

# East Hoathly C.E Primary School & Nursery

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# NEWSLETTER



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Dear East Hoathly Families,

We cannot believe we are nearly half way through the school year. What a busy and exciting term we have had at East Hoathly. We ended last week with a lovely day reflecting on the bible stories linked to our school values on Awe and Wonder day. We thought about The Good Samaritan and our value of love; we considered Ruth and Naomi and the value of strength; we reflected upon The Annunciation and the value of truth and we also created comic book strips showing God giving Solomon wisdom, for our value of Wisdom.

Hedgehogs had a thrilling visit when two motor bikes came onto the playground for them to see. Squirrels have had a busy week with a trip to Drusillas and they have been caring for their chicks. Foxes have been writing poems about Valerie Bloom. Owls have been thinking about Children's Mental Health week. This years theme is 'My Voice Matters', so Owls thought about changes they would like to make in school.

We hope you all have a wonderful half term break and we look forward to seeing everybody on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> of February for the start of Term 4.

Mrs Tucker



## Letters Home

Year 6 - SATs Boosters



## Key Dates

February 2024

9/2 - End of Term 3

19/2 - Term 4 starts



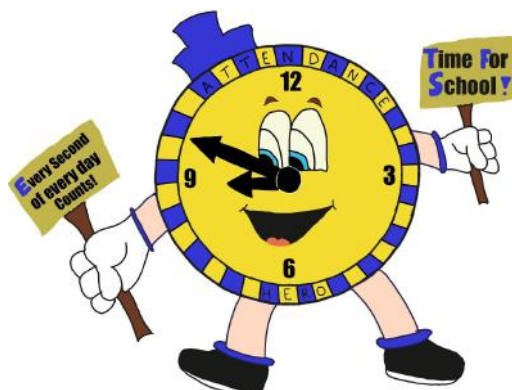
## Safeguarding

To be in the school building without a member of staff present you **MUST** have a DBS check and have signed in at the office. Any adult including staff must wear a lanyard to be in the building. This is for Safeguarding and Health and Safety reasons.

Please only use the school office door to enter the school building. This is essential at school drop off and pick up.

## Punctuality

There has been an increase with the amount of children arriving after 8.50am. It is really important for all children to have a calm and settled start to the day. When children arrive late it can be disruptive for all and some children do not like going into the classroom once lessons have started. If you are late there will be a register for parents to sign the children in.



## Snacks

A reminder to please only bring healthy foods in for snack time e.g. fruit or a cracker type snack. Please do not bring in crisps/cakes/ pastries for morning and afternoon snacks. Fruit is available in school for KS1 for snack times.



## ParentPay

We have moved to all school meals being ordered on ParentPay instead of ordering in school. Thank you to all the parents who have been so supportive with this. We have seen a dramatic reduction in food waste since this has been introduced!

Please ensure meals are ordered by 8.30am at the latest.

Please see the link below for a guide on booking meals.

[Click here for a ParentPay guide on booking meals](#)

If you have any queries please contact the School Office.



## Term 4 Forest School Dates

Please see below for Term 4 session dates:

21st February - Hedgehogs

28th February - Nursery

6th March - Foxes

13th March - Owls

20th March - Squirrels

Please come into school in Forest School kit on these days and bring in school uniform to get changed into afterwards.

# Celebration Assembly

On Friday 2nd February these children received a values certificate:



Hedgehogs - Ellana

Squirrels - George & Henry M

Foxes - Sorrel & Stanley

Owls - Dennis & Kenzie

These children will receive a values certificate on Friday 9th February:

Hedgehogs - Sean

Squirrels - Mia & Wren

Foxes - Joseph & Jacob

Owls - Max & Sophie C



## Attendance

The Pioneer Federation goal is an average attendance rate of 97%, recognising that each school day provides opportunities for learning, as well as social and emotional development. It is noticeable when students miss school as it impacts on their progress. Attendance for this week is:

Whole school: **92.7%**

Year: **95.05%**

Hedgehogs: **83%** Squirrels: **98.5%**

Foxes: **91.6%** Owls: **91.4%**

Well done Squirrels Class!

