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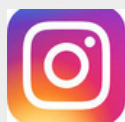
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COMING SOON

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Year 6 Production

Please note that, due to some children in Year 6 taking part in the school football finals, the dates and times of the Year 6 production have changed slightly from those originally published on the school app calendar.

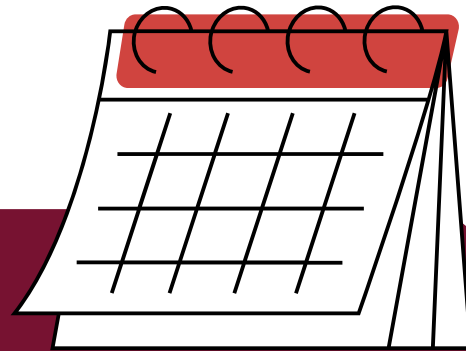
The performances will now take place on:

- Wednesday 8th July at 6:00pm
- Thursday 9th July at 2:00pm

Thank you for your understanding and support.



Dates For Your Diary



MAY

Friday 22nd - Inset Day

JUNE

w/c Monday 1st - Y4 MTC

Wednesday 3rd - Class Photos (not Y6)

w/c Monday 8th - Y4 MTC

Tuesday 9th - Reception Trip to Monkey Forest

Wednesday 10th - Nursery Trip to Ash End Farm

Monday 15th - Father's Day Lunches for Nursery & Year 4

Tuesday 16th - Father's Day Lunches for Reception & Year 3

Wednesday 17th - Father's Day Lunches for Year 2 & Year 5

Thursday 18th - Father's Day Lunches for Year 1 & Year 6



**WHAT'S
NEW?**



Sponsored Bounce

What a fantastic day! Our much-loved PTFA Sponsored Bounce was a huge success. The rain held off, the inflatable obstacle course was non-stop fun, and the children bounced with huge smiles from start to finish!

A massive thank you to all our amazing children for taking part, and to our wonderful families and friends for your generous sponsorship and support. We are thrilled to announce that we raised an incredible

£3262.40!

This fantastic total will go a long way in supporting our school and providing even more opportunities for our children.

Thank you, as always, for being such an incredible school community!



Tesco Grants Programme

Our Sensory Garden Project

We are excited to share some fantastic news with our school community!

Our school has been successfully selected to take part in the Tesco Grants Programme. This means our project to create a school sensory garden will be put forward for a public vote in local Tesco stores.

From Tuesday 28th April 2026 until the end of July 2026, customers shopping in the following Tesco stores will be able to vote for their favourite community project:

Etching Hill Express (WS15 2NH) Rugeley Superstore (WS15 2HS)

Every time you make a purchase in store, you will receive a blue token. Simply place your token in the voting box for our school project!

Our Project: Sensory Garden

We are hoping to create a beautiful sensory garden within our school grounds. This special space will support children's wellbeing, provide a calm and engaging environment, and offer opportunities for outdoor learning and exploration.

What we could win:

1st place: £1,500

2nd place: £1,000

3rd place: £500

The more votes we receive, the greater the funding we can secure to bring this exciting project to life!

What happens next?

Voting will take place until the end of July 2026. The results will be announced in early September 2026.

How can you help?

We would love your support! Please remember to collect your token when shopping at Tesco and vote for our school. Encourage family and friends to get involved too—every token counts!



Important Assessment Dates

As we move into the summer term, we would like to make parents and carers aware of several important assessment periods taking place across the school. During these weeks, it is essential that children in the relevant year groups attend school every day, arrive on time, and are well-rested, as this will help them to perform at their best.

Key Stage 2 SATs (Year 6)

These statutory assessments will take place during the week commencing 11th May. All Year 6 pupils are expected to be in school for the full week.

Key Stage 1 SATs (Year 2)

Year 2 pupils will complete their assessments during the week commencing 18th May. These are carried out in a supportive classroom environment as part of normal school activities.

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

The MTC will take place over a two-week period beginning the week commencing 1st June. This check assesses pupils' fluency in multiplication tables up to 12×12 .

Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Year 1 pupils will complete their phonics screening during the week commencing 8th June. This is a short assessment to check children's phonics knowledge and reading skills.

We kindly ask parents to avoid booking appointments or holidays during these periods. If your child is unwell or unable to attend, please inform the school office as soon as possible.

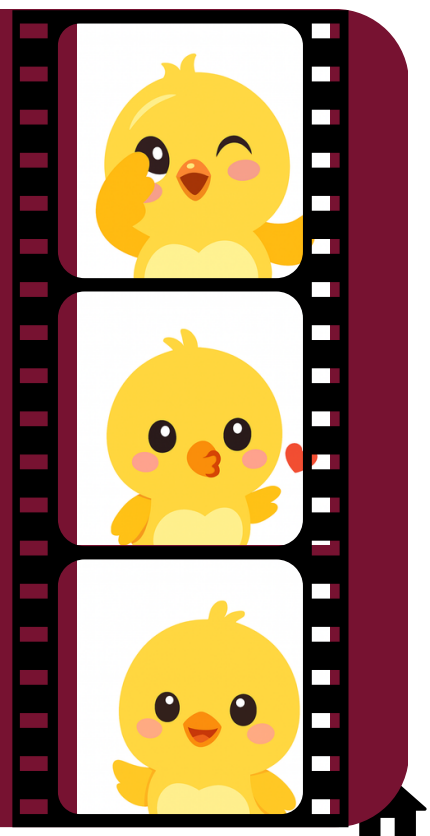
Thank you for your continued support in helping your child feel confident and prepared.



Class Photograph Day

Please remember that Wednesday 3rd June is Class Photo Day. Group photographs of each class will be taken (excluding Year 6).

All pupils should come to school wearing full school uniform. Photographs will then be available to purchase from Tempest.



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KIDS CRAFT SESSION



ANIMAL PLANT POTS

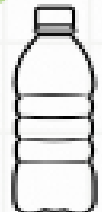
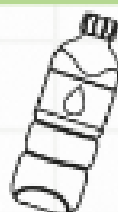
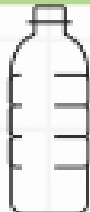
26TH MAY 10:00AM-11:00AM

£1 PER CHILD



**JOIN US FOR A KIDS CRAFT SESSION WHERE WE WILL BE
MAKING ANIMAL THEMED PLANT POTS FROM RECYCLED
PLASTIC BOTTLES. BRING YOUR OWN USED DRINKS BOTTLES
AND GO HOME WITH A NEW PLANT!**

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VEOLIA VR & CRAFT SESSION

Friday 29th May
9.30am-11.30am

Free
(Booking Essential)



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Duckling Stay and Play

FATHER'S DAY STAY AND PLAY

DUCKLINGS ONLY



THURSDAY
18TH JUNE



9.30AM –
10.15AM

If you wish to attend,
please inform a member
of Ducklings staff to
book your place.

HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY



We can't wait to celebrate with you!



Starting Reception Support

As children prepare to begin their journey into Reception, we would like to share a helpful online resource for parents and carers:

<https://startingreception.co.uk/>

This website provides practical advice, simple activities and clear guidance on how to help your child feel confident and ready for starting school. It focuses on key areas such as independence, communication, physical development and healthy routines, helping to make the transition to school as smooth and positive as possible.

We encourage all families with younger children to explore this resource and use it to support their child's development at home.

Father's Day Lunches

We are delighted to share the schedule for our upcoming Father's Day Lunches! This is a special opportunity for children to celebrate with their fathers or father figures and enjoy time together in school.

Letters with full details about booking, payments, and arrangements have been sent home, so please keep an eye out in your child's bag.

Father's Day Lunch Schedule:



Monday 15th June

Nursery – 11:50am

Year 4 – 12:40pm

Tuesday 16th June

Reception – 12:10pm

Year 3 – 12:40pm

Wednesday 17th June

Year 2 – 12:20pm

Year 5 – 12:40pm

Thursday 18th June

Year 1 – 12:20pm

Year 6 – 12:40pm



We look forward to welcoming families into school for these lovely occasions and celebrating together.

