

St John's Journal

10th July 2026

The end of a hot and tiring week! Children have coped brilliantly with the heat and engaged in activities and learning well – thank you! Not long now until the summer break but so much to look forward to across all year groups. Wishing you all a great weekend!

St John's Safeguarding Leads

Mr Rizzo – Principal

Mrs Godley – Vice Principal

Mrs Thackery – Business Manager

Inset days for 2026/2027

Friday 24th July

Monday 27th July

Administration Day Tuesday 1st September

Friday 18th December

Monday 26th July 2027

Tuesday 27th July 2027

Wednesday 28th July 2027

Full calendar can be found on our website

<https://www.stjohnsworksop.co.uk/school-holidays-and-inset-days/>

Important Information

We have children in school with severe Egg and Nut allergies.

Please do not send these food items into school.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Dates for your diary 2025/26

Monday 13th July (AM) – FS1 Sports Day

Monday 13th July (PM) – FS2 Sports Day

Tuesday 14th July (AM) – KS1 Sports Day

Thursday 16th July – KS2 Sports Day at EIS Sheffield

Monday 20th July (PM) – Year 6 Leavers Assembly

A defibrillator is located in the staffroom.



Rainbow Rewards

Value of the Week is:
Respect

F1 Curious Creators	Everyone
F2 Enquirers	Alvie and Ava S
F2 Inquisitors	Juno and Betsy
Y1 Imagineers	Nevaeh and Evie
Y1 Inspectors	Kendall and Amie
Y2 Questioners	Annabelle and Jacob
Y2 Searchers	Arlo and Arla
Y3 Adventurers	Axel and Lillia
Y3 Challengers	Olivia and Harper
Y4 Explorers	Zosha and Amie
Y4 Discoverers	Charlotte and Maddie
Y5 Inspirers	Charlotte and Tommy
Y5 Entrepreneurs	Ethan L and Gracie L
Y6 Voyagers	Amelia W and Imogen
Y6 Endeavours	Esme and Archie

House Attendance

This Week

Aderin	95.61%
Earhart	98.46%
Johnson	93.43%
Sharman	96.69%

Last Week

Aderin	96.40%
Earhart	97.73%
Johnson	97.40%
Sharman	97.09%

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Uniform Expectations

Please can we remind you that we expect children to wear full uniform at all times, we will be making regular checks to ensure children have the correct items on and will be sending a message home to remind you if your child attends in incorrect items.

You can find a copy of our Uniform Policy on our website here:

<https://www.stjohnsworksop.co.uk/uniform-information>

Good Work Worship

We're pleased to invite you to your child's class, Good Work Worship.

They are held from 10 am-10.20 am in the school hall. We hope you can join us.

Inquisitors- Wednesday 22nd July

Community Food Hub Update

Over the past couple of years, our Food Hub has provided valuable support to many families within our school community. We know how much this service has been appreciated and the positive impact it has had. Unfortunately, due to other staffing priorities from September, we will no longer have the capacity to organise and run the Food Hub as part of the school's provision.

Wraparound Changes to Times and Increase in Charges

From September 2026 Wraparound Breakfast Sessions will start at the earlier time of **7.15am**.

From September 2026 there will be a slight increase in prices as follows:

Breakfast Club:	£5.00
After School Club:	£9.00

Wraparound Care Reminder

Please can we remind all parents that Wraparound Sessions need to be booked in advance on Arbor. This is to help with staffing ratios. We cannot always guarantee that we will have places for children who are not booked in advance. If you need a session with less than 48 hours' notice, then please call the Academy Office who will be able to book a place for you. If you are booking for the beginning of the week you will need to book your space by Friday evening.

Swimming Gala

Friday 17th July for selected UKS2 pupils, along with some Year 4 pupils.

Parents of all those taking part are welcome to spectate.

Uniform Update

You are now able to order uniform directly with our supplier, Price & Buckland.

They offer a free delivery in to school twice a month.

Please click the link below to access their website.

Thank you for your patience during this transition period.

[St John's Church of England Academy | Price & Buckland](#)

1st August Parent Order Deadline for September delivery

Vacancies

Please follow the link for the latest SNMAT job vacancies

[St John's CofE Academy - Job Vacancies](#)

Important Safety Notice – NeeDoh Toys

We would like to make parents and carers aware that **NeeDoh sensory toys (sometimes known as squishy or fidget toys)** have recently featured in the media following reports of children being injured after attempting online challenges involving heating, freezing or microwaving the toys. The manufacturer specifically warns that these products should **not** be heated, frozen or microwaved, as they may burst and cause injury.

