



# Newsletter

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## Dates to expect the Newsletter

7th March

21st March

## Dates for your Diary

Parents Open Morning– Collective worship	Monday 3rd March 9 - 9.45am
World Book Day	Thursday 6th March
Y2 Sleepover	Friday 14th March
Y2 Art Gallery Event	Monday 17th March
Y1 Parents Meeting - Phonics Screening	Monday 24th March 3.30 –4pm
EYFS & KS1 Easter Disco	Tuesday 25th March 4 –5.30pm
KS2 Film Night	Tuesday 25th March 4 –5.30pm
Y3 Three Trees Production	Friday 28th March 2 –3pm
Parents Evening	Wednesday 2nd - Thursday 3rd April
Y5 Bikeability	Tuesday 29th April - Friday 2nd May
Rise Voices - Y4	Wednesday 7th May

**Dates are subject to change**

## School Start/Finish Times

Infant School - 8:45am - 3:15pm

Juniors - 8:50am - 3:20pm

Doors open 5 minutes prior to start time.

## Term Dates

Half Term	-	Monday 17th - Friday 21st February
Back to School	-	Monday 24th February
Easter Break	-	Monday 7th - Friday 18th April
Bank holiday	-	Monday 21st April
Back to School	-	Tuesday 22nd April
Bank holiday	-	Monday 5th May
Half Term	-	Monday 26th - Friday 30th May
Back to School	-	Monday 2nd June
Inset Day	-	Thursday 24th July



## REMINDER

Please remember that after half term, Year 4 will begin their swimming lessons and we will be hosting a pool on the Year 5/6 playground, near the Junior entrance for three weeks.

Children will be able to enter in the morning through the school gates as normal, as there is plenty of space to pass the side of the pool. However, at the end of the day, we will be unable to open the gates for parents to wait on the Year 5/6 playground.

Collection for Junior children for these three weeks, at the end of the day, will be as follows:

- Access to the school grounds via the High Street, next to UPOs Chip shop, the gate will be opened and parents to wait on the path/grass next to the sports field.
- Children to be brought by class teacher through the school gate and on to the path/grass area.
- Children to be dismissed into parent care.
- Children who would normally walk home independently will be dismissed as normal.
- Parents who also have Infant children will be able to collect them first at 3:15pm, then walk from the Infant playground around the side of the Junior school building, past the Junior Hall, and on to the sports field area to collect their Junior child/ren.

Please be mindful when waiting of leaving enough space so teachers/children can clearly see their adult.

This is a temporary measure just for the three weeks that the pool is on site.



# LEAVERS

Every year we give Y6 parents the option to purchase a Leavers Hoodie for their child as a reminder of their friends and experiences at The Three Trees Academies.

If you **DO NOT** want your child's name printed on the hoodie please respond to the e-mail sent to you about the hoodies with your child's full name and class no later than **Fri 28th February**.

## Safeguarding

Our Designated safeguarding leads are Mrs Baird, Mr Poynton, Mrs Wilkins, Mrs Ng-Bell, Mrs Baker and Ms Hatton.

For any concerns around safeguarding please call the main office to arrange a phone call or meeting to share these with the safeguarding team. Alternatively, you can email concerns to the email address -

[safeguarding@threetrees.risemat.co.uk](mailto:safeguarding@threetrees.risemat.co.uk)



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### Online Safety Update

Following on from our work on Safer Internet Day 2025 we would like to make you aware of the free National Online Safety app from the National Education Group. It contains guides, tips and updates to help keep you informed about online safety and how to help your child navigate the online world. It is available to download from both the Apple App store and the Google Play store.





Live Life Better Derbyshire are running free programmes for Derbyshire parents and carers of children aged between 0 – 12 years old.

Fancy an 8-week programme? – Meet other parents and carers in a fun weekly online group and learn how to make lasting healthy changes together.

Fancy something more bite size? – Parents may choose to join 1 or more sessions from the 4 week online programme covering a range of topics that matter the most to families.

