

## This week

- Thurs 19 July: Yr6 shirt signing – separate shirt needs to be brought in
- Fri 20 July: End of term 1.00pm finish

## Dates further ahead

- Tues 4 Sep: Return to school

[A full calendar is available on our website](#)

## Notices and reminders

“Show respect to everyone” 1 Peter 2.17

Continuing with our value of Respect, we have been reflecting on how sometimes there is no right or wrong answer. Everyone has their own opinion or idea and we should respect this. 4BW and 3RD have led our whole school worships on this theme.

With one week left of this academic year, our pupils have immersed themselves in a range of activities which support their learning.

As part of our school's on-going road safety awareness education, Year 3 children received scooter training on Monday. Delivered by members of the Herts County Council Road Safety Team, the pupils learnt how to keep a scooter in good working order; how to steer, stop and balance safely, and how to ride safely with consideration for others. Year 4 pupils are being trained in pedestrian skills. Trained school staff and parent volunteers are teaching the children where to find safe places to cross; how to deal with junctions and parked cars; how to be aware of using their local environment as a pedestrian and how to use the Highway Code.

As part of their topic on The Romans, Year 4 children experienced life as Romans yesterday. They discovered why the Romans invaded Britain; how Celtic life was different to Roman life through examining artefacts and practised Roman army formation using replica shields and javelins. Thank you to The Friends of Thomas Coram for subsidising the cost of this experience for our children.

Children in Year 6 delivered two fantastic performances of 'Shakespeare Rocks' to their parents and carers, in addition to their performance to the school on Tuesday afternoon. All money raised has been donated to Playskill, a local charity supporting children with physical delays.

All our children continue to demonstrate 'Excellence through competition' in various sporting events organised by the Dacorum Schools Sports Network. Pupils from Upper Key Stage 2 participated in the County Final of the ECB Kwik Cricket Tournament; our Year 4 pupils were represented in the Hertfordshire Schools Final for Speed Stacks. Whilst they did not win, they were awarded the baton for Honesty. Similarly, a group of Year 5 and Year 6 children who took part in the Hertfordshire School Games were awarded the baton for Self Belief in inclusive sports. Finally, our Year 5 and Year athletes participated in the Dacorum Inter-School Summer Sports competition organised by the Dacorum Headteachers' Consortium.

## Recent letters

Last week we sent out these letters, which are also available on our website:

- Yr6 Year book
- End of term clubs

## This week's attachments

- Fortnite factsheet
- HSBC water safety – under latest letters on website
- Boxmoor Trust events

## This week at St Peter's

TSS is at St Peter's, this Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> July at 4pm! Whether your pet is a dog, hamster or terrapin, all are welcome at this celebration of God's creation. It will be followed by a \*bring your own\* teddy bears' picnic to which all our cuddly friends are invited.

We are no longer selling any uniform through school. All uniform needs to be purchased through school essentials via the link on our website. Any uniform ordered can be delivered to school.

From September 2018 the price of a school lunch will be £2.50.

As we enter the final week, can we remind you that lost property will be available to view in the dining room after school on Thursday 19 July and before school on Friday 20 July.

All parents are welcome to join us at our end of term Valedictory Service, which takes place at 10.30am on Friday 20 July. Any parents who are able to walk down to the church with the pupils should arrive in reception at 9.45am.

FOTC would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who had anything to do with the camping event.

# Child safety on Fortnite: parent factsheet

Fortnite is an online video game where players compete to be the last person standing in a post-apocalyptic world. The most popular version is Fortnite: Battle Royale, which sees up to 100 players pitted against each other to stay alive on an island. Players can build and demolish structures, and collect weapons, supplies and armour to help them along the way.

Players shoot each other using a range of lethal weapons, but the brightly-coloured, cartoon-style graphics and lack of bloodshed mean it doesn't feel too gory or graphic.

To play, the age recommendation is **12 and above** due to 'mild violence', although you don't have to provide your age when creating an account, so younger children can still log on easily.

Fortnite: Battle Royale is **free to download** on PC/Mac, Xbox, Playstation, Nintendo Switch and iOS devices (Apple phones and tablets). It's coming to Android soon.

It has about 45 million monthly users worldwide including the England football team, who reportedly played it in their World Cup downtime.

## What are the concerns?

You may have seen news reports or heard concerns raised about the:

- **Communication between players:** a chat function allows players to talk to each other either over a headset and microphone, or using messaging. Children could use it to speak to strangers, or it could put them at risk of cyberbullying
- **In-app purchases:** players can build up large bills on their parents' accounts by buying cosmetic items like outfits for your character and better-looking weapons (otherwise known as 'skins')
- **Addictive nature of the game:** anecdotal stories tell of children staying up all night to play, or falling asleep in lessons after playing for too long. Some commentators attribute this to the communal feel of the game – you can play with your friends – and the game is different every time you play, keeping it fresh

## What safety options are available to parents?

### Use the parental controls on the gaming device

Most devices allow you to **set time limits** on game play, **set age limits** for content, and **restrict in-app purchases**.

Visit the website 'ask about games' for links to detailed instructions on the device your child uses – the site covers Playstation 3, Playstation 4, Xbox 360, Xbox One, Apple and Android phones, and Nintendo Switch.

[Ask About Games](http://www.askaboutgames.com)

[www.askaboutgames.com/advice/parental-controls](http://www.askaboutgames.com/advice/parental-controls)

The battles in Fortnite last around 20 minutes. When trying to limit your child's screen time, make the most of this natural stopping point. Set a limit in terms of matches rather than hours and minutes, or set time limits in 20 minute increments.

