



# YR/KS1 Sport's Day



On Tuesday, Reception and Key Stage One participated in Sport's Day. The children enjoyed lots of activities including races and team games, cheered on by the many parents and carers who came to watch. Well done to everyone for joining in and offering support to fellow team mates. Once Key Stage Two have had their Sport's Day, we will count up all the points and announce the winning house.













# Y3 Trip to Chedworth Villa



On Tuesday, Year Three visited Chedworth Villa to learn about Roman life. The children explored the ruins of the villa, dressed up as slaves and learnt how to make medicines from plants. Pupils also saw a reconstruction of the villa and some original mosaic floors. Everybody really enjoyed the trip and learnt a lot about Roman Britain.









# Y4 Trip to The Ashmolean

On Tuesday, Year Four visited The Ashmolean Museum in Oxford as part of their History learning about the Egyptians. The children handled reproduction artefacts, enjoyed a scavenger hunt around the museum and learnt about mummification. Miss Jewsbury and Mr Hawes would like to say a big thank you to all of the parents/carers who helped on this trip. It was a fun and interesting visit which really enhanced the children's understanding of Ancient Egypt.





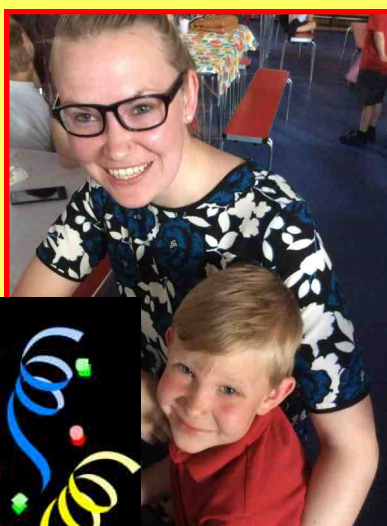


# YR Summer Party



Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Reception Summer Party on Wednesday. Everybody enjoyed refreshments and a wonderful slideshow of photographs showing the children learning in the classroom and outdoor area.

Year One will have their party on June 22nd. On July 5th, Year Two will be partying! If you have not yet returned your invitation, please do so as soon as possible so we can make suitable catering arrangements.





# Cycle Club



Last Friday, members of Cycle Club watched Stage Three of The Ovo Energy Women's Tour as it sped through Leamington. The race featured elite, female cyclists from around the world who were all racing to win the Tour of Britain. For our budding cyclists, this was an exciting and inspiring event.

Don't forget that, over the summer holiday, Mr Tracy is taking on his own cycle challenge—to ride from Land's End to John O'Groats in support of a JDRF (a diabetes charity.) To make a donation, please visit Mr Tracy's Just Giving page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/VirgilTracy>





# Keeping Children Safe

Keeping children safe is our number one priority at school. For this reason, **we do not allow parents and carers in the school building, beyond the office area, unless they are accompanied by a member of staff.** This includes before and after school.

Please **do not** accompany your child in to the school building when dropping off or picking up. All children must be left in their class line in the morning and a teacher or teaching assistant will make sure they reach their classroom safely. If you are late, and your child's line has gone, please come to the school office and sign your child in on the late register (situated on the table.) This is an important record of who is in school in the case of fire or emergency evacuation. At the end of the day, please wait in the allocated area to collect your child. If your child needs the toilet, please inform a member of our office staff who will accompany you to the nearest convenience.

As I am sure you will understand, these precautions are to protect the safety of all pupils by ensuring that only authorised persons are on the premises. Thank you very much in anticipation of your support in this important matter.

## DBS Checks

All adults working in school have to have an up to date DBS certificate. This is a criminal record's check, issued by The Disclosure and Barring Service which is a branch of the Home Office. As well as staff, all contractors and volunteers need a DBS certificate to be allowed beyond the office area and on to school premises.

