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Splish Splash Bath Dash!

Rub-a-dub-dub, one man in a tub! But instead of a bath at home, YouTuber Max Fosh took his tub across the Celtic Sea! Max turned his spare bath into a boat, gave it the name Billy the Bathtub Boat, and set sail from Cornwall in England. Hours later, after bobbing across the waves, he arrived at St Mary's in the Isles of Scilly.

So why a bath? Max said he wanted to try it 'because no one has ever done it before' - and because he had a bath going spare.

He wasn't floating off on his own. A boat and crew travelled with him the whole way to make sure he was safe.

When the adventure was done, Max chose not to sail Billy back.



Pictured: A bathtub in the sea similar to Billy's! **Source:** Canva AI.

Instead, he gave the tub to a 10-year-old boy who lives on the island. 'We didn't really want to have to tow the bathtub back to Sennen or Penzance, so I found a lovely 10-year-old chap who lives on the island,' said Max. That's one bath time story the island won't forget!

What's the funniest vehicle you can think of for a big adventure?

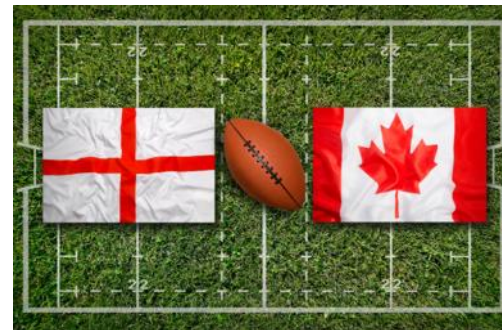
Red Roses Rule Rugby!

Big cheers for England's women's rugby team, the Red Roses! They are world champions after beating Canada 33-13 in the World Cup final at Twickenham Stadium in London.

It was a special day, with over 80,000 fans cheering from the stands. That set a new record

for the biggest crowd ever to watch women's rugby. Women's rugby has changed a lot since the very first world cup in 1991. Back then, only a few people came to watch. Now tens of thousands fill the stands with millions more watching on TV. The Red Roses have won three world cups - in 1994, 2014 and 2025. But New Zealand still have the most wins, with six victories. Captain Zoe Aldcroft said it is 'what dreams are made of'.

Rugby was first played over 200 years ago, in the town of Rugby in England, which is where the game got its name!



Pictured: England beat Canada in the Women's Rugby World Cup. **Source:** Canva.

Can sport bring people closer together?



I go to football matches with my family. I love the atmosphere when everyone cheers.

Kyan

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200 Years of Railway

On 27th September 1825, the very first public railway journey took place. A locomotive called Locomotion No. 1 built by George Stephenson, travelled from Shildon to Stockton, via Darlington (S&DR). The train pulled wagons of coal and also goods, plus a carriage called 'Experiment' with paying passengers. By the time it reached Stockton harbour, nearly 600 people were on board! The Stockton and Darlington Railway (S&DR) was built to carry coal from County Durham to the River Tees.



Pictured: Diesel locomotive going down a railway track. **Source:** Canva.

However, this first train trip also showed the world that trains could carry people too. Soon, railways spread across Britain and then across the world. From the Liverpool and Manchester line with the Rocket, to seaside holidays, and even to taking cotton to mills during the Industrial Revolution. This year, Railway 200 is marking 200 years since that first journey. Celebrations are happening across the country, including at the railway museums in Shildon and York, with replicas of the original Locomotion and Experiment coach.

What do you think it would have been like to ride the very first train journey?



Pictured: A steam locomotive.
Source: Canva.

Growing for Gold

Three weeks ago, Picture News wrote a pack on Guinness World Records and asked the question 'Can anyone break a record if they try hard enough?'. Now, six brand new Guinness World Records have been broken at the Malvern Autumn Show in Worcestershire. More than 65,000 people came to see the UK's top gardeners and their enormous fruit and vegetables, making it one of the biggest gardening events in the country. The record-breaking list included the tallest luffa plant (11.6m), the tallest runner bean plant (8m), the longest radish (7.84m), the longest aubergine (49cm), the longest sweet pepper (26.7cm), and the heaviest celeriac (8.01kg). The show manager, Kate Dufton, said she was over the moon with so many new records. She added that it shows the passion of the growers and hoped visitors would be inspired to try growing their own food.



Pictured: Graham Barratt, Guinness World Record holder for the tallest luffa plant.
Source: RHS Malvern Spring Festival / Malvern Autumn Show on Facebook.

What record would you like to try and break?

Can sport bring people closer together?



The parkrun idea sounds good to me, and like fun! But at home, my siblings argue a lot about different sports and teams, so I don't think sport always brings people together. **Kaiden**

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Online Safety Newsletter

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CapCut

CapCut is a video editing app. Their services are intended for those over the age of 13 (those under the age of 18 must have consent from their parent/legal guardian). It is rated as 13+ on the App store.

What can I do on CapCut?

CapCut is used as a video and image editing tool allowing users to edit their videos/ images as well as add music, sound effects, text and stickers.

What should I be aware of?

- The templates are user generated, therefore they may not always be appropriate for your child to view, for example may contain adult themes.
- CapCut includes access to a library of music that can be used within videos that may include explicit lyrics.
- Premium content – CapCut does include in-app purchases/monthly subscriptions to allow users access to premium content.

