



# Wrockwardine Wood C of E Junior School

## 'Wrockers' Weekly

'Love, Laugh and Learn'

This Half Terms Value — Wisdom

Friday 23rd May 2025

### Dates for your Diary

#### Monday 2nd June

Children return to school—normal day

#### Wed 4th – Fri 6th June

Year 6 residential to Arthog 2025

#### Tuesday 10th June

Year 5 Arthog 2026 parents meeting—3pm school hall

#### Tues 17th June

Year 3 & 4 Sports Day 10:45am weather permitting—see Newsletter last week

#### Thurs 19th June

Year 5 & 6 Sports Day 10:45am weather permitting—see Newsletter last week



ing to how things used to exist in the past. Later in the day, we got to take part in candle dipping. Afterwards, we visited the candle makers. It was so much fun. We had a great day and learnt so much. We would definitely recommend a visit.

#### Blists Hill Trip Year 6

Today, Year 6 visited the Victorian Town: Blists Hill. We enjoyed visiting the old buildings such as the pharmacy and bakers. We learnt the history of printing and learnt how pharmacies have developed over time. Some of us even exchanged money for Victorian currency. We loved going round and listen-



#### Sabrina Boat Trip—Year 5

Yesterday, Year 5 went on a trip to the Quarry and went on the Sabrina Boat in Shrewsbury. When we arrived, we walked through the Dingle and saw the beautiful flowers and plants. Next, we stopped for a sit down by the river and sketched it, focusing on its features. After spending a few minutes by the river bank, we went on the Sabrina boat and the sailor told us about the history of Shrewsbury, as well as some facts about the River Severn! An example of a fact is: the River Severn is 220 miles long! For the rest of the trip, we explored the river while completing our booklets, which were all about the features of river, how a river is created and more. Overall, we had a great time!

Written by AC, HF and JL in 5H.







### Wonderful Writers!

These amazing children have won a competition to have their work published in a Young Writers book! We are very proud of you all, well done!



### Wrockers' Got Talent!

At WWJS, we love our annual talent show 'Wrockers' Got Talent!' and would love our pupils to get a chance to take part in it this year! There-

fore, class teachers will hold auditions sometime after half term and there will be one winning act chosen from each class, who will perform to the rest of the school, on the last day of the Summer Term. If your child would like to take part, they just need to let their class teacher know and get practicing at home! Their act could involve singing, dancing, magic, comedy or anything they have a talent in and they are welcome to perform individually or in a group within their class! We can't wait to see their fantastic talents!



### Year 4 Parents

Your child will be taking part in the MTC between **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June**. We are aiming to complete the check for all children as soon as we can. This check is to test pupils on their multiplication facts for the timetables between 1-12 within a recorded time. The children will have 6 seconds to answer each question that will consist of 25 questions.

Over half term, I would recommend that your child uses the following website to practise as it is within the same timed conditions and allows you to see the score and which multiplication facts they are struggling with.

By practising over half term, this will allow them to feel more prepared and confident when they complete the test after half term. Multiplication skills underpin the Maths Curriculum in UKS2 and having these core skills will stand them in good stead for year 5.

[Multiplication Tables Check - 2025 - Timestables.co.uk](https://www.timestables.co.uk/multiplication-tables-check/)

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TTRockStars also remains to be a great platform for your children to practise the recall of their multiplication skills.

Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Steventon



### Attendance

✨ Amazing news!

Our school is doing well with whole school attendance, with a fantastic 95.3%, we're above the national average of 94.8% 🚀

And in our friendly in school competition... we've got an epic four-way tie happening! 4T, 5H, 4C, and 3B are neck-and-neck, each rocking an incredible 96% attendance!

🏆 These attendance champions are showing us all how it's done! ☆

Keep up this fantastic momentum - every day of learning counts! 📅 ✨

✨ Time to recharge those batteries and make some amazing memories! Whether it's cosy indoor times or exciting outdoor explorations, we hope this half term brings plenty of smiles and fun moments 🌈



### Attendance Matters



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

This week's challenge is to:

**Go on a family picnic.**

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



### **MFL Phrase of the Week!**

Here is our French phrase of the week!

