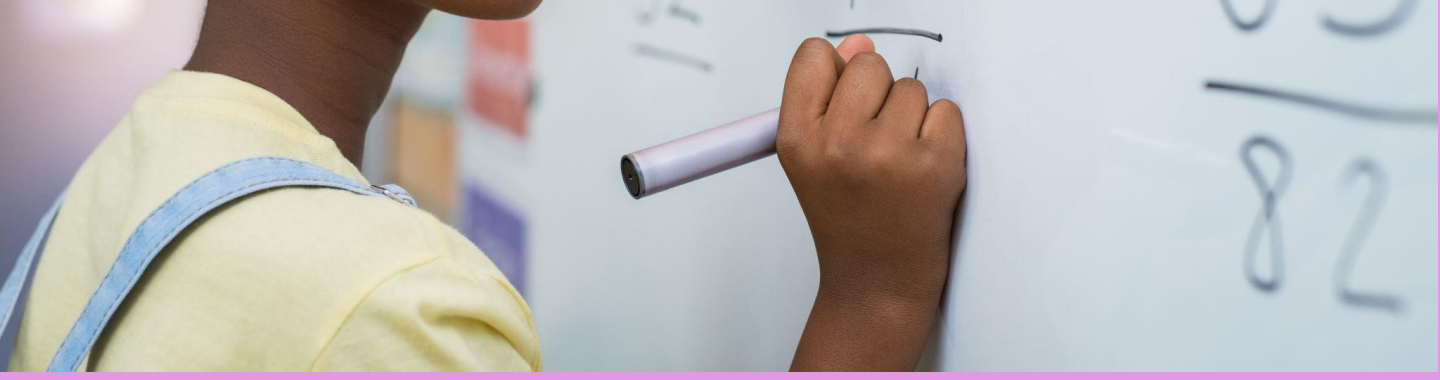
Gloucester House Newsletter

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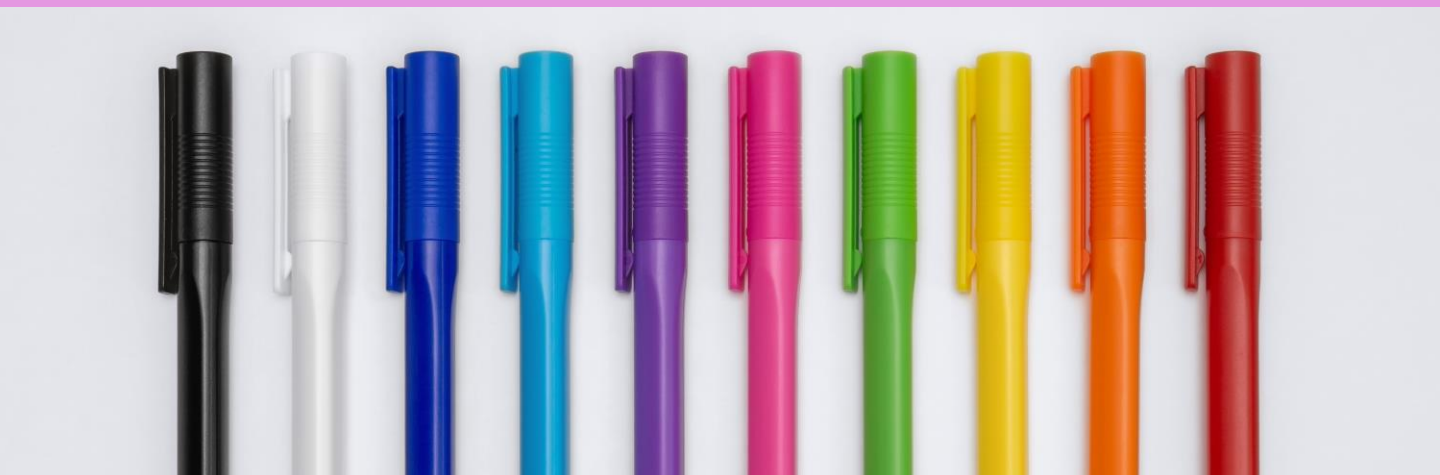


Gloucester House is a specialist school offering an integrated education and therapeutic provision for pupils with complex social, emotional and mental health needs.

As a small school, we provide a nurturing and supportive environment where education and clinical teams work closely together to meet each pupil's individual needs.

Though a broad and balanced curriculum, including the National Curriculum, alongside therapeutic support, we aim to help pupils develop academically, socially and emotionally, building the confidence, resilience and skills needed for the next stage of their educational journey.