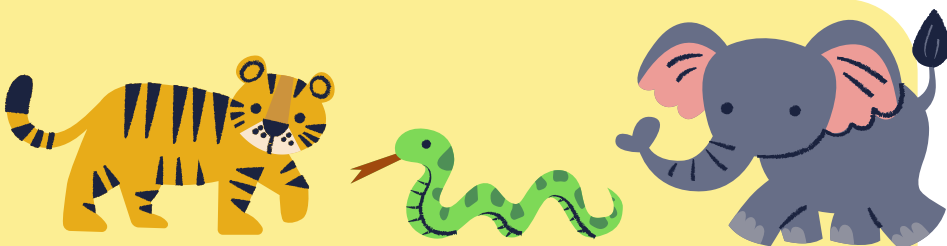


Trips



Year 2

Twycross Zoo



Year 2 are very excited to be visiting Twycross Zoo on **Tuesday 16th June 2026** for a fantastic day of learning and adventure. During the visit, children will have the opportunity to listen and learn from the zoo's expert Discovery and Learning Rangers, who will help bring the amazing world of animals to life.

The children will explore the zoo and discover over 500 animals from 125 different species, including big cats, monkeys, apes, birds and some of the rarest species on the planet. This visit links perfectly with our learning in school and promises to be a memorable and inspiring experience for everyone.

Children must wear full school uniform on the day and will need a waterproof coat and suitable footwear. A packed lunch will be provided by school for all children. The cost of the visit is £28.50, which is payable via ParentPay.

Year 1

Trentham Gardens



Trips



Reception

Monkey Forest

Reception children will be heading off on an exciting adventure to Monkey Forest at Trentham on Tuesday 9th June 2026 as part of their topic, "The Great Outdoors". This fun and educational visit will give the children the opportunity to explore nature and learn more about animals in their natural environment.



The visit will take place during normal school hours and full school uniform must be worn. Please ensure your child comes to school with a waterproof coat and suitable footwear, as the trip will involve walking outdoors.

All children will be provided with a packed lunch from school.

The cost of the visit is £25.50, which is now available to pay via ParentPay.

We're really looking forward to a fantastic day of outdoor learning and discovery!

Nursery

Ash End Farm



Our Nursery children (not Ducklings) will be enjoying an exciting visit to Ash End House Children's Farm on Wednesday 10th June. This visit will support their learning by giving them the opportunity to take part in educational interaction with a variety of animals, including chickens, rabbits and goats.

Children are required to wear their school jumper or cardigan with a polo shirt. Please ensure your child also has suitable footwear and a waterproof coat, as the visit will take place outdoors.

