



'Love, Laugh and Learn'

Wrockwardine Wood C of E Junior School

'Wrockers' Weekly

This Half Terms Value — Friendship

Friday 7th November 2025

Welcome Back

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back after the break and begin our Christmas term together. From the very first morning, the atmosphere in school has been calm, positive, and full of enthusiasm for learning. The children have settled in beautifully and shown fantastic focus during their lessons this week. On Monday, I had the pleasure of walking around the school with Nala, our school dog, and Mrs Leck who is returning to work this term. It was a joy to see how engaged and settled the children were in their classrooms. Their smiles, hard work, and readiness to learn are a real credit to them—and to you for the support you give at home. We have an exciting term ahead, filled with opportunities for learning and festive celebrations. Thank you for your continued support in making our school such a happy and purposeful place.

Arthog Outreach year 5 and 6 Team building.

On Tuesday, some year 5 and 6 pupils went to the Arthog Outreach Centre in Wellington to take part in team building activities and rock climbing! We all had a great time and our amazing pupils were a real credit to the school, working well as a team and pushing themselves out of their comfort zone! The children said "That was a great afternoon!" and "We got to work as a team and have fun too!" Well done all of you!



Year 4 Parent Lunch

We're delighted to invite you to join us for a parent school meal tasting session—a wonderful opportunity to experience the delicious school meals your children enjoy each day and to share a cooked lunch together in school. Throughout the year, we'll be offering this special event to each year group. Year 4's date is Friday 28th November. If you'd like to attend, please book and pay for your meal via ParentPay. To ensure a shared experience, we kindly ask that both parents and children have a hot or cold **school dinner** on the day. All dinners for parents must be ordered and paid for by Friday 21st November on **ParentPay**. Please also ensure your child's meal has been paid for in advance.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 11th

Nov

Remembrance Day

Wednesday 12th

Nov

Year 3 Trip—Wood Lane Nature Reserve

Friday 14th Nov

Wear spots day for a £1 cash donation for Children in Need

Wed 26th Nov to Tue 2nd Dec

Book Fair in school at the end of the day

Tuesday 25th

Nov

Gurdwara Visit to Years 4, 5 and 6 in school

Thursday 27th Nov

Year 3 Trip to the Gurdwara—see ParentPay

Friday 28th Nov

Year 4 Parent Taster Lunch 11:45am. See ParentPay to book your place

Autumn 2 – Love: Friendship

This half term, we are focusing on the Christian Value of **friendship**.

Friendship is about spending time with people that you can have fun with. Friends share, play together and laugh with each other. A good friend can cheer you up when you are sad and be there for you in times of need.

Outside of school, children might demonstrate **friendship** in the following ways:

Going above and beyond with an act of kindness for a friend

Offering friendship to someone who is lonely or in need (an elderly neighbor or relative)



Living Life in all its Fullness Challenge

This week, we're celebrating one of our brilliant pupils who has completed the *Living Life in all Its Fullness* challenge in the most imaginative way possible — by building a fantastic den at home using cardboard boxes!

Inspired by the challenge to explore creativity, independence, and joy, this young adventurer transformed ordinary cardboard into an extraordinary hideaway.

The child didn't stop at just building the den — they decorated it with colourful drawings.



MFL Phrase of the Week!

Here is our French phrase of the week!

We hope you enjoy practising and learning it at home!



Quel âge as-tu ?

How old are you?



Living Life in all its Fullness Challenge

EG from year 4 looks like he had lots of fun completing the challenge of playing a board game with his family. It looks like they all had a great time — I wonder who won?

Active Families!

Here is an idea for a quick, active and fun activity you could carry out with your family this weekend! We hope you enjoy!

7 Minute Workout

What you need: 1 clock or stopwatch



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What to do: complete each exercise for 30 seconds:

- Jog on the spot
- Star jumps
- Lunges
- Tuck jumps
- Press ups
- High knees
- Squats
- Plank
- Burpees
- Side plank
- Mountain climbers
- Side plank on the other side
- Sit ups
- Heel flicks



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The Wrockwardine Wood CE Junior School "Living life in all its fullness" challenge.

