

# NEWSLETTER



# The Forest Family

## Awards

26th January 2024

### ALL SAINTS

Class 1: **Aiyla** Class 2: **Charlie** Class 3: **Livvy & Charlotte** Class 4: **Bonnie**

Badges: ★ (Red Star)

★ (Silver Star)

Headteacher awards: **Lucy, William, Emily**

Writer of the Week: **Alex M**

### NEEDWOOD

Class 1: **Tilly** Class 2: & Class 3: **All Young Voices Children**

Badges: ★ (Silver Star)

Headteacher awards: **Croft, May**

Writer of the Week: **Tate C**

Dear Parents,

Congratulations to the junior children in both of our schools for performing in Young Voices this week. They were an absolute pleasure to be with and their behaviour was impeccable. Thank you to the staff as it is a very long day to be looking after the children and thank you to the parents for your support. Everyone had a fantastic time! We are already looking forward to next year!

Congratulations to the current Year 5 at RM who did so well in their multiplication tables check (MTC) last summer, that we received a letter from the Minister for Schools. All that time spent on TT Rock Stars has paid off!

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend,

Best wishes,

**Mr Baxter**



## ATTENDANCE

### ALL SAINTS

CLASS 1 - 93%

CLASS 2 - 93%

CLASS 3 - 98%

CLASS 4 - 99%

### NEEDWOOD

CLASS 1 - 99%

CLASS 2 - 99%

CLASS 3 - 97%

WELL DONE CHILDREN!

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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### DIARY - ALL SAINTS

29/30.1.24	BIKEABILITY YEARS 4 & 5
2.2.24	NSPCC NUMBER DAY NON UNIFORM (DRESSING UP)
9.2.24	PANCAKE RACE 2.45 PM
9.2.24	PTA DRESS DOWN DAY £1 PER CHILD (FOR CHOCOLATE BINGO)
12.2.24 - 16.2.24	HALF TERM
19.2.24	INSET DAY
5.3.24	PTA CHOCO BINGO 5.30—7.30
7.3.24	WORLD BOOK DAY
8.3.24	PTA MOTHERS DAY BAKE SALE AFTER SCHOOL
19.3.24	EASTER SERVICE 9.15 AM
20.3.24	PTA EASTER EGG HUNT AND ACTIVITIES
13.6.23	PTA TEDDY BEARS PICNIC LUNCHTIME
3.7.24	SPORTS DAY AM
17.7.24	PTA PARTY IN THE PLAYGROUND 3.15—5.30 £5.00
18.7.24	LEAVERS AND FINAL CELEBRATION 1.30 PM

### DIARY - NEEDWOOD

1.2.24	CLASS 2 ROMAN WORKSHOP
2.2.24	NSPCC NUMBER DAY NON UNIFORM (DRESSING UP)
8.2.24	CLASS 3 TUTBURY CASTLE TRIP
9.2.24	PANCAKE RACE 9.15 AM
9.2.24	SCHOOL DISCO
12.2.24 - 16.2.24	HALF TERM
19.2.24	INSET 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

### NSPCC NUMBER DAY 2024 - FRIDAY 2ND FEBRUARY

Please refer to the letter that has been emailed out by the school offices regarding this event. We look forward to a day full of wonderful maths activities, whilst raising money for the NSPCC.

Please could children dress up in the following:

**EYFS/KS1** - Dress up as a digit (maybe a Numberblock) OR as a Numbot

**KS2** - Dress up as a TT Rockstar

In exchange for dressing up we request a small donation towards the NSPCC and our Just Giving pages can be found at -

**FOREST FAMILY** [www.justgiving.com](http://www.justgiving.com)

Hannah Kendall is fundraising for NSPCC ([justgiving.com](http://justgiving.com))

Many thanks for your support.

### PHONICS LINKS:

We know and are extremely grateful that so many of you support your children in learning to read. We also know that the way we teach phonics and say the sounds now may be very different from how we were all taught. Below are some links to videos and information pages if you feel you'd like to know more:



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 which 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 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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## **JOB VACANCY AT ALL SAINTS, RANGEMORE**

All Saints Rangemore are looking for someone to join their After school team, details are given below. If you are interested, please get in touch with Mrs Young or Mr Baxter

**After School Assistant -** Permanent part time/term time only.

**Salary: Grade 2 £22,737.00 per annum pro rata**

**Actual salary £ 5819.07**

**Hours 3.15pm – 5.30pm Monday to Friday**

John Taylor Multi Academy Trust (JTMAT) believes in the power of education to improve lives – and the world. As a partner academy in JTMAT, we are seeking to appoint an after -school assistant to join our evolving organisation.

The successful candidate will support the children with games, craft, and other activities after school, as well as help prepare and serve food. The successful candidate will care for the children until they are collected by parents/carers.

If you have a passion for excellence and share our vision, we can offer you the opportunity to be part of a successful and progressive Trust, which is committed to ensuring learning is at the heart of all we do.

**If you want to discuss this role, please contact  
Christine Young by emailing [asr-office@asr.jtmat.co.uk](mailto:asr-office@asr.jtmat.co.uk)  
or telephoning 01283 712385**

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*School information can be provided in different languages, large print, simple text only or Braille.*

*Please speak to Mr Baxter if you have a particular requirement.*

