



Where all our pupils SHINE!
Week 31 Friday 17th May 2024

Friends of Forton School host their
4.8 k Fun Run
Thursday 13th June 2024 at 7pm

Starts and finishes at Forton Primary School, School Lane, Forton, PR3 0AS

REGISTER ONLINE AT
www.bookitzone.com
or to Steve Ashcroft 36 Brook Place, Preston, PR2 1TE
T: 07850 008428, or Jenna Metcalfe at Forton School

Adults - £10 in advance & £12 on the night
Under 11's - £5 in advance & £6 on the night

Medals and supper to all finishers, vegetarian option available - to guarantee supper please pre book

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Does anyone have any toys, games, colouring book/pens they would be willing to donate?

"I have recently become a foster carer and have a 6 year old coming to stay with me for a week over half term and I am short of age appropriate items.

Any donation would be much appreciated.

Thanks." Sarah Dellerba

Sports Days is next Thursday 23rd May, FOFS will be serving Refreshments before, during and after including Ice Lollies for the kids at the end. We are asking for donations of Cakes to be brought in to school on Thursday morning. Please bring cash. Thanks FOFS

'Shining' in this week's Celebration Assembly were...

**The Nook
Nicky Nook
Beacon Fell
Clougha
Pendle**

as we celebrated Art Day. The children have been very creative using many different art medias to create beautiful displays in the hall.

An enormous 'thank you' to Sarah Dellerba who worked with each class to creative a collective stained glass picture which will be put up in our playground for all to see.

Thank you Sarah!



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Abbeystead Woodland (LA2 9BE)

22nd – 26th July 2024

10 am – 4 pm

For 5 year olds upwards

**Come and spend some time in the woods:
playing, den building, cooking, crafting, woodland skills.**

£35 per child, per day

Includes lunch, snacks, drinks and all resources

To book your place:

Jackie

07525420884

swallowsandamazonsforestschoo@gmail.com



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And finally...

What games do horses like playing?

Stable tennis

Class Photos

Thursday 6th June at 9:30

Dates For Your Diary

May	23rd Sports Day 23rd NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB 24th SCHOOL CLOSED
June	3rd Y1 Phonics Screening 3rd Y4,5,6 Puberty Talk 6th Class Photographs 12th Pendle Trip to Heysham Power Station 13th FOFS Fun Run 14th Pendle Trip to Orchestra 18th Pendle Trip Lancaster 25th Reception Induction Evening at 5:30
July	5th – FOFS BBQ 12th School Reports To Parents 16th Juniors Play 19th SCHOOL CLOSURES 19th NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



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At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many apps that we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

YOUTUBE

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as messaging other users directly. Connecting with strangers online, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, to cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but can also lead to binge-watching and the risk of screen addiction, especially if 'auto-play' is activated. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

HIGH VISIBILITY

Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to potential harassment and toxicity from the comments section, along with the possibility of direct messaging from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and memes that are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may harm children through either watching or copying. The painful 'salt and ice challenge', which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS

Popular YouTube channels regularly have scammers posing as a well-known influencer in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and sometimes offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they claim to be.

Advice for Parents & Carers

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from chancing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.



TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives you an oversight of how your child is using sites like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.



CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.



CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS

Influential content creators usually have other social media accounts which they encourage their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how else they might be following a particular creator online. It also opens up avenues for you to check out that creator's other channels to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.



MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.



LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases: users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch, for example. If you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods. Many parents have discovered to their cost that a child happily devouring a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!



Meet Our Expert

Clare Godwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2015, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



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