"Social media shows families have the perfect life, but in reality no-one is like that."  
 "I came out feeling really supported".



Sign up to take part in the programme here or scan the QR code



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# BOOK YOUR HOLIDAY CAMP TODAY!

## Three Trees CofE Junior School

Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February  
 09:00 - 15:30  
 £17.49 per child per day  
 5 years - 11 years

**book now!**  
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## CCTV

CCTV is in operation!

Please be aware the you are being recorded as soon as you step on to the school premises.

**NOTICE**  
 You are under CCTV Surveillance

Please do not let your child/ children on the pirate ship at drop off and pick up or any other time when the chain is in front of it.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## Dangerous Parking

Please **DO NOT** park in front of the school gates.

The driver of this vehicle almost bumped into a child and their parent last week.

The gates are locked during the start and the end of the school day for the safety of the children and other pedestrians.

If you have to drive to school please ensure you find a safe place to park.



# FEBRUARY HOLIDAY COURSES

## PINGLE ACADEMY

"AN ACTION PACKED DAY OF FOOTBALL FOR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL YEARS 1 TO 6"

9.00am - 3.30pm  
 Thursday 20th - Friday 21st February  
**£18 PER DAY**

- Fun football programme
- Individual development, shooting games, and tournaments
- Highly qualified & trained coaching staff
- End of course presentation

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE [www.soccerstarsuk.co.uk](http://www.soccerstarsuk.co.uk)

In Year 5, the children have taken part in a competition for the mini police.

They had to design a road safety poster.

Well done to Alyssa in 5RD for winning this competition. Hope you enjoy your paper making kit!



# Number Day 2025

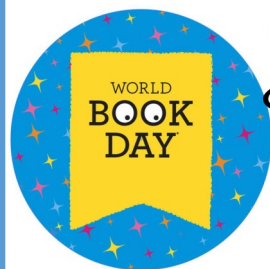
NSPCC



Thank you for helping the Three Trees to raise £298 for the NSPCC.

All children listened to the story How Many Jelly Beans by Andrea Menotti and took part in some maths activities in response.

It was lovely to see so many numbers in both schools, the children did so well finding numbers to wear, decorating t-shirts and even dressing up! The staff also did a good job dressing up and the children voted for their favourite costume. Miss Galpin won from the infants and Mrs Ng-Bell won for the juniors.



*World Book Day is on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March.*

*All children are welcome to come dressed as a book character. This is a choice, children do not have to dress up. They can come in their own clothes or in school uniform if dressing up is not an option.*

*Please find some great costume ideas attached to the email!*

## Whitemoor Lakes Residential trip 2025

What an amazing (albeit very cold) week we've had at Whitemoor Lakes! Everyone really enjoyed it with both the children and staff stepping out of their comfort zones to experience the activities and learn a great deal about their own levels of courage and resilience. All group leaders were extremely impressed by the children's willingness to have a go with all of the activities (with some children even doing each one at least 4 times) and naturally, proud beyond belief! Some of these were: Indoor Enigma (problem solving with a fun time travel element (obviously imagined), Eggs can fly (which encompassed designing a cover for an egg, then dropping it from a great height to see which design was most effective in keeping it safe), climbing wall, gladiator (racing against a friend to scale the heights of the activity), orienteering, abseiling, leap of faith and most of the children's favourite – the zipwire.

The children were fabulous ambassadors for our school, displaying fantastic behavior – identified not only by us but by the instructors too. We had a lot of tasty food, played lots of games and laughed a lot!

A truly fabulous time was had by all – well done to all our children for making it a trip to remember for a very long time.



