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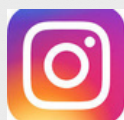
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(NEW)



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.

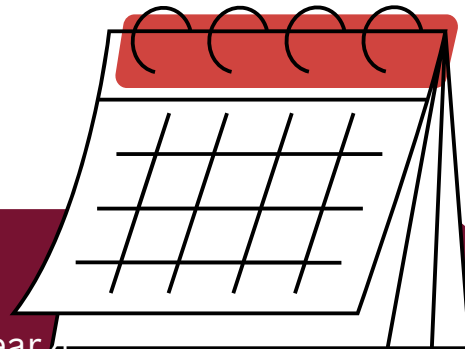
The performances will now take place on:

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

Thank you for your understanding and support.



Dates For Your Diary



JUNE

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

Tuesday 23rd - Non-Uniform Day - Bring a bottle

Wednesday 24th - Nursery Sports Day

Thursday 25th - KS1 and KS2 Sports Day

JULY

Friday 3rd - End of Year Reports Issued

Saturday 4th - Summer Fair

Tuesday 7th - Y4 Trip to Chester

Tuesday 7th - Open Evening (3.30pm-5pm)

Wednesday 8th - Y6 Production (6pm)

Thursday 9th - Y6 Production (2pm)

Thursday 9th - Y4 Derby Faith Trail



**WHAT'S
NEW?**



World Cup Kick-Off

On Thursday, our children kicked off the excitement for the upcoming 2026 World Cup in style! Dressed proudly in football kits and country colours from around the world, they enjoyed a fantastic day packed with football-themed fun.

The celebrations included a delicious World Cup-themed lunch, an energetic PE session, and a variety of exciting football activities throughout the day.

The children have enjoyed every moment and are now more than ready for the tournament to begin. We can't wait to see which teams they will be cheering on over the coming weeks!



Changes to Free School Meal Eligibility

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to inform you of important national changes to Free School Meal (FSM) eligibility that will come into effect from the start of the new academic year on 1st September 2026.

What is changing?

Free school meals are being extended to all children in households receiving Universal Credit, removing the previous income threshold cap. This means many more families may now be eligible for support.

From September 2026, there will be two categories of Free School Meals:

Targeted FSM: For households receiving Universal Credit with annual earnings of £7,400 or less. (These pupils also attract additional Pupil Premium funding for the school).

Expanded FSM: For households receiving Universal Credit with annual earnings above £7,400. (These pupils are entitled to free meals but will not attract Pupil Premium funding).

What you need to do

Please note that any existing transitional protection for Free School Meals will end in July 2026. All students must be re-checked against the new criteria over the summer. To make sure your child's eligibility is assessed in time, we strongly encourage you to apply for each child as soon as possible. The Council will use this information to assess eligibility and share the outcome with you and school.

Please apply, even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and they already receive a free school meal through the universal infant free school meals scheme.

·How to Apply: Please visit Staffordshire County Council Free School Meals Portal to check your eligibility and submit an application.

If you have any questions or require assistance with your application, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Thank you for your cooperation as we implement these changes to ensure all eligible pupils continue to receive their entitlements.



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.

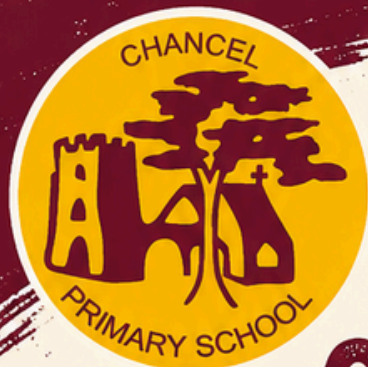


Non-Uniform Day

On Tuesday 23rd June, we will be holding a Non-School Uniform Day to help support our upcoming Summer Fayre. Instead of wearing school uniform, children are invited to come to school in their own clothes and bring a bottle donation for our popular bottle stall.

Donations can include bottles of pop, squash, shampoo, bubble bath, sauces, condiments or other unopened bottled items. We are very grateful for your support, and every donation will help make our Summer Fayre a fantastic event for the whole school community.