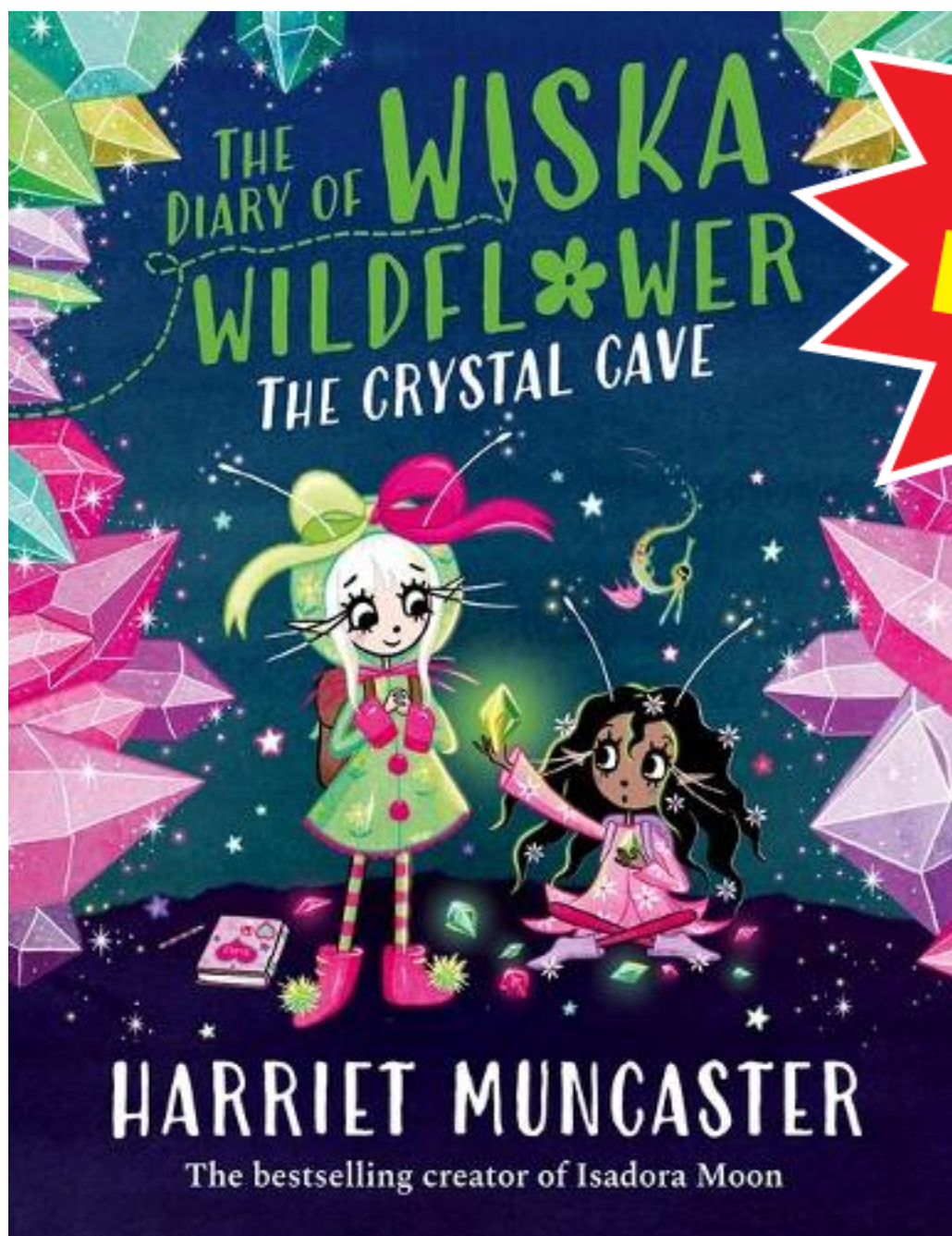
Children will need to bring a packed lunch and a drink on the day. The cost of the visit is £26.00.

We are sure the children will have a wonderful day learning about animals and enjoying this hands-on outdoor experience!





Recommended Reads - EYFS & KS1



**NEW
BOOK!**

Wiska is excited to be paired with Citrine for the school trip, but when Citrine persuades her to join her on a secret mission to find a rare starflower, she begins to have doubts. After disaster strikes, the friends seek sanctuary in a hidden spot in Wiskling Wood. What they find there is incredible and life-changing. But will their friendship survive this dangerous adventure?

