

# NEWSLETTER



# The Forest Family

Have a great weekend.

## Awards

7th October 2022

### ALL SAINTS

Class 1: **George C-H** Class 2: **Beau B** Class 3: **Isa A** Class 4: **Sophie W**

Badges: ★ **Livvy A, Harvey S (Bronze Star)**

Headteacher awards: **Cal T**

### NEEDWOOD

Class 1: **Dillon S** Class 2: **Liberty** Class 3: **George N**

Badges: ★ **Mia B, Maryam K (Bronze Star)** ★ **Sebastian S (Silver Star)**

Headteacher: **Evie R, May S, Albert S**

Dear Parents,

On this day of our Harvest services, I would like to thank everyone for your generosity towards our food collections for Burton Hope. It has been wonderful to see so many food items brought into both of our schools, and these items will be donated to people in need of help at the moment. It is really important that our young children learn the importance of helping others, so thank you for your support in these challenging times.

We are working hard in both schools in our delivery of our phonics scheme, called ELS (Early Letters and Sounds). To support you in helping your child at home, we will be delivering phonics information sessions soon. Parents of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 should find this really useful. Please look out for details from each school on their information session.

We also look forward to seeing everyone at Parents Evenings next Tuesday and Thursday.

Have a great weekend,

Best wishes

**Mr Baxter**

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# IMPORTANT INFORMATION

## ATTENDANCE

### ALL SAINTS

CLASS 1 - 93%

CLASS 2 - 97%

**CLASS 3 - 98%**

CLASS 4 - 97%

### NEEDWOOD

CLASS 1 - 96%

CLASS 2 - 97%

**CLASS 3 - 98%**

WELL DONE EVERYONE

## BOOK FAIR BOOKS

We are thrilled to have had our delivery of £500 of books from the Book Fair generously funded by the PTA. We can't wait to get reading and to spend the commission we have earned on even more books to support our learning.







Den building was the order of the day this week at Forest School.

Although a little breezy, it was still safe enough to venture into the woods.

The children were very engaged in this activity and split into two teams. Both dens were very different and as they had very little additional resources I was very impressed to see how they came up with some super ideas.

The rest of the children who wanted to use a bow saw did so too and I think they were surprised to discover it wasn't as easy as it looks but they all succeeded to make some cuts alone.

Well done.

It's good to have a friend handy when your wellies are a little difficult to get off.



Subject to the weather being kind to us it is Den building next week.... and hot chocolate and toasting marshmallows too of course.









At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps that 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.

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# YOUTUBE

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

### CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

### SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if 'auto-play' is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

### HIGH VISIBILITY

Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

### TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The painful 'salt and ice challenge', which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

### SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from changing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.

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### TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.

### CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

### CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator online. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.

### MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.

### LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child happily devouring a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!

### 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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**Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Oct - Stourbridge**  
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