

NEWSLETTER



The Forest Family

Awards

29th September 2023

ALL SAINTS

Class 1: **Blake** Class 2: **Clara** Class 3: **David** Class 4: **Natty**

Badges: ★ **Sophie (Red Star)** ★ **Maliha, Harvey (Bronze Star)** ☆ **Ethan, Billy, Reuben (Silver Star)**

Headteacher awards: **Ethan, Alexander, Zack, Oliver N, Maddison S, Joseph L, Phoebe, Charlie, Penny, Emilia, Adeline K, Evelyn P**

Writer of the Weea: **Izzy D**

NEEDWOOD

Class 1: **Francesca and Poppy** Class 2: **Lilly** Class 3: **Noah**

Badges: ★ **(Bronze Star)** ★ **(Gold Star)**

Headteacher awards: **Thomas, Grace**

Writer of the Week: **Zakariyah**

Dear Parents,

This week we have held our first meeting of our newly-formed governing body, to now include Yoxall St Peters Primary. Please see a message from our governors on page 2 of the newsletter.

Have a great weekend,

Best Wishes.

Mr Baxter

ATTENDANCE

ALL SAINTS

CLASS 1 - 98%

CLASS 2 - 89%

CLASS 3 - 99%

CLASS 4 - 98%

NEEDWOOD

CLASS 1 - 95%

CLASS 2 - 95%

CLASS 3 - 95%

WELL DONE CHILDREN!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

MESSAGE FROM GOVERNORS

On Monday 25th September, we held the first meeting of the newly-formed local governing body (LGB) with responsibility across All Saints Rangemore, Needwood Primary School and Yoxall St Peter's Primary. It was great to work together with such an enthusiastic team with a wide range of previous governance and professional experience to draw on. Parents might be interested to know a little more about the role of the LGB and what we cover in the meetings, and we hope this update is useful to you.

Our meetings are split into two parts to cover 'Learning & Standards' and 'Managing & Organising'. Some of the main items we discussed this time were:

- **Pupil attainment** at the end of last school year, which included some excellent results at KS2. We also looked at where the data was less strong and discussed what plans were in place to support improvements. [\[AS1\]](#)
- **Our link governor roles.** A link governor is someone who takes a lead on a particular aspect of the school's work, providing support and challenge to the schools and reporting back to the wider governing body. We agreed various roles that cover all aspects of our work. We also agreed to add a 'pupil and staff wellbeing' to the role of the Health and Safety link governor to reflect the importance of this issue for the children and adults in our schools.

One of the advantages of combining governance across the three schools is that we now have a greater number of governors available to take on these important roles, having previously struggled to find enough people to fill them.

- **The recent SIAMs inspections** at both All Saints Rangemore and Yoxall St Peter's. SIAMs (Statutory Inspections of Anglican and Methodist Schools) looks at how well a school lives up to its role as a Church school and how its Christian vision drives its work. We heard from Mrs Dingle and Mr Baxter about the many positives identified by the inspectors and the areas for development, and governors suggested some ways in which the schools could support each other to address these. Yoxall's SIAMs report is available [here](#) and we will share the link to Rangemore's report once it is published.

- **Premises, health and safety.** It was good to hear about positive progress on the new fire alarm system at St Peter's, fencing and heating at Needwood and fencing and roofing at All Saints. We have also had the Reception room at All Saints renovated and improved. We discussed energy efficiency within the schools and how we analyse trends in accidents, trips, slips and 'near misses'.

We will be meeting again in November and the link governors look forward to getting into all three schools to see how specific aspects are working and how best to support what the schools are aiming to improve. At our next meeting, we will be looking at the consistency of our approach to risk across the schools, and hearing reports from the link governors on their experiences of going into the schools.

We hope you find this information useful.

