

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a lovely sunny week, and the children have enjoyed outdoor time. We will keep everything crossed that we see some blue sky over the long bank holiday weekend. We will be back to school on Tuesday.

Last Friday the children and staff marked 10 years of being in the new build. Today the children will bring home a special keepsake from Friends of Front Street. It is a sparkly 10-year pin badge, and the children can wear this on their uniform if they wish. Thank you FOFS.

YEAR 6 SATS

Please follow attached link for further information about the Key Stage 2, Year 6 statutory tests in May.
[2026 key stage 2 national curriculum tests: information for parents:](#)



YEAR 1

Please follow attached link for further information about the Year 1 statutory phonics test that your child will complete in June.
[Phonics screening check: information for parents](#)

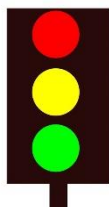
YEAR 4

Please follow attached link for further information about the Year 4 statutory multiplication check that your child will complete in June.
[Multiplication tables check: information for parents](#)

LEARNING PLANS

Some parents will have received Passports, Learning Plans or Reviewed EHCP's. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Bolton.

ATTENDANCE



Red - Danger Zone - Below 90%
Amber - At Risk Zone - 91% - 94%
Green - Safety Zone - 95% - 100%

Rec 1	96.6 %	Rec 2	99.5 %
Year 1D	96.6 %	Year 1KB	98.5 %
Year 2ON	98.5 %	Year 2S	97.8 %
Year 3E	98.6 %	Year 3S	98.1 %
Year 4H	99.6 %	Year 4R	97.9 %
Year 5H	96.9 %	Year 5W	97.0 %
Year 6K	96.0 %	Year 6LA	97.0 %

Well done to this week's attendance winners Class 4H!

WHATS ON NEXT WEEK

04.05.26	BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED	ALL DAY
05.05.26	Year 3 - Safetyworks Visit	10:00-14:30
06.05.26	Reception - Whitehouse Farm visit	9:00-15:30
07.05.26	Year 4 Tennis (Selected Children)	TBC

You can also stay up to date with dates/times of events on your Arbor Calendar

OTHER NEWS

NEW WEBSITE

Our brand-new website is now up and running, if you haven't already seen it, please have a look around. There will be lots of new features such as Letters home where you can find all our important letters. Our monthly calendar is also on there so you can keep up to date with upcoming events. [Front Street Primary](#)

TRANSITION

Year 6 will visit Whickham school as part of transition on Tuesday 30th June and Wednesday 1st July. While Year 6 are visiting Year 7 the whole school will then have the opportunity to move up to their new teacher and class and this will be their transition ready for September.

Nursery letters will be coming home next week with information about their visit to Reception.

SCIENCE WORKSHOPS

Friends of Front Street have organised for the whole school to take part in some science workshops on the 18th and 19th June.

REMINDERS

YEAR 6 SATS BREAKFAST - During SATS Week year 6 will be welcomed into the hall from 8am for breakfast.

RESIDENTIAL - We now need to finalise our trip to Weardale and ask for all payments to be fully paid no later than **Friday 8th May**.

TRIPS - If your child is due to go on a class trip, please make sure you have signed their consent via Arbor, without this they can not attend.

I have a duty of care to safeguard all children.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs H Gladstone, Deputy - Mr Lakey, Miss Hoult, Mrs O'Neill, Mrs Wilkinson, and Mrs Bolton. We have a duty of care to pass on any concerns to Children's Services.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

H J Gladstone Head Teacher

FreezeNova (Unblocked games)

FreezeNova unblocked is a website that is free to access and contains a wide variety of games, including shooting, multiplayer and racing games. This site may bypass usual filters, making it easier for your child to access games that you may not want them to play. As there are a variety of games, not all games may be suitable for your child.

There is also FreezeNova Chat, allowing users to chat to their friends and meet new ones. Clearly there are concerns with any online chat facility as there is the potential to view inappropriate content, risk of bullying as well as grooming.