# PARENTING GAMERS

Moving from policing to parenting your gaming kids: how to engage and guide

With concerns about escalating screen time, the impact of violence, unapproved chats and introducing strangers it can be tempting to lock down video games to limit their negative impact. While some parents believe this is helpful, they are only a short-term solution for how to guide children towards gaming health. Like other areas of childhood, parents and carers can have a powerful steering presence by engaging and participating in the video games their children play. This not only reduces risks because they are aware of the kinds of activities, interactions and chats involved, but makes video games a part of family life. Along with building ideas, checking news, cooking and family work, playing games with children enables parents to guide the quality of content being played. This may start with sharing the games children are currently playing, understanding why they love it and celebrating success, but with a little research, this can grow into suggesting other games to play and higher ambitions for what kids get out of playing long-standing favorites.

## NOS National Online Safety

### A New Media For Everyone

Video games are a new media for everyone. Because they are fun and don't seem to be educational, they are often seen as a safe space for children to explore their interests and skills. However, the same range of risks as other media can be found in video games.

There are games that you might enjoy playing and watching at a wide range of ages and genres. Whether it's solving a puzzle or exploring a new world, there are games for everyone. However, some games are not suitable for children and young people. These are often called 'adult games' and are not suitable for children and young people. They often contain violence, sexual content, and other material that is not suitable for children and young people.

### Video Game Diet

Getting an understanding of what other games you, what they are like to play and the different experiences on offer, can help you decide what games to play and how to play them. This can help you decide what games to play and how to play them. This can help you decide what games to play and how to play them.

### Creators Not Consumers

Children are often encouraged to create their own content, such as videos, photos, and social media posts. This can be a great way for them to express their creativity and share their experiences. However, it is important to ensure that the content they create is safe and appropriate for their age group.

### Finding Games You Want Children To Play

Researching online can help you find games that are suitable for your child's age and interests. Look for reviews and ratings from other parents and carers to get a better idea of what games are worth playing.

Meet our expert: Andy Robinson, a parent of two children, shares his experience of finding games that are suitable for his children and how he has managed to limit their screen time.

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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP

WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls. It is a secure and encrypted means of communication, but it is not immune to risks. The app's privacy policy in 2021 (involving sharing data with parent companies) caused millions to leave the app, but the new policy was widely misinterpreted - it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

**SCAMS**  
Predators pretending to be your child's friend or a friend of a friend, using WhatsApp to contact you. They may ask for money or personal information. Be wary of anyone who asks for money or personal information.

**POTENTIAL CYBERBULLYING**  
Group chat and video calls are great for connecting with friends, but there is always the potential for someone to be unkind or to bully. Be aware of the potential for someone to be unkind or to bully.

**CONTACT WITH STRANGERS**  
To start a WhatsApp chat, you only need the mobile number of the person you want to contact. This means that anyone who has your child's mobile number can contact them.

**DISAPPEARING MESSAGES**  
Users can set WhatsApp messages to disappear after 24 hours, 7 days or 90 days by default. Photos and videos can also be set to disappear. This means that messages can disappear without you knowing it.

**ENABLING FAKE NEWS**  
WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to spreading fake news and misinformation. Be aware of the potential for someone to spread fake news.

**LOCATION SHARING**  
The location sharing feature lets you share your current location with others. Be aware of the potential for someone to track your location.

### CREATE A SAFE PROFILE

Even though someone would need a child's phone number to add them as a contact, it is also worth being a young person's profile settings to make sure they are safe. Consider making your profile private and limiting who can see your profile picture and status.

### EXPLAIN ABOUT BLOCKING

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, they should block the sender. Blocking someone means they can no longer contact you on WhatsApp.