Less than 94.9% - Red

95 to 96.4% - Amber

96.5 to 99.9% - Green

100% - Gold







## News from Nursery



This week we were delighted to welcome Mrs Watson our new Nursery Assistant, welcome to East Hoathly Mrs Watson!



We were very excited to have our Forest School session last week! We did bird spotting, climbed the Dinosaur Tree, made animal tracks out of clay, made a den, played in the hammock and made a little home for Harold the Hedgehog! Please find further details of our adventures on our Forest School page.



# News from Hedgehogs Class



In Hedgehogs to culminate our topic this term, we celebrated with a Wheel themed day! We had a visit from Mr & Mrs Osborn, Miss Howes and Mr Howes who brought along different types of Motorbikes for us to look at, listen to and ask questions about. We got to listen to the different engines on the bikes, and investigate why they might be different sizes. We also compared this to our own bikes and scooters we brought in, discussing size, shape and purpose!





## News from Squirrels Class



Squirrels have had a very busy week this week. We started this week with a visit from Denise from Hope Springs Small Holding. She brought in two 6 week old chicks from her farm, Squirrels named the two chicks - Snowflake as it was white and Cheeky-Pie because it jumped onto Miss Goymer's shoulder.



## Drusillas

Squirrels had a brilliant day on Wednesday at Drusillas. They enjoyed seeing all the animals in the zoo, particularly the penguins. They also had a great time in the talk, being about to see and touch armadillos, a snake and a rat.

"The maze and the penguins was my favourite part of the day!" George.

"I really liked seeing the capybaras as there was three babies. I also liked seeing the baby sloth. My favourite part was the maze because there smoke coming out of the genies lantern inside." Edith.

"I liked seeing all the different types of monkeys, because they were all different." Elena.

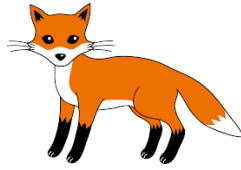




Also this week Squirrels welcomed the arrival of 11 baby chicks in their classroom. We were very excited on Wednesday when three hatched during the day and even more excited on Thursday when we came in to 11 chicks in the incubator! We have been being very careful to look after our chicks, before they go to live on the farm at half term. We all got a chance to hold them and make sure they have enough food and water.



# News from Foxes Class



This week in *Geography*, Miss Evans (our brilliant student teacher) treated Foxes class to a super exciting lesson learning about tectonic plates, using Oreos to help demonstrate how the movement of the plates can cause earthquakes and volcanoes: the best bit was definitely eating them at the end!

We also had a DT day on Friday where we pulled together all our learning about healthy food and seasonal food by baking our own fruit tarts using apples and pears. The children carefully chopped up the fruit, rolled out the pastry and baked them to perfection to enjoy in the afternoon as an after PE treat!

What a brilliant term of learning - enjoy a well-earned break, Foxes! We look forward to seeing you after half term.





# News from Owls Class



Owls have been carefully studying pictures of New York in their geography lessons - this unit is all about North America. They looked at pictures of key landmarks from the past, and compared them with the modern day. They then created 'then and now' sliding pictures to show similarities and differences





## Guys & Dolls

Last week on Thursday, we went to see 'Guys and Dolls' at the Devonshire Park Theatre in Eastbourne. It was performed by Bede's School and it was AMAZING! They had put on an incredible production and everyone loved it.

It felt great to be there: the songs and dancing were fab and everyone was in time with each other. Our favourite bit was when the guys were playing the dice game in the sewers. Thank you to Bede's for inviting us along!