Have a great weekend,

Best wishes,

Mr Baxter

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

DIARY - ALL SAINTS

6.10.23	HARVEST FESTIVAL 9.15 AM
24.10.23	FLU VACCINATIONS
10.10.23	PARENTS EVENING
11.10.23	BHANGRA DANCING CLASS 2 AT JTHS
12.10.23	PARENTS EVENING
8.12.23	CHRISTINGLE/CAROLS 9.15 AM
20.12.23	CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE
9.2.24	PANCAKE RACE 2.45 PM
7.3.24	WORLD BOOK DAY
19.3.24	EASTER SERVICE 9.15 AM
3.7.24	SPORTS DAY AM
18.7.24	LEAVERS AND FINAL CELEBRATION 1.30 PM

DIARY - NEEDWOOD

6.10.23	HARVEST FESTIVAL 2.30 PM
10.10.23	PARENTS EVENING
11.12.23	BHANGRA DANCING YEARS 1/2 AT JTHS
12.10.23	PARENTS EVENING
23.11.23	FLU VACCINATIONS
1.12.23	CHRISTINGLE/CAROLS 2.00 PM
18.12.23	CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE
19.12.23	CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE
9.2.24	PANCAKE RACE 9.15 AM
7.3.24	WORLD BOOK DAY
19.3.24	EASTER SERVICE 2.30 PM
4.7.24	SPORTS DAY AM
17.7.24	LEAVERS AND FINAL CELEBRATION 1.30 PM

Events and dates are subject to change but we will always try to stick to dates as much as possible.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH INSPECTION.

Both school have had their annual inspections this week and congratulations go to both our catering teams as they have achieved 5 stars on both sites.
Well done for all your hard work.

EMAILS FROM SCHOOL - ALL SAINTS

The Office sometimes sends emails from the school email addresses. Can parents please make sure these are in your address book so that they don't go into spam/junk folders,

The office email addresses are -

asr-office@asr.jtmat.co.uk
asr-admin@asr.jtmat.co.uk.

Thank you.

JOHN TAYLOR FREE SCHOOL – YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

John Taylor Free school Year 6 Open Evening will take place on Monday **2nd October from 6-8pm.**

All Year 6 students and parents are welcome to come along to this event.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CENSUS DAY

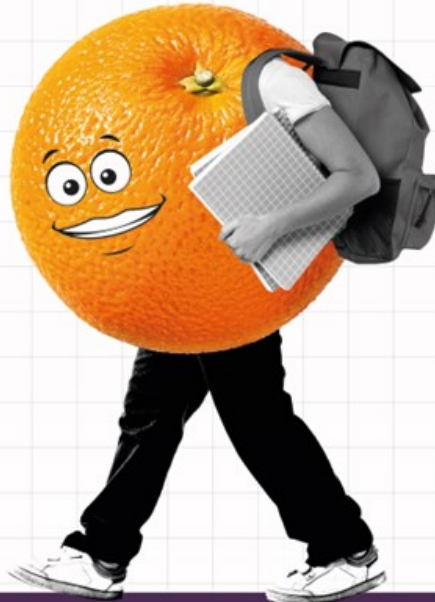
It is Census Day on Thursday, and we would encourage as many children as possible to stay for a school lunch, as the school receives money based on the number of children staying for lunch on that day. Thursday's menu is below. Thank you.



CENSUS DAY

Dine with us...

Thursday October 5th



Main

Chicken burger served with cheesy chips
Vegetarian hotdog served with cheesy chips

Cheesy chips
Jacket potato with cheese and/or beans

Dessert

Ice cream with sprinkles
Iced sprinkle sponge
Fresh fruit
Yoghurt

ONLINE SAFETY

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 for further guides, hints and tips for adults.



The Switch is a hybrid console released by popular video game company Nintendo in 2017. It's classed as a hybrid because it's designed to be played both at home on a television, like traditional consoles (think a PlayStation or an Xbox) or out and about like a portable console, such as a GameBoy. It uses two detachable and wireless 'Joy-Con' controllers on either side of the console's screen, which can be used by one or two players. The Switch can be played on the internet with the purchase of Nintendo Switch Online, in the living room together or on the go during long journeys, but bear in mind it needs to be charged just like anything else!



NINTENDO SWITCH ONLINE

Nintendo Switch Online is a paid service that allows the console to be played (you guessed it!) online, by linking to other Switch consoles around the world. It can be purchased through the Nintendo eShop for a single account on the device, or with a family membership plan which covers 2 accounts. The purchase options come in three tiers; 1 month, 3 months and 12 months but be aware these auto-renew unless you specify otherwise.



