



Yardley Wood Community Primary School
"Learning Through Life"

Thursday 22nd May 2025

Dear year 6 parents and guardians,

This term has been a short but productive one for year 6. The build up to and completion of their SATS week was a positive, calm and focused one. This week the children have started work towards their end of year performance and transitions to secondary school and we are looking forward to working closely with their next schools to ensure the children have the best start to year 7.

Amongst the positives of this term we must address with parents a growing concern regarding online platforms that some pupils in year 6 are accessing. These include Tik Tok – a platform that an individual must confirm they are 13 years or older to register an account and use. The platform allows groups of children to come together and invite others into live streams. School staff are increasingly having to support with social issues between children where they have been unkind or used inappropriate behaviour whilst online at home and these issues have then brought into school. This is impacting on both the learning and behaviour of the pupils whilst in school and detracting from what should be a celebration of their accomplishments as we draw closer to the end of the year.

Of greater concern, has been reports of adults (who are strangers to the children) communicating inappropriately with them whilst on some group conversations. The children will be receiving their annual curriculum regarding developing healthy relationships, including friendships, next term along with their e-safety curriculum to help reinforce the importance of safety and good behaviour whilst online.

Pupils and parents will continue to be communicated with in regards to concerns around children's online presence but we would like to renew a request for support from parents in monitoring and regulating their children's use of devices whilst at home. Please ensure your child is not accessing apps/platforms that are not age appropriate, that their behaviour towards others is appropriate and kind and that you know what your child is using whilst online.

Thank you for your support,

K Palmer
Deputy Head Teacher