*By Delilah and Malakai.*





## Nursery Forest School - Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024

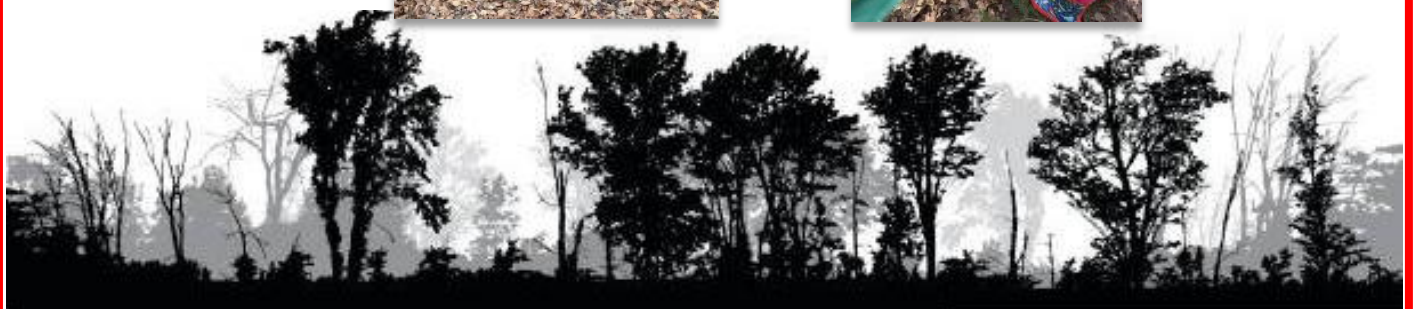
We set off for Forest School today keeping an eye out for any birds that we may spot along the way. The children used their hands as binoculars to help them to spot the birds. We talked about what birds we might see and what they might look like "they have feathers".

On the way we stopped at the Dinosaur Tree so that the class could practice their climbing skills. They took it in turns to get on the tree and shuffle up the trunk making space for the next person.

Some children chose to make animal tracks in clay. They did this by rolling some clay into a ball and then squashing it flat with the palm of their hand. Then using stones with foot prints on they pushed them into the clay, when it was peeled away it left the footprint behind.

Harold the Hedgehog joined us again for Forest School; a group of children made him a little home at the base of a tree. They gathered sticks to lean against the tree creating the roof. He was so cosy in his little house that we almost forgot to take him with us! The class found the den that was made by the bigger children, this sparked them into creating their own den. They gathered sticks and dragged branches to make themselves a little house.

There was lots of free play in the hammock today. Some children chose to crawl under the hammock as if it were a tunnel. This then changed and they climbed into the hammock and started pushing each other using it like a swing.



## February 2024

9/2 - End of term 3

19/2 - Term 4 starts

## March 2024

5/3 - Parents Evening

7/3 - Parents Evening

7/3 - World Book Day

25/3 - FGB Meeting

28/3 - Easter Service/ End of term 4

## April 2024

15/4 - Term 5 starts

## May 2024

6/5 - Bank Holiday

13/5—KS2 SATS

19/5 - Family Fun Run

21/5 - FGB Meeting

24/5 - End of term 5

27/5 - Bank Holiday

## June 2024

3/6 - INSET Day

4/6 - Term 6 starts

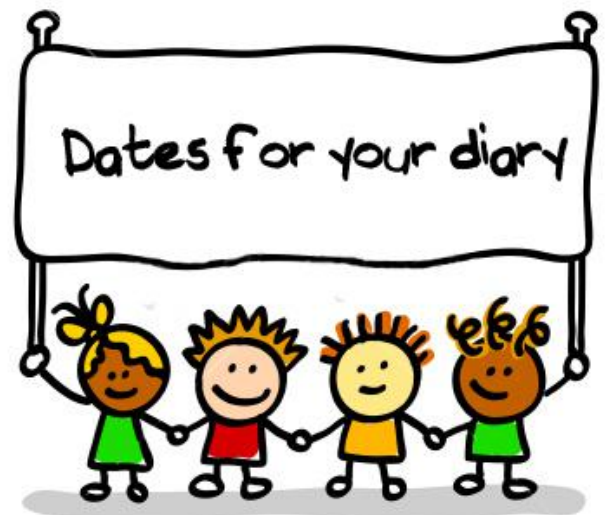
24/6 - Sports Day

4/6 - Term 6 starts

## July 2024

22/7 - Leavers Service/ End of term 6

23/7 - INSET day





# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of YouTube which offers a colourful and easy-to-navigate environment that's suitable for young children. This app is easily accessible and available for mobile devices, which can be downloaded without needing the YouTube app on the device. Despite YouTube Kids seeming like a very child-friendly platform, it has raised concerns over its advertising and inappropriate content seeping through the curation process.

