



Forest Glade Primary and Nursery School Family – Growth – Potential

May 2025

As we come to the end of another half term, take a look below at some of the amazing things our children have been up to over the past few weeks. We can't wait to see you all back at school on Monday the 2nd of June!

Debate Competition Win!

Our debate club displayed amazing confidence, perseverance and pride when attending the final of the debate competition against other Flying High schools. They discussed topics such as mobile phone safety and online gaming for Under 16's and came out victorious! Well done FGP debate club, what an incredible win!



Well Done Year 6!

Our Year 6 children received their leaver's hoodies to celebrate their time at Forest Glade. Throughout the week of their SATs all the children displayed our values of perseverance and confidence. As a treat, at the end of the week, the children enjoyed a party afternoon, including snacks, singing and dancing. Well done Year 6, we are so proud of you all!

Eco Quote of the Month

"Be the pollution solution!"



Water Saving Tip of the Month

"Repair leaks in pipes, taps or toilets"



Key Information



Tour De Forest Glade

Our children started the Tour De Forest Glade sponsored event on Monday the 19th of May. They will cover 100 miles a day between them, using different ways to keep active. So far we have had running, cycling, an obstacle course and even cartwheels. Don't forget to bring your sponsorship money in and hand it to your child's teacher by **Friday the 13th of June**.



Can All Colours Be Found In Nature?

Our Nursery children have been exploring nature to answer their enquiry question, 'Can all colours be found in nature?' They have been busy discussing and creating different pieces of work to help them with their learning, even making a whole class footprint rainbow!



Father's Day Celebration

Our Father's Day celebration is on Friday the 13th of June. Please see our previous letter for all the details. If you would like to book a place use the link below. Only 1 gentleman per family. <https://forms.office.com/e/ecru16Ryeg>

Half Term Activities at ATTFE College

MINECRAFT CRAFTS AND ACTIVITIES
FREE SESSION BY THE ATTFE COLLEGE
THURSDAY 29TH MAY 10 - 12
BOOK YOUR PLACE WITH RECEPTION
01773 864510

STITCH, CRAFTS & MARVELOUS TABLE TOP SALES
FREE TO ATTEND
28 MAY 10AM - 12.30PM
ATTFE in the Community Venue
9 - 11 Low Street, Sutton in Ashfield

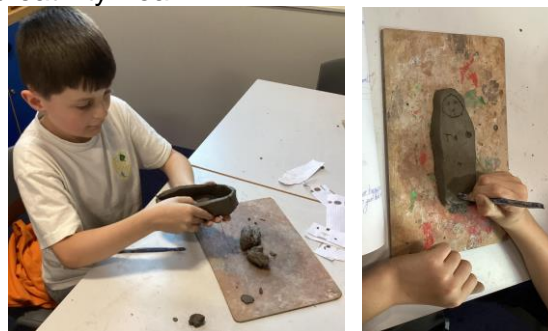
Green Fingers in FS2

Our Reception children have planted some vegetable seeds in their outside area. They are going to look after, watch grow and hopefully taste the yummy vegetables when they are ready for harvesting! Well done FS2, we can't wait to see what you grow!



Year 4 Sarcophagus Creations

Year 4 were able to use their understanding of the importance of sarcophagi to design their own sarcophagus, which reflects their identity. They then turned these designs into their very own masterpiece using clay and skills such as; joining, smoothing and carving. Amazing creativity Year 4!



Upcoming dates for the diary

May Half Term – 26th May – 30th May
Father's Day Celebration – Friday 13th June
EYFS Sports Day – Wednesday 18th June 2:15pm
KS2 Sports Day – Thursday 26th June 9:30am
KS1 Sports Day – Thursday 26th June 1:30pm
Year 6 Residential Trip – 2nd July – 4th July
KS1 Disco – Monday 7th July 6-7pm
KS2 Disco – Monday 7th July 7:15-8:15pm
Summer Fayre – Friday 11th July
Seaside Day – Friday 18th July
Year 6 Leaver's Assembly – Thursday 24th July
Last day at school – Friday 25th July

Inset Days for 2024/2025

Monday 28th July 2025
Tuesday 29th July 2025



At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MINECRAFT



Still the best-selling game of all time, Minecraft is a bastion of creativity and community, with hundreds of millions of players building and crafting in its almost endless world. The popularity of Minecraft among gamers of all ages means it's important to remain informed about the game, including how to play it safely and whether it's suitable for the children in your care. That's why we've created this guide explaining the risks associated with Minecraft and how to ensure a purely enjoyable gaming experience.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCARY ELEMENTS

While Minecraft can be seen as a kind of 'digital LEGO', certain game modes include creatures accompanied by eerie sound effects. These can be a bit too frightening for some younger players, potentially leading to distressing in-game combat and other encounters – although the combat is quite basic and free from any real depiction of violence.

GRIEFING

Some players in Minecraft take pleasure in deliberately damaging or destroying another person's creations. This behaviour, known as 'griefing', is a form of bullying – it intentionally ruins someone else's experience by erasing hours of their work and forcing them to start over. Many public servers regard griefing as a serious offence and often ban those who engage in it.

ADDICTIVENESS

Minecraft's focus on creativity means that, as with any creative endeavour, it can be easy to get carried away. If your child is finding it difficult to manage their time because they're drawn in by Minecraft's gameplay loop of resource gathering and building elaborate projects, it could have a knock-on effect on their social interactions and schoolwork.

PUBLIC SERVERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

With public servers being so easily accessible in Minecraft, it's highly likely that children will end up chatting with strangers through the in-game text chat. Some servers even place an emphasis on social interaction, actively encouraging communication between players. While there's nothing inherently wrong with this, it does carry certain risks. In addition to the concerns around speaking with strangers online, players who host their own servers may have their IP addresses exposed, posing a further security concern.

ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

Minecraft is available as a free trial on a variety of devices; however, the full game requires a one-off purchase. After that, players have the option to buy additional cosmetic upgrades or subscribe to Minecraft Realms. Realms is an entirely optional subscription service that allows users to run their own private server to play with friends. Without proper supervision, younger players may end up making unintended or excessive purchases.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Selecting Creative or Peaceful mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is far lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of enemies and creatures attacking you or damaging your building.

HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for children to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given its address and password. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – ban anyone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft. Hosting a private server, however, will cost a monthly fee.

TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone will make contact with a stranger online. Talking to children about online safety, therefore, is essential – as is having a plan for dealing with any hostile or difficult people. It's important that a child knows never to tell a stranger about themselves online and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

Much of Minecraft's early stages can be an exercise in frustration for players who don't know where to start. Thankfully, there's a wealth of material online and in video format to help you learn the basics. Just be mindful that some of this content may not be appropriate for children, so you should consider watching it yourself first.

PLAY MINECRAFT WITH YOUR CHILD

As a creative building tool, Minecraft makes it great fun for children to team up and construct vast buildings accompanied by imaginative landscapes, much like working with LEGO or model kits. Playing in a game mode that includes enemies can encourage critical thinking and teamwork; however, you should consider which game mode is appropriate for the child in your care.

Meet Our Expert

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