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Message from our Headteacher

Dear GH community,

It has been another busy week at Gloucester House, and we are proud to now have 16 pupils across the school! As our school community continues to grow, so do the opportunities for our pupils to develop their social skills, build relationships and learn to share spaces with others. We recognise that change can sometimes be challenging for our pupils, but these experiences are also an important part of their learning and development. It has been lovely to see the different interactions taking place across the school as our pupils navigate these changes, with the continued support of our staff.

I continue to be incredibly proud of the learning taking place across Gloucester House. While it is wonderful to see our pupils engaging in core subjects such as English and maths, it has been equally rewarding to see their creativity and curiosity shine through. From exploring stories through role-play and developing their writing to learning about oral hygiene and expressing themselves through art and practical activities, our pupils have been engaging in a wide range of learning experiences. These opportunities not only develop their knowledge and skills but also encourage imagination, independence and confidence. Please take a look at each class's Workshare pages to see some of the fantastic learning and creations our pupils have been producing!

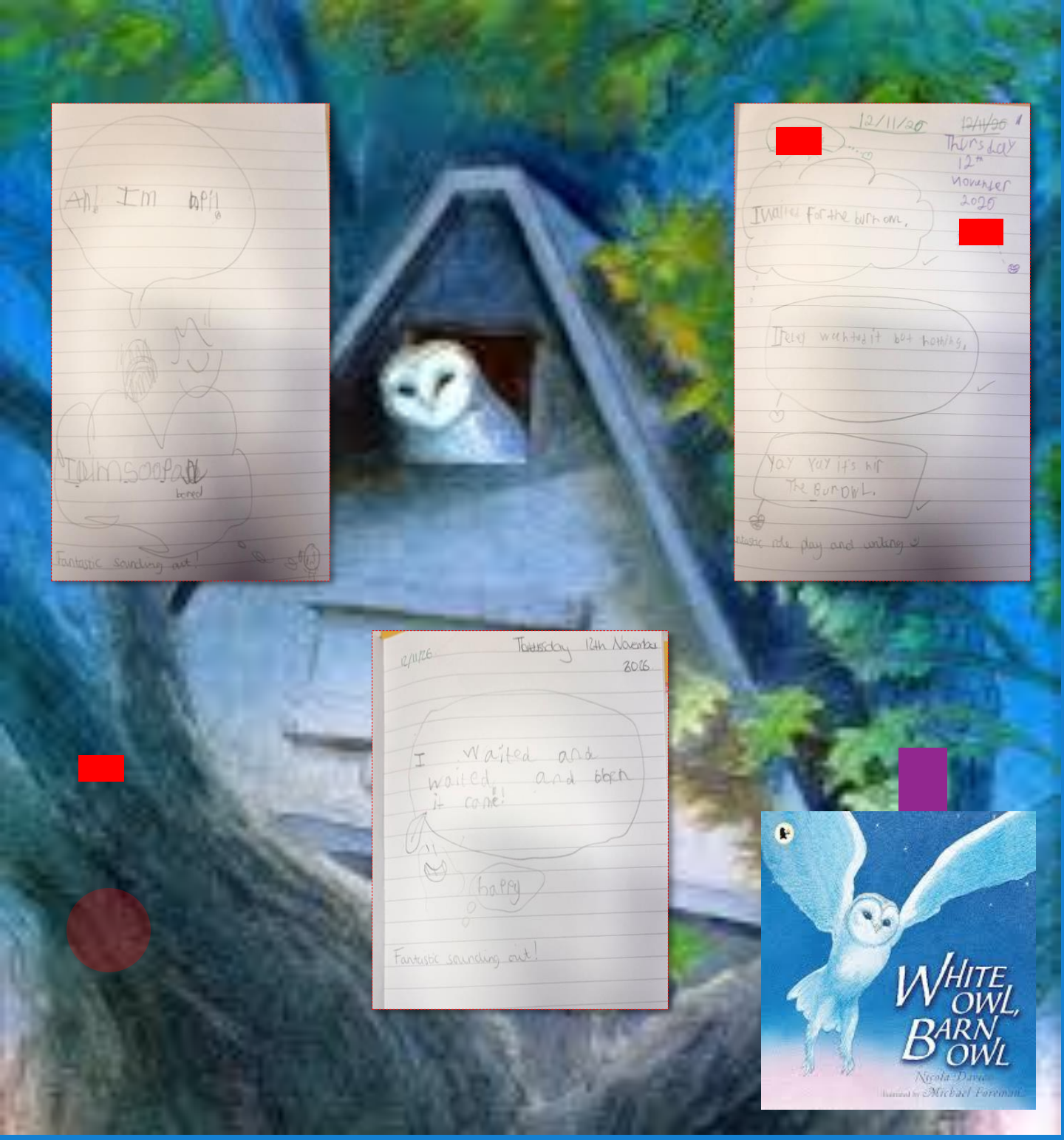
On Tuesday, we held our Remembrance Assembly, where pupils had the opportunity to reflect on the importance of remembering those who have served and sacrificed their lives. Pupils also created poppies and took part in a two-minute silence, showing respect and developing their understanding of this important occasion.