This week's challenge is to:

Create an outdoor obstacle course in your garden!

We would love to see your photos please email them to:
a3129@telford.gov.uk or DoJo to your class teacher.



Year 3 Science Workshop: Be Bright, Be Seen!

This week, Year 3 had an exciting visit from a special guest who delivered a hands-on *Be Bright Be Seen* science workshop. The session focused on the importance of visibility for pedestrians, especially during the darker months of the year.

The pupils explored how fluorescent and reflective materials help keep people safe by making them more visible to drivers. Through experiments with high-visibility jackets, the pupils discovered which colours best keep them safe in dark conditions.

It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to combine science with real-world safety, and they left the workshop with a better understanding of how to stay safe and be seen.



Free Atom Home account for PP children

Haberdashers' Adams have partnered with Atom Learning to provide children who are eligible for pupil premium with a free Atom Home account (usual cost £575 per year!). Atom Home covers all KS2 topics in maths, English and science. The account also includes access to personalised SATs resources and 11+ practice for children who are planning to take the grammar school entrance test.

If your child is currently in years 3-6 and has been eligible for income-based free school meals at any point in the last six years, please register via this link: <https://atomlearning.com/pupil-premium/adamsgs> Your child's primary school will be required to provide proof of eligibility for pupil premium before your account is created.

For more information, please email pupilpremium@atomlearning.com

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Free 11+ preparation and KS2 support for Pupil Premium families

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Army Welfare Service
Community Support

ARE YOU A PARENT IN THE ARMED FORCES...



...OR IS YOUR PARTNER SERVING?

We understand how challenging it can be to meet other parents and build connections – especially when you move around.

Come along for a friendly cuppa and a chat with others who get it!



SCAN ME

**PLEASE BOOK
VIA THE QR CODE**

by Monday lunchtime for
that week to let the gate
know to expect you.

**Every other Wednesday from
8 October, 1-2.30pm**

at building V9, Venning Barracks, Donnington

Please note: parents and carers will need to bring photo ID

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Monday 10th November, we are kick starting our Anti-Bullying Week with Odd Sock Day! Children are welcome to come to school wearing odd socks on this day to celebrate our uniqueness and diversity!

Wear Spots for a Great Cause!

On **Friday, 14th November**, we're inviting all our pupils to join in a fun and colourful event—**Wear Spots Day!** For just **£1 cash**, you can come to school dressed in your spottiest clothes and help make a big difference.

Why are we doing this?

This special day is part of a nationwide effort to raise money for **Children in Need**, a charity that supports thousands of children and young people across the UK. The money raised goes towards projects that help children who are facing challenges such as poverty, disability, or illness. It funds things like:

- Providing safe spaces for children to play and learn
- Offering counselling and mental health support
- Helping families access essential resources

Every pound you donate helps improve lives and gives children the chance to thrive.

To make fundraising even more fun, Children in Need has introduced the **Challenge 25 theme**. The idea is simple: do something **25 times** to raise money!

Here are some ideas you could try at home or in class:

- **25 Acts of Kindness** – Spread positivity by helping others.
- **25 Star Jumps** – Get active and moving!
- **25 Minutes of Reading** – Enjoy a good book while supporting a great cause.
- **Bake 25 Cupcakes** – Perfect for a bake sale!

You can even come up with your own creative 25-themed challenge. It's all about having fun while making a difference. So, dig out your polka dots,

stripes, and spots, and let's make Friday a day full of fun and kindness!