LET'S CREATE AMAZING



OUTDOOR PLAY



OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR CHILDREN

From September 2026, we are developing exciting outdoor play spaces across the school using loose parts and natural materials to encourage curiosity, creativity, teamwork and adventure in all weathers!



WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF:

- ✓ Flexi buckets
- ✓ Tarpaulins
- ✓ Plastic pipes (like drainpipes or plumbing pipes)
- ✓ Decking planks
- ✓ Lengths of guttering
- ✓ Traffic cones
- ✓ Small garden tools like trowels and forks
- ✓ Wooden electrical reels
- ✓ Old waterproof coats
- ✓ Wellies
- ✓ Or other similar items



ALL DONATIONS WILL
HELP US CREATE MORE
**FUN, IMAGINATIVE
AND ACTIVE PLAY**
OPPORTUNITIES FOR
EVERYONE!



IF YOU CAN HELP,
PLEASE CONTACT
THE SCHOOL OFFICE ON
01889 228710



THANK YOU FOR
SUPPORTING OUR
SCHOOL COMMUNITY!



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AGENCY

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Year of
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2026



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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!



Holiday Activities



Department
for Education



Staffordshire
County Council



HAF fun this summer

Holiday Activities and Food funded for children and young people aged 5-16 who get free school meals*. Paid places also available.

SCAN ME!



visit staffordshire.gov.uk/holidayactivities



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.

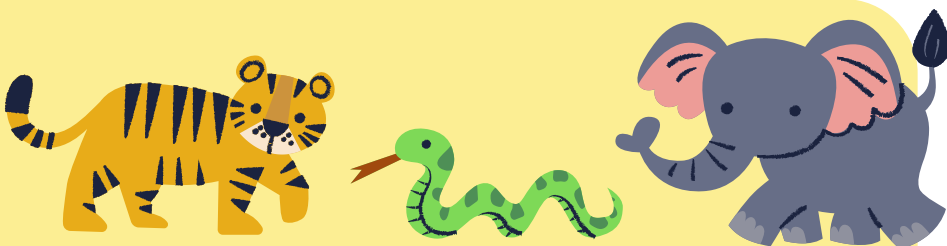


Trips



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 learn from the zoo's expert Discovery and Learning Rangers and explore over 500 animals from 125 different species, including big cats, monkeys, apes, birds and some of the rarest species on the planet.

As the coach will be leaving earlier than normal, all children must arrive at school by 8.40am. Children should wear full school uniform and bring a waterproof coat and suitable footwear. A packed lunch will be provided by school for all children. This visit links perfectly with our learning in school and promises to be a memorable and inspiring experience for everyone.

Year 4

Roman Discovery Centre



Year 4 are looking forward to an exciting trip to Chester on Tuesday 7th July 2026, where they will spend the day at the Deva Roman Discovery Centre. Throughout the visit, pupils will take part in a range of hands-on activities and immersive experiences designed to bring Roman Britain to life.

The trip will support their history learning by helping them discover what life was like in a Roman fortress and learn more about the impact of the Romans on Britain. This promises to be an engaging and memorable experience that will enhance their understanding of this fascinating period in history.

Children should wear full school uniform and bring a packed lunch, waterproof coat and suitable footwear. The cost of the visit is £21.00 per pupil.





Year 4

Open Centre

Year 4 are looking forward to an exciting educational visit to Derby on Thursday 9th July 2026, where they will take part in the Derby Faith Trail at the Open Centre. During the day, children will visit a Hindu Temple, a Mosque and a Sikh Gurdwara, giving them a valuable opportunity to learn about different faiths, cultures and traditions first-hand.

This visit will support their learning about world religions and help develop their understanding and respect for different communities. Children will also have the opportunity to take part in food tasting activities during the day. The visit promises to be an engaging and memorable experience for all involved.

Children should wear full school uniform, including trousers, and bring a suitable plain hat or scarf as a head covering. A packed lunch will be required. As the coach will leave at approximately 8.45am, children should arrive at school by 8.30am. The cost of the visit is £8.50 per pupil, payable via ParentPay.

