



# Wrockwardine Wood C of E Junior School

## 'Wrockers' Weekly

This Half Terms Value — Compassion

Friday 4th October 2024

### Fantastic Footy!

Our year 5/6 Boys' Football team went to Telford College on Monday to take part in a football tournament against other schools in Telford and Wrekin. We played in 4 matches, drawing 1-1 against Priorslee School, then going on to win our next 3 games versus Newdale, Castle House and Llightmoor which made us top of the table! T and E were incredible in goal, L and E solid in defence and our wingers N, E, J and A did a great job! Our captain H in central mid-field was amazing and R and P up front did us proud. We're very excited to be through



to the next round of the cup and will find out who we're up against very soon. Well done boys, we're really proud of you!  
K Slow PE manager

### Dates for your Diary

#### Tue 8th October

Love to Read—  
parents invited see  
letter 3B 3LB 4C 4T

#### Fri 11th October

Love to Read—  
parents invited see  
letter 5B 5H 6KS 6P  
6S

#### Weds 23rd October

Parent drop in Histo-  
ry. Information to  
follow

#### Fri 25th October

Break up normal  
time. Normal  
uniform today

#### Mon 4th Nov

Return to school—  
normal time and  
normal uniform

**Healthy Schools** We are part of the Local Authority Healthy Schools programme, as part of this we have pledged to ensure that our children make healthy choices with their food and snacks. To promote and support this we would like to ask that children only have water in their drinks bottles and that their snack at break time is healthy (a piece of fruit, packet of crisps, breadsticks etc). We do not allow children to have sweets or chocolate bars in lunch boxes and a healthy alternative should be provided. Thank you for your support.



Achievement Award 5H	TA Award	Star of the Week		Headteacher Award
Thomas	Jayden F	Esmee	5B	Elijah E
Lucy		Reuben	5H	
Abigail		Tyler	6KS	
Poppy		Amelie	6P	
Elsie		Megan	6S	
Evelyn				





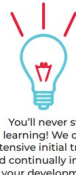
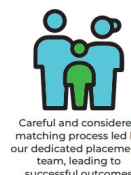
## World War 1 Workshop

Year 6 had a fantastic time with Humph's Histories on Thursday, learning all about World War 1. They learnt all about the start of the war, looked at war poetry, carried out a fun quiz, made their own remembrance boards and acted out what it would have been like to be a soldier. We all had a great time and learnt a lot of information about World War 1.




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## Black History Month at WWJS!

On Tuesday 1st October, we kick-started Black History Month by having a whole day dedicated to raising awareness of Black History. All year groups celebrated this in different ways and focused on different inspirational black people from the past who have shaped our future, from Rosa Parks in year 3 to Mae Jemison in year 6! Each class also created some fantastic art-work based around a different black artist.



## Superhero Day

We have raised an amazing £420.00 to support the fundraising for Zoe's new arm. Thank you all for your support.



Year 6 whole class wonderful, emotive art work created during our focus on Black History month



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

This week's challenge is to:  
**Collect signs of autumn on a walk**



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

## Active Families!

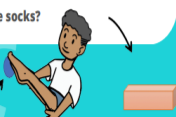
### Transporter

**What you need:** an empty box, 8 x pairs of rolled up socks, one player, one person to time.

#### How to play:

- The player begins lying on their back with the box at their head and the socks at their feet.
- They need to transport the rolled up socks, one at a time from their feet to the box behind their head.
- They can only use their feet to transport the socks.

How quickly can you move the socks?



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## ATTENDANCE LEAGUE

Week ending 4th October 2024

Whole School: 95.7% 😞 Target 97%

3LB take the lead in lower school with a huge 99%

6KS match them in upper school also achieving 99%

We are making some changes to the way we communicate the weekly attendance data and rewards with you. Look out for our new tables next week.





# HALLOWEEN SOCCER SCHOOLS

## Telford Soccer School

**Venue:** Telford College, Haybridge Road, Wellington, Telford, TF1 2NP

**Dates:** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024

**Times:** 9:00am - 3:00pm

**Ages:** Year 1 to Year 7

**Cost:** From £45

To book, visit [coaching.wolves.co.uk](https://coaching.wolves.co.uk) or email [footballdevelopment@wolves.co.uk](mailto:footballdevelopment@wolves.co.uk) for more information



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### Where's Nala?

Well done to Hazel in 6KS who correctly spotted that Nala was in the section advertising the fundraising event to support a new arm for Zoey last week. You win a Freddo bar!



