

WROCKERS' WEEKLY

This Half Term's Value — Joy

Friday 16th January 2026

Choir Workshop with Telford Sings

On Monday afternoon, our choir took part in an exciting and inspiring workshop led by Mrs Collins as part of the Telford Sings programme. The session gave children the opportunity to learn and practise the songs they will be performing at the upcoming concert on the evening of the 26th March.

Throughout the workshop, pupils worked enthusiastically, developing their vocal skills while learning new songs and harmonies. Mrs Collins led the choir with energy and encouragement, helping the children to build confidence, improve their listening skills and sing together as a team. The choir showed excellent focus and commitment, and it was wonderful to see their enjoyment and enthusiasm for singing.

Miss Byrne



Dates for your diary

Tuesday 20th Jan

Maths Parent shadowing
Year 3 - 9:30 - 10:30
Year 5 - 11:15 - 12:15

Wednesday 21st Jan

Maths Parent shadowing
Year 4 - 9:30 - 10:30
Year 6 - 11:15 - 12:15

Monday 26th Jan

Year 4 trip - Shrewsbury Art Gallery.
See ParentPay

Tuesday 27th Jan

RE Parent shadowing
Year 3 - 9:30 - 10:30
Year 5 - 11:15 - 12:15

Wednesday 28th Jan

RE Parent shadowing
Year 3 - 9:30 - 10:30
Year 5 - 11:15 - 12:15

Achievement Award 5G	TA Award	Star of the Week	
Charlie-Ray	Ivy-Beau	Oliver W	5B
Ruby	Headteacher Award	Maisie B	5G
Emmanuel		Harper W	6KS
Esmee		Alfie C	6S
Stanley	Ruby W	Lunchtime Teacher Award	
Amber		Abbie P, Everly L & Charlie-Ray	

Online Safety

The Children's Commissioner for England has published a guide to help parents and carers manage children's digital lives. The guide aims to explain common online challenges, help families start and sustain open conversations, and provide support with setting boundaries. The guide includes a checklist of actions and an additional activity pack for children.

'What I wish my parents or carers knew...' Children's Commissioner launches guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives

'What I wish my parents or carers knew...': A guide for parents and carers on managing children's digital lives

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

This week's challenge is to:

Make a colourful salad using lots of different coloured ingredients

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



Transport Dance

What you need: some music



How to Play:

Explore the following actions for each method of transport:

- cars: jog, holding arms up as if steering around the area. Use big exaggerated movements using lots of space and different pathways. Turn your wheel to change direction.
- train: march around making a circling motion with the arms, elbows bent. High knees and big arm circles.
- planes: fly/soar, jog around with arms spread out wide for wings. Vary the level used by flying high and low.

Create a dance using each of the different methods of transport. Use counts of 8 to help you stay in time with your chosen music.

Make this harder by creating actions for another method of transport.

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Active Families

Wrockwardine Wood C of E Junior School
"Love, Laugh and Learn"

ATTENDANCE LEAGUE

Week ending: 16.1.2026

Whole School :96.4% Target % 96%

Class	This week's %	Target achieved	Dojos
3H	91.6 %	🟡	0
3LB	100 %	🟢	3
4D	97 %	🟡	3
4M	98%	🟢	3
5B	97.8%	🟡	3
5G	100%	🟢	3
6S	89.3%	🟡	0
6KS	96.9	🟡	3



Be an Attendance HERO
Here, Everyday, Ready, On Time

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain strong attendance across the school. We are delighted to share this week's Attendance League results!

Our whole-school attendance reached 96.4%, meaning we have successfully met—and even exceeded—our target of 96%. Well done to all families for prioritising punctuality and consistent attendance.

🏆 Class Highlights This Week

3LB and 5G achieved an outstanding 100% attendance—a fantastic accomplishment!

Several classes hit or surpassed the 96% target, earning valuable Dojo points.

A few classes fell below the expected level this week, and we will continue working together to improve attendance and ensure all pupils are in school, learning, and thriving.



MFL Phrase of the Week!

Here is our French phrase of the week!

We hope you enjoy practising and learning it at home!



Comment tu t'appelles ?

What is your name?
(informal)



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**TELFORD & WREKIN
INTERVENTION SUPPORT TEAM**

The Linden Centre
autism west midlands

ONLINE TRAINING

Please email kerry.mcclafferty@taw.org.uk

Tuesday 20th January 9:30- 10:30am	 AUTISM & THE TEENAGE BRAIN
Thursday 22nd January 12:30pm - 1:30pm	 AUTISM & SENSORY
Thursday 29th January 5:00pm - 6:00pm	 AUTISM & ANXIETY



Special Approach to Making It REAL

PODS and Family Hubs are offering a Special Approach to 'Making it REAL' workshop for families with children aged 0-5 years with Special Educational Needs.

This engaging workshop supports parents to build their knowledge and confidence in helping their children develop early reading and writing skills, while creating a positive and supportive home-learning environment.

You only need to book one session.

Please scan the QR code to book your free place. If you would need a creche place to enable you to attend please let us know.

Training details :

5th Feb 2026 12.30 -2.30 pm

or

24th Feb 12.30 - 2.30 pm

Venue - PODS Hub,
1 Hawksworth Rd, Central Park, Telford
TF2 9TU

Scan me to book



A polite reminder about considerate parking

As a school community, we work hard to build positive relationships with our neighbours, and we are grateful for the support and understanding they show us throughout the year. With this in mind, we kindly ask all parents and carers to park considerately and respectfully when dropping off and collecting children. Recently, we were made aware of an incident where a local resident experienced rude and aggressive behaviour from a parent in relation to parking. This is not reflective of the values we uphold as a school, and it can have a lasting impact on our relationship with the community around us.

