

# Canon Burrows CE Primary School

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"Our vision is of a just and harmonious society where Canon Burrows school community achieve the highest in everything we do, but we also remember those other standards; "the care, respect and help shown to others, the generosity of spirit, compassion and forgiveness. "

## Awards:

	<b>Believing and achieving</b> Awais, Leo, Roman, Luca and Maidah	 <b>Electricity Savers</b>	<b>1AL</b>
	<b>Character and Strength</b> Eris, Jaxson B	 <b>Tidy Classroom</b>	<b>4AH</b>
	<b>Positive Relationships</b> Joe H	<b>Key Stage 1 Value Voucher Winners</b>	<b>Avaya and Rosie M</b>
 <b>Citizen of the week</b>	<b>Amber C</b> Helping her friend come into school who was upset. Waiting at the gate every morning to help her	<b>Key Stage 2 Value Voucher Winners</b>	<b>Olivia and Jack W</b>



## Attendance:

Well done to this week's attendance winners 1CT and 6RD.

Your support for your child's education is invaluable and the benefits pupils gain from being at school every day cannot be underestimated. Thank-you!



This week we have shown our Christian value of **trust**.

Trust is the basis of all stable relationships, including a person's relationship with God. It is rooted in truth, and will grow through consistent experiences of reliability and integrity. God's commitment to humanity is seen in his willingness to trust ordinary people with the carrying out of his purposes through history.

This week we marked Shrove Tuesday and the start of Lent. During this period, Jesus went into the desert and was tested by the devil. However, he stood strong in his trust and faith in God. This is a reminder to Christians that no matter what difficulties they face, they should always trust in God.



The school council will be running the annual Easter Egg raffle, Please can we have Easter Egg donations. More information about the raffle to follow.

## Nursery

**Mmm! Pancakes are “so yummy!”  
Nursery learned about Shrove  
Tuesday and Lent while they  
munched on some tasty pancakes.**



## Reception

**A very sad tiger appeared in the EYFS Valley  
area today. The Reception children  
wrote letters to ask how they can help him.**



## Year 2

**In Year 2, we have been using the Kagan structure Rally Coach to help us make  
and describe arrays in Maths. The children worked brilliantly together,  
supporting each other’s understanding.**



## Year 3

Year 3 using round robin to create a flip book animation in their computing lesson



## Year 5

Year 5 lost Mr Oswald! We tried ringing him to offer him advice. Luckily, our strategies worked and he made his way back to us so we could ask him how he felt. Mr Oswald's experience will help us when we write our 'Lost in Space Transmissions'.



# Year 6

Year 6 took part in a workshop led by Holocaust UK.

We learned lots about the impact of the Holocaust on the lives of Jews during the time of Nazi rule.



At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.



Omegle is a website that pairs random strangers for live text or video chats. It first launched in 2009 and its slogan is "Talk to strangers!" There is an option for adult (18+) content and a section for people aged 13+ with parental permission. Anyone can use the site. Users simply go to [Omegle.com](http://Omegle.com) and then choose 'Text' or 'Video' chat and the page states how many users are currently online. Depending on the time of day this can be hundreds of thousands. Omegle markets itself as a great way to meet new friends however has been known to feature pornography and inappropriate content within chats, so it's important parents are aware of the risks associated with the site.



**AGE RESTRICTION**  
**18+**  
Under 18, supervision of a parent or legal guardian required.

## What parents need to know about OMEGLE

**NO AGE VERIFICATION MEASURES**

Omegle is completely free to use and allows users to communicate with others without the need to register, supply an email address or create a profile. This means users can remain anonymous and it's hard to trust who your children are talking to. Furthermore, there are no age verification measures and other than agreeing to the terms and conditions, your child can easily start online engagement with strangers and potentially access more adult themed content.

**RISK OF CYBERBULLYING**

The anonymity of Omegle can increase the risk of cyberbullying on the site. Engaging in chat with strangers means that topics of conversation can lead almost anywhere including discussions about looks, body image or the sharing of other personal information. With the availability of video chat as well, this could lead to children being coerced or forced into carrying out activities online which could then be used against them.

**UNMODERATED CHAT**

Omegle encourages video chat as much as it can, prompting users during their text chat to activate their web cam. Whilst text chat has a degree of moderation, the content in Omegle's video chat rooms is not moderated by administrators and, at any time of the day, there can be thousands of users online. This means that your child could easily come across illegal, unacceptable or inappropriate images or media. Omegle currently offers no function for reporting online abuse or inappropriate behaviour on its site and instead only offers advice to 'please be careful.' It also advises to 'Use Omegle at your own peril. Disconnect if anyone makes you feel uncomfortable.'

**PRIVACY RISK VIA FACEBOOK**

Omegle can be linked to a user's Facebook account to match their interests and likes with other users. This means that Omegle can access your child's basic Facebook information, and Facebook friends may potentially view Omegle activity. In addition, users can save the chat log and share the link without the other user's knowledge. It is not uncommon then for users to request being added to Snapchat, Instagram or WhatsApp for further interaction, moving the conversation into a more personal setting.

**RISK OF EXPLOITATION**

Omegle chat picks another user at random and there is very little way of verifying who your child may be chatting to. This can lead to a number of risks including catfishing (users pretending to be of similar age), identity theft (users eliciting information to commit fraud) and sexual/psychological grooming (users coaxing others to act in a way or do something they wouldn't normally do).