Haberdashers' Adams Grammar School will be holding an Open Morning on October 22nd for current Year 6 boys and girls who have passed the Entrance Test. Registration information for this event will be emailed directly to families once the Entrance Test results are released.



## YEAR 6 OPEN DAY TUESDAY, 22ND OCTOBER, 9-10AM

Registration information will be sent out after the Entrance Test results have been released in mid-October

01952 953823  
[www.adamsgs.uk](https://www.adamsgs.uk)



**Haberdashers'  
ADAMS**  
a grammar school with state boarding



# Attendance– A school day

8:45	School gates open staff on gates. Pupils can go straight into class
8:55	School gates closed and morning register is taken. Any pupil arriving between 8:55 and 9:25 will be marked as late.
9:25am	Morning register is closed any child arriving after 9:25 may be marked as U– unauthorised absence for that session unless other circumstances apply and have been shared with the school office.
10am	Parents/carers are contacted if we have not had a reported reason for absence. If no reason for absence is given this may be recorded as O– unauthorised absence
1:15pm	Afternoon register is taken. Parents/carers will be contacted again for pupils who are still absent and we still do not have a reason for absence, if we still have no reason for absence we may make a home visit to ensure our safeguarding duties are fulfilled.
3:25pm	End of school day children are collected from their playground.

Please note: From August 19th 2024 the Government have introduced a new 'national framework for Penalty Notices' If your child has 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-school week rolling period, you may be issued with a Penalty Notice. These 10 sessions may include any unauthorised absence, including leave in term time and do not have to be consecutive.

## The Good Attendance Guide

The minimum percentage we expect is 97% attendance  
This means missing no more than 5 days in a year

0 days of school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

Good attendance at school is the single most important factor to ensure that young people have the maximum life chances – attendance is strongly linked to educational achievement. Promoting positive school attendance is everyone's responsibility.

Good attendance is important in order for our students to:

- Achieve their potential.
- See themselves as an important part of the school community and to value and respect school life.
- Develop a positive attitude towards school and maintain good habits of punctuality and attendance.

## Absence:

If your child is absent from school, please call the school office 01952 387880 or via [a3129@telford.gov.uk](mailto:a3129@telford.gov.uk) on the first day of absence, before 8:55 am stating the reason. On subsequent days, you must continue to inform the school office before 8:55am.

## Lateness:

Any child who arrives after 8:55am will be late. Parents/carers must sign their child into school at the main office.

## Leave of Absence:

Time off must be requested using the school's leave of absence form. This form can be obtained from the school office or our web site [Request for leave | Wrockwardine Wood Church of England Junior School \(wrockwardinewoodjunior.org.uk\)](https://wrockwardinewoodjunior.org.uk)

More attendance information can be found in our policy [Attendance | Wrockwardine Wood Church of England Junior School \(wrockwardinewoodjunior.org.uk\)](https://wrockwardinewoodjunior.org.uk)



# E Safety Guidance



TikTok is a video-sharing social media app available on iOS and Android which lets users create, share, and view user created videos in a similar manner to Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat. Its main draw, however, is that users can record and upload bite-sized looping videos of themselves lip-syncing and dancing to popular music or soundbites, often for comedic effect, which can then be further enhanced with filters, emojis and stickers. TikTok has been designed with the young user in mind and has a very addictive appeal. At the beginning of 2019 it skyrocketed in popularity and has featured near the top of download charts ever since. Estimates suggest that it now has anything between 500 million and over 1 billion monthly active users worldwide.



## What parents need to know about

# TIKTOK



### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

On the iOS store, TikTok is listed as 12+. On the Google Play Store it is rated as 'Parental guidance recommended'. When signing up to the app, it's possible to be about your age without any form of verification. As children scroll through their feed, most of the videos they're likely to come across are light-hearted or designed to make people laugh. However there have been a number of videos reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, self-harm and young teens engaging in sexually suggestive content. More recently, suicide-themed related videos have been widely circulated. Given the deluge of material uploaded to TikTok every day, it's impossible to moderate everything and it can be common to come across explicit and age-inappropriate content on the 'for you' feed when logging into the platform.



### INAPPROPRIATE MUSIC

TikTok revolves around creating music videos through lip-syncing and dancing. Inevitably, some of the music featured by users will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the undeniably young user base, there is a risk that children may look to imitate the explicit language they hear or the suggestive actions they see when viewing others user's videos on the app.



