

NEWSLETTER Thursday 26th June 2025

Dear Parents,

The last two weeks seem to have been rather full! Please read on for all the latest news.

LANDSCOPE LEARNERS

CLASS ONE

Class One have been using the wax resist painting technique to create some beautiful 'Under the sea' art!

What a fantastic time everyone had at our multi-skills event last week! Class 1 and 2 were PE Superstars as they tried a variety of different activities in the sun. Great job everyone!



CLASS TWO

Have had a busy couple of weeks! One of the highlights has been the visit to Riverford.

What a fantastic morning Class 2 had at the Riverford Field Kitchen and farm. We learnt so much and were able to taste many delicious, different, organic products – we even brought a whole box back with us to try after lunch!





CLASS THREE

In science, Class Three, have started a new topic all about plants. We have begun by learning what plants require to thrive, and we have planted broad beans to aid our learning.



CLASS FOUR

What a super arts project ... Clay gargoyles - the children used various techniques to shape, join and combine the clay. They've done a fabulous job of creating exaggerated, scary features to ward off evil spirits.



Year 6 have enjoyed the opportunity to take part in Bikeability and show their proficiency in cycling on the road. We're pleased to say that all the who took part achieved level 2. Well done!



SAFEGUARDING & ATTENDANCE

Attendance: (Our school target is 96.8%)	
Whole school	99.7%
Class 1	99.7%
Class 2	97.5%
Class 3	96.7%
Class 4	96.3%
Well done to Class 1!	

YouTube Kids promises a safe, child-centric experience with colourful visuals, age-filtered content, and robust parental controls. Designed to appeal to younger viewers, the app has grown rapidly, being used by tens of millions of children worldwide. But is it as safe as it seems?

Despite YouTube Kids' safeguards, reports have highlighted worrying issues, such as inappropriate content slipping through filters, subtle advertising, and the use of manipulative design to keep children engaged. Our guide explores how to navigate these pitfalls, offering practical advice for making sure children get the most from the platform – without the risks.

If you are concerned about a child's wellbeing, please contact the school or, during non-school hours contact MASH on 0345 155 1071. Our designated safeguarding lead is Mrs. Ryder and the deputy safeguarding lead is Mr. Ansermoz.

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](https://www.thenationalcollege.com).

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS

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.

AGE RESTRICTION 4+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

- 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 promoted skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and smoking to children as young as five. As inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.
- BE WARY OF ADVERTISING**
Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features persuasive advertising before and during videos. While most ads 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.
- 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 poorer schoolwork, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.
- SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED**
YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, allowing you to set screen time limits and restrict the content children are able to view. However, children are often more tech-savvy than we are. They can easily bypass or reset these settings if they have access to the device's settings menu or parental controls. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.
- 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.
- 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 'Restricted' or 'Parental'. 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 recommended 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 allows 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 sit together and watch 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.

Meet Our Expert
Carly Page is an experienced journalist with more than 10 years of experience covering the technology industry. Previously a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly is now a freelance journalist, editor, and copywriter. Her bylines include Forbes, TechRadar, The Independent, The Mirror, iNews, and WIRED.

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FOLS ~ A message from Michelle

Thank you so much to those who took part in the Colour Run, I think the smiles on the children's faces said it all. It was such a fun afternoon. Thank you also to all who helped, these events simply cannot run without volunteers so thank you again. All outstanding sponsorship forms need to be returned by this Friday 27th June please. Thank you to those who have already returned theirs we are up to a fantastic £443 profit including the refreshment sales. The just giving page is still live, so any sponsorship can be transferred directly.



Thank you to all of you who have signed up for ice lolly sales, we still have a couple of gaps in the rota so please sign up if you can!! This will be every Friday after school until the end of term, so don't forget your £1 cash!

Please sign up to help at the Summer Fair if you can. The sign-up sheet is up outside the office. We really need as many people as possible to help make this the fun event it always is. Get in touch through fols@outlook.com if you want to know what each role entails. Thank you to everyone who has signed up so far!



We hope that you will support and enjoy our fabulous Summer Fair!

* Pimm's * BBQ * Ice-Lollies * Floor is Lava * Tombola * Song Machine * Games * Second-Hand Uniform * Cakes * 100 club * Prizes * Glitter * Crafts *

Dates -

- Friday 27th June (every Friday thereafter this half term) – Ice lolly sales £1 cash
- Friday 4th July – Summer Fair & Mufti Day in exchange for bottle / prizes for the Tombolas for the Fair (donations can be brought in anytime from now onwards)
- Monday 22nd September – FOLS AGM 3:30pm at school, children can go into afterschool club free of charge.

Many thanks, Michelle

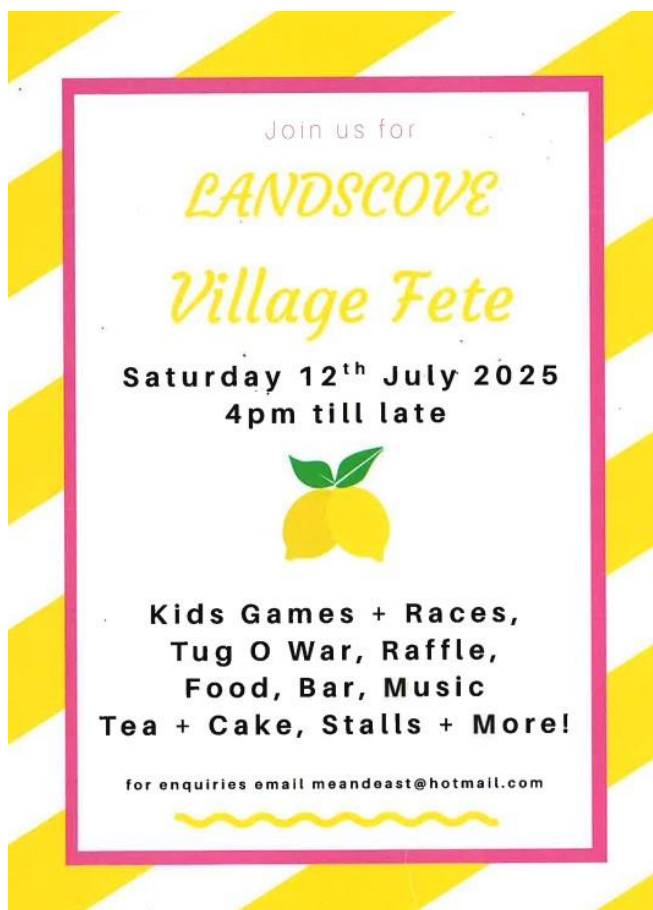
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

26 th -27 th June	Class 3 Wild Wise Camping Trip
4 th July	FOLS Summer Fair
7 th - 9 th July	Class 4 Residential to Bristol
12 th July	Landscope village fete 4pm-till late
10 th July	Class 3 forest school activity day @ Broadhempston community woodland - please drop and collect from the venue.
22 nd July	Leavers service @ St Matthew's 10am. Break up for summer.

SPORTS DAY

It was lovely to see so many of you at Sports day. The gazebos were very welcome and in spite of the warm weather everyone had an afternoon of fun. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and we hope you did too!

The Colour Run that followed sports day was a grand Landscope end to the day – huge thanks to Michelle and the FOLS team for afternoon refreshments and all the effort that went into the colour run. A great success!





That's all the news for now. Have a good weekend.

Jill Ryder.