### REPORT POTENTIAL SCAMS Young people shouldn't engage with any message that looks suspicious. If you see a message that looks suspicious, report it to WhatsApp. LEAVE A GROUP If your child is in a group that is not for them, they should leave the group. Leaving a group means they can no longer see the messages in the group. THINK ABOUT LOCATION If your child needs to use the location feature, they should only share their location with people they know and trust. Be aware of the potential for someone to track your location. DELETE ACCIDENTAL MESSAGES If your child posts a message they regret, they should delete it as soon as possible. Deleting a message means it is no longer visible to anyone in the chat. CHECK THE FACTS You can now fact-check WhatsApp messages that have been forwarded. This means that you can be sure that the information in the message is true. Meet Our Expert: Dr. Sarah Jones, a child psychologist, discusses the risks of WhatsApp and how to keep your child safe. www.nationalonlinesafety.com | @nationalonlinesafety | #WakeUpWednesday

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SNAPCHAT

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Snapchat is a popular social media app where users take photos and videos called 'snaps' and share them with friends via text or social media. It is also worth being a young person's profile settings to make sure they are safe. Consider making your profile private and limiting who can see your profile picture and status.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

One of the main risks of Snapchat is that it allows users to connect with strangers. Be aware of the potential for someone to contact your child and ask for personal information.

### EXCESSIVE USE

Many users spend a lot of time on Snapchat, which can lead to excessive screen time. Be aware of the potential for someone to track your child's location.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Snapchat has a reputation for sharing inappropriate content, such as sexual images and videos. Be aware of the potential for someone to share inappropriate content with your child.

### VISIBLE LOCATION

Snapchat's 'Snap Map' feature allows users to see the location of other users who have shared their location. Be aware of the potential for someone to track your child's location.

### TURN OFF QUICK ADD

Quick Add is a feature that allows users to add new contacts to their Snapchat account. Be aware of the potential for someone to add your child as a contact.

### CHOOSE GOOD CONNECTIONS

Encourage your child to only add contacts that they know and trust. Be aware of the potential for someone to add your child as a contact.

### TALK ABOUT SEXTING

Sexting is the sending or receiving of sexual messages, photos, or videos. Be aware of the potential for someone to sext with your child.

### KEEP ACCOUNTS PRIVATE

Encourage your child to make their Snapchat account private. This means that only people they have added can see their snaps.

### BE READY TO BLOCK AND REPORT

If your child receives a message that is inappropriate or offensive, they should block the sender and report the message to Snapchat.

### CHAT ABOUT CONTENT

Encourage your child to chat with their friends about the content they are sharing on Snapchat. Be aware of the potential for someone to share inappropriate content with your child.

Meet Our Expert: Dr. Sarah Jones, a child psychologist, discusses the risks of Snapchat and how to keep your child safe.

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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about GROUP CHATS

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Group chats are a popular way for friends to stay in touch and share photos, videos, and messages. However, they can also be a place where cyberbullying and other risks can occur. Be aware of the potential for someone to track your child's location.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

**BULLYING**  
Group chats can be a place where cyberbullying can occur. Be aware of the potential for someone to bully your child.

**EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION**  
Group chats can be a place where your child can be excluded or isolated. Be aware of the potential for someone to exclude your child from a group chat.

**INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**  
Group chats can be a place where inappropriate content can be shared. Be aware of the potential for someone to share inappropriate content with your child.

**SHARING GROUP CONTENT**  
Group chat content can be shared with others. Be aware of the potential for someone to share your child's content with others.

**UNKNOWN MEMBERS**  
Group chats can be a place where unknown members can be added. Be aware of the potential for someone to add your child to a group chat.

**NOTIFICATIONS AND FOMO**  
Group chats can be a place where notifications can be turned on, leading to FOMO (Fear Of Missing Out). Be aware of the potential for someone to turn on notifications for your child.

### CONSIDER OTHERS FEELINGS

Group chats can be a place where other people's feelings can be hurt. Be aware of the potential for someone to hurt your child's feelings.

### GIVE SUPPORT NOT JUDGEMENT

Group chats can be a place where your child can receive support. Be aware of the potential for someone to give your child support.

### AVOID INVITING STRANGERS

Group chats can be a place where strangers can be invited. Be aware of the potential for someone to invite your child to a group chat.

### SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Group chats can be a place where notifications can be silenced. Be aware of the potential for someone to silence notifications for your child.

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