As a school, the safety and wellbeing of our pupils is our highest priority. We have therefore decided that **NeeDoh toys should not be brought into school**. While these items are marketed as sensory and fidget toys, they can become a distraction in lessons and, when misused, may pose a safety risk. Reports from health professionals and fire safety officials have highlighted instances where heated toys have burst, causing serious burns to children.

We would also encourage families to speak with their children about the dangers of copying trends or challenges seen online. Not everything shared on social media is safe, and some challenges can have serious consequences.

We appreciate your support in helping us maintain a safe and focused learning environment for all pupils. If a NeeDoh toy is brought into school, it will be kept safely and returned at the end of the day in line with our school procedures.

After learning about a rare blood condition and the textile artist, Leigh Bowser, who created The Blood Bag Project. Voyagers have been designing and sewing their own plushie blood bags.



Curious Creators



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Poppy in Year 1 raised over £450 on Saturday at Asda Worksop in donations and raffle ticket sales for the Aurora Wellbeing Centre. We are so proud of her. Raffle tickets are available through school.





Aurora's Big Summer Raffle

AURORA
Wellbeing Centres



Supporting local people
affected by cancer and
long term health
conditions in Bassetlaw,
Doncaster & Mexborough

£1 per
Ticket

Join our Summer Raffle for your chance to win,
see some of our fantastic prizes below!

£250 CASH PRIZE

Gloworm Festival Tickets | Radley Handbag |
White Post Farm Family Tickets |
Luke Combs Tribute @ Doncaster Dome |
Bowtry Paintball & Laserfield Voucher |
Laura Ashley Beauty Hamper |
Swan Retro 5 Piece Cookware Set |
Valerie's Tearoom Afternoon Tea for Two |
Aurora Beauty Hamper AND MORE....



Draw Date:
Thursday 23rd July 2026



AURORA
Wellbeing Centres



Ladies Night

TICKETS - £17

To book your tickets, please
call 01909 470985 or email
hospitality@aurorawellbeing.org.uk.

If you would like a hand massage
please book your slot when
purchasing your tickets.



- Bucks Fizz and canapes by Hong Kong Street Food on arrival
- Hand massage and light refreshments included in ticket price
- Local singer Anne Fotheringham
- Impromptu fashion show featuring outfits from our charity shop
- Stalls selling crafts, fashion & beauty
- Worksoop Art Society Exhibition

Thursday 23rd July

6.30pm to 9.30pm

Aurora Bassetlaw, Worksop, S80 2BJ



Tuesday Classes

**BabyBeats Mum and Baby
exercise classes**

**Ages 6 weeks to crawling
10:15-11:00**

6 week postnatal class
for mum and baby

£8.50 per session (£51 total) when
booking full 6 week course or £9.50
for single sessions



**Mindful Movers Toddler yoga and
movement class**

**Designed for ages
18 months - 4 years
Babies welcome!**

9:15-10:00

£8.00 per session

Siblings under 18 months go free

Siblings over 18 months £4.00

**Call to book now!
Limited Spaces
Available!**





SUMMER CAMP 2026

Bookings are open.

4 Days of fun, sport and physical activities, arts and crafts and well being activities. £22/day or £80 for all 4 days.

Children will need to bring their own packed lunch and water bottle. Appropriate clothing and footwear for physical activity.

Suitable for 4-8 years old.



Woodsetts Village Hall, S81 8QB
9am-3pm

E: lcorcoran@miniathletics.com M: 07922323702

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BOOK AMNESTY

If you have any books, which belong to St John's, we are kindly asking for all of these to be returned to your child's class teacher by Friday 17th July.

Please take a moment to have a look in your homes to see if you can find any of our books; they might be lurking under the bed, behind the sofa or in a safe place.



PLEASE RETURN BY FRIDAY 17TH JULY

Summer Reading Challenge 2026



When does it start?
Tuesday 14th July

How does the Summer Reading Challenge work?

- Sign up at your local library for FREE and receive a starter pack consisting of; a sticker booklet, bookmark and Storytime magazine.
- Borrow and read library books, of their choice -setting themselves personal reading goals and collecting stickers and character collector cards along the way.
- Complete 6 reading goals to receive a certificate and medal.

Great British Summer Savings

Rising prices can make life's little treats harder to afford, especially during the school holidays when costs build up for families. This Government is determined to help, and that is why last month the Chancellor announced the *Great British Summer Savings* scheme.

From 25 June to 1 September 2026, the Government is temporarily cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on children's meals in restaurants, children and family tickets to cinemas, theatres, concerts and exhibitions, and admission to a wide range of attractions. Combined with free bus travel during August for children aged 5 to 15 in England, families and young people will be able to enjoy experiences that make summer special, including visits to the kinds of cultural and educational attractions that enrich children's lives outside the classroom.