## SETTING UP

1 Download the YouTube Kids app and connect your own YouTube channel.

2 Input your child's name, age and birth month.

3 Select the types of videos you want to include for your child based on their age and your own personal choice.

4 If you decide to approve the content yourself, the app will present you with sample videos for you to accept and reject.

5 Once you've made your choice, you're ready to use the app!

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### REMOVE ADVERTISEMENTS

Like YouTube, adverts on YouTube Kids are also quite pervasive. If you decide you don't want your child being exposed to adverts, you can subscribe to YouTube Premium which will remove adverts on YouTube Kids. However, it's worth remembering that this doesn't block adverts that content creators decide to make as part of their content, and children are still able to access channels from branded fast food or toy companies.

### BE WARY OF UNSUITABLE CONTENT

YouTube Kids has a far lower chance of showing unsuitable material than YouTube, but there are still reports of malicious users deliberately uploading inappropriate content. It's important that your child feels able to talk to you if they were ever exposed to upsetting content in the future. It's also safest to report inappropriate videos: tap the three dots in the corner of the video and select 'Report'.

### DISABLE SEARCH OPTION

YouTube Kids allows you to disable the search feature, which you may find useful in preventing your child from unintentionally finding age-inappropriate content. Doing this will also give you more control over what your child is watching. It's also worth noting that setting an age limit will ensure that your child is only exposed to recommended videos that are deemed suitable for their age group.

### RESTRICT VIEWING TIME

The YouTube Kids app provides you with the option of setting up a timer to monitor and limit your child's daily usage, which automatically stops the video when it reaches the set time. It may be best to make use of this feature to prevent screen addiction - which can potentially lead to children staying up too late, affecting their mood and concentration the following day.

### MONITOR WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has also made it possible for parents and carers to see what their children are watching on the app by clicking on the 'Recommended' icon on the top right of the home screen. It may also be worth having a look at what your child has recently watched by clicking on their history tab. The red bar on the video shows how much of the video has been watched.

### WATCH TOGETHER

It's important to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for your child. This may require spending time finding channels and content that you and your child will enjoy and benefit from. Try introducing family sessions where you can share the most enjoyable videos that you and your child have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you and your child many new things to talk about with each other.

## Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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# Club Flyer

Type of Club:

**After School Club**

Activity:

**Volleyball**

Where:

**East Hoathly Primary School**

Date:

**Monday**

19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 - 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
(6 Sessions)

Time:

**15:15-16:15**

Year Group:

**Reception - Year 6**

Price:

£3.00 Per Session  
£18.00 For the term, paid fully in advance  
Online Payments Only



How to book 



# Club Flyer

Type of Club:

**After School Club**

Activity:

**Dodgeball**

Where:

**East Hoathly Primary School**

Date:

**Thursday**

22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 - 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
(6 Sessions)

Time:

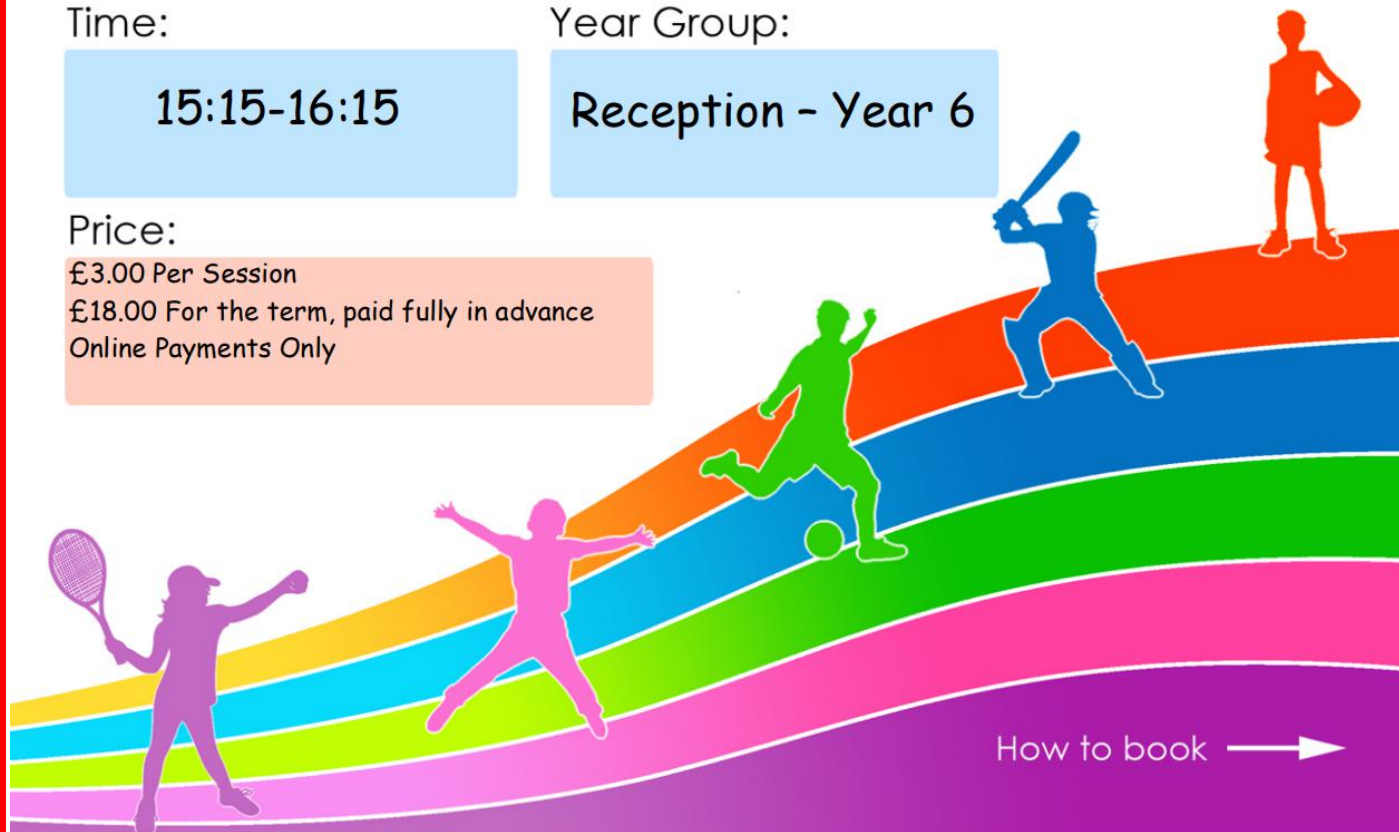
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# Club Flyer

Type of Club:

## February Holiday Camp

Activity:

A fun filled day with a variety of sports, competitions, dance, arts & crafts, movies, and more!

Where:

Park Mead Primary School  
BN27 3QP

Date:

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday  
12th, 13th, and 14th February 2024  
3 Days

Time:

Breakfast Club: 07:45-08:45  
Main Camp Day: 08:45-15:15  
After Camp Club: 15:15-16:15

Year Group:

Reception - Year 6  
Children from any primary  
school welcome

Price:

Breakfast Club: £5  
Main Camp Day: £15  
After Camp Club: £5  
Biscuit Decorating Treat: £1





# EAST HOATHLY FAMILY FUN RUN

## East Hoathly Pavilion

8am registration opens

10am 5km and 10km races

11am 1km race followed by prize giving

Refreshments available

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Medal for every finisher

## Entry fees:

1km race: £5 any age

5km race: £5 for under 16s,  
£9 early bird discount\* or £10 on  
the day for age 16+

10km race: £9 early bird  
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19th  
May  
2024



# EAST SUSSEX LOCAL OFFER

A website and directory providing information about support for children and young people (0-25) with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), and their families.



