



Forest Glade Primary and Nursery School Family – Growth – Potential

June 2025

What a great start to our final half term, our children have been very busy! Take a look below to see some of the wonderful things we've been up to this month and for all the latest updates.



Hawkeye Falconry Visit FS2

Hawkeye Falconry came to visit FS2 and brought some of their incredible owls to show the children. They were lucky enough to meet Cookie, a 5 week old baby owl, and Squeak, a beautiful 5 year old owl. The children were fascinated and full of questions! What an amazing experience to help support their learning about woodland animals.



Sports Day 2025

Our EYFS Sports Day took place on our school playground and for children so young they showed great determination and enjoyment. The EYFS team are very proud of you all! Our KS1 & KS2 children were able to use Dalestorth Primary School's field for their sports day. The children displayed many of the FGP values throughout the different events, well done! A big thank you to Miss Elvin for organising Sports Day, to all the parents who came to support the children and to Dalestorth for allowing us to use their field.



Eco Quote of the Month

"If you cannot reduce, then reuse"



Water Saving Tip of the Month

"Only fill the kettle as much as you need"



Key Information



Superkind Award

We are delighted to share that we have earned the Superkind Social Impact award for all the wonderful work our children have been involved in to make a positive impact in our local community and the wider world. Amazing job, keep it up!



Father's Day Celebration

We had a lovely morning of activities and sweet treats, to celebrate the special gentlemen in our children's lives. Thank you to everybody who joined us, we can't wait to see you all next year! A big thank you to Mrs Stafford for organising this lovely event and to Asda for donating the sweet treats.



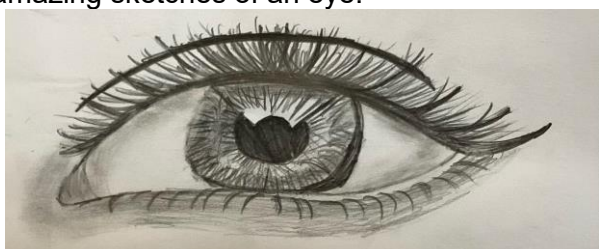
Flying High Sports Event

Some of our Year 6 children attended the annual Flying High sports games. They took part in a variety of track and field events and showed great perseverance, pride and confidence. They came 4th out of all the schools participating and got a record time in one of the running events!



Year 5 Art

Our Year 5 children have been using close observations and shading techniques in Art, to create realism. They have created some amazing sketches of an eye!



Year 3 Pottery Visit

Year 3 had a visit from Dave and Nicola from 'The Pottery' who helped the children create their own Greek-inspired pots to help support their learning about Ancient Greece. The children showed great aspiration, creativity and perseverance with their creations and we cannot wait to see their final products when they have been returned from the kiln!



FS2 Bug Hunt

Reception had an exciting time on a bug hunt at Dalestorth School! The children explored the outdoor area and discovered several bugs hiding in and under logs, leaves, and other natural spots. They were curious, brave, and very gentle with the creatures they found. It was a fantastic opportunity to learn about minibeasts and their habitats.



Upcoming dates for the diary

KS1 Disco – Monday 7th July 6-7pm
KS2 Disco – Monday 7th July 7:15-8:15pm
Transition Day – Wednesday 9th July
Y4 Leicester Museum Trip – Thursday 10th July
Summer Fayre – Friday 11th July
Year 6 Leaver's Performance – Thursday 17th July
Seaside Day – Friday 18th July
EYFS Celebration – Wednesday 23rd July
Year 6 Leaver's Assembly – Thursday 24th July
Last day at school – Friday 25th July

Inset Days for 2025/2026

Monday 1st September 2025
Tuesday 2nd September 2025
Wednesday 3rd September 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 YOUTUBE KIDS



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform. Its colourful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and it offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS



YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED



YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.

BE WARY OF ADVERTISING



Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pervasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION



There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'scientific' videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.

DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE



YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

DATA COLLECTION RISK



While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS

YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.

SET TIME LIMITS

The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

CHECK WATCH HISTORY

YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.

WATCH TOGETHER

It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.

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