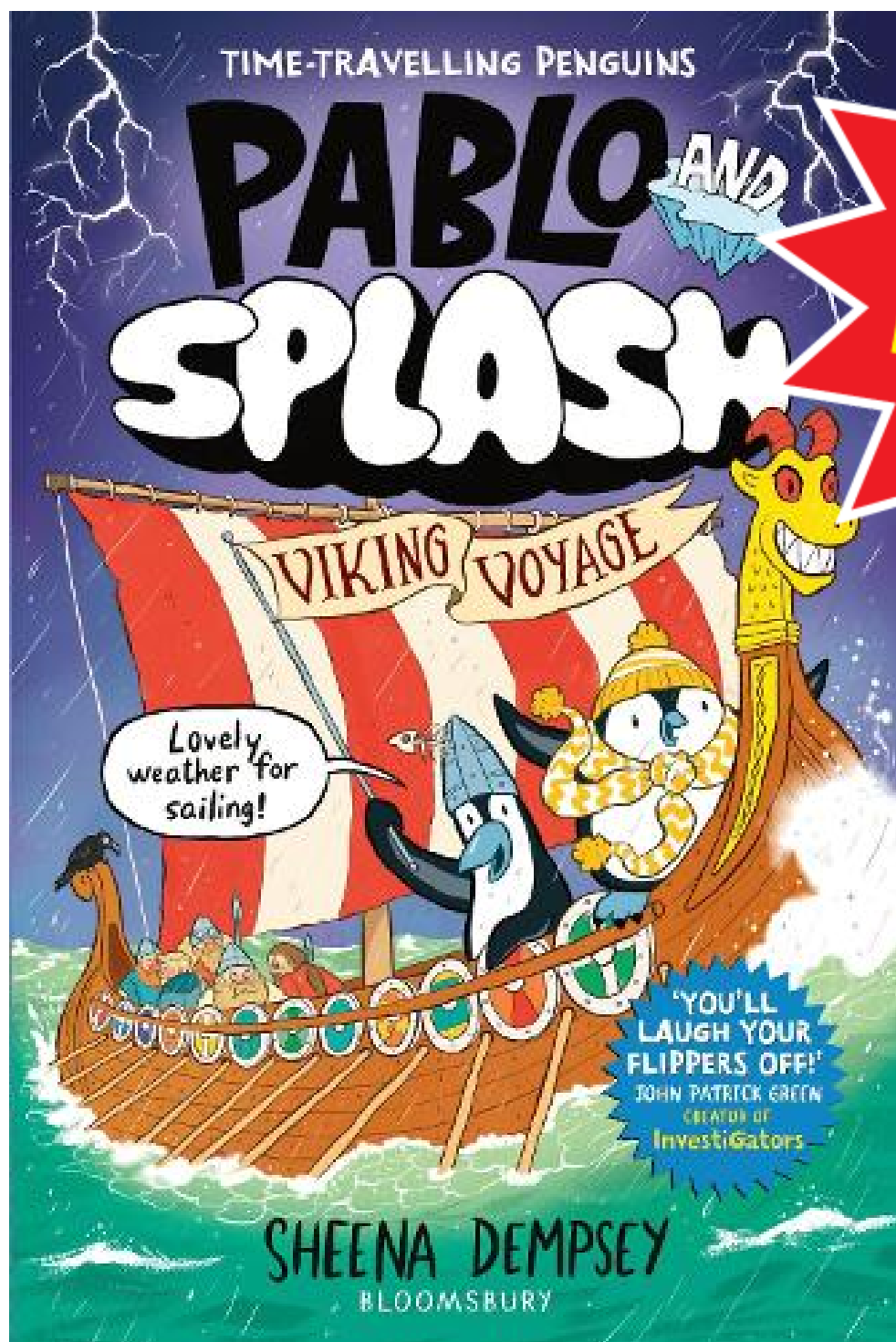
Book 2 following the Children's bestseller *The Diary of Wiska Wildflower: The New School*.

Release Date - 4th June 2026





Recommended Reads - KS2



When Pablo and Splash tell their cheeky friend Benji about the Vikings and their impressive longships, Benji is amazed. He's desperate to steal a time machine and go plundering for treasure with those ancient warriors. Our time-travelling heroes Pablo and Splash must get to Viking-era Ireland in time to warn the monks about the imminent invasion - and make their own mark on history.

Release Date
4th June 2026





Safeguarding



Our most important role at Chancel is keeping the children safe and protecting them from potential harm. Safeguarding the children is everyone's responsibility and is best achieved through working in partnership as a school community.

The safeguarding staff at Chancel are:

- *Mrs Palmer - Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)*
- *Mrs Watson and Mr Newton- Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSLs)*
- *Mr Atkinson- Safeguarding Governor*
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If you are worried about a child's well-being or believe they may be at risk of harm, you should report this concern to school, either by personal visit, email or telephone. You can also contact:

- *Staffordshire Families Integrated Front Door (SFIFD) - 0300 111 8007*
- *Staffordshire Police - 101 or 999*

If you are contacted by staff about a safeguarding concern, please do not be offended. We are sure you would rather we take every precaution to ensure the children's safety. We are also here to support you, should you have any concerns or difficulties.

