



# NEWSLETTER

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We are so proud of the children we hope you are too!

## Let's celebrate!

Here are the amazing children who have gone the 'extra mile' this week to meet our school expectations.

Our expectations are:

- 1) We are kind to one another
- 2) We work hard together
- 3) We are honest with each other

To celebrate their achievements the children have had the opportunity to wear one of our special T shirts for the day. This is what each T shirt says:

- 1) It's Cool To Be Kind
- 2) I worked Wonders
- 3) I did the right thing



## Celebrating Success



This week the 'Best Attendance Cup' goes to Swallows with **98.33%** attendance

Well done and thank you parents for ensuring your child attends school everyday.

Swifts	98.31%
Chicks 2	93.81%
Wrens	91.38%
Robins	90.37%
Chicks 1	85.45%



This term we will be saying goodbye to Miss Hughes The Nest teacher because she has secured a post in a primary school.

We would like to thank her for her time here as a teacher and we wish her luck in her new school.

## Christmas Raffle

Raising funds for school is crucial so that we can subsidise our Year 2 visit to The Place theatre in Oakengates and Christmas Parties for the children. We are holding a Christmas Raffle with a selection of prizes.

The winners will be drawn **Monday 18 December 2023 at 3:00pm** near the school hall doors to the playground.



## Important Reminders

To report your child's absence call the school office on 01952 387860 before 8:50am. Should you require to collect your child early from school for an appointment could you please bring an appointment card or letter into the school office when collecting.



In order to keep your child safe if we have not been notified in advance of any change in collection arrangements we will not allow your child to leave without contacting you first.



When dropping off and collecting children we ask parents to park with consideration for local residents, other road users and most importantly for children's safety. We ask parents not to access the school car park when collecting or dropping off children at anytime. Parking is available at Oakengates Leisure Centre.



Children should not use the adventure playground before or after school. If parents allow children to go on the equipment they do so at their own risk.



A reminder that adults and children must dismount from all wheeled vehicles at the school gate, so that everyone remains safe. Scooters and bikes can be left in the racks provided.



## Dates for your diary

Date	Event
19 Dec	Carols Around the Tree—Holy Trinity Church
19 Dec	Farm on Wheels—The Nest & YR
20 Dec	Christmas Lunch
20 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
22 Dec	Last Day Autumn Term
8 Jan	PD Day
9 Jan	First Day of Spring Term
10 Jan	KS1 (Y1 & Y2) Kwik Cricket
11 Jan	Raising Awareness of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) parent workshops
24 Jan	KS1 (Y1 & Y2) Tennis Festival
12-16 Feb	Half term



## Christmas Dates



Save the Children

We are supporting **Save The Children** charity for Christmas Jumper Day on **Wednesday 20 December**. Please wear your Christmas Jumper in exchange for a small **CAROLING** ornament.



### Christmas Jumper Day

### Carols Around the Tree

Due to limited space this year, return your slip as soon as possible please if you wish to join us for carols around the tree at Holy Trinity Church **Tuesday 19 December at 9.15am**

### Christmas Lunch

On **Wednesday 20 December** all of the children in school will have the opportunity to enjoy a delicious Christmas lunch. All children in school are entitled to a free meal each day so there is no cost.

#### Main Course

Roast Turkey with chipolatas served with stuffing and a rich gravy with seasonal vegetables; sprouts, parsnips, baton carrots and peas

Roast potatoes and creamy mash.

The vegetarian option will be festive parcels.

#### Dessert

Christmas biscuits



## Family Learning



The next family learning session for Reception children and their parents is called '**Family Year Planner.**'

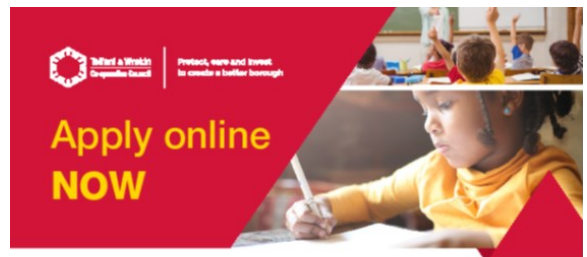
This course commences on Thursday 11 January, 1-3pm and will run for 5 weeks.

Why not start the new year with this fun, free, creative course?  
Come along and join us and work with your reception child to create your own special Family Year Planner/Reward Chart. Encourage your child to help set family plans and goals and celebrate achievements together throughout the year. All resources provided, there will be free refreshments and a free Creche available on request.

Please click on the link to register <https://www.learntelford.ac.uk/PublicSites/CreateFromCourse/7933046>  
Please contact the admin office for any support with registering.

## School Places September 2024

Year 2 Parents applying for a junior school and children due to start Reception in September 2024.



### Starting school?

Closing date for applications:  
**15 January 2024**

If your child has an Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP) the closing date is 31 October 2023.

