus:

Understanding British and Christian Values

RECEPTION	Betty Rotherham
YEAR 1	Sofia Bate
YEAR 2	Joseph Webb
YEAR 3	Annie Deluce
YEAR 4	Maya
YEAR 5	Dulagee Dias
YEAR 6	Leo Sarsfield

Christian Value Focus:

Perseverance

Each half term, one child from each class is nominated by their class teacher for 'living out' our value of the half term. The value for this half term is 'Perseverance'

RECEPTION	Arthur Coggins
YEAR 1	Emily Gartside
YEAR 2	Alex Karol
YEAR 3	David Varga
YEAR 4	Radin Ekanayake
YEAR 5	Lottie Stanley
YEAR 6	Chloe

CONGRATULATIONS
IT'S
TIME TO
Celebrate
WELL
DONE!

THANK YOU
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Whole School events Spring 2

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
19/02/24	School Re-opens 8.40am
21/02/24	Year 5 Swimming begins
21/02/24	Year 4 Times Tables Meeting 4pm
27/02/24	Year 6 Money Skills for Life
29/02/24	Leap Year Moveathon Event - children are to wear their PE Kits
29/02/24	Reception - Hearing Screening
01/03/24	Year 4 Class Assembly 9.00am
01/03/24	Year 5 Money Skills for Life
05/03/24	Year 3 Which Way Now
06/03/24	Year 3 Liverpool Philharmonic Hall Trip
07/03/24	World Book Day
08/03/24	Year 1 Class Assembly 9.00am
08/03/24	Reception Mothers' Day Stay and Play 1.30pm
11/03/24	Oral Health Survey (5 year olds)
12/03/24	Grandad Wheels Author Visit
12/03/24	Year 4 Football Competition
13/03/24	Year 3 Which Way Now
19/03/24	Year 1 Phonics Information Session for Parents 3.30pm
20/03/24	Year 3 Which Way Now
21/03/24	Year 3 Football Competition
21/03/24	St James' Easter Bingo 5pm
22/03/24	Coffee Morning - St James' Spirit
25/03/24	Parents Evening (part 1) 3.30pm
26/03/24	Parents Evening (part 2) 3.30pm
27/03/24	Year 3 Which Way Now
28/03/24	Easter Service and Eucharist , Year 3 Readings, Prayers and Songs, (St James' Church). 1.15pm
28/03/24	School Closes for Easter 2pm

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PE Days Spring 2

Children are to come to school in their PE kit on their PE days.

Monday	Year 2, Year 1 and Year 4
Tuesday	Year 3 and Year 6
Wednesday	Reception, Year 1 and Year 3
Thursday	Year 4 and Year 5
Friday	Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6

School Spider

As you will be aware, our main channel of communication is via our parent app. Using the parent app enables school to keep parents up to date with information and events, not to mention help us to reduce our carbon footprint.

On Wednesday 31st January we switched to a new app called, "School Spider". The Parent Connect App is no longer be available. Please look for this symbol in app store or in google play and follow guide on page 6 to get started.



Clubs

We are running the following after school clubs next half term:

Booking is available on the app

- **Monday**-Fun Fusion Club for KS2 with the Sports Coach
- **Tuesday**-FAB Club for KS1 with Miss Barratt
- **Friday**-Book Club for Reception with Mrs Briers

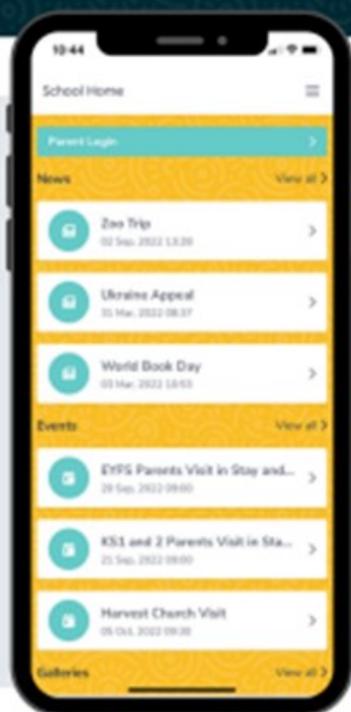
In addition to these clubs , Y1 children are also invited to attend Mrs Lister's Phonics on Thursdays after school.