Show your kids how to stay safe in the sun: British parents protect their children but neglect their own sun protection



As the weather gets warmer, please remember to stay safe in the sun. Experts recommend following the simple C.A.R.E. advice:

C – Cover up with a t-shirt, hat and sunglasses

A – Aim for shade between 11am and 3pm

R – Rub on sunscreen (at least SPF 15 with 4 stars) and reapply regularly

E – Enjoy the sunshine safely!



A useful “shadow rule” is: if your shadow is shorter than you are, the sun is strong enough to cause sunburn.

Please help children stay protected during outdoor activities, both at home and at school.



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MINECRAFT

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

As the best-selling game in history, Minecraft has made a name for itself by empowering audiences of all ages to harness their creativity. Originally an indie hit, it's become a cultural phenomenon with merchandise, spin-off titles, and wider media adaptations. Even if you don't know your Creepers from your Endermen, this guide will explore the risks of Minecraft in 2026 and explain how to support a safe gaming experience for the children in your care.

PUBLIC SERVER COMMUNICATION

Many players enjoy Minecraft with others, including friends and unknown players online. In-game text chat is commonly used to coordinate building projects and gameplay, and this can extend to adding friends to voice chat. While often harmless, this creates risks around contact with strangers, and in some cases server hosts may expose IP addresses (if hosting independently), which raises privacy and security concerns.

GRIEFING BEHAVIOUR

Some players deliberately damage or destroy other players' creations. This behaviour, known as 'griefing', is a form of bullying that can undo hours of effort and cause frustration or distress to affected players. Although many servers treat griefing as a serious offence, enforcement varies. Children who prefer to build independently may feel safer working on private worlds or controlled servers.

ADDICTIVE GAMEPLAY LOOPS

Minecraft's creative focus can make it easy for players to lose track of time. The cycle of gathering resources and building projects can be highly engaging, which may challenge agreed screen-time limits. If not managed effectively, this can impact children's sleep, schoolwork, and real-world social interaction.

SCARY GAME ELEMENTS

Although often compared to digital construction toys, some gameplay modes include hostile creatures with unsettling sounds and sudden encounters. While there is no graphic violence, younger players may still find zombies, spiders, or dark environments frightening. These experiences can lead to anxiety or reluctance to play, depending on the child's age and sensitivity.

IN-GAME SPENDING

Minecraft requires a one-off purchase after a free trial, usually around £15, but additional spending is possible. Players can buy cosmetic content or subscribe to Minecraft 'Realms' for private servers. Without supervision, children may make unintended purchases. Subscription services and add-ons can also increase overall costs over time if not monitored.

ONLINE INTERACTIONS

Playing with others can introduce broader online safety concerns, including exposure to inappropriate language or behaviour. Some players may attempt to move conversations beyond the game, which can increase risks to children's safety and welfare. Children may not always recognise these situations, meaning guidance and ongoing conversations about safe interactions are essential.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHOOSE SUITABLE GAME MODES

Creative or Peaceful modes remove hostile creatures and reduce the pressure during gameplay. These options allow children to focus on building and exploration without fear of attack. They are also ideal for shared play between adults and children, creating a calmer environment to learn the game and enjoy collaborative projects.

USE PRIVATE SERVERS

Setting up a private server helps control who can join a child's game. Access can be limited to trusted friends through passwords or invitations. This reduces the likelihood of unwanted interactions and gives adults greater oversight. While some options involve a subscription fee, they offer a safer and more controlled multiplayer experience.

DISCUSS ONLINE STRANGERS

Children should understand that not everyone they meet online is who they claim to be. Clear guidance about not sharing personal information is essential. Encourage children to report any worrying or uncomfortable interactions and reassure them that they can seek help without fear of punishment. Open, ongoing conversations help build their confidence and awareness of these issues.

SET SPENDING BOUNDARIES

Agree on clear rules around purchases before letting children play, and use device settings or platform controls to restrict spending within agreed limits. Explaining that in-game currency uses real-world money can help children make informed decisions. Regularly reviewing purchases together can also prevent unexpected costs and encourage responsible behaviour.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes spent 7 years in games media, before moving into the games industry via PR and marketing. A parent himself to a Minecraft-loving son, he understands why it's so important to stay safe online.