We could not locate any age ratings on this site and there are constant adverts. Childnet have a webpage providing advice on gaming and chat features here:

<https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/gaming/>

Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translate tool on our web version: <https://www.knowsleycitylearningcentres.org.uk/may-2026-primary/>

Group Chats

Is your child part of any group chats? This could be on social media, for example on WhatsApp or within games such as Fortnite. If so, it is important that you are aware of the potential risks, which include:

- **Inappropriate content** – there is often a lack of moderation within chat facilities so users could be exposed to content/language that is not suitable for their age.
- **Bullying** – there are many instances where inappropriate/hurtful comments are shared within groups, this could take the form of name calling or body shaming. Bullying can also be in the form of excluding others from the group. These issues often overspill into 'real life'.
- **Strangers** – your child could be added to groups with people they do not know or even with someone that they have previously blocked.
- **Conversations can be shared/screen shot** – make sure your child is aware that anything they share within a group can be shared with others.
- **Sharing personal information** – remind your child to be aware of the information they share with others, including images and location.



How can I help make group chats safer?

- Check the recommended age rating and adhere to them.
- Set up age-appropriate parental controls, suitable privacy settings and set screen time limits.
- On WhatsApp you can do a privacy check, by going to settings, privacy and privacy checkup.
- Show your child how to use any reporting and blocking tools.

What else can I do?

- It is crucial to have regular conversations with your child about the risks outlined above and about what they are doing online.
- Talk about who they are chatting with, encourage them to think carefully about what they send and how it could be perceived by others. **Talk about positivity and not saying anything hurtful. Ask them to think about whether they would say what they are messaging, face to face.**
- Devices should be used in family rooms so you can monitor what they are doing and who they are interacting with.
- Finally, make sure to model good digital behaviour yourself, as children often learn by observing the adults around them.

Further information

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/chat-apps/>

Roblox - update

What is Roblox?

Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Players can either create games or play games that other users have created. **As a lot of the content is user generated, not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play.** If your child is playing Roblox, **it is important to monitor**



what your child is accessing as well as set up appropriate parental controls. PEGI rate Roblox with a Parental Guidance recommended label, this is because it is a platform of individual, user generated games.

New Age-Based Accounts

From next month, Roblox will introduce two new age-based accounts: Roblox Kids for users ages 5 to 8 and Roblox Select for users ages 9 to 15. Roblox Kids Accounts (ages 5–8) will be limited to games with a 'Minimal or Mild' content maturity label and all communication is disabled by default. Roblox Select accounts (ages 9 to 15) will be limited to games with content maturity labels up to and including 'Moderate'. By default, Experience Chat is ON and Direct Experience Chat is OFF. The differences in chat are outlined here: <https://about.roblox.com/safety-by-age>

Parental Controls

As part of parental controls, you can manage content ratings, communication, screen-time, and spending limits as well as see which games your child is playing on and who their friends are. Roblox are extending these controls to allow you to:

- Block specific individual games (to age 15).
- Manage direct chat settings (to age 15).
- Approve access to specific games.

It is important to regularly monitor what your child is playing on Roblox and who they are interacting with, even if you have parental controls set up. You can find out more about the new accounts and parental controls here:

<https://about.roblox.com/newsroom/2026/04/introducing-roblox-kids-and-select-accounts>

Further information

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/roblox-releases-updated-parental-controls-and-age-appropriate-experiences/>

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Screen time guidance for under 5s

The Government now advise limiting screen time for young children. They advise avoiding screen time for under 2 years and to try to keep it to less than 1 hour a day for 2-5 years. Best Start for Life have published an article outlining what content is better, how your own screentime affects your child and how screentime can affect your child's development. Find out more here:

<https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/screen-time-under-5s/>

Do you know what 'looksmaxxing' is?

It is the idea of improving and maximising your looks. Internet Matters have published this article, which provides more information on this topic and outlines the risks (including links to the manosphere):

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/news-blogs/what-is-looksmaxxing-online-safety-guidance-for-parents/>

PEGI is expanding their age ratings

From June, PEGI is adding new categories. "Newly submitted games will be classified with a broader set of criteria that will focus on content and functionality, such as purchases of in-game content, paid random items, communication features, and features that incentivise players to continue playing." Find out more here:

<https://pegi.info/news/pegi-expands-age-rating-criteria-interactive-risk-categories>