Follow the link below to find out more about the Derby Faith Trails.



Faith Trails

What is a faith trail? A faith trail is an exciting opportunity to visit one of Derby's fantastic places of worship through an immersive experience. Please see the video below for an example of what this may look like for your children visiting.

Derby Open Centre





AWARDS



Stars



Warriors



Reception

Whole Class

Alex

Year 1

Leo R & Blossom

Whole Class

Year 2

Gabriel & Jamie

Eliza

Year 3

Dolton & Ruben

Isabella

Year 4

Sylvie & Arthur

Whole Class

Year 5

Hugo & Harvey

Woody

Year 6

Pippa & Freddie

Henry

Arrive On Time At Ten To Nine
Make Every Minute Count



1st

Chaffinches

2nd

Kingfishers

3rd

Eagles

4th

Owls

5th

Kestrels

6th

Toucans

7th

Robins

190

School days in each academic year

0 days absence

100% attendance

184

Days of education

6 days absence

97% attendance

181

Days of education

9 days absence

95% attendance

171

Days of education

19 days absence

90% attendance

152

Days of education

38 days absence

80% attendance

Shugborough

295

Trent

WINNER

338

Augustine

281

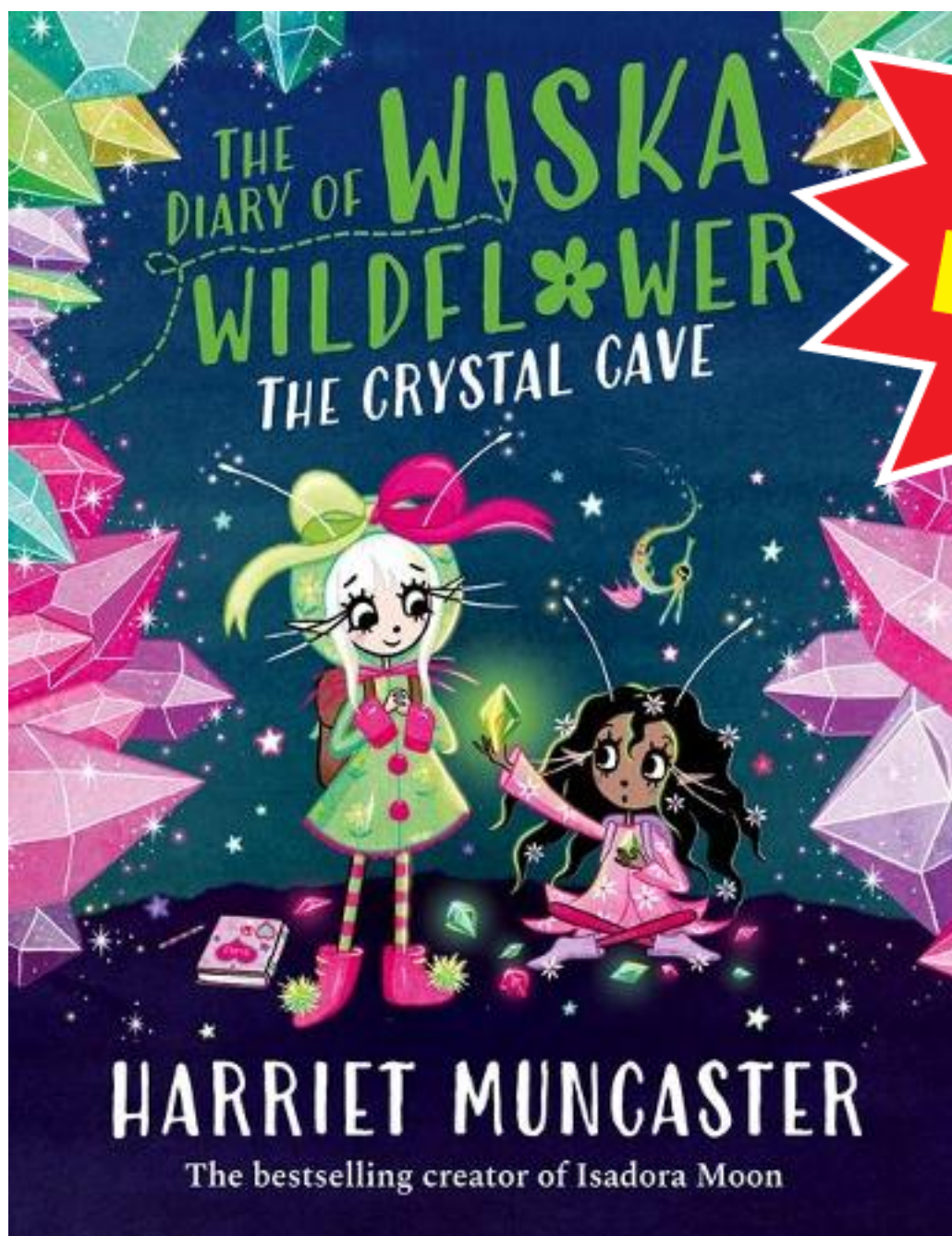
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Recommended Reads - EYFS & KS1