ONLINE DANGERS

While online, your children will be able to play with and chat to people on compatible games, which will mostly be good-natured fun, but could potentially expose them to vulgar language, indecent images or worse. There are options to limit this though, which are detailed below. It's worth remembering that many games can be played offline, so while it's not essential to get Nintendo Switch Online, it is certainly something to consider.



NINTENDO eSHOP

The Nintendo eShop is where games can be purchased over the internet and downloaded directly onto the device. If you choose to enter your bank details (or PayPal account) onto the Switch, you can save them for easy access later on. Do note however that these can be viewed by anybody with access to the console, unless you specify otherwise. A child might accidentally purchase a game or item from the shop if these details are left improperly protected, which could leave you with a nasty surprise.



NINTENDO'S VIDEO GAME SELECTION

Nintendo as a company offers some of the most entertaining and safe video games on the market. Games featuring characters like Super Mario, Donkey Kong and Yoshi are always a safe bet for a child-friendly experience. It's always prudent to check each game before you buy it (especially if the game hasn't been made by Nintendo) but as a rule of thumb, anything official containing well-known names like these will be great for your children, giving you peace of mind while they enjoy them.



PORTABLE GAMING

Being able to take the Switch anywhere is a huge bonus when travelling. What's more is that almost every game can be enjoyed without the need to 'dock' the console with a television. Battery life on the Switch varies depending on what it's being used for but typically it will last around 3 or 4 hours before needing to be recharged. When the time comes, any USB-C charger will be able to do the job, but it's best and quickest to return it to the dock, which requires a normal plug socket.



Top Tips For Parents

PARENTAL CONTROLS

Nintendo released a free downloadable app that can be used in tandem with the Switch called Nintendo Switch Parental Controls. Once you've got the app on your mobile device, it's a simple process to pair your two devices, giving you a suite of options to help make sure your child is having fun in a safe and structured environment curated by you.



ONLINE RESTRICTIONS

Another major inclusion in the app is the ability to block your child from seeing anything to do with age restricted games. There's also an extremely helpful feature that restricts access to games that have free communication features between strangers on the internet. This includes things like private messages and unsolicited images. Should you be concerned that strangers might be using the games to talk to your child, a simple press of a button will disallow any access they might have.

PLAY WITH YOUR CHILD

One of the wonderful things about the Switch is that there are an abundance of great games you and your child can enjoy together, and even with the whole family. Nintendo has a long history of making and supporting fun, family friendly games like Mario Kart and Mario Party, both of which can be played with two or more players using the Joy-Con controllers.



NINTENDO ESHOP SETTINGS

In the Nintendo eShop you can set up a password to help stop your child or somebody else from accessing any sensitive information, such as bank account details. The options here include entering a password to access the eShop to begin with, when any saved credit card information access is attempted, or when PayPal is accessed. Choosing which areas are password protected helps ensure you're deciding what level of access is given on the device. For example, if you're happy to have your child browse the shop for games they might want, you can allow access to the eShop but introduce the password before a purchase is made ensuring no mishaps occur.



LIMITING PLAY TIME

By linking the app with the Nintendo Switch, you can set time limits and reminders when you think enough time has been spent playing. It also lets you see if a game is still being played and gives you the option to automatically put the console into sleep mode if the message is ignored. This should only be used as a last resort though as it could cause some friction between you!

SET PLAY TIMES

Another handy feature is the ability to set different playtimes for days of the week, allowing you to tailor play time around you and your child's schedules. This is great for setting boundaries and encouraging gaming as part of a healthy routine. It will also help your child organise with their friends when they can all be online.



SEE PLAY HISTORY

The Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app can also send a report telling you how much time your child spends playing each game. This is a great way to spot their favourite or most played games and might be a nice way for you to find out more about a title before talking to your child about it. It could also help identify any possible issues around playtime before they arise.



Meet our expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 5 years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



<https://www.nintendo.com/switch/system/>, <https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Support/Parents/Safety/Keeping-your-child-safe/How-does-Nintendo-keep-your-child-safe-888083.html>, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PLDWHOW9zqc>, <https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Nintendo-Switch/Nintendo-Switch-Online/Nintendo-Switch-Online-1183143.html>

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