

Dear Parents and Carers,

## End of Autumn 1

We can't quite believe that the first half term is finished, and what a busy one it has been! Here are a few highlights...phew! Well done to all the children for their efforts this half term.

- We have welcomed new adults into school, Anna, Miss Harman, Mr Hemmings and Miss Thompson.
- We have started our enrichment, with year 2 to the museum and year 1 having a visitor from the church.
- We have had the Harvest assembly, as well as an assembly on Black History Month and National Hate Crime Awareness week.
- Year 6 went and had a fantastic time at Whitemoor Lakes for their residential
- Year 5 received a royal letter from Buckingham Palace in reply to their letters about deforestation
- We had an overhaul of our library, and have received lovely feedback from the children about how much they like the new design!

## Black History Month

We have been overwhelmed with the effort the children have put into producing posters for Black History Month. The variety of people who inspire them has helped all of us learn about new people. There is now a lovely display in our library.

## Parents' Evening

Thank you to all the parents who came to Parents' Evening this week. I hope you enjoyed celebrating your child's successful start to the year. Please remember we have an open door policy, and please come and talk to the class teacher if you have any concerns.

If you were unable to come this time, please contact your child's class teacher to organise an alternative time. A big thank you to year 4, who have had theirs delayed until after half term, for being so patient and understanding.

## Curriculum

**Year 1** — The children loved going on an Autumn walk around school! We looked out for different signs of Autumn. We noticed that the tree in the playground has started to turn red and orange.

**Year 2** — Year 2 have been working very hard this week on their writing and reading. Lots of the children are ready now to come off decodable reading books and start freely choosing their own reading books from the Year 2 section in the library. They are very excited about moving onto the next part of their reading journey. Thank you all for your support this term.

**Year 3** — This week, Year 3 have finished their Big Writes - a letter from the Stone Age Boy! They have also finished their Stone Age History topic and have all had lovely parent's evenings.



# Online Home Learning!

## Spelling Shed



1<sup>st</sup>: Beech



William – Year 1



Jayden – Year 5



2<sup>nd</sup>: Rowan



Millie – Year 3



Patricia (1) –  
Super Star  
Collector



Azeez (4) –  
Most coins

1<sup>st</sup>: Sycamore



Lenni (6) – Most  
minutes



Elliot (2) –  
Most coins



2<sup>nd</sup>: Maple



Igor (4) – Most  
correct  
answers



# More Learning!



Charlotte in year 5 has produced this amazing light up solar system, using electrical lights for the stars. How clever!

Thomas in year 4 has made this lovely Viking longship. He coloured all the different parts, and even added a sail!



Aedan in year 2 made this replica for All Saints Church. He could tell me lots about the Church from his learning on the trip. What a beautiful structure!

Menaal did 2 bits of home learning this week—a poster about George Washington Carver for Black History Month and a crown linked to her learning about the Royal Family.



## Dates for your Diary

Date	Year Group	Event
25th October	All	Last day of term
5th November	All	School reopens
5th and 7th November	Year 4	Parents' Evening
5th November	8 children from year 4-6	Debating skills trip to University of Northampton

## Messages from Mrs Llewelyn (our Family Support Worker and DSL)



Hello parents/carers,

If you need a food voucher, please come and see me the day before you need it. That gives me time to action it and make sure you have it when you need it.

Many thanks, Sam

If your child comes into school on a bike or scooter, please ensure they have a helmet and protective gear on to keep them safe!



*Miss Walker-Collins —Acting Deputy Headteacher*

*Mrs. Williams—Executive Headteacher*

*Friday 25th October 2024*

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## PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) DURING THE OCTOBER HALF TERM 2024

[moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free)



### FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Kids Eat Free deal from Monday 21st October to Friday 1st November.

### MORRISONS

Spend £5 from the hot menu and get one free kids meal all day, every day.

### COCONUT TREE

One child (under 10) eats free every day Monday 21st Oct- Sunday 3rd Nov 2024

### SAINSBURYS CAFES

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main. From 11:30am every day.

### ASDA

Kids eat for £1 All Day, Every Day at Asda cafes, with no adult spend required.

### BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

### TRAVELODGE & PREMIER INN

Buy 1 Adult Breakfast from just £8.99 & up to two kids eat breakfast for free

### SIZZLING PUBS

Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm, kids' mains are £1 with every adult meal.

### TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free When 'Stripes Rewards Members' purchase any adult meal (Via App)

### PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free all day, every day with paying adults at Preto in Half Terms

### EMBER INNS

Kids eat for £1 from Monday 21st October to Friday 1st November 2024 (excludes weekends)

### YO! SUSHI

Monday 14th October - Friday 1st November 2024  
kids eat free with every £10 adult spend

### GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 8 eat FREE all day, every day at selected Gordon Ramsay restaurants

### BILLS

2 kids eat FREE Mon - Fri from Monday 21st October - Friday 1st November 2024

### PIZZA HUT

Free Kids buffet Monday 14th Oct - Tuesday 5th Nov daily until 3pm with code **SPOOKY**

### BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main. The offer is valid 4-6pm Mon to Thurs.

### WHITBREAD INNS

Two kids under 16 eat for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased

### TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 can get a free breakfast every day with one paying adult!

### PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids get 1 mini main, 2 snacks & a drink FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

### IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

### HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

### FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal.



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about HORROR FILMS & AGE RATINGS

The 'on-demand' availability of streaming platforms in many homes creates extra possibilities for young viewers to be exposed to age-inappropriate content. Material which features horror or violence can cause anxiety and nightmares for children, especially since it can be hard for young ones to grasp that what they're watching isn't real.

## CLASSIFICATION BREAKDOWN

The British Board of Film Classification has the following age ratings:

U: Suitable for all ages

PG: For children aged 8 and above; this content shouldn't unsettle them

12A: Children under the age of 12 should not watch without an adult; this content potentially features bad language, nudity or sexual references

15: Suitable only for 15-year-olds and above

18: Exclusively for an adult audience, with potentially explicit themes of violence, nudity or sex

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### STREAMING IS EVERYWHERE

Modern mobile devices make it very easy for children to watch streamed films without the need for a TV. The availability of inappropriate content has risen significantly on streaming platforms, almost all of which host 18-rated content. If not restricted by parental controls, this could be viewed by children who aren't quite ready for such adult themes, concepts and imagery.

### FACT VS. FICTION

Many children have no trouble separating fact from fiction. However, with modern day technology making pretend violence and horror look ever more realistic, it's becoming harder for youngsters to tell the difference. For instance, consider remakes of older films, where dated special effects (making it easy to discern that something wasn't real) have been replaced by far more convincing monsters and gore.

### PEER PRESSURE

Friends encouraging each other to watch the latest film featuring violence or horror can lead to children consuming content that they're not ready for. As 18+ content is available on many streaming platforms, youngsters can watch these together – potentially without their parents' or carers' knowledge.

### CHILDREN SCARE DIFFERENTLY

It can be difficult to decide what content is appropriate for children. What's fine for one child could be extremely frightening for another. As many children admit to not sharing or discussing the content they watch with their parents, encouraging an open dialogue around the kind of media that young people consume can help avoid exposing them to any inappropriate content.

### PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACTS

Horror prides itself on its ability to startle or induce genuine fear in the viewer – so it's no surprise that this genre isn't usually intended for children. A natural side-effect of this is that 'jump scares' or a creepy, suspenseful atmosphere can have lasting effects on younger minds. The resulting anxiety can impact a child's sleeping patterns or eating habits.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### WATCH THE FILM FIRST

If you're concerned that a film might be unsuitable for children (whether it's their first dive into the horror genre or a step up in age classification), then take a look for yourself. There's no better way to judge whether this content is something you'd deem appropriate for a child – and if a parent, for example, has actually seen the film (or at least a portion of it), they can construct a far more credible case if they decide it's inappropriate.

### REMEMBER – IT'S NOT REAL

Emphasise to children that the content they're viewing is entirely fictional and has no chance of affecting them in real life. If a child is upset after watching a film, try to understand what exactly has unsettled them: this can help you approach the topic in a healthy and informative manner, to dispel any fears or anxieties they may have.

### DISCUSS THE CONTENT OF FILMS

If a child has seen a film that you think may have exposed them to potentially uncomfortable themes and ideas, don't shy away from talking about it, and answer any questions they may have. This is especially important if they watched the film without an adult present. Ask them to summarise the story for you, as this will give you an understanding of what they've learned from watching it.

### USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Most streaming platforms have the option to put age ranges on children's accounts. This means that films and shows that are inappropriate for children won't be advertised while they're browsing and won't even appear if a child specifically searches for them. This can be changed any time at parents' discretion, but it's wise to protect these settings with a password, so a child can't alter anything on their own.

### Meet Our Expert

John Insley is an assistant principal at a secondary school. He has been involved with e-safety in schools for over 10 years, writing policies and supporting various schools in developing their e-safety provision. John has introduced a range of strategies at multiple schools aimed at helping parents to better support their child in the ever-changing digital world.



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