Next week, we will begin our autumn assessments. These will be carried out in a positive and supportive way, giving pupils the opportunity to demonstrate their learning and the progress they have made so far. We recognise that assessments can sometimes feel challenging, but we will encourage our pupils to approach them with confidence, resilience and a willingness to give their best. The outcomes will help us celebrate their achievements, identify their next steps and inform future teaching. This information will be shared with families during our ICP meetings in January.

Next week also marks Anti-Bullying Week, and pupils will be taking part in a range of activities focused on kindness, respect, positive friendships and the importance of standing up for others. This will also provide an opportunity to reinforce the messages shared in last week's Safeguarding Corner about being an upstander rather than a bystander.

As always, thank you to our families for your continued support. We look forward to another positive week of learning and celebrating the achievements of our pupils.

Chilo Graham
Headteacher

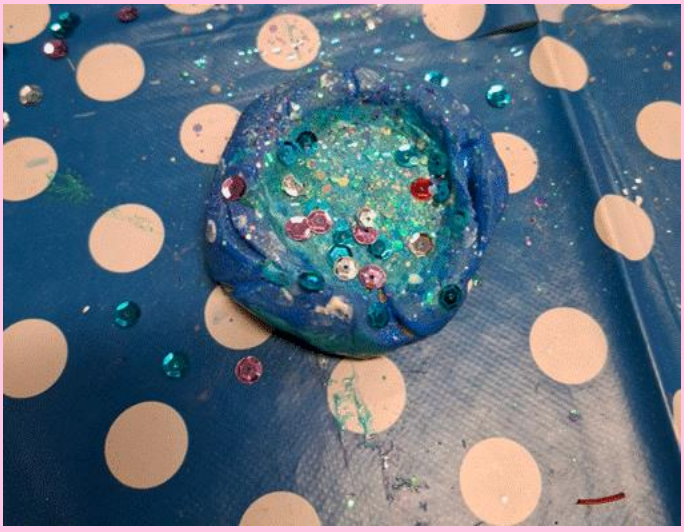


In **Neptune class**, we read up to page 14 of *White Owl, Barn Owl*. We used the story to role-play the characters, which inspired some writing in role.