The public are ready to get behind the scheme and are keen to take advantage of the discounts available. As trusted pillars of their communities, schools play a vital role in connecting families with important information.

We need you to help spread the word. So please share details of the *Great British Summer Savings* scheme through your newsletters, school apps, and other communications to parents and carers, so that the families in your school community know about the experiences they can enjoy this summer for less.

This forms part of a broader effort by the Government to ease financial pressures on families. From ending the two-child limit and expanding free school meals, to rolling out free breakfast clubs and delivering 30 hours of free childcare, this Government is taking action to put more money back into parents' pockets and give every child the best possible start in life.

As part of this campaign, we have launched an **attraction finder** website which allows families to type in their postcode and find participating venues near them to make the most of summer savings. To use the attraction finder, please visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.

Businesses can find out more about the VAT reduction by visiting GOV.UK and searching 'Temporary reduced rate of VAT for family attractions'.

Yours sincerely,

RT HON BRIDGET PHILLIPSON MP
Secretary of State for Education



Summer of Play at Clumber Park

From Saturday 18 July – Sunday 6 September 2026

Looking for a fun family day out this summer? Discover six exciting play zones packed with activities for all ages at Clumber Park.

- 🌍 **Active Zone:** football, cricket, pickleball, hockey and more
- 🎭 **Imagination Zone:** perform on stage, make music and chalk draw
- 🌿 **Nature Zone:** sensory play, sand pits and camp building
- 🔧 **Loose Parts Zone:** den building, construction challenges and creative play
- 👶 **Toddler Zone:** a safe, shaded space designed especially for little explorers
- ⭐ **NEW Pokémon Zone:** discover an all-new area with a straw bale arena

The play zones are free to enjoy, with storytelling, ukulele workshops and Pokémon TCG battling sessions included too. Additional bookable activities, including The Big Tree Climb, crafts, yoga and outdoor theatre are available throughout the summer.

Getting here is easy!

A new daily bus runs from **25 July – 6 September**, connecting Worksop with Clumber Park.

Return tickets are just **£3 per person**, including park admission (usually £6.50 per adult/£3.25 per child).

National Trust members, under 5s and visitors arriving to Worksop by train travel free.

Timetable

Worksop Train Station	9.40	10.40	11.40
Worksop Bus Station	9.45	10.45	11.45
Manton Depots	9.55	10.55	11.55
Clumber Park (arrival)	10.10	11.10	12.10
Clumber Park (departure)	14.00	15.00	16.00
Manton Depots	14.15	15.15	16.15
Worksop Bus Station	14.25	15.25	16.25
Worksop Train Station	14.30	15.30	16.30

Summer of Play is free with normal admission.
Find out the full details at nationaltrust.org.uk/clumberpark

Keep up to date. Follow us:  

Clumber Park, Worksop, S80 3BE
Tel: 01909 476592

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The bus service is funded by Claire Ward, Mayor of the East Midlands and East Midlands Combined County Authority. It is operated by Stagecoach East Midlands.



BASSETLAW MULTICULTURAL Festival 2026

Saturday
11th July 2026
11.00am - 5.00pm

FREE
ENTRY

BRACEBRIDGE FIELD
WORKSOP, S80 2BU

Live Music • Fashion Show
Dancing • Multicultural Foods
Bouncy Castle • Crafts & Stalls



EVERYONE WELCOME



WWW.BASSETLAWMCA.CO.UK



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Solihull Approach

Do you want to understand your growing children's development needs? If so, the Solihull Approach could be a suitable programme for you.

The Solihull approach to parenting explores having fun with your children, communication, development needs, parenting styles, behaviour difficulties and sleep.



Your children's centre service delivers the Solihull Approach programme across Nottinghamshire.

If you want to find out more about the Solihull Approach, and see if it is the right programme for you and your child:

- Get in touch by phone or email
- Scan the QR code
- Just walk into one of our Hubs where staff will be happy to help.

T: 0115 977 3758
E: fhbassetlaw@nottscg.gov.uk
W: <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/care/family-hub-networks>

Helping families get the right support at the right time



**Nottinghamshire
County Council**



Speech, Language and Communication Early Years Parents and Carers Drop-In

Come along to one of our early years drop-in sessions for children under 4 years old if you would like to talk with us about your child's talking and communication.



Manton Family Hub
Off Community Way
Shrewsbury Road
Worksop
S80 2TQ



Monday 13th July 2026
9:30am to 11:30am



No need to book! Just pick a date and come along with your child at any time during the session. We will be there to chat, play and answer any questions and give ideas!
Please call 0300 123 3387 for further information.
This is for Nottinghamshire families only.