[www.telford.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.telford.gov.uk/admissions)

- You must apply if your child was born between 1 September 2019 – 31 August 2020.
- You must apply even if your child is attending a nursery or pre-school on a school site or you have a child already attending the school.
- Attending a nursery does not guarantee a school place.
- School places are allocated in line with oversubscription criteria.
- See website for more information [www.telford.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.telford.gov.uk/admissions) or contact School Admissions at [admissions@telford.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@telford.gov.uk)

### BSAT & The Linden Centre Coffee Mornings/ Evening

Please come and join us for a cuppa, a slice of cake and a chat!

The BSAT Team are keen to hear your suggestions of how we can further support our students and their families.

We would also like to support parents/carers and our young people to better understand school systems, exclusion, procedures and signpost the different support agencies that are available.

We look forward to seeing you.

The BSAT Team

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### BSAT Coffee Dates:

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June

9.00 - 10.30am & 5.00 – 6.30pm



# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# NETFLIX

Netflix is a subscription-based streaming service that allows users to watch TV shows and movies on any internet-enabled device that supports the software, such as smart TVs, phones and tablets. The pandemic saw a surge in children consuming on-demand content as many families relaxed their screen-time rules. Netflix's diverse range of programming caters for all age groups - so it's important for parents to recognise the potential risks of children using the service and the measures to help their child enjoy a safe streaming experience.

## INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Netflix produces and curates an extensive catalogue of content that can provide hours of entertainment. If they share the same user account as an adult, this can potentially lead to children accidentally viewing all manner of inappropriate content, including nudity, profanity and extreme violence. This can happen easily on shared accounts, as Netflix cannot establish who's watching.

## BINGE-WATCHING

Netflix allows users to view shows and movies quickly and easily without adverts or interruptions, making excessive screen time a concern. Binge-watching has become more common during the pandemic, due to Netflix's regularly updated content and algorithms which recommend content very similar to what's previously been enjoyed. Marathon viewing sessions can lead to children staying up too late, affecting their mood and concentration the next day.

## SCREEN ADDICTION

From TVs and phones to consoles and tablets, Netflix is available on almost any device with an internet connection - making it extremely difficult to manage children's screen time. The service is now adding games to its mobile app, tempting users to spend even more time on the platform. Screen addiction can distract children from important activities like schoolwork and exercising, and can impact their health by reducing their exercise and sleep.

## HACKING ATTEMPTS

With millions of users worldwide, Netflix is often targeted by hackers who try to steal usernames and passwords to gain access to people's accounts. If successful, they can then steal payment details or try to sell stolen personal data on the dark web, providing other criminals with a profitable opportunity. Netflix also doesn't provide two-factor authentication, making the hackers' task that little bit easier.

## CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Netflix's Teleparty feature became popular during lockdown periods as it allows users from different households (friends and relatives, for example) to synchronise when they watch content. It requires an access link to be sent to the people you wish to invite; the link, however, can also be distributed to people you don't know. A text chat feature enables interaction with the other users in real-time; this represents a risk to children if a stranger gains access to the Teleparty.



## Advice for Parents & Carers

### KEEP ACCOUNTS SECURE

Netflix doesn't use two-factor authentication, so a strong password is vital. Your child's Netflix password should be unique (not one they've used elsewhere) and a minimum of eight characters with a mix of letters, numbers and symbols. Emphasise not to share their login details with anyone and remind them to always log out after using the app - so their account remains inaccessible, even if their device is lost or stolen.



### CHECK MATURITY RATING

Netflix warns about content that includes violence, sex, profanity and nudity. These warnings form part of the show or movie's 'maturity rating'. Users can restrict age ratings to avoid children viewing age-inappropriate content. On their profile, open the Profile and Parental Control settings and choose the maturity level for the shows and movies you want to allow.



### CREATE A KIDS' PROFILE

Setting up a Netflix Kids experience profile means your child can only access content which is suitable for children aged up to 12 years. All other content is automatically blocked. This rating can be further restricted via the child's profile settings. Setting up a Netflix Kids experience profile will help to prevent your child from viewing age-inappropriate content.



### SET UP PROFILE PINS

Netflix account holders can lock profiles using a four-digit PIN. Doing this can prevent your child from accessing the wrong account and viewing content that isn't appropriate for their age. Try setting a PIN for each account on your Netflix app - ideally avoiding numbers that would be easily guessed, such as dates of birth. Remember not to share these PINs with anyone, including family.



### SWITCH OFF AUTO-PLAY

When a show or movie concludes, Netflix's algorithm select content with similar themes that it thinks your child will enjoy next. This new content starts automatically after a 10-second countdown. Disabling this auto-play feature reduces the possibility of your child being shown something inappropriate and provides a natural break to help prevent them becoming too immersed in Netflix.



### CHECK VIEWING HABITS

Netflix has tools which enable parents and carers to monitor what their child has been watching. Selecting 'Viewing Activity' in each profile's account settings displays a list of what content has been viewed (and when). This can reassure parents that their child is watching age-appropriate content and can open avenues for discussing your child's favourite shows and movies, and why they like them.



## Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutwarden is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government concerning internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