Calendar of Christmas

Events 2025



Book Fair Wednesday 26th November to Tuesday 2nd December	The school Book Fair will be open straight after school for a week. This is an ideal opportunity for you to treat your children or get some Christmas presents. Books are a fantastic gift that not only support your children's reading but enable us to continue to develop and nurture the children's love of reading. All commission will be used to purchase reduced books for our school library and class reading areas.
Whole School Pantomime Tuesday 9th December (pm in school time)	The whole school will watch a pantomime performance of 'Rick Whittington' performed by West Midlands Children's Theatre. This will take part during the afternoon in school time.
Craft & Carolling Club Tuesday 9th December 3:45pm—4:45pm	The children from the Christmas Craft and Carolling club will be walking around the local area singing carols to raise money for the Severn Hospice. See ParentPay for the weekly club.
Christmas Craft Fayre Wednesday 10th December 3:30pm—5pm	We will host a Christmas Craft Fayre on 10th December from 3:30pm in the school hall. This is an opportunity for the children to sell craft items that they will be making in class during an enterprise day. The money made from this event will be saved for next year when we hope to raise enough money to give the children a special treat. Future events will also contribute to this fund.
Year 5/6 Performances Friday 12th December	Years 5 and 6 performance will take place at 10:00am and 2:00pm. Due to limited space in the hall we will allocate 2 spaces per family for each performance. Letter to follow. No ticket required and attendance is free.
Year 3/4 Performances Monday 15th December	Years 3 and 4 performance will take place at 10:00am and 2:00pm. Due to limited space in the hall we will allocate 2 spaces per family for each performance. Letter to follow. No ticket required and attendance is free.
Christmas Disco Year 3 and 4 Monday 15th December 4:30pm—5:30pm	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Disco. Tickets on sale via ParentPay from December 1st. £2 per child. Sweets and drinks will be on sale at the disco. The disco is being organised and run by our School Council to raise funds for the school to buy resources.
Reindeer Relay! Tuesday 16th December (during the school day)	This year, we are going to be taking part in a sponsored 'Rudolph Relay' to raise money for such a great cause: Severn Hospice. The children will be participating in a sponsored dash on our school track throughout the day on 16th December . Severn Hospice will supply each child taking part with reindeer antlers, a special sticker and a certificate (signed by Rudolph!). All that they ask is that each child taking part raises a minimum of £2.00. We will provide children with forms before the event so that they can collect sponsors prior to their Rudolph Relay. We will update you with further information nearer to the time. Thank you for your continued support.
Christmas Dinner Wednesday 17th December	Christmas Dinner will be on Wednesday 17th December. This is charged at the usual price of £2.90. If you wish for your child to have a Christmas dinner on this day you must return the slip on the bottom of the Christmas dinner letter which will be sent home and pay on ParentPay. <u>School sandwiches will not be an option on this day, only a hot dinner.</u> Reply slips must be returned to school by Wednesday 3rd December. If you have not returned a slip or have no available credit on the account and your child selects a Christmas lunch on the morning register on the 17th Dec, we will contact you to bring a home packed lunch for your child.
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Christmas Carols in Church Thursday 18th December	All of the school will be joining year 5 in church on Thursday 18th December for a Christmas Carol celebration. This will be a service led by year 5 celebrating the true meaning of Christmas. Due to limited space this will be only open for parents of children in year 5 to attend if they wish. More details to follow.

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FORTNITE

AGE RESTRICTION
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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 650 million registered users, Fortnite remains one of the most played and discussed online games globally. Known for its vibrant graphics, fast-paced gameplay, and cultural crossovers with everything from music artists to superhero franchises, the game continues to capture the attention of young people. This guide outlines the risks trusted adults need to know about, including game updates, and offers practical safety tips to help address them.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player, offline mode in Fortnite; it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about, both in terms of connectivity and using up data. You may find that dedicated, young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about family time or trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – limited-time cosmetic 'skins', music tracks, LEGO items, and battle passes. Children can feel pressured to spend money on V-Bucks – the in-game currency – to avoid missing out, particularly as exclusive items rotate frequently. Some items may not return to the store for years, while Battle Pass rewards are often "gone when they're gone".