HEAT-RELATED ILLNESSES



Heat Exhaustion

Heat exhaustion occurs when the body overheats, but it can cool itself down. It does not usually need emergency medical attention if it cools down within 30 minutes.

Look for

-  tiredness, dizziness and/or weakness
-  headache
-  muscle cramps
-  feeling/being sick
-  heavy sweating
-  intense thirst
-  fast breathing
-  high temperature

Action

- move to a cooler place in the shade
- remove all unnecessary clothing
- drink a cool drink (not alcohol)
- cool skin – spray or sponge with cool water
- stay with them

Anyone affected should start to cool down and feel better within **30 minutes**.

If you are concerned about symptoms, or they are worsening, contact NHS 111.



FIND COOL PLACE



DRINK WATER



COOL SKIN



DIAL 111

Heatstroke

Heatstroke occurs when the body is no longer able to cool itself down and its temperature becomes dangerously high.



Look for

-  still unwell after 30 minutes of resting
-  loss of consciousness
-  very high temperature
-  confusion
-  lack of co-ordination
-  fast heartbeat
-  fast breathing or shortness of breath
-  hot skin that is not sweating
-  seizures

Action

Heatstroke is a medical emergency.

- dial 999 and then try to cool them down
- move to a cool place
- remove all unnecessary clothing
- cool skin – spray or sponge with cool water
- put them in the recovery position if they lose consciousness while waiting for help
- stay with them



DIAL 999



FIND COOL PLACE



COOL SKIN



RECOVERY POSITION



In an emergency, or if you think someone has heatstroke, dial 999.

Key Dates for School Admissions



The following gives information about the key dates for the Nottinghamshire County Council coordinated scheme.

Offers are communicated through Nottinghamshire County Council's online system.

Further details here:

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-admissions/hub>

	Open date	Close date	Offer date
Secondary	4 August 2025	31 October 2025	2 March 2026
Primary	3 November 2025	15 January 2026	16 April 2026

Foundation1 (Nursery)

The following gives information about the key dates for our published scheme for applications to Foundation 1 (Nursery), dealt with directly by the Academy. Offers are communicated via email.

Further details here:

<https://www.stjohnsworksop.co.uk/nurseryf1-curious-creators/>

Intake	Deadline for Applications	Offers Made
Spring Intake 2026 (January 2026)	W/E 28th June 2025	W/C 15th July 2025
Summer Intake 2026 (April 2026)	W/E 26th September 2025	W/C 13th October 2025
Autumn Intake 2026 (September 2026)	W/E 27th March 2026	W/C 20th April 2026
Spring Intake 2027 (January 2027)	W/E 26th June 2026	W/C 13th July 2027

Wellbeing Page

Handle With Care

We would like to provide all families with additional support during those times when things may be difficult at home. We understand it is not always easy to share details with school, especially at the classroom door and that's okay.

If your child is coming to school after a difficult night, morning or weekend; please message the school office with your child's name, class and "Handle With Care" and these will be passed staff members.

Nothing else will be said or asked but this will let us know that your child may need extra time, patience or help during the day.

At St John's we believe that everyone has the right to feel safe and be who they are. Our school is a place where everyone can feel safe and happy and we will always treat bullying seriously.

What is bullying?

Bullying is when someone hurts someone else, by using behaviour or words which are meant to frighten or hurt that person.

Several Times On Purpose

What should I do?
Ask them to stop if you can.
Ask them to go away.
Ignore them.
Walk away.
Get help.

Start Telling Other People

Who can I tell?
A friend, parents/carers, teachers, a trusted adult.