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SEND & inclusion

Any questions or concerns regarding Special Educational Needs or Disabilities?
Please speak to our SENDCo, Miss Miller, or drop-in to see Mrs Palmer on Friday mornings
between 9.15-9.45am.



Now taking bookings for the
following dates:

Tuesday 19th May 2026
Toddler session

Saturday 23rd May 2026
SEN session

Tuesday 26th May 2026
Toddler session

Tuesday 26th May 2026
SEN session (12:30-2:00)

Please note there will be no SEN
session on Saturday 30th May
2026, but will be an extra session
on Tuesday 26th May 2026.

Message
stimandspin@outlook.com to
secure your space.



Menu

Week 1					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Option	BBQ chicken pasta with garlic bread, peas & sweetcorn	Hawaiian pizza served with hash bites, beans or veg	Roast chicken served with roast potatoes, fresh seasonal vegetables and gravy.	Lasagne with garlic bread, sweetcorn or salad	Chicken nuggets and served with baked beans or peas chips
Vegetarian Option	Cheese and tomato pasta served with garlic bread, peas & sweetcorn	Margherita pizza served with hash bites, beans or veg	Quorn roast served with roast potatoes, fresh seasonal vegetables & gravy.	Vegetarian lasagne with garlic bread, sweetcorn or salad	Cheese and bean wrap served with chips and beans or peas.
Pudding	Orange shortbread	Marble sponge	Fruit cheesecake	Jelly and fruit	Crispy cookie
Available Daily					
Jacket Potato with fillings: tuna, cheese or baked beans. Sandwich or bap with fillings: ham, tuna or cheese Fresh bread, salad, fruit, milk & yoghurt					



Positive Global Citizen

What is a positive global citizen?

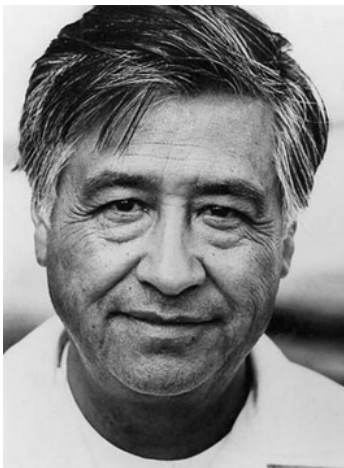
A positive global citizen is someone who actively contributes to making the world a better, more equitable, and sustainable place, recognising their role within the global community. This means being aware of global issues, respecting cultural differences, and taking responsible actions that benefit people and the planet.

Key qualities of a positive global citizen:

- **Awareness:** Understands global issues like poverty, climate change, human rights, and inequality.
- **Empathy and Respect:** Appreciates diverse cultures, beliefs, and perspectives.
- **Responsibility:** Recognises how personal choices (e.g., consumption, travel, communication) impact others globally.
- **Action-Oriented:** Engages in activities that support positive change—volunteering, ethical consumerism, advocacy, or education.
- **Collaboration:** Works with others, across borders and cultures, to solve shared problems.
- **Sustainability-Minded:** Supports practices and policies that protect the environment and promote long-term well-being for all.

Examples of positive global citizenship:

- Donating to or volunteering with organisations addressing global issues.
- Reducing carbon footprint and supporting sustainable brands.
- Speaking out against injustice or discrimination.
- Learning about and celebrating cultures different from your own.



Cesar Chavez

Cesar Chavez is known for helping farm workers in the United States. He worked hard to improve conditions for people who picked fruit and vegetables, making sure they were treated fairly and paid properly for their work.

Even when it was difficult, Cesar used peaceful protests and marches to stand up for workers' rights.

He encouraged people to work together to bring about positive change in their communities.

Today, Cesar Chavez is remembered for his courage and determination to help others. He reminds us that kindness, teamwork, and standing up for fairness can help make the world a better place.



Meet The Teaching Team



Mrs Allerton



Miss Jones



Mrs Wakelam



Miss Miller



Mr Newton



Mr Wincup



Mr Leese



Mrs Watson



Mrs Gamble



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