Guide to our app for parents & carers



School Spider allows you to receive and return information directly to and from the school. Receive instant messages, complete surveys, book your parents' evenings and report absences.

Select your school to get started!



How to get started

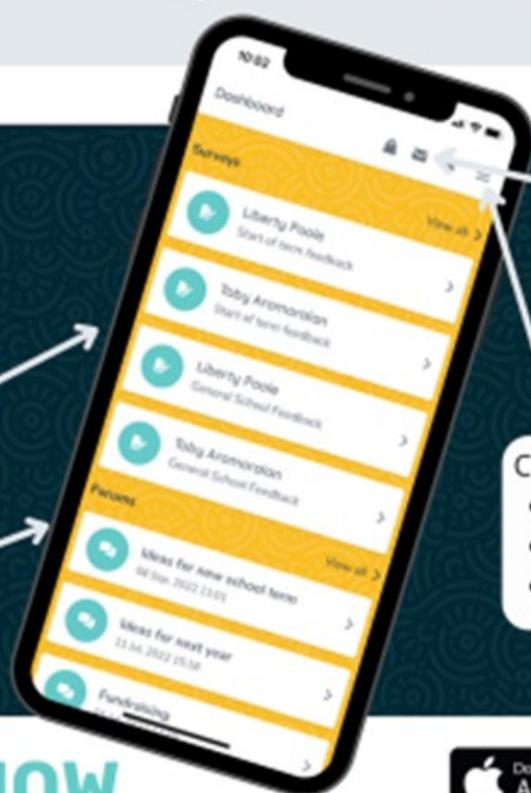
Once you have selected the school, you will see posts from the school website. Click parent dashboard to login or create an account. Create an account by pressing "create account" and enter your email address.

You must have your email linked with the school!

Take a look around...

See all action items on your dashboard

Click to respond or book for each child



Click the envelope to see your recent messages

Click these 3 lines to:

- Switch between areas
- Edit your profile
- Logout

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31st January 2024

Join Our 'Leap Year Moveathon' and Support School Sports!

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to share with you the "Leap Year Moveathon" - a fantastic initiative that encourages our children to stay active while contributing towards enhancing our sports facilities.

The Leap Year Moveathon is a unique event that involves each class collectively running around our mile-a-day track 366 times, symbolizing the extra day in this leap year. It's a wonderful opportunity for our students to come together and engage in physical activity.

Date and Time: The Leap Year Moveathon will take place on Thursday, 29th February, during regular school hours.

Participation: We invite every child who wishes to participate to join in the fun! To be a part of this exciting event, each participating child is encouraged to make a donation of £3.66, (1p for each day of the year). This donation will go a long way in helping us improve the sports equipment at school. Donations should be made through the School Money portal.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and let's make the Leap Year Moveathon an event to remember!

Kind regards,

Mr Moon



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Council England



Safeguarding Tip of the Week

Online Safety

We are aware that many of the children at school have access to the internet through a computer, tablet or phone. We understand how difficult it can be to ensure your child is safe whilst accessing the internet and participating in a range of online activities.

Even through the use of computer games and mobile phones the children must understand the risk. It is the responsibility of us as teachers and you as adults to ensure the content of the website, game or video is suitably age appropriate. There are many websites that are and taking the time to visit a website before the children have access to them is extremely important.

Top Tips to share with your children:

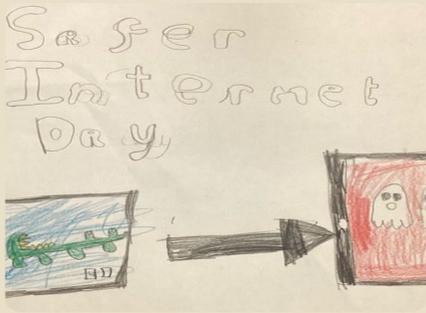
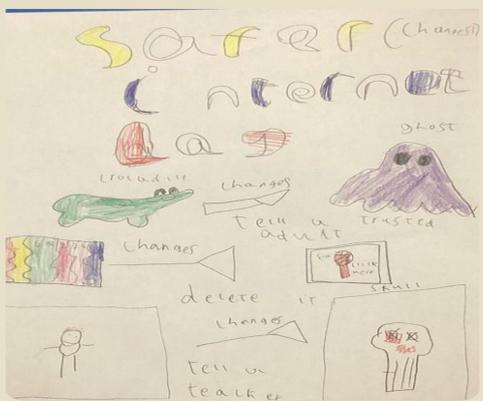
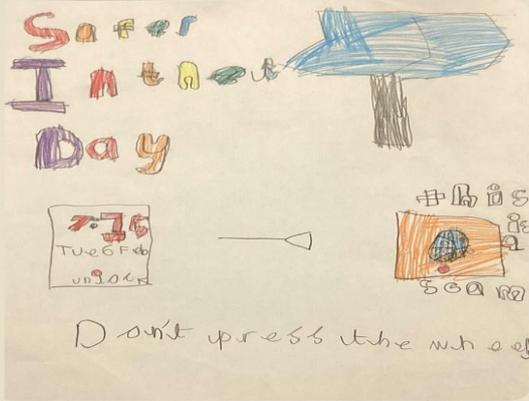
- Don't post any personal information online – like your address, email address or mobile number.
- Think carefully before posting pictures or videos of yourself. Once you've put a picture of yourself online most people can see it and may be able to download it, it's not just yours anymore.
- Keep your privacy settings as high as possible
- Never give out your passwords
- Don't befriend people you don't know
- Don't meet up with people you've met online. Speak to your parent or carer about people suggesting you do
- Remember that not everyone online is who they say they are
- Think carefully about what you say before you post something online
- Respect other people's views, even if you don't agree with someone else's views doesn't mean you need to be rude
- If you see something online that makes you feel uncomfortable, unsafe or worried: leave the website, turn off your computer if you want to and tell a trusted adult immediately.

Monkey

Online video calling with random strangers....It's hardly a new internet phenomenon – but the recent demise of Omegle has prompted the creation of several similar platforms bidding to fill the vacuum. One such contender is Monkey – a service that randomly connects its users for video calls, using their mobile numbers and Snapchat account details. Monkey has surged in popularity since Omegle's shutdown in November 2023: visits to the site more than doubled within a month and have been climbing steadily ever since. Regrettably, it also seems that Monkey suffers from many of the same pitfalls as its notorious predecessor. This week's #WakeUpWednesday guide highlights these possible risks to young people in more detail.

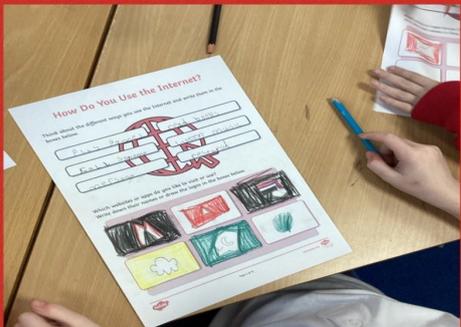
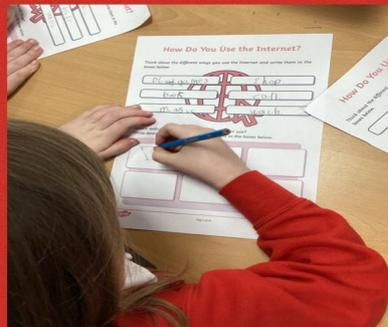
Safer Internet

Day



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 call someone
 watch videos
 message
 read books
 music



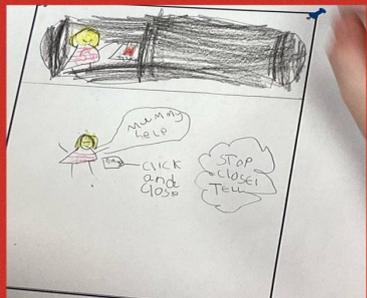
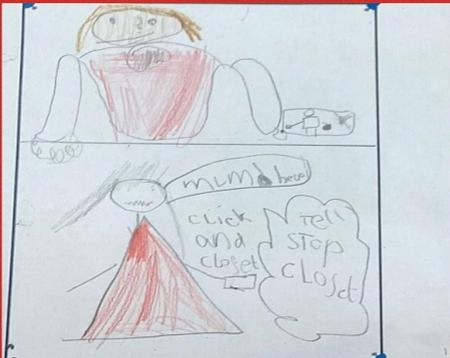
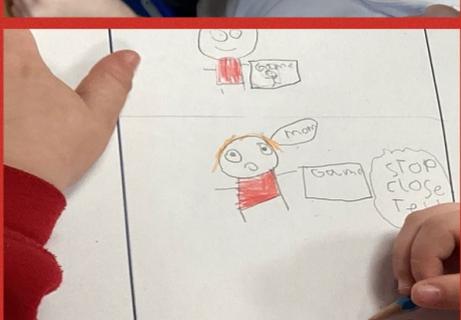
Play Games
 videos
 Picture
 feed back
 call someone
 is in song