Young Carers Service

FREE

A support service to help identify and support Young Carers in education

Advice on how to support Young Carers in Education

Young Carer themed Assemblies

Young Carer Champion training

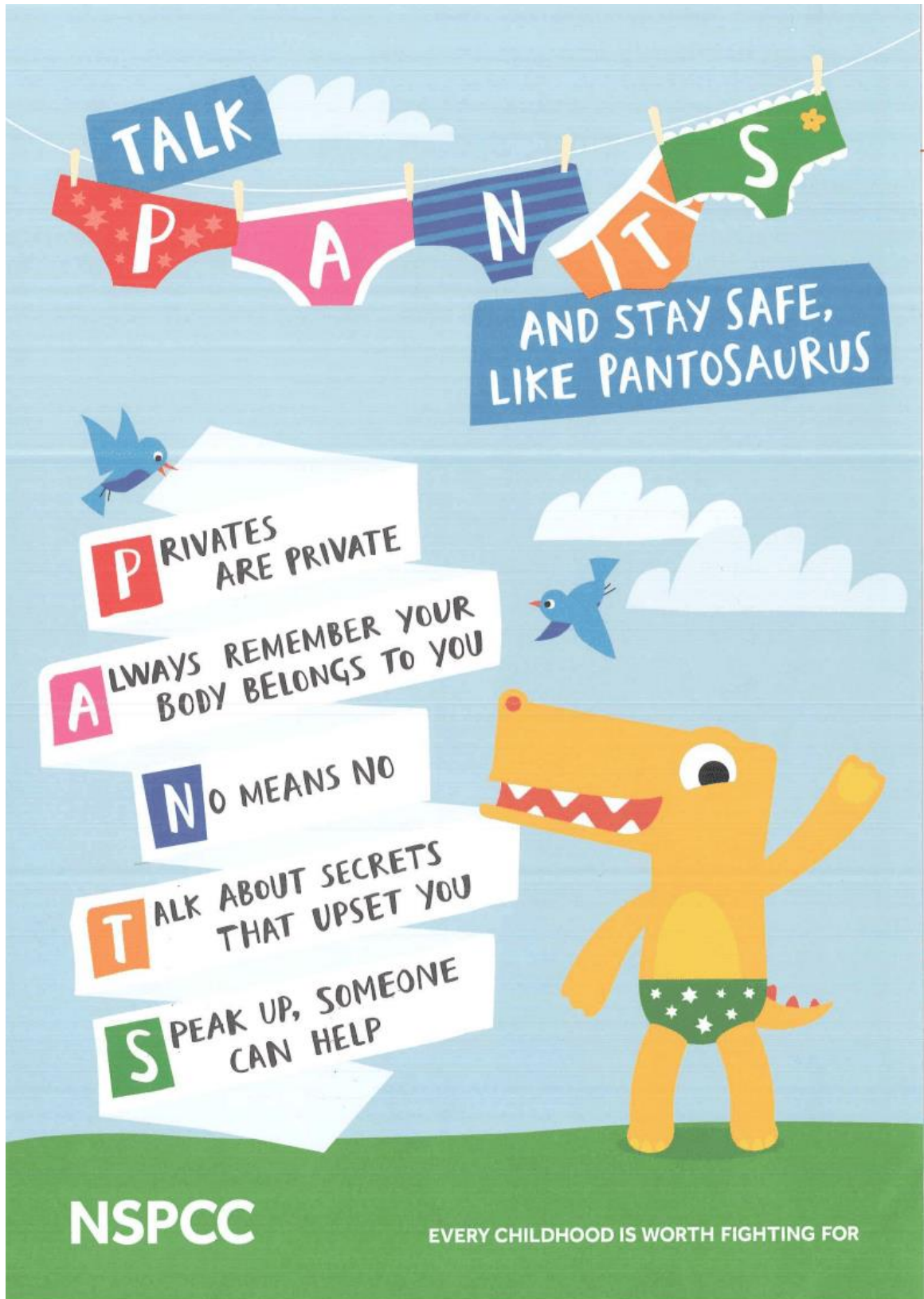
Staff meetings & Inset training

Resources



www.nottinghamshirecarers.co.uk
info@nottinghamshirecarers.co.uk
01773 833 833





Are You a Young Carer?

Would you like to travel on the tram or bus for FREE?



Aged 5 - 17? Contact Young Carers Notts to get a FREE travel card!



Tel: 0115 824 8824 (9am - 5pm, Mon- Fri)

WhatsApp: 07860 957 660

Email: youngcarers@tuvida.org

Web: www.youngcarersnotts.co.uk

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Safeguarding for parents

What is safeguarding?

Safeguarding ensures that every child, regardless of their age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation, has a right to equal protection from harm. It's the steps that people take to protect children and vulnerable people from harm.



Examples of safeguarding concerns to look out for:



Physical

A group of children pushing or hitting a smaller child when an adult isn't looking.



Emotional

A crying child running towards their parent who responds in a harsh manner using inappropriate language.



Sexual

A teenage girl walking home being catcalled and harassed, or being touched without consent.



Neglect

A child wearing the same dirty clothes every day and stealing food from other children.



How can you help?

If you ever see anything happen to a child that makes you feel uncomfortable, please let your safeguarding lead / person know. You're not causing problems – you could save a child from unnecessary harm.

Any one of these things might not mean anything, but if your safeguarding lead / person isn't told, they can't help.

Speak to: Mr Rizzo, Mrs Godley or Mrs Thackery

**Talk to me
about your
concerns**

For more support with safeguarding, search

Tes safeguarding advice 