## The East Sussex Local Offer consists of:

- ➔ an information site that outlines how different SEND processes work:  
[localoffer.eastsussex.gov.uk](http://localoffer.eastsussex.gov.uk)
- ➔ a SEND-specific directory, listing both local and online services:  
[1space.eastsussex.gov.uk/localoffer](http://1space.eastsussex.gov.uk/localoffer)







### What you will find on the Local Offer information site

- » A comprehensive resource to help guide families through learning more about SEND, finding what support is available, and the journey to diagnosis
- » Up-to-date information on services provided by the council for children and young people with SEND, including short breaks and CLASS+
- » Signposting to groups and organisations across East Sussex that offer different services and opportunities



### What you will find on the Local Offer 1Space directory

- » A range of local and online services, including activities and events, mental health and wellbeing support, schools' SEND and accessibility information, and much more
- » A map highlighting the location of local services, making it easier to find support nearby
- » Easy-to-use filters, so you can narrow down the services to only show those that are most relevant to you



### Share your thoughts with us

- » We will continue to use feedback to drive changes and improvements, making information and support even clearer.
- » Please send any feedback or queries you have, either on the information website or directory, to: [localoffer@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:localoffer@eastsussex.gov.uk)



Visit the website by scanning the QR code with your phones' camera

Find out more at:  
[localoffer.eastsussex.gov.uk](http://localoffer.eastsussex.gov.uk)



## Are you a parent or carer?

Do you have any questions or want some advice, tips or ideas to help you support your child ?

Come along to Park Mead for coffee, and an informal chat with Vickie who is a parent/carer practitioner from me & my mind.

~~Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov 9.15- 10.45- Anxiety and Worry~~

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 9.15- 10.45- **Sleep, food and mood**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 9.15 - 10.45- **Transitions**

For more information, please speak to Sian Leahy  
SENCO



# Parent & Carer



## Online Workshops with 'Me & My Mind'

Do you want to learn about children's mental health and how you can support your child with their wellbeing?

If you do, these FREE webinars maybe for you.

### Primary School

#### Supporting Your Child with Anxiety & Worry

~~Tuesday 31st October 2023, 12pm to 1:30pm~~

~~Thursday 8th February 2024, 6pm to 7:30pm~~

#### Supporting Your Child with Transition to Secondary

Wednesday 12th June 2024, 6pm to 7:30pm

### Secondary School

#### Supporting Your Child with Anxiety & Worry

~~Wednesday 8th November 2023, 6pm to 7:30pm~~

Thursday 29th February, 12pm to 1:30pm

#### Supporting Your Child with Exam Stress

Thursday 21st March 2024, 6pm to 7:30pm

Thursday 18th April 2024, 6pm to 7:30pm

For more info and to book scan the QR code or visit:



[www.tickettailor.com/events/mental-healthandwellbeingineducation](http://www.tickettailor.com/events/mental-healthandwellbeingineducation)

If you have any questions please email  
[mhst.parentteam@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:mhst.parentteam@eastsussex.gov.uk)



All webinars are run using Microsoft Teams. You can access this on your phone or computer. You will be provided with the link when you book.



## WEBINARS FOR PARENTS/CARERS SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH THEIR MENTAL HEALTH



Each webinar will take place on Zoom at 10am and 7pm and will run for 90-120 minutes

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- 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY AVOIDANT/RESTRICTIVE FOOD INTAKE DISORDER (ARFID)
- 26<sup>TH</sup> MARCH MANAGING CHALLENGING BEHAVIOUR
- 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL BEREAVEMENT
- 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY SUPPORTING PRIMARY TO SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSITION
- 13<sup>TH</sup> JUNE SUPPORT FOR KINSHIP CARERS
- TBC JULY CYBER SAFETY



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