Which websites or apps do you like to visit or use?
 Write down their names or draw the logos in the boxes below.

Fornight

Inspiring change?
 Making a difference
 Managing influence and navigating change online

get an email to subscribe
 adverts to make you buy
 pop ups thumbs up good things



PIC-COLLAGE

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about MONKEY

Also known as Monkey Cool, this platform aims to fill the gap left by Omegle (which has now shut down) by placing users in random video chats with strangers. Participants use their mobile number and Snapchat username to connect to the service, where they can make matches, message other people and join group chats. The mobile version has been removed from the App Store due to safety concerns, but iPhone owners can still access the site via their web browser. The app remains available on Google Play, where its listing claims that Monkey has more than 30 million users worldwide.

AGE RESTRICTION
17+

(although the lack of age verification means that someone younger could easily log in with a false date of birth)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The app claims to use AI to detect sexual content or activity that violates its policies, along with having a 24/7 moderation team. However, reports in the media continue to indicate that explicit content remains commonplace on Monkey (including sexually graphic or violent material) and is therefore accessible to anybody who uses the app – including those aged under 18.



CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

The obvious risk in accepting random video chat partners is that users cannot know what or who they will see on their next connection. Talking to strangers is, of course, potentially dangerous – especially for children who might be persuaded to meet up with these people offline. The app lets users find each other by location, increasing the chances of a child being matched with a stranger from their local area.



IN-APP SPENDING

While Monkey is free to download, it nevertheless offers in-app purchases promising to unlock access to premium features. For example, users who wish to make use of 'Knock Knock chat' (Monkey's text-based messaging option), rather than the app's Chatroulette-style random video calling feature, will need to pay to be able to do so.



INTRUSIONS ON PRIVACY

According to Monkey's privacy policy, personal information (such as name, profile picture and date of birth), user-contributed content (any photos, texts, videos and screenshots shared) and each user's browser and IP address are collected. That is a considerable amount of data for Monkey to gather on its users – and all of this information is shared with third parties.



Advice for Parents & Carers

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

Even if you're comfortable with your child using Monkey, it's still important to talk about the potential dangers. It's crucial, for instance, that young people recognise the risks that stem from video chatting with strangers; that they understand not to share identifying information (like their street or school name); and that they know what to do if they are exposed to inappropriate content.



RESTRICT IN-APP PURCHASING

If your child is accessing Monkey via an Android device, you can prevent them from making in-app purchases through the device's settings. If you do allow your child to use the site, we'd recommend that you enable this feature: young people have been known to spend significant amounts of money in their desire to unlock more features in apps such as this.



REPORT INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Monkey states in the safety section of its site that "people are given the power" and that, to a large extent, Monkey is "self-governing." If a user is exposed to sexually explicit or inappropriate content on the platform, they can select the 'police' emoji in the top right corner of their screen to submit a report for Monkey's moderation team to review.



SPOT THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that your child is spending too much time on Monkey – or that they may have been exposed to inappropriate or distressing content – it's important to watch for potential indications that they've been affected emotionally. They could be unusually irritable or unable to concentrate, for example, or failing to complete their homework or even to eat regular meals.



Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



The National College



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday



September

ST HELENS LIBRARY SERVICE

Haydock Library

What's On in February

Speak to library staff for more information.