Work share

Workshare



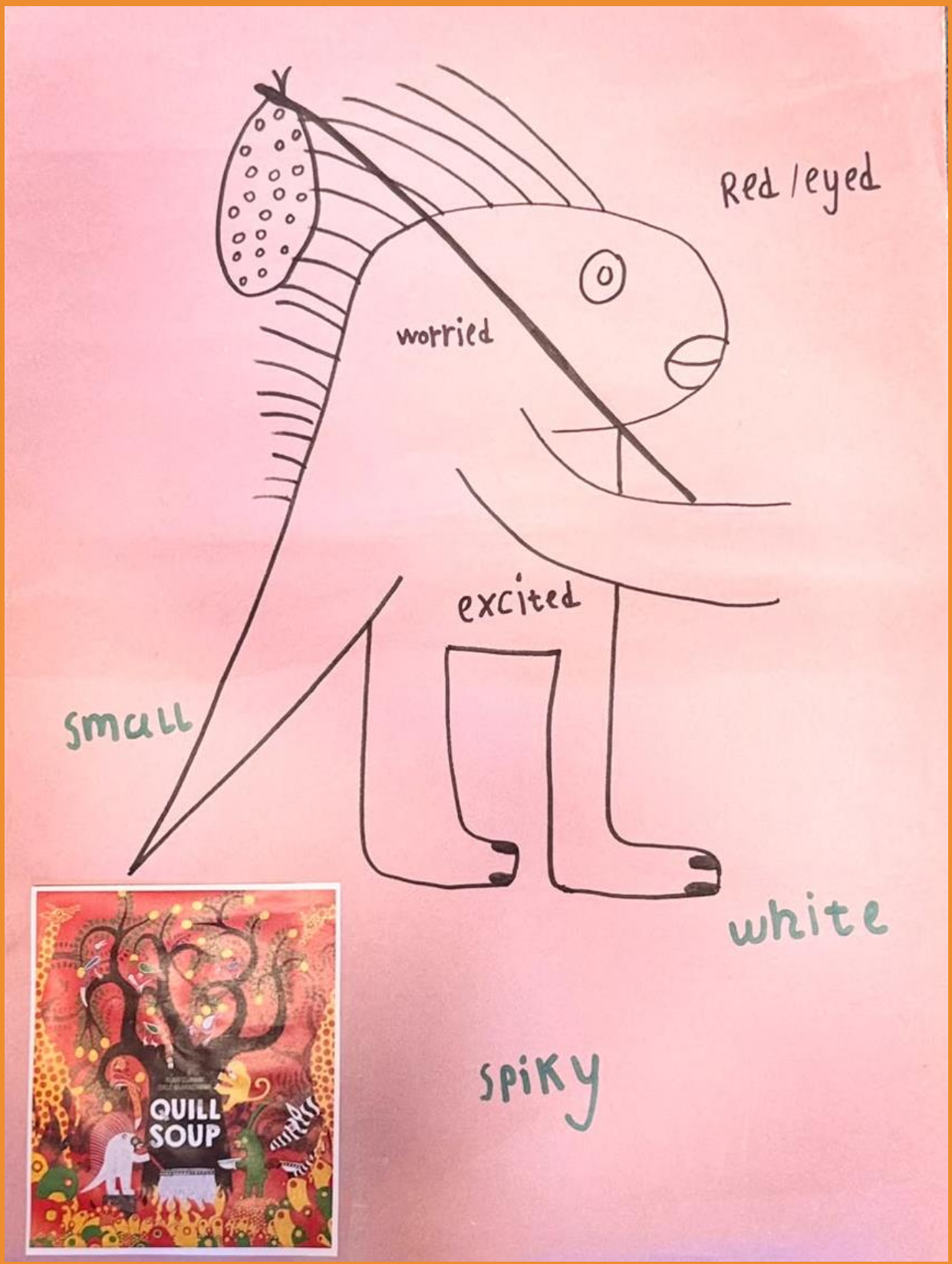




Following on from last week's project, **Neptune class** painted diya lamps this week.



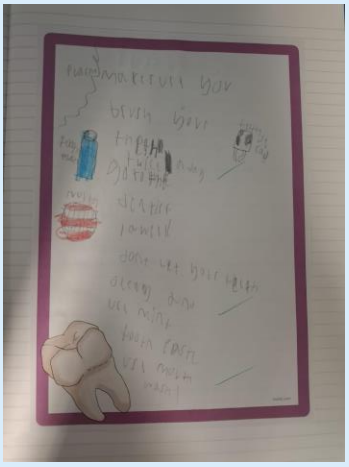
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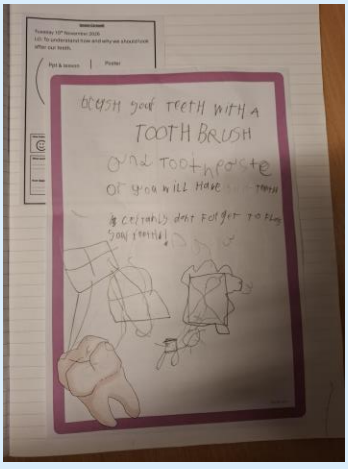


This week in **Mars class**, we have started reading our new book, *Quill Soup,* and have been enjoying discovering the story together. We are learning about the animals and the wildlife of the African savannah while bringing the story to life through our discussions.

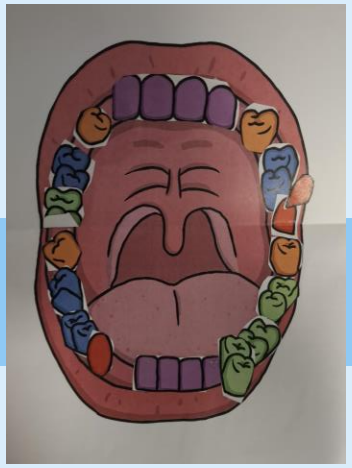
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