Further information

Internet Matters have created this useful guide:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/apps-and-platforms/skills-building/capcut/>

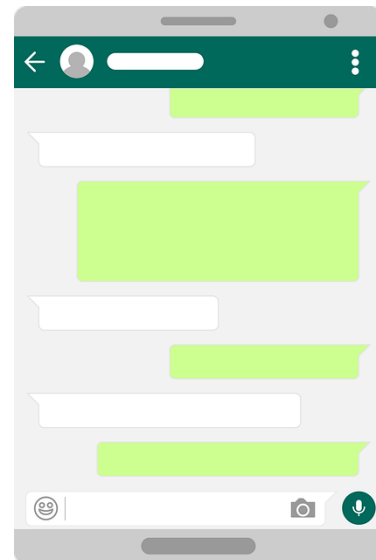
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WhatsApp Update

School WhatsApp groups

Are you part of a parent WhatsApp group at your child's school? These groups can be useful for sharing information and reminders, but it is important to use them thoughtfully. Here are some tips on how we can ensure they remain positive and respectful:

1. Be considerate –we know messages can sometimes be misinterpreted so carefully think about what you share. These groups should not be used to share criticisms of the school, staff or other parents and children. Any concerns should always be discussed with the school directly.
2. Don't spread rumours – avoid sharing any gossip within the group.
3. Protect privacy - do not share photos or videos of other children.
4. Think before you send – be mindful of the time and if the message is necessary for everyone.



Our children watch how we communicate, so let's model healthy, online communication to them.

WhatsApp Channels

Users should be at least 13 years old to use WhatsApp. If your child is using WhatsApp, then you should be aware of WhatsApp Channels. Channels are a one-way broadcast tool used by companies and individuals to send updates to followers. WhatsApp Channels can be found on 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.



You cannot switch off access to channels and there is no age rating associated with the channels so you would have to access them to know what the content truly is. Clicksafe highlight what you should be aware of: <https://www.klicksafe.eu/en/news/was-sind-whatsapp-kanale-und-was-muessen-eltern-beachten>

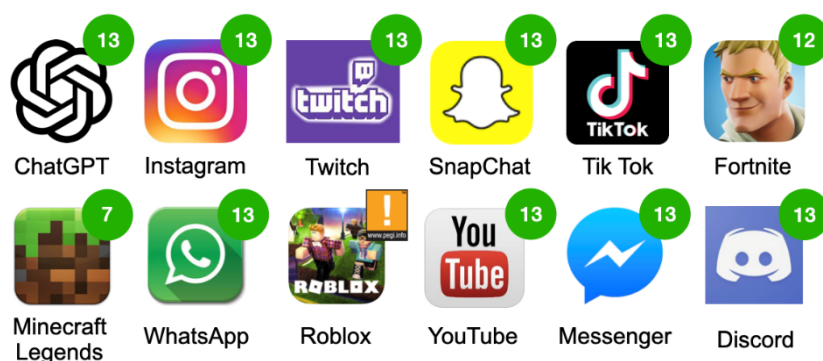
Find out more about WhatsApp channels in general here: <https://faq.whatsapp.com/549900560675125>

Age Ratings

Age ratings exist to help protect your child by showing whether content is suitable for your child's age. Whether your child is viewing films, accessing apps, playing games online or using social media— make sure you check the age rating first to see if your child is old enough.

Popular apps and their age ratings

Here are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are currently accessing.



For users under 18, a parent or legal guardian's permission may be required to use the service

In addition to checking the age rating, the likes of PEGI (Pan European Game Information) provide further content descriptors, which will give you an indication of the type of content that your child might encounter e.g. violence or bad language within a game.

What else should I review?

It is important to note that whilst age ratings do allow you to see if something may be appropriate for your child, **it is also vital to review the content yourself**. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable for your child to access and if it is necessary to apply further parental controls. For example, does it include the ability to communicate with others and are in game/app purchases available?

What else can I do?

- Explain the importance of age ratings to your child and how they protect them.
- Go online together to see what your child is accessing.
- Set up parental controls on your broadband, devices and on any individual apps that your child is using. This will reduce the chances of them accessing or viewing anything unsuitable.
- Chat to your child regularly about what they are doing online and remind your child that if anything is worrying them then they should talk to you or another trusted adult.

Further information

You can find out more here:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/age-ratings>

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Help to keep children safe online with Techosaurus

The NSPCC have created Techosaurus, a friendly dinosaur to assist you in having chats with your child about online safety. It is aimed at younger children and includes a book and activity pack (both chargeable). You can find out more here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/advice-for-families/techosaurus/>

Online Roasting

Have you heard of this term? It has been around a while now, but Online Roasting refers to a form of cyberbullying. Roasting typically involves making fun and insulting somebody, sometimes with their consent and other times not.

What can I do?

- Talk to your child about what online roasting is, ask them if they have ever experienced it and what they think about it.
- If this has negatively impacted your child then save any evidence and involve the school (if appropriate). Childline also offer further advice and support in relation to cyberbullying.

Further information

Find out more here:

<https://www.bark.us/blog/online-roasting-signs-cyberbullying/>

What to do when...from CEOP

CEOP Education have published this poster directing you to the relevant information around six different situations, such as what to do to protect your child from online blackmail. You can access it here:

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/globalassets/professional/resources/wtdw-round-up.pdf>