**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?

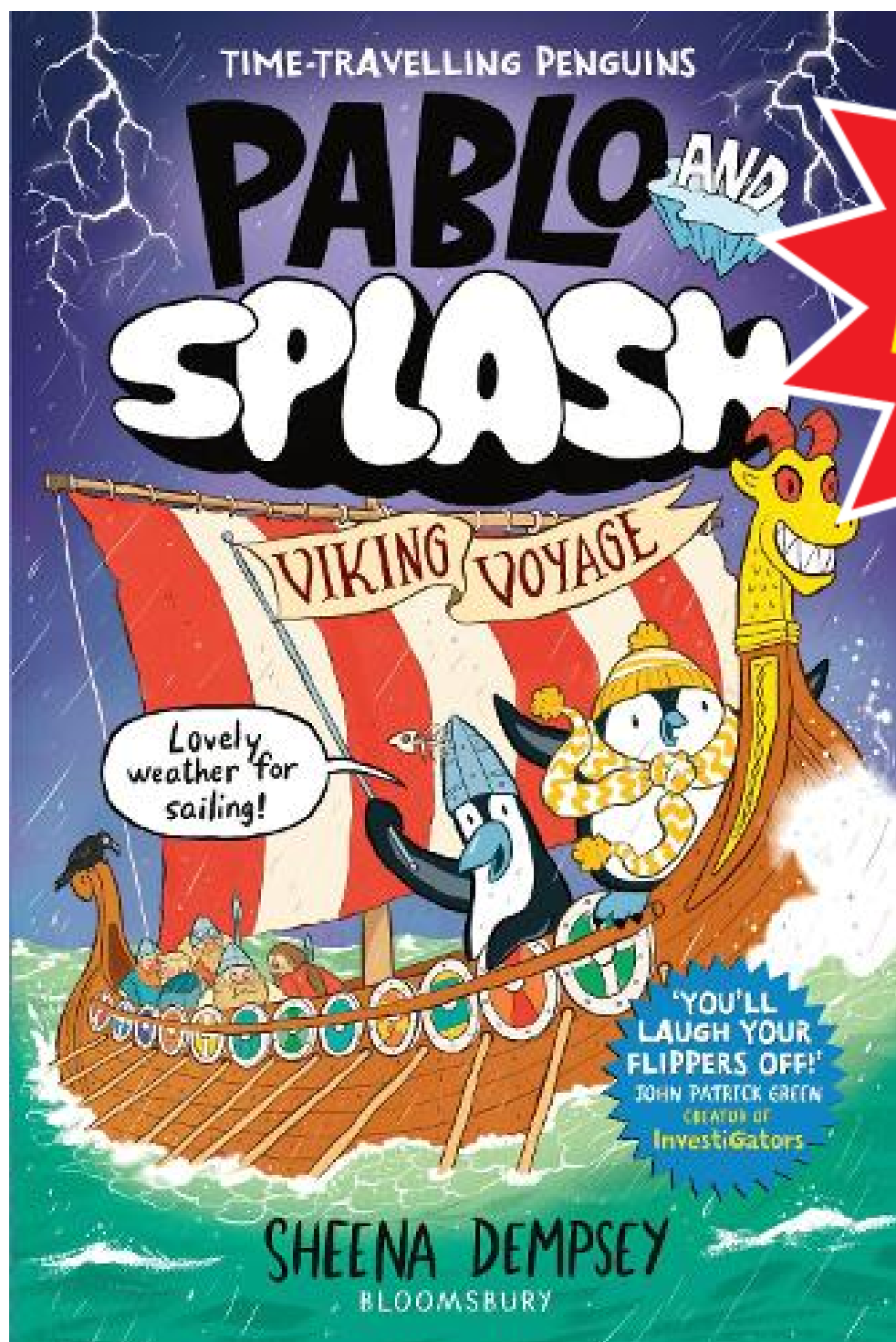
Book 2 following the Children's bestseller *The Diary of Wiska Wildflower: The New School*.