### TIKTOK FAME

TikTok is very image focused and there is a notable preoccupation with appearing cool and attractive. Many teenagers now attempt to go viral and become what's known in-app as 'TikTok famous'. TikTok (and its predecessor musical.ly) has spawned its own celebrities - social media stars Loren Gray and Jacob Sartorius have been catapulted to fame through their initial exposure on the app. Obviously, most budding influencers looking to become the next big thing will be disappointed, but this may have the knock-on effect of making them go to more and more drastic lengths to get noticed.



### ONLINE PREDATORS

As a social network, TikTok makes it easy to connect with other users. This includes the ability to comment on and react to other user's videos, follow their profile and download their content. Be aware that by default, any user can comment on your child's video if their account is set to public. Most interactions are harmless enough but as an app, TikTok is prone to predators because of the abundance of younger users.



### ADDICTIVE NATURE

Social media is designed to be addictive and TikTok is no different. It can be fun and hugely entertaining. However, it is also because of this that it can be hard to put down. In addition to the short, punchy nature of the looping video format, the app's ability to keep you guessing what will come on screen next makes it easy to turn a five-minute visit into 45-minute visit.



### IN-APP PURCHASES

Aside from the content, there's also the option to purchase in-app extras called 'TikTok coins'. Prices range from £0.99 for 100 coins to an eye-watering £93.99 for 10,000 coins. TikTok coins are used to purchase different emojis to reward content creators that a user finds funny or entertaining. In the iOS version of the app you can disable the option to buy TikTok coins but this sadly doesn't seem to be a feature in the Android version.



## Safety Tips For Parents



### TALK ABOUT ONLINE CONTENT

Assuming your child is above the age limit to use TikTok, make sure you take the time to talk to them about what they are seeing on the app. Have an open dialogue, get them to give you their opinion on what is appropriate and model the correct behaviour. Go over why they shouldn't give out private information or identifiable photos and be positive and understanding. In the long run, getting them to think critically about what they're seeing goes a long way to keeping them social media savvy.



### USE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Undoubtedly, the easiest way to safeguard your child on TikTok is to make sure their account is set to private. This means only those users your child approves can view, like, and follow their content. Setting the account to private may clash with your child's goal of social media superstardom, but it will keep their account secure from strangers. This setting can be enabled under the privacy and safety menu by pressing the ellipsis in the 'me' tab of the app. To be extra safe, there are additional controls available to toggle such as who can send comments and messages, among other options.



### ENABLE RESTRICTED MODE

In the digital wellbeing section there's the ability to turn on restricted mode using a PIN. Restricted mode filters out content that is not age appropriate although it should be noted that this isn't always 100% fool proof. When enabling restricted mode, parents should still be vigilant to what their child is watching and take note that the algorithm moderating content is not infallible.



### MONITOR VIEWING HABITS

Even if it doesn't make you popular, keep a close eye on what your child is viewing and sharing on TikTok. Whilst the app has moderation tools, videos can still slip through the net so it's important to regularly check in on what they're watching. Understanding and joining the app yourself is a great way to get to grips with it. You could then even watch some videos with your child, turning it into a bonding opportunity also.



### LEARN HOW TO REPORT AND BLOCK INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

With the proper privacy settings in place, TikTok can be a relatively safe space for your child to express themselves. However, in case something does manage to slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report content that isn't appropriate and get them to come to you about what they have seen. TikTok allows users to report offenders and comments within the app. You can also block individual users by going on their profile.



### MODERATE SCREEN TIME

As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child moderate their time on the app by making use of the digital wellbeing section. Under the screen time management option, you can limit the daily allotted time allowed on the app in increments ranging from 40 to 120 minutes. You can also lock this preference behind a PIN number which has to be inputted in order to then exceed the daily limit. This way your child can get their daily dose of memes without wasting away the day.



## Meet our expert

Pete Badh is a writer with over 10+ years in research and analysis. Working within a specialist area for West Yorkshire Police, Pete has contributed work which has been pivotal in successfully winning high profile cases in court as well as writing as a subject matter expert for industry handbooks.



### FAMILY SAFETY MODE

TikTok Family Safety Mode allows parents to link their own TikTok account to their child's. It's a great way to oversee your child's digital wellbeing by giving you direct control over their safety settings and being able to remotely turn features on and off. This includes managing screen time, the ability to send and receive direct messages (and with whom) and the ability to restrict the appearance of content that might not be age appropriate.

