



Altofts Junior School

Newsletter w/e 7/3/25



Dear Parents/Carers

Another busy week with Year 3 visiting Herd Farm to learn about the Stone Age. We have had children compete in a cross-country competition and Mr Cowell was very proud of their performance and behaviour. We had an amazing Anti-Bullying assembly by children in Year 8 from Freeston Academy. Our children were extremely attentive and gave great suggestions for answers, recognising that bullying is targeted and happens on several occasions. We have done lots of work with the children to enable them to know the difference between a child being mean to them or an everyday disagreement and bullying.

World Book Day has definitely been a highlight. It amazes me what time, effort and creativity goes into making some of the costumes. Fantastic effort by everyone thank you for your support.

Easter Holiday Camp (run by our wrap around care provider Superstar Sports)

We hope you're well and excited for our **Easter Camp** at your school! 🐰

Final Reminder: Exclusive 20% Discount Ends Tonight!

DISCOUNT CODE: CXD897 – LAST CHANCE TO SAVE!
Limited Spaces Available – Book Now!

Book before the discount expires and secure a **full week for less than £15 per day!**

We Are a WF Happy Healthy Holidays Provider!

This Easter, we are providing **FREE places and nutritious meals** for children who receive **income-related free school meals**.

Eligible parents will be contacted directly, but if you believe you qualify and would like to register your interest, please email ish@superstarsportwakefield.co.uk.

Get ready for an action-packed week full of exciting **themed days, amazing sports, Easter egg hunts**, and plenty of fun activities to keep your children engaged and active this Easter.

Since we've been running **lunchtime clubs, after-school clubs, and wraparound provision** at Altofts Junior School, we want to **thank your families** with this special offer!

🕒 BOOK BEFORE MIDNIGHT TONIGHT – DON'T MISS OUT! 🕒

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- Full Day: <https://super-star-sport-wakefield.classforkids.io/camp/36>
- Half Day: <https://super-star-sport-wakefield.classforkids.io/camp/37>

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out – we can't wait to see your little superstars this Easter!

Super Star Sport Wakefield Team

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🌐 www.superstarsport.co.uk

Esafety

There is a guide to Fortnite on the following pages. It is rated a 12 but many children talk about playing it at home so please restrict your child's access to it or if they are allowed, please look at the information provided.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Joanne Vickers



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PARENT FACTSHEET – FEBRUARY 2025

Keep your child safe on Fortnite

Fortnite is an online video game made by Epic Games, where players play together in different ways. Some modes involve shooting and competition, but others are more relaxed and non-violent. Fortnite includes player-made content

Although (in some modes) players shoot each other using a range of lethal weapons, the brightly coloured and cartoon-style graphics, as well as the lack of bloodshed, mean Fortnite doesn't feel too gory or graphic

Fortnite has a [PEGI](#) age recommendation of **12 and above** (some modes do have lower recommended age ratings, like LEGO Fortnite and Rocket Racing). However, you don't have to provide your age when creating an account, so younger children can do this easily

Fortnite is **free to download** on PC/Mac, Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch and Android devices (you currently can't download it on Apple devices in the UK)

What are the concerns?

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

Communication between players: they can talk to each other via messaging or a headset and microphone. Children could speak to strangers or be at risk of cyber-bullying

In-app purchases: children can build up large bills on their parents' accounts by buying items like outfits and weapons for their character (known as 'skins')

Player-made experiences: these are activities and games made by other users, called 'islands'. Epic Games moderates these, but they aren't made by the people who make Fortnite itself

Inappropriate content

Players can wear skins of characters from pop culture that might not be age-appropriate for them, such as horror movie characters

Music in Fortnite can include songs already censored for explicit content (like swear words), but that may still be inappropriate for your child

The game's addictive nature: some children might have a hard time putting the game down, especially if they're on a winning streak or having fun with their friends

3 steps to take to keep your child safe

1. Use the parental controls on your gaming device

Most devices allow you to **set time limits** on game play, **set age limits** for content, and **restrict in-app purchases**. Go to the website below for links to instructions on your child's device – it covers Fortnite, as well as devices like Nintendo Switch, PlayStation and Xbox:

[Ask About Games](https://www.askaboutgames.com/get-started/setup-parental-controls/) – <https://www.askaboutgames.com/get-started/setup-parental-controls/>



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Fortnite has its own [Parental Controls](#), allowing you to set age limits for content, screen time limits and prevent unauthorised spending

2. Adjust your child's voice and text chat options

Speak to your child to make sure they understand how to use this feature safely. Use [Parental Controls](#) to limit who your child can talk or chat to. You can also [follow these instructions](#) to change text and voice settings in the game or block or mute individual players.

Encourage them to report any offensive or inappropriate chat or texts in the game. See the Fortnite FAQs on [voice and text reporting here](#)

3. Make sure your child knows how to report inappropriate behaviour

To **report** players or player-made experiences that make your child feel uncomfortable, follow the steps on [Epic Games' website](#).

What else can I do?

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. See more guidance from the NSPCC about [talking to your child about online safety](#)

Check your bank statements and gaming system account balance regularly 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

Sources

This factsheet was produced by [The Key Safeguarding](#): thekeysupport.com/safeguarding

[Fortnite, Epic Games](#)

<https://www.fortnite.com/?lang=en-UK>

[Epic Games Parental Controls](#): <https://safety.epicgames.com/en-US/parental-controls>

[Set up Parental Controls](#): https://www.epicgames.com/help/en-US/c-Category_Fortnite/c-Fortnite_Accounts/how-do-i-set-up-parental-controls-for-fortnite-a000084812

[Report inappropriate voice or text](#): <https://www.fortnite.com/voice-text-reporting-faqs>

[Report bad player behaviour](#): https://www.epicgames.com/help/en-US/c-Category_Fortnite/c-Fortnite_PlayerBehavior/how-to-report-bad-player-behavior-in-fortnite-a000086135

['Fortnite chat raises stranger danger fears from NSPCC, BBC News, 3 May 2018](#)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-43988210>



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EASTER HOLIDAY SESSIONS



Complete
Training 

MINI MEDICS TRAINING

First Aid Training for Children 3 Hour Course

This 3 hour course is a very basic introduction to First Aid and Defibrillation aimed at Children between the ages of 7 and 13 years.

The training is educational and practical, and instils the importance of helping someone in an emergency.

A range of subjects are covered including:

- ✓ What is First Aid?
- ✓ First Aid Kits
- ✓ Important things to know about First Aid
- ✓ DR ABC
- ✓ Resuscitation (CPR)
- ✓ Defibrillation
- ✓ Recovery Position
- ✓ Choking
- ✓ Asthma
- ✓ Wounds & Bleeding
- ✓ Shock



*Trainers are fully
DBS checked*

Cost £30 per child

Book your places on our [Easter Holiday Sessions](#) by scanning the QR code above

Training is held at Somerset House,
Sandal, Wakefield, WF2 7JE (next to Asda)



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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

6 days or less
absence per year
97% or above
VERY GOOD
THIS IS YOUR
TARGET

Between
7 and 19 days
absence per year
90% - 96%
BELOW
EXPECTATIONS

More
than 19 days
absence per year
Under 90%
POOR
ATTENDANCE

This week's highest attendance goes to Class 1 with an attendance of 99.26%. Amazing attendance—very well done!