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

There's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as mini-games and emotes. Guns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, so discretion is advised. Past seasons have introduced characters and references from mature franchises like The Witcher and Halo.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. Crossplay allows friends to play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC, while the Party Chat feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can put youngsters at risk of exposure to strangers, inappropriate language, and cyberbullying.

FREQUENT UPDATES

Seasonal releases introduce new map changes, gameplay mechanics, and cosmetics. Ongoing updates can increase screen time and potential for obsession as children try to unlock rewards before the season ends. These regular renewals help to hold players' interest, but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back. Seasons often change thematically.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from films and TV shows like Power Rangers and Avatar: The Last Airbender, to comic book characters including Batman. Other collaborations with series, artists, and influencers may expose children to music, language, or ideas that are more suitable for older audiences.

Advice for Parents & Educators

DISCUSS SAFE SOCIAL INTERACTION

Talk with children about who they're playing with online. Coordinate play time with the child's friends for socialisation and safety in numbers. Encourage them to avoid private voice chats with strangers and remind them not to share personal information. Use real-life examples to explain potential risks, and remind them that if they see something concerning, they should tell a trusted adult.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents to do something fun with their child, while making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game. Make sure any young player knows this.

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PLAYERS

AVAILABLE ON



ANDROID IOS



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WINNER

AVAILABLE ON



PC / MAC X-BOX PS4







Parent's Guide

What is FORTNITE?

Fortnite Battle Royale, is a multi-player, **Free to Play Online Game**. It features up to 100 Players. The players can play alone, in duos, or in squads of up to four. The aim of the game, is to be the last player alive, by killing the other Players. All while the Safe Area of the game is constantly shrinking.

The Players must scavenge for weapons and armor, before their opponents. Players can destroy most objects in the game world to gain resources. These can then be used to build fortifications to protect themselves while they destroy the other players.

What Parents Need To Know

Age Restriction

While Fortnite has a PEGI 12 Age Rating, **No Proof of Age** is required.

In Game Violence

The concept of the game is to kill all of the other players. As the characters are cartoon based, the violence is suitable for over 12's.

PC, Console and Mobile Compatible

The game is available on almost all platforms. This makes accessing the game very easy. As a result, the game could be played more often than parents would realise. Because the game encourages participation to advance, this could cause over use.

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In Game Purchases

Fortnite offers Players a range of purchasable options in the game. Skins, Gliders and Emotes, are used to change the look of a character. The game only releases items for 24 hours. One purchased, they can be used afterwards at any time. Celebrity endorsements of the items encourages these purchases. **Battle Pass**, challenges are released where the player gains extra rewards.

Tips for Parent's

Stranger Danger

Fortnite, is an Online Game. Players come from all over the world. This means children could be playing with or against anyone. While many children are forming their own squads in the game and do play with Real World Friends. We would encourage parents to be mindful of who the children are playing with. As this game is specifically targeted for children, it can be targeted by individuals wishing to access children.

Scams

A range of Scams have been identified where 'Free Money' or 'V Bucks@', is being offered, which can be used to make purchases in the game. These most frequently appear on Facebook and Twitter. They require the player to enter their user Name and Password.

Account Hacking

Having bank details connected to a Google Play Store or iTunes Store can be dangerous. If the game account is hacked. The details can be used to make in game purchases. Parents will only realise this when statements arrive. Refunds are not always guaranteed.

Limit Game Time

This game definitely requires parental involvement. Parents need to be aware how long is being spent playing the game. We have met many children in schools who tell us they end up playing all night. We advise parents to set Parental Controls or switch off the Wi-Fi connection.

Report Abusive Players

Fortnite, allows for In-Game communication between all the Players. As a result children can be exposed to a lot of bad language, threats, insults etc. All Parents should ensure that children know how to Report and Block another Player.

Cyberbullying

Played can be Cyberbullied in Fortnite, by other Players both verbally and by being targeted with their character being killed every time they enter the game







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Ireland's Cyber Safety Specialists