<p>Read & Rhyme Time Monday 10.30am and Thursday 2.15pm</p> <p>Join us for songs, music, stories and fun.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Drop in.</p>	<p>Half Term Crafts 12th February 2.30-3.15pm</p> <p>Join us for a fun craft session celebrating the Chinese New Year</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Drop in.</p>	<p>Baby Rhyme Time Tuesday's 2.30pm (Term Time)</p> <p>A gentle and soothing Rhyme Time to bond with your baby.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Booking is required</p>
<p>Adult Reading Group 1st Monday of the month 2.00pm and last Thursday of the month 2.00pm</p> <p>Friendly and welcoming book discussions.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Drop in</p>	<p>Haydock Library, Church Road, WA11 0LY 01744 677801 haydocklibrary@sthelens.gov.uk</p>	<p>Police Surgery Friday 16th February 3.00pm-4.00pm</p> <p>An advice and help session.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Drop in.</p>

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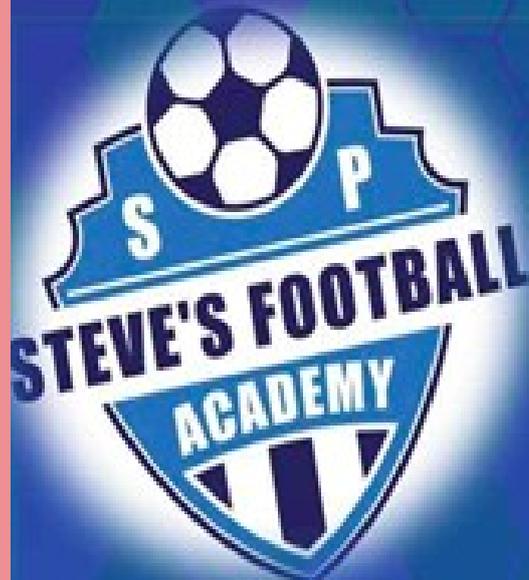
St Helens StoryFest

10th - 17th February

A Wondrous Storytelling Festival for Families

Tickets **£3.10** or **£10** for a group of 4. Book online at wonderarts.co.uk

<p>Kid Carpet: The Noisy Garden Centre</p> <p>St Helens Library Saturday 10th February 10.30am & 2.30pm</p>	<p>Daryl & Co: Boxed In</p> <p>Chester Lane Library Monday 12th February 2.30pm</p>	<p>Angel Exit Theatre: Book Club for Super Spies</p> <p>Haydock & Moss Bank Libraries Tuesday 13th February 10.30am & 2.30pm</p>
<p>Hands Down Circus: Tape That</p> <p>Thatto Heath Library Wednesday 14th February 10.30am & 2.30pm</p>	<p>Hurly Burlly: You are the Sun</p> <p>Chester Lane Library Thursday 15th February 10.30am & 2.30pm</p>	<p>Oliver Sykes: Fishing for Rainbows</p> <p>Eccleston Library Friday 16th February 10.30am</p>
<p>Crows Nest Theatre: Is that a Yeti Hetty?</p> <p>Eccleston Library Friday 16th February 11.45am, 12.30pm, 1.15pm & 2.00pm</p>	<p>Oliver Sykes: Creative Writing Workshop</p> <p>Eccleston Library Friday 16th February 2.30pm</p>	<p>Of the Jackal: SPLAT!</p> <p>Newton Le Willows Library Saturday 17th February 10.30am & 2.30pm</p>



FEBRUARY HALFTERM FOOTBALL CAMP

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on prices and availability contact:

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Thatto Heath Rugby Club

The Barn

Thatto Heath

St Helens

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1030AM - 130PM
AGES 5-8 YEARS

15TH & 16TH
1030AM - 130PM
AGES 9 YEARS +



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COST
£25 Standard day 9-4pm
£32 Extended day 8.30am-5.30pm

LOCATION
Birchley St Marys Primary School, Birchley Road, Wigan

DATE
Mon 12th Feb - Fri 16th Feb

Bookings can be made via our website
www.fullofbeansfitness.co.uk

Email: camps@fullofbeansfitness.co.uk
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Sibling discount throughout 10% off second child
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COST
£25 Standard day 9am-4pm
£32 Extended day 8.30am-5.30pm

LOCATION
Birchley St Mary's Primary School, Birchley Road, Billinge, Wigan

DATE
Monday Feb 12th - Fri Feb 16th

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