OUT NOW





Recommended Reads - KS2



**NEW
BOOK!**

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.

OUT NOW





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.

NSPCC 'Learning'



Safeguarding frequently asked questions

Learn more about safeguarding and the protection of children by reading our frequently asked questions and understand more about your responsibilities.

 NSPCC Learning



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SPORTS BETTING ONLINE

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Sports betting online involves placing wagers on real-world sporting events through websites, apps, and linked accounts. In the UK, licensed gambling is illegal for under-18s, yet young people may still encounter betting through sports coverage, social media, gaming spaces, friends, or adult accounts. With gambling content increasingly visible online, parents and educators should help children understand the risks, financial impact, pressure, and how to make safer choices.

EASY ONLINE ACCESS

Online sports betting sites and apps are widely available and can be accessed through phones, tablets, computers, and, indirectly, gaming or social platforms. Some young people may attempt to bypass age checks using false details or someone else's account. Digital wallets, prepaid cards, and saved payment details can also make spending harder to notice, increasing the risk of discreet or impulsive betting.

PEER AND INFLUENCER PRESSURE

Social media influencers, online tipsters, and sports content creators can make betting appear fun, profitable, or part of being a committed fan. Young people may feel pressure to copy this behaviour, especially when friends talk about odds, accumulators, or predictions during matches. Gambling advertising rules aim to protect under-18s, but children can still see persuasive betting content in online spaces.

FREE BET OFFERS

Online betting platforms often use free bets, bonus credits, or 'risk-free' promotions to attract users. These offers can make gambling seem safe or low commitment, but they usually include terms and conditions that young people may not understand. A free incentive can lead to real spending, repeated deposits, or the belief that gambling is easier to control than it is.

NORMALISING GAMBLING BEHAVIOUR

Online sports betting can make gambling feel like a routine part of watching sport. Young people may begin to see odds, predictions, and wagers as harmless entertainment rather than as financial risk. This can also blur boundaries with other gambling-like activities, including loot boxes, skins betting, or casino-style games, making later gambling feel more acceptable or familiar.

ADVERTISING AROUND SPORT

Young people can be exposed to betting brands through sports broadcasts, social media, sponsorship, pitch-side advertising, and content linked to major fixtures. Repeated exposure may make gambling seem normal, glamorous, or expected as part of the sport. Without adult guidance, children may connect betting with excitement, loyalty, and success, rather than understanding that gambling is designed to make money from customers.

CHASING WINS AND LOSSES

A winning bet can create excitement and encourage a young person to try again, while a losing bet may lead them to place another wager to win back the money. This is known as chasing losses. Because online bets can be quick, small, and available at any time, children may not recognise how rapidly repeated decisions can become costly and emotionally harmful.