Please may we remind everyone to:

- Avoid blocking driveways or pavements
- Keep noise to a minimum where possible
- Park legally and safely
- Treat our neighbours with courtesy at all times



Thank you for helping us maintain a calm, respectful environment for everyone. Your co-operation makes a real difference and is greatly appreciated.

E-SAFETY SUPPORT

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.



There's a very good chance you've heard of Fortnite, but what exactly is it? And why is it so popular amongst young people? Fortnite is an online multiplayer "battle royale" game developed by Epic Games, and is playable on Playstation 4, Xbox One, Nintendo Switch, PC and mobiles. It gained popularity in late 2017 and has since become the biggest game in the world, thanks to its rapid and engaging gameplay. As with most games, Fortnite itself is a highly enjoyable and safe experience, but it pays to be vigilant, as the safety is not water tight.

AGE RECOMMENDATION
13+



What parents need to know about **FORTNITE BATTLE ROYALE**

BATTLE ROYALE

Battle Royale games have become very popular over the last couple of years, and most tend to follow a very similar setup. Taking Fortnite as an example, 100 players drop into a map, loot buildings for weapons and armour and attempt to beat all the other players to be crowned victor at the end. If you've ever seen the Hunger Games movies, you'll have an idea of what that entails. Each game can take up to 20 minutes (assuming you last to the end) and can be restarted relatively quickly once 100 free players have been found.



IS FORTNITE ADDICTIVE?

Fortnite is at the forefront of gaming addiction discussions because it's so popular with young people. But whether it actually contributes to gaming addiction is up for debate. WHO (World Health Organisation) have classified gaming as a legitimate addiction, but this is not solely a concern with Fortnite. Signs of addiction can include irritability when not playing, lying about the amount of time played and a preoccupation with thoughts of the next gaming session. Realistically, it must be down to parents and carers to recognise these symptoms and act accordingly if they think they are developing.



FREE TO PLAY... OR IS IT?

While Fortnite is technically free to play (in that you can download and play it without paying) it does come with the caveat that spending money on things like skins and emotes in-game is heavily pushed to players. The currency used in-game is called 'V-Bucks' and can be bought with real money through the game's online store. It's worth remembering that these purchases are absolutely not necessary, are cosmetic only and that V-Bucks can be earned in-game with enough play time.



SEASONAL UPDATES

Every 10 weeks or so Fortnite is updated with a new season. This essentially adds new things like skins and emotes to the game, while also sometimes changing up the game map in interesting ways. These seasons are free to everybody and don't require additional money to play, though battle passes for each season can be bought with V-Bucks. A battle pass will typically allow a player to earn experience faster and gain fun in-game items by completing a host of daily challenges.



CROSSPLAY IS AVAILABLE

One of the wonderful things about Fortnite is that it can be played cross-platform. This means that no matter what platform a person plays on (PC, Playstation 4, Xbox One etc) they can play with friends who own the game on a different platform. To do this, an Epic Games account must first be created online (which is free) and then linked with your platform account. Doing this removes the age-old boundary of not being able to play together because you don't have the same console and opens up a whole new world of playing online with friends.



IS FORTNITE VIOLENT?

Fortnite has been rated by the ESRB (Entertainment Software Ratings Board) as teen, as it contains cartoonish violence and the weapons and acts depicted in the game are some way removed from their real life inspirations. Characters don't draw blood when shot and instead of dying, they are simply beamed off the map. Naturally, players younger than the recommended age limit will want to play the game and that should be at the discretion of parents and carers.



#WakeUpWednesday



Top Tips For Parents



BUYING V-BUCKS



As mentioned, Fortnite does contain in-game purchases and microtransactions in the form of V-Bucks which can be bought with real money. If you do decide to let your young one spend money in the game, be sure to delete your card information afterwards as it can be very easy to purchase more items at the press of a few buttons. It's important to set a limit on any purchases (as mentioned they are absolutely not necessary to play the game) and a suggestion would be capping the spending at around £50 - this is the normal retail price of a game.

GAMING WITH STRANGERS



LIMIT TIME, BUT BE FLEXIBLE

A game of Fortnite can last up to 20 minutes, so be flexible when it's time to put it away. The approach of 'one more game' as opposed to '10 more minutes' will stop any complaints that a match is still ongoing. Better still, play with your child and take it in turns, that way you're helping control the time played and can keep an eye on what they're experiencing.



TALK TO OTHER PARENTS / CARERS



If you're concerned about play time or spending money in the game, talk to other parents and carers of your child's friends. If you approach as a collective, it will be easier to know when their friends are online and you don't have to worry about who they're playing with. It can also help curb expectations on spending money on battle passes and skins if you stick together.

CAN DEVELOP SOME IMPORTANT SKILLS



It's often overlooked just how good gaming can be for young people. Fortnite encourages team play, quick and complex problem solving and communication; that's not to mention the lightning fast reflexes gamers can develop. While taking breaks to do other activities is of course important, there are benefits to screen time which might not be immediately obvious.

PLAY THE GAME YOURSELF

There's no substitute for sitting down and playing the game yourself to learn all about it. Fortnite is available for free on almost anything you can imagine, even your smartphone, so there's never been a better time to get involved and see what all the fuss is about. You never know, you might even be able to impress your children when you show them your impressive Victory Royale tally!

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 GAMINGbible. 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.



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