We hope you enjoy practising and learning it at home!

**Je m'appelle...**  
**My name is...**



## Active Families!

Here is an idea for a quick, active and fun activity you could carry out with your family this weekend! We hope you enjoy!

### **Triple Jump**

**What you need:** 2 x markers and a large space.

#### **How to play:**

- Use one marker as the jumping line.
- Practise the pattern: hop, step, jump. Think 'same foot, other foot, land both feet'.
- Add a run up. Begin the jump from your jumping line.
- Practise to build up speed and distance.
- Measure your jump by marking the body part that lands closest to the jumping line with your marker and using a big step to mark 1 metre.

#### **HOP**

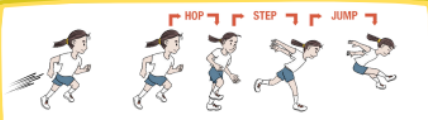
Take off and land on same foot, drive knee upwards and forwards.

#### **STEP**

Land on opposite foot. As far as you can to gain distance.

#### **JUMP**

Land two feet. Jump forward and drive hands forward.



## Lovely Lunch

"On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May, some of the year 6 parents came in and tried some of our delicious pizza in the dinner hall and also did some maths with their children. They enjoyed spending time with their children and the food was delicious!"

By Scarlie and Amelia 6S



## Forest School Year 4

On Tuesday at forest school we designed a shelter to stay dry and protected against a storm that was coming. We had a tarpaulin and 3 ropes. We had 45 minutes to create our shelter and then the storm came. When the storm came it blew our shelter and the rain (Mrs Cartwright's watering can) tipped it down on us. Most of our shelters were not strong enough for the storm and we got a bit wet! Zak and Oscar Year 4





### Wisdom Award

These wonderful children have received their 'Wisdom' badge in recognition of their wise choices and fantastic sense of wisdom this half term. We have been discussing how sometimes, it is hard to make the wise choice but these super stars have shown that they have the courage to do this and have helped all of us in our school community to live a life in all its fullness. Well done everyone.



### Parent Shadowing

Thank you to all of the parents who came into school this week for our parent shadowing maths sessions. The children really enjoyed having you in their rooms and sharing their learning with you. This is a fantastic opportunity for parents and carers to see what a daily lesson looks like for their child. All of the parents who attended found it really useful and insightful. We



will be offering more sessions next academic year and hoping to broaden the range of subjects offered for parents to come and participate in.

### Spiritual Ambassadors at Barclay Gardens

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May, the Spiritual Ambassadors team visited Barclay Gardens residential home in Donnington. Whilst they were there, our children completed mindfulness activities with the residents, which they all thoroughly enjoyed. Our children were an absolute delight to take and received wonderful



compliments about their manners and behaviour from the residents and the employees at the home. We hope that our visit left the residents feeling joyful.

### Problem of the week

**CAN YOU SOLVE THIS?**

$$\square \times \square \times \bigcirc = 16$$

$$\triangle \times \triangle \times \triangle = 27$$

$$\triangle \times \square = 6$$

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### Homework Award

These fantastic children have worked incredibly hard this half term on their homework. Well done!



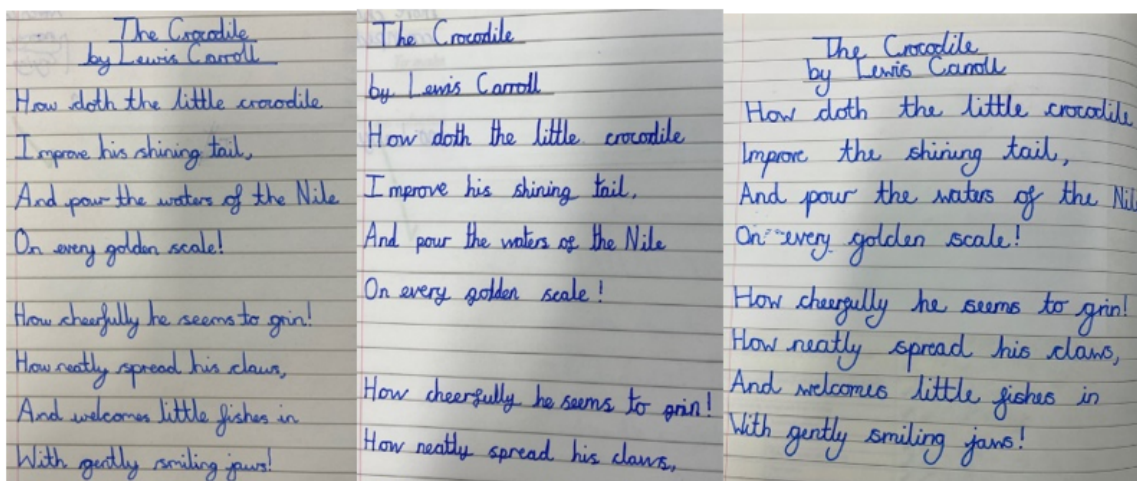
# Perfect Presentation!

Here at Wrockwardine Wood CE Juniors, we love it when our pupils take pride in their presentation! We award a 'Perfect Presentation' award each term for the winners of our termly handwriting competition and children who demonstrate excellent standards of presentation are awarded a 'Pen Licence' and are allowed to use a pen for their work in most of their subjects.

## When awarding a pen licence, the criteria we look for are the following:

- ✓ Present work consistently across all curriculum areas; taking pride in all work.
- ✓ Form letters correctly; starting each letter in the correct place.
- ✓ Ensure each word is on the line.
- ✓ Keep letters the same size.
- ✓ Leave appropriate gaps between words.
- ✓ Ensure that ascending and descending strokes are the right length.
- ✓ Write clearly and legibly so that your audience can read your work.
- ✓ Demonstrate good stamina for writing.
- ✓ Show consistency in handwriting and presentation across all curriculum areas.

## Here are some examples of our pupils' beautiful presentation:



We would like to thank all of the children for all their hard work with their presentation this year - we are so proud of all of your efforts! 😊



# E Safety Support

## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# ROBLOX

Roblox is one of the most popular video games on the market. By 2020, the game's makers were claiming that more than half of children in the USA play it. As a 'sandbox' title, Roblox offers a huge amount of creative freedom: it lets players create their own gaming experiences with the Roblox Studio to build custom levels and games, which can then be shared with other players online. Roblox fosters creative thinking and enjoys a robust online community of fans.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to communicate online (including a group chat facility). This could expose children to risks such as scammers, online predators, harassment, griefers and more. The in-game chat has some filters, but isn't perfect: players can still send harmful messages to others – such as general hostility – while predators can reach out to children directly.

#### PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some games and servers, therefore, will put children more at risk of contact from strangers than others.

#### ONLINE DATERS

These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODer is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this usually doesn't deter ODers. Some player-built Roblox game worlds have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind.

#### IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is actually free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some hidden costs. Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game, for example, using real money. People can also buy extra Robux (the in-game currency) to spend on cosmetic items in the game, and some private or VIP servers also have a cost.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

#### SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for your child, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply the appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

#### DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. The game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your child's account.

#### PRIVATE SERVERS

If your child has some genuine friends to play Roblox online with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, some players could invite other people – who might not necessarily be child friendly – into the private server. If your child is a Roblox fan, it's important to talk with them regularly about who they are playing the game with.

#### MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that you have two-factor authentication on your payment accounts also makes it harder for your child to spend money inadvertently.

#### DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, your child will need to learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's OK to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger online – will help them understand how to communicate with other people online safely.

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