Advice for Parents & Educators

START EARLY CONVERSATIONS

Talk openly with children about how betting works, including odds, losses, advertising, and the fact that gambling companies are commercial businesses. Use examples they may recognise, such as betting adverts during football matches, influencer predictions, or online tipsters. Keep the tone calm and curious, so that children feel able to ask questions, share concerns, and discuss pressure from friends without fearing punishment.

EXPLORE ONLINE EXPOSURE

Ask which apps, websites, games, sports channels, and social media accounts children use around live sport. Betting content may appear through adverts, sponsorship, livestreams, tipster pages, or discussions between friends. Watching a match together can help you point out gambling messaging in real time and explain how it is designed to influence choices, normalise betting, and encourage spending.

SET SAFER BOUNDARIES

Use device, app store, and bank settings to limit spending, block gambling transactions where possible, and require adult approval for purchases. Check payment histories for unfamiliar withdrawals, digital wallet use, or repeated small transactions. These safeguards work best alongside clear conversations, helping children understand that online payments are still real money, even when they feel quick, hidden, or invisible.

NOTICE AND SEEK SUPPORT

Look out for secrecy around devices, sudden interest in odds, requests for money, unexplained spending, mood changes linked to sports results, or late-night phone use. Respond with support first, then gather information and seek specialist advice where needed. Organisations such as GambleAware, Ygam, GAMSTOP, and the Gambling Commission provide information about gambling harms, education, blocking tools, and support routes.

Meet Our Expert

Bubba Gaedert is a Senior Lecturer and the Head of Events at the University Campus of Esports. He is also the President and Co-Founder of the Videogames and Esports Foundation, a charity that supports safe and inclusive gaming environments. With over 25 years of experience in esports, education, and media, Bubba is a global leader in promoting positive gaming practices for youth and families.



See full reference list on our website



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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.



CANNOCK CHASE NEURODIVERSITY Together



A place to feel understood, supported and connected. ♥

A welcoming parent support group for families
of neurodiverse children in Cannock Chase.

Come along, connect with other parents who understand,
share experiences and find support in a friendly,
judgement-free environment.

♥ PARENT-LED

This group is run by parents,
for parents. We understand
because we live it.



**FRIDAY
3RD JULY**
10:00AM – 12:00PM

THAT CHILDRENS
CHOICE THERAPY
WILL BE JOINING US!

♥ GUEST ATTENDING

**Children's Choice
therapy service ltd**

Come along to meet the team
and find out how they can
support your family.

WHAT WE OFFER



SUPPORT

A safe space to share,
listen and support
one another.



CONNECTION

Meet other local
parents who truly
understand.



GUIDANCE

Helpful information
and signposting to
local services.



UNDERSTANDING

A judgement-free
group where every
voice matters.



YOU ARE NOT ALONE

Whether you're looking for
advice, a listening ear or just
a cuppa and a chat, you'll
find a warm welcome here.

*Everyone
is welcome
here*

NO JUDGEMENT. JUST UNDERSTANDING.

We celebrate differences and support every
child and family on their unique journey.



WHO IS IT FOR?

Parents and carers of neurodiverse
children of any age.

All are welcome.



**£2.00 DONATION
WILL BE REQUIRED**

BOOKING ESSENTIAL
PLEASE EMAIL:
jozone@hotmail.co.uk



LOCATION:
Pye Green Community Centre
Bradbury Lane
Cannock
WS12 4EP
England



TIME:
10:00AM – 12:00PM
(Refreshments provided)



PARENT-LED
Run by parents,
for parents.



TOGETHER, WE'RE STRONGER.



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Find us on Facebook:
Cannock Chase
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*Local support.
Real connections.
Stronger together.*



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.



Jessica Watson

Jessica Watson became famous when she sailed around the world alone at just 16 years old. Her incredible journey took many months and required courage, determination, and careful planning. Along the way, she faced rough seas, strong winds, and long periods of time by herself.

Despite these challenges, Jessica stayed focused on her goal and successfully completed her voyage. Since then, she has inspired young people to believe in themselves and pursue their dreams, even when those dreams seem difficult to achieve.

Jessica reminds us that confidence, perseverance, and resilience can help us overcome obstacles and achieve amazing things.



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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