

# NEWSLETTER



# The Forest Family

## Awards

23rd February 2024

### ALL SAINTS

Class 1: **Salahuddin** Class 2: **Harvey R** Class 3: **Sami** Class 4: **Samuel**

Badges: ★ **Sebastian, Jack (Silver Star)** ★ **(Gold Star)**

Headteacher awards:

Writer of the Week: **Dylan C4**

### NEEDWOOD

Class 1: **Robin R** Class 2: **James R** Class 3: **Evie**

Badges: ★ **(Green Star)** ★ **(Silver Star)**

Headteacher awards: **Amelia, Harrison, Ellie**

Writer of the Week: **Joe M**

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school for the second half of the Spring term. This is another very short half term, so we have a lot to fit in between now and Easter. Please take a note of the events coming up, particularly as our Mother's Day and Easter services are quite close together!

I am delighted to welcome Mrs Fullard to the All Saints team, who will be teaching Class 2 alongside Mrs Jones. She has really enjoyed her first few days with us. Thank you to the Class 2 parents for making her feel so welcome.

We have recently welcomed Rev. Terry to our communities. He has been into both schools for worships and I am sure you will meet him at our Church services coming up.

A reminder to our All Saints parents, to give yourselves some extra time to get to school during the disruption caused by the road works at Branston. Please also be very careful when crossing the road outside of school, as there are many lorries passing the school and queuing at the junction. If you can remind your children to cross with you when you arrive and leave school, as there are many drivers who are not considering that they are driving past a school. Thank you.

Have a great weekend.

**Mr Baxter**

## ATTENDANCE

### ALL SAINTS

**CLASS 1 - 99%**

**CLASS 2 - 89%**

**CLASS 3 - 91%**

**CLASS 4 - 95%**

### NEEDWOOD

**CLASS 1 - 99%**

**CLASS 2 - 92%**

**CLASS 3 - 95%**

**WELL DONE CHILDREN!**

**DIARY - ALL SAINTS**

27 & 29. 2.24	PARENTS EVENINGS
5.3.24	PTA CHOCO BINGO 5.30 - 7.30
7.3.24	WORLD BOOK DAY
7.3.24	MOTHERS DAY LUNCH
8.3.24	PTA MOTHERS DAY BAKE SALE AFTER SCHOOL
11.3.24	YEAR 5 - SCIENCE QUIZ JTHS 1.15 - 3.15 PM
15.3.24	COMIC RELIEF
19.3.24	EASTER SERVICE 9.15 AM
20.3.24	PTA EASTER EGG HUNT AND ACTIVITIES
22.5.24	LICHFIELD DIOCESE INSPIRE DAY - CLASS 3 TRIP
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**

23.2.24	NON UNIFORM DAY - CHOCOLATE DONATIONS FOR CHOCOLATE BINGO
27 & 29. 2.24	PARENTS EVENINGS
7.3.24	WORLD BOOK DAY
7.3.24	MOTHERS DAY LUNCH
7.3.24	DONATIONS OF CAKES TO SCHOOL FOR MOTHERS DAY REFRESHMENTS
8.3.24	MOTHERS DAY SERVICE FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS IN SCHOOL
11.3.24	YEAR 5 - SCIENCE QUIZ JTHS 1.15 - 3.15 PM
15.3.24	COMIC RELIEF
19.3.24	EASTER SERVICE 2.30 PM AND FON RAFFLE
19.3.24	CHOCOLATE BINGO FOR FAMILIES 3.30-5.00 PM (FON)
22.5.24	LICHFIELD DIOCESE INSPIRE DAY - CLASS 2 TRIP
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.



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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## COMMUNITY

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

#### ROAD CLOSURE AT BRANSTON FROM 10TH FEBRUARY—28TH FEBRUARY

As part of the roadworks there are 4 way lights at the Byrkley Park Junction.

- **PLEASE ALLOW EXTRA TIME FOR YOUR JOURNEY**
- **WE REQUEST PARENTS PARK RESPONSIBLY.**

### BURTON LIBRARY - WORLD BOOK DAY EXCHANGE HUB

Burton Library is delighted to announce they will be a World Book Day Exchange Hub this year 😊.

From 15<sup>th</sup> February until 31<sup>st</sup> March, children can bring their World Book Day token to the library to exchange them for one of the free World Book Day books.

As the child choosing their own book is an essential part of the World Book Day token programme, please note that children must attend the library themselves to exchange their token.

Tokens cannot be exchanged on their behalf by a parent/carers or by any school staff.

### FACE IT NEWSLETTER



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## Newsletter

FACE it!



Available to book now!  
Approved CPD training for anyone who works with children or teenagers.  
**National Standards CPD accredited with certificate**

Thursday  
21 March  
19:00 - 20:00  
**FREE**



**FREE SESSION**  
Understanding Addictive Behaviour - Screens, gaming, drugs and more

Tuesday  
19 March  
19:00 - 21:00  
£24



**What is ACT?**  
An introduction to Acceptance and Commitment Therapy

Thursday  
28 March  
19:00 - 21:00  
£24



**Supporting a child with ADHD**  
challenging the stereotypes and giving practical advice

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