



# Forest Glade Primary and Nursery School Family – Growth – Potential

February 2026

**We have had lots of activities taking place across school to support our children's learning. Take a look below to see some of the exciting things we've been up to and all the latest updates.**

## Year 5 Perlethorpe Trip

Year 5 enjoyed a Viking themed day at Perlethorpe, where the children were able to explore a Viking longhouse, dress as Viking warriors and develop a deeper understanding of Viking life in Britain. Mrs Kinsella was very proud of the children who displayed many of the FGP characteristics throughout the day!



## Year 3 Bestwood Trip

Our Year 3 children took part in a Stone Age Day at Bestwood Environmental Education Centre. The day involved different activities including, shelter building for survival, cave painting stories and even creating their own Stone Age medallions and pots. Even though the weather was against them, the children had a great time and were able to experience what it would have been like in the Stone Age!



## Eco Quote of the Month

"Planet or plastic, the choice is yours!"



## Water Saving Tip of the Month

"Keep a bottle of drinking water in the fridge to keep cool for drinks!"



# Key Information



## Debate Club Competition

Our Debate club took part in a regional competition against a couple of other Flying High schools. The children represented Forest Glade superbly, debated confidently, shared their opinions clearly, and listened respectfully to others. We are incredibly proud of their effort and sportsmanship!



## KS1 Cricket Festival

A group of Key Stage 1 children attended a cricket festival at Kirkby Leisure Centre. The children took part in a range of activities to develop their skills of catching, throwing, aiming and playing a game. They were all super stars and did Forest Glade proud!



## RNLI visit FS2

To support their enquiry work, Reception had a visit from Geoff from the RNLI, who told them all about the role of lifeguards and coastguards. He explained how they help keep people safe and he also taught the children how to stay safe in the water.



## Year 1 Care Home Visit

Year 1 children visited Sutton Lodge Residential Care Home, to support their enquiry, 'How has play changed?' which helped them to learn about play in the past from some of the residents. They played with different toys from the past, asked lots of questions and had a really lovely time.



## Swimming Gala

Some of our Key Stage 2 children took part in a swimming gala at Lammis Leisure Centre. The children were involved in a variety of swimming races and displayed amazing resilience and pride. We are all so proud of how brilliantly the children represented Forest Glade!

## Mother's Day Celebration Reminder

Don't forget our Mother's Day celebration is taking place on **Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of March 2-3pm**. Please reserve a space for 1 lady per family by completing the following link: [Reserve space here!](#)

## Upcoming dates for the diary

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Mother's Day Celebration Afternoon  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Easter Egg-Stravaganza begins  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March – FS2 Skegness trip

## Easter holidays

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April

## Inset Days for 2025/2026

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2026



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](http://nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MARVEL RIVALS

AGE RESTRICTION  
**PEGI 12**

ESRB advise nobody under the age of 13 should play

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Marvel Rivals launched in December 2024 and amassed a player count of nearly 150,000 in mere weeks. This player versus player (PvP) shooter packs in a host of recognisable comic-book characters, pitting two teams of six against each other. Despite the game's cartoonish nature, there are several potential risks for parents and educators to be aware of.

#### IN-GAME CHAT

Voice chat allows players to speak to teammates and opponents within the game, but in a competitive environment, some conversations can become unpleasant. Text chat is equally prominent among those playing on PC and will be shown on the side of the screen. Moderation on chats is relatively lax, so it's important to recognise that potentially inappropriate messages could arrive at any time.

#### IN-GAME PURCHASES

While Marvel Rivals is free, there is an in-game store, selling character skins from recognisable movies and comic-book titles. Each season also includes a £10 Battle Pass (much like those seen in Fortnite and Call of Duty), offering a series of exclusive cosmetic items. These passes don't expire – but they can't be purchased once the next season rolls around, creating a fear of missing out.

#### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With such a huge player base, it's impossible to predict whom your child will be teaming up with or playing against. They're virtually certain to run into strangers through voice and text chat, for starters. Most of these people will just be ordinary gamers enjoying the action, but there is the risk of some users behaving inappropriately with younger players – either intentionally, or because they don't realise that they're speaking to a child.

#### VIOLENT CONTENT

There's no gore in Marvel Rivals, and the violence depicted is comparatively cartoonish – but the playable characters available vary between more traditional superheroes and supervillains, and figures like Black Widow and The Punisher, who use more realistic firearms. Given the game's nature as a shooter, this may make some parents and carers uncomfortable as some players will be firing these weapons at each other.

#### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The game includes some innuendos and mature themes in the dialogue, which could expose youngsters to content unsuitable for their age, detracting from a safe and family-friendly gaming experience. As we mentioned previously, the content of the in-game chat could also be age-inappropriate, ranging from swearing to mature themes to potentially harmful content.

#### FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

The inclusion of iconic characters might make Marvel Rivals appear more approachable than other games in the genre, with recognisable heroes and villains like Spider-Man and Venom. This could lead to more interest from younger players, increasing the likelihood of children playing the game without properly understanding the risks.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

#### FOLLOW ESRB RATINGS

The ESRB rating for Marvel Rivals says the game shouldn't be played by anyone under 13. Most children of that age will be able to appreciate the moral compass of the roster of characters (people can play as Hela, the Goddess of Death, for example), while also ensuring that the violence, however cartoonish, won't overwhelm them.



#### FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

The game's inclusion of fan-favourite characters like Iron Man and the Hulk, plus its increasing popularity, means that younger Marvel fans will likely be eager to see what the fuss is about. Since it's free, consider playing Marvel Rivals yourself to gauge how you feel about a child playing it. Alternatively, you could let them play against the game's AI in Practice Mode, until they're old enough to compete online.

#### MONITOR OR TURN OFF CHAT

Voice and text chat can both be adjusted within the in-game settings. If you're particularly concerned about exposing children and young people to them, however, you can disable both forms of chat in the game's settings. If a child wants to play alongside friends, remind them that they can use their console's party chat feature or host a call on a third-party service like Discord.



#### DISCONNECT PAYMENT OPTIONS

Parents should ensure that no payment options – such as debit cards – are linked to the game, to prevent unauthorised purchases and charges. Children can be tempted by enticing in-game offers without fully understanding the costs. Removing payment methods avoids impulsive in-game spending and instils a sense of financial awareness, teaching young people to be careful with their money.



#### Meet Our Expert

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