



Wrockwardine Wood C of E Junior School

'Wrockers' Weekly

'Love, Laugh and Learn'

This Half Terms Value — Joy

Friday 17th January 2025

It has been a lovely calm week in school with all of the children really getting stuck into their art focus. It is a delight to see so much creativity around the school and I am excited to see what the children produce as their final pieces and at home as homework.

Luke Temple Visit

The author Luke Temple will be returning to our school for a couple of days next week to work with the children. Your child will come home with a letter on the 20th January for you to purchase a signed book priced at £6.99 if you wish. Thank you.

Where's Nala?

Well done to Emily in 3B who spotted Nala by the date last week. A chocolate bar is on it's way to you!



Calling all musicians...

TELFORD YOUNG MUSICIAN 2025

A competition to celebrate the borough's top young instrumentalists, singers and music creators.

Free of charge to enter

Video entries for Round 1
Live final: 7 and 8 May 2025

To enter you must:

- Live in the borough of Telford and Wrekin
- Be 18 or under on 31 August 2025

Categories:

- Junior/Intermediate/Senior **Singer**
- Junior/Intermediate/Senior **Instrumentalist**
- Band** or Group
- Composer/Creator**

Deadline for video submission:
14 March 2025

t: 01952 380981
w: www.telfordandwrekinmusic.co.uk

Scan QR code to enter

All information will be sent once we receive your entry application.

Dates for your Diary

Thurs 23rd Jan

Walsall Art Gallery
Trip Year 6

Thurs 30th Jan

Shrewsbury Art
Gallery Trip Year 4

Thurs 6th Feb

Wolverhampton Art
Gallery Year 3

Fri 7th Feb 3pm

Standon Bowers
Parents' Meeting in

Monday 10th Feb

School Dinner Tasting
Session Year 5
Parents—letter to
follow

Wed 12th Feb

Sketch book drop in
at the end of the day

Friday 14th Feb

Art competition
closes

Parent Shadowing for Writing

We would like to invite all parents to attend a parent shadowing session focusing on writing. This is an opportunity for you to come into school and sit in with your child during a writing lesson—approximately 45 minutes. You will be able to experience first hand what an English lesson looks like and the expectations and levels of work your children are producing. Please refer to the table below to see when your child's class parent shadowing is taking place. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact school.

Date and Time	Class
9.45 Tuesday 28 th January	4T 5B 5H
9.45 Wednesday 29 th January	3B 3LB 4C
9.45 Friday 31st January	6D 6KS 6S

Achievement Award 3B	TA Award	Star of the Week		Headteacher Award
Ramsay	Ella C	Alfie	3B	Evie H
Neo		Denis	3LB	Reggie B-B
Jessica		Marlie	4C	Archie B-B
Rafe		Luna	4T	
Ava				
Dominic				

Standon Bowers

Parents' Meeting.

We would like to invite all parents of children attending the Year 4 residential trip to Standon Bowers on 7th—9th April to a parent's meeting in the hall at **3:00pm on Friday 7th February**. If you cannot make this meeting please phone school and the PowerPoint can be sent to you via email. If you would like to speak to someone on a one to one basis regarding this residential please make an appointment via the school office. Many thanks for your support.



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

This week's challenge is to: Create a family tree. We would love to see your photos please email them to: a3129@telford.gov.uk or DoJo to your class teacher.



Sketch book drop in

On Wednesday 12th February we would like to invite parents back into school at the end of the day to share their children's sketch books containing all of the fantastic art work they have created over the half term. Children will be sent out on to the playground in the normal way then any parents who want to can come back in through the front entrance and go to their child's classroom with them. Their sketch books will be laid out ready for them to share with you.



Attendance

ATTENDANCE LEAGUE

Week ending: 17.1.2025

Whole School: 97.7% 😊 Target 97%

Class	This week's %	Target achieved	Dojos
3B	99%	😊	3
3LB	99%	😊	3
4T	97%	😊	3
4C	99%	😊	3
5B	95	😞	0
5H	98	😊	3
6S	96	😞	0
6KS	97	😊	3
6D	98	😊	3



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

WE DID IT 🎉

A huge thank you for getting your children to school everyday. We have met our 97% whole school target for the very first time this academic year. Every class will receive an additional 5 attendance dojos to celebrate.

HOLDING OUT FOR A HERO



COULD YOU RESCUE A DOG?

ON CHANNEL 4'S HIT SHOW

the *Dog House*

APPLY NOW



E Safety Advice



Protect our children!

Parents and guardians: Our kids are now most commonly abused online, via their mobile phones and games consoles. Do you know how to keep your kids safe?

Learn more about the dangers of kids being online and how you can keep them safe. Join our free one hour online parent awareness session to give yourself a head start in an ever changing digital world.

Scan the QR code to find out more about our awareness training and to sign up to one of our free sessions or go to www.westmercia.police.uk/exploitworkshops





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.



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 this 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 is 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 cartoon 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 up 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.



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

Fortnite Battle Royale is an online game, and as such, there is a chance that young children could come into contact with strangers who are randomly placed into their groups in a game. It's difficult to predict what another person might say or do in a game, so it's a good idea for friends playing together, to be grouped together. The only real countermeasure to interacting with strangers offered by Fortnite is to turn off all mic communications, which can be done in the game's settings. Using outside chat apps, like Skype or Discord while playing, is a great way to make sure you know who you're talking to and that nobody else is listening in.



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, UNLAD Gaming and GAMINGible. 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.



VICTORY ROYALE