We frequently have requests from parents asking if we will cover the cost of a DBS check which is currently £65 per application. Please note that, if school pays for your DBS, we may ask you to help out with school trips in year groups other than the one your child is in. **If you only wish to accompany your own child on a school trip and do not wish to help out in other classes, you will need to cover the cost of a DBS yourself.** Whilst we would love to be able to cover the cost of all DBS checks, our school budget simply cannot stretch to this.

Thank you to all our parents/carers who hold a DBS certificate and regularly help out with school activities. We really appreciate your support in the classroom and on school visits.



# Young Carer's Project



We currently have a number of pupils in school who are supported by the Warwickshire Young Carers Project. This charity runs social events and activities as well as providing emotional support to children whose lives are affected by the ill health/ medical needs of a family member.



I go to Young Carers because my brother has a medical condition that takes up a lot of my mum's time. I like young carers because I get to meet new friends and we meet up once a week and do nice things (sometimes we play games, we cook, we go on the computer) and we also sometimes go on trips, I'm really looking forward to going to a theme park next week and taking part in some cool stuff over the summer holiday.'

Helena (Year 4)

If you feel that your child is a young carer because somebody at home has a disability, significant special educational needs or an illness/ long term condition (your child does not have to provide care to them) then please come into school and speak to Mrs Manley who would happily refer you to this service.

**For more information, visit: <http://www.warwickshireyoungcarers.org.uk/>**





# E-Safety



Minecraft is one of the world's most popular games, especially with primary school children.

## **Age Restrictions**

Minecraft's terms and conditions specify that the game is for over 13s. This is because of US privacy legislation. In the UK, if children under the age of 13 play Minecraft, it is a violation of the site's terms and conditions **but it is not illegal**.

## **Is it appropriate for younger children?**

There's nothing about the game itself that's inappropriate for children. Users explore landscapes and worlds and build their infrastructure from materials they find on the site.

As with any online activity, there are some safety concerns to keep in mind. If you have a young child who plays Minecraft, you might want to:

- Set the account up through your own email address and know their passwords.
- Discuss which settings you are going to apply prior to their joining the site – ie will you allow multiplayer?
- Speak to your child about unwanted contact and what to do if someone is being nasty or inappropriate to them in the game. Ask that they come to you if anything goes wrong, so you can make it stop.

## **Are there privacy settings?**

Privacy settings are limited in Minecraft, but there are things you can do to control what your child sees and whom they interact with.

### **• Single player / multiple player**

Users can either play on their own in single player, which is the safest mode because they can't use the chat function; or with others in multiplayer.

The multiplayer option enables users to play together in a single world. It's safest to create a private server where only known friends and contacts can join. Some servers have been set up to enable children and families to play together, with strict rules on language and behaviour. A simple online search will give you server options.

### **• Chat feature**

On multiplayer, the chat function allows users to participate in discussions. You can open a chat window by pressing the 'T' button and then pressing 'Enter' to display the chat to other users. In the chat function users can also post website links.

Chat features on sites allow children to make friends with people who, in this case, have similar gaming interests. Online, there is no way of verifying who these people might be. It is important that children do not give away any personal information about themselves, or move their conversations into other online areas, especially private ones where conversations could become more personal.

**Can I report directly to Minecraft?** Currently Minecraft does not have a 'report' function so your child should be careful when joining a server. With some plugins you can report users who break the rules of the server to a moderator who can ban anyone being offensive or disruptive.

Adapted from <http://parentinfo.org/article/staying-safe-on-minecraft>



# PLAYING MINECRAFT SAFELY

Children love playing Minecraft. It encourages creativity and helps to build team skills. However, it's not without its risks. Immerse yourself in the world of Minecraft so you can talk to your child about playing safely.



Let's keep kids safe online



## Single is safest

### Single player

No one can join your child's game or contact them in Minecraft chat.

### Multiplayer

- Join any game or server, public or private
- See, chat and interact with others, whether friends or strangers
- Search for family-friendly servers online. Moderated by parents they have rules on language / behaviour

## Play in peace

- Creative mode: no monsters or death, just fun
- Adventure mode: play with others, fight monsters, minimal grief
- Survival mode: collect resources, battle monsters, manage hunger and try to survive

## Know the enemy

- A Griefer is any player who ruins your child's experience.
- Chat to your child about settings that limit them like 'Whitelisting'
- Report to the server admin anyone who chats abusively in Minecraft chat.