**ADULT THEMED CONTENT**

Unfortunately, Omegle is infamous for its pornographic content and it is not uncommon for users to expose themselves or engage in sexual acts. If a user selects video chat, then the other user's webcam will automatically be switched on before the action to 'end chat' can be selected. There is also no 'preview' in smaller thumbnail windows. As video chat is so easy to access, it means that unintentionally viewing more mature, inappropriate or even illegal images can't always be avoided.



## Safety Tips For Parents

**DISCUSS RISKS WITH YOUR CHILD**

It is important to speak to your child about the dangers of Omegle. Guiding and educating young children is far more useful than ignoring the possibility of Omegle being accessed. Explain to your child that Omegle is not completely anonymous and that other users will and do use Omegle to exploit others. Try to emphasise the risk of speaking to strangers and that engaging online is no different to engaging offline.

**PROTECT PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Omegle does not provide advice about how to protect your personal information so it's important that children are aware of what they should and shouldn't share online and with whom. If they use Omegle, always advise against sharing any personal information such as their real name, age, phone number, address or any other personal identifiable information. This also includes details of their social media accounts or gaming IDs. You should also adjust your child's Facebook settings to control what information is shared with Omegle.

**REPORT CONCERNS**

If your child comes across any inappropriate content or something which upsets them on Omegle, then it's important that they are able to discuss it with you and that you provide them with the support they need. If you think the content is illegal, then it must be reported to the police.

**DISCOURAGE VIDEO CHAT**

Try to discourage your child from using video chat on Omegle. Not only is there no filters or moderation in place, but children may be coerced into sharing intimate images or videos of themselves, which is illegal if they are under 18 and may be used against them. Omegle text chat has a degree of moderation controlled by Omegle through software and several actual moderators. The software moderators identify and prevents certain words and sequences of words to try and prevent bullying and grooming however is still not a 100% failsafe.

**TRY OMEGLE YOURSELF**

It's always an excellent idea to get a feel for the website or app your child is using so that you can see and understand the issues and risks for yourself. More importantly, it will also provide you with first-hand experience of the risks and dangers. When you decide to speak to your child about Omegle and what they need to be aware of.

**USE PARENTAL CONTROLS**

Omegle is a website chat service. Children can only access the text chat on their phone and would need access to a PC or laptop to engage in video chat. If you have genuine concerns over Omegle and don't wish your child to access the site, you can add [www.omegle.com](http://www.omegle.com) to the list of banned websites and URLs. However, it's important to remember that Omegle can still be used via a web browser on an iPad, tablet, smart TV or gaming device and similar controls would need to be implemented on each of these devices separately.

**Meet our expert**



Jonathan Taylor is an online safety expert and former Covert Internet Investigator for the Metropolitan Police. He is a specialist in online grooming and exploitation and has worked extensively with both UK and international schools in delivering training and guidance around the latest online dangers, social media apps and platforms.

Source: <http://www.omegle.com>

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## PEER SUPPORT GROUPS

ARE YOU A PARENT OR CAREGIVER OF A CHILD/CHILDREN WITH SEND OR EMERGING NEEDS AGED 0-5?

DO YOU LIVE IN TAMESIDE? IF SO, WHY NOT JOIN OUR FAMILY LED PEER SUPPORT GROUP?

FROM MARCH, YOU CAN JOIN US....

ON THE 1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT THE TOGETHER CENTRE, LOKLEY HOUSE, 287 BIRCH LANE, DUKINFIELD, SK16 5AU  
TIME : 10-11:30AM

AND

ON 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT THE 4C COMMUNITY CENTRE, TAUNTON ROAD, ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE OL7 9DR  
TIME: 10-11:30AM

WE WOULD LOVE TO WELCOME YOU TO OUR GROUP FOR A CHAT AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

(CHILDREN ARE WELCOME, BUT WILL BE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE DURATION OF THIS GROUP)

TO FIND OUT MORE, CONTACT THE TEAM

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PARTNER LAURA: 07815 483266  
(ALL YEAR ROUND)

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT WORKER HANNAH: 07817 90001  
(TERM TIME ONLY)

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT WORKER SABIA: 07866 225704  
(TERM TIME ONLY)



OUR TEAM  
LAURA, HANNAH AND SABIA



## MENCAP FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PROJECT



THE AIM OF OUR WORK WITH FAMILIES IS TO BUILD A COMMUNITY WHERE YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN CAN THRIVE

ARE YOU A PARENT OR CAREGIVER OF A CHILD/CHILDREN WITH SEND OR EMERGING NEEDS AGED 0-5? DO YOU LIVE IN TAMESIDE?

IF THE ANSWER IS YES, WHY DON'T YOU GET INVOLVED WITH THE MENCAP FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PROJECT?

JOIN US TO :

- CONNECT WITH OTHER PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS
- SHARE EXPERIENCES, GAIN KNOWLEDGE, AND FEEL EMPOWERED
- LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR COMMUNITY, AND WHAT IS AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ON THIS JOURNEY



OUR PROJECT CAN

- INVITE YOU TO JOIN OUR FRIENDLY FAMILY LED PEER SUPPORT GROUPS, WHERE YOU CAN MEET OTHER PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS
- PROVIDE SIGNPOSTING TO SERVICES AND OPPORTUNITIES THAT COULD HELP YOUR FAMILY
- ENCOURAGE YOU TO TALK ABOUT, AND IDENTIFY WHAT YOU NEED TO FEEL MORE CONNECTED TO YOUR COMMUNITY



SCAN THE CODE TO ACCESS OUR REGISTRATION FORM



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## Dates for your diary:

Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day
Monday 27th - Friday 3rd March	Book Fair (The book fair is cashless. Books can be ordered online, app, contactless card payments.)
Friday 17th March 9.00am	Parent volunteer morning—all welcome.