### Turn off the voice chat feature

Speak to your child to make sure they know this feature exists, and encourage them to use the options below if they encounter someone who is offensive or inappropriate.

You can disable the voice chat function in the game if you:

- Open the settings menu (the 3 lines on the right-hand-side of the screen), then choose the 'cog' icon
- Select the 'audio' tab
- You should be able to turn off 'voice chat' by tapping the arrows next to it

You can also 'mute' individual players in the game by:

- Pausing the game
- Hovering over the player you wish to mute
- Selecting the mute button (a loudspeaker icon)

## **Make sure your child knows how to report inappropriate behaviour**

You or your child can report players who make them uncomfortable using the in-game feedback tool (located in the main menu).

You can also use the 'support' section of the Epic Games site (the makers of Fortnite). You're asked to select the platform you play the game on, the game mode you're playing, and then you can select 'report player'. You can provide more detail such as the player's name, and attach a screenshot.

[Support, Epic Games](https://fortnitehelp.epicgames.com/customer/portal/emails/new?b_id=9729&q=email+us)

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## **What else can I do?**

### **Further tips**

- Download and play the game to help you understand it
- Talk to your child about what they're doing online, and make sure they know they can talk to you about anything that has upset them
- Check your bank statements and gaming system account balance regularly to look for in-app purchases you're not happy with, and to make sure your child isn't getting around any passwords you've set up

### **More sources of support**

- Non-profit organisation Internet Matters has put together [5 top tips to manage children's screen time](https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/5-top-tips-to-manage-childrens-screentime/).  
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- The [National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children \(NSPCC\)](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/) has a range of resources for parents on internet safety.  
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
- The NSPCC has also teamed up with O2 to offer advice to parents. You can call their free helpline on 0808 800 5002, or [make an appointment](https://guru.secure.force.com/O2DeskStoreLocator) with an O2 Guru in an O2 store.  
<https://guru.secure.force.com/O2DeskStoreLocator>

## **Sources for this factsheet**

This factsheet was produced by [Safeguarding Training Centre from The Key](https://www.thekeysupport.com).

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# Box Moor Trust Summer Events Calendar



<p>Sunday 27th May - 1pm - 4pm</p> <p><b>Gadespring Open Day with family pond dipping sessions.</b> Donations welcome. To book your pond dip please contact:</p> <p>education@boxmoortrust.org.uk</p>	<p>Wednesday 30th May - 10:30am</p> <p>Meet at the Trust Centre</p> <p><b>Family History Walk - as part of the Chilterns Society Walking Festival.</b></p> <p>Discover the history of the Box Moor Trust. Bookable through: www.visitchilterns.co.uk/walkingfest</p> <p>Suggested donation £2.50</p>	<p>Thursday 31st May - 10am onwards</p> <p><b>Family Orchid Count Volunteer Morning at Roughdown Common.</b></p> <p>No Charge.</p> <p>To book please contact: education@boxmoortrust.org.uk</p>
<p>Friday 6th July - Times tbc</p> <p><b>Moths, Bats and Glow-Worms evening walk:</b></p> <p>Places limited, to book yours please contact admin@boxmoortrust.org.uk</p>	<p>Saturday 21st July - 2:30pm</p> <p>Meet at the Old Barn</p> <p><b>Herbal Medicine Walk in Hay Wood led by Lucy Blunden.</b> £5 per person</p> <p>Limited places, to book yours please contact: education@boxmoortrust.org.uk</p>	<p>Thursday 2nd August - 10:30am - 12:30pm</p> <p><b>Powerful Plants - Family Session at the Old Barn</b></p> <p>Plant trail, outdoor activities and crafts - 2 yrs +</p> <p>Drop In - suggested donation £2.50 per child</p>
<p>Thursday 9th August 10:30am - 12:30pm</p> <p><b>Animals &amp; Tracking - Family Session at the Old Barn</b></p> <p>Outdoor activities and crafts. Suitable for ages 7yrs +</p> <p>Drop In - suggested donation £2.50</p>	<p>Saturday 11th August</p> <p><b>Family Volunteering Day</b></p> <p>Open to children 8yrs+ and their families.</p> <p>No Charge</p> <p>Bookable through: education@boxmoortrust.org.uk</p>	<p>Tuesday 14th August - 2pm</p> <p><b>History of the Box Moor Trust talk for Adults at the Trust Centre.</b></p> <p>Refreshments provided. Donations welcome.</p> <p>Bookable through: education@boxmoortrust.org.uk</p>
<p>Thursday 16th August 10am - 12:30pm</p> <p><b>Butterflies, Bugs and Bees - Family Session at the Old Barn</b></p> <p>Butterfly sweep, outdoor activities and crafts - 2yrs +</p> <p>Drop In - suggested donation £2.50</p>	<p>Wednesday 22nd August 10am - 12:30pm</p> <p>The Old Barn</p> <p><b>Year of Physical Activity - The Healthy Outdoors. Family Drop In session with outdoor Yoga, Orienteering and crafts.</b></p> <p>Suggested donation £2.50</p>	<p>Thursday 23rd August 10:30am - 12:30pm</p> <p><b>Family Pond Dip &amp; Birdwatch at Gadespring</b></p> <p>Suggested donation £2.50 per child.</p> <p>Bookable through: education@boxmoortrust.org.uk</p>