## Anonymity is best

- Use a nickname not a real name when playing
- Avoid using birth year in nickname
- Don't reveal age, school or address in Minecraft chat

## Child friendly videos

Search for them online if you're worried that your child is watching Minecraft YouTube videos with bad language.



# Time Travellers

## Summer Holiday Club for 6 - 12yrs



**Monday 31st July - Friday 4th August**

**9 am to 4.30 pm**

**Cost: £153 for the whole week.**

**To book please call or visit Market Hall Museum on (01926 412500) during opening hours, or book online at [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/heritageboxoffice)**

**Club is based at St John's Museum, Warwick, but other sites will be visited throughout the week.**

**Celebration event - Friday 4th August  
(4.30 pm to 6 pm)**

**Become a Time Traveller** and spend a week exploring everything from fossils to robbers. Each day will be a mixture of hands on activities, making things and learning new skills. Showcase your work in a special Time Travellers exhibition at Market Hall Museum and invite your friends and family to see it.

**Monday: Fossil Frenzy:** design a museum trail, discover the fossils at Market Hall Museum, make a 3D sculpture.

**Tuesday: Awesome Archives:** Come face to face with colourful characters from the archives, write a blog for our community website, get graphic with graffiti.

**Wednesday: Dig Delight:** Be a young archaeologist, take part in a mini dig, make your own artefact.

**Thursday: Fantastic Beasts:** Come on a nature trail, explore your finds with digital microscopes, discover our taxidermy collection.

**Friday: Lights, Camera, Action:** make a story of your week using stop go animation, prepare an exhibition for friends and family, invite them along to a special event to see your exhibition.



# Diary Dates

**Diary dates do sometimes change due to unforeseen circumstances. If any date changes, we will always notify you via text or letter. However, the following dates are correct at the point of going to press!!**

Saturday 17th June 2017	Collect Y3 children from The Big Sleepover at 9.00am.
Monday 19th June 2017	Y1 trip to Warwick Castle.
Tuesday 20th June	YR assembly to parents at 9.15 am.
Tuesday 20th June 2017	KS2 Sport's Day, 10.00am—12.00pm—parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.
Tuesday 20th June 2017	KS2 District Field and Track Competition at Edmonscote track from Approximately 3.30—6.00pm.
Thursday 22nd June 2017	Y1 Summer Party for parents/carers at 2.30pm.
Thursday 22nd June 2017	Induction meeting for new Reception parents/carers at 9.15am.
Friday 30th June 2017	MUFTI Day
Friday 30th June 2017	Farmer's Market on the playground
Monday 3rd July 2017	YR trip to The Cotswold Wildlife Park.
Wednesday 5th July 2017	Y2 Summer Party for parents/carers at 2.30pm
Wednesday 5th July 2017	Y5 performance of "The Tempest" at the RSC Playmaker's Festival.
Thursday 13th July 2017	Y6 trip to The London Dungeons—CANCELLED.
Saturday 15th July 2017	SPLAT! Children's Arts' Festival in Jephson Gardens.
Friday 21st July 2017	Break up for the summer holiday.

## Change to the Cost of Hot Dinners

**Please note that County Caterers are increasing the cost of a school dinner for pupils in Years 3/4/5/6 to £2.15 (£10.75 per week) from September 2017. Dinners will remain free of charge for children in Reception/Y1/Y2.**

**Please remember that, if your child is due to move in to Y3, they will no longer be eligible for free school meals in September and you will need to pay £2.15 per day.**

## Picture of the Week



**Adrian enjoys the exhibits at The Ashmolean Museum!**

# Sydenham Super Stars!



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Apparently, hot air is due to blow in to Leamington from the Azores this weekend causing a mini heat wave so grab your suncream everyone!

See you all on Monday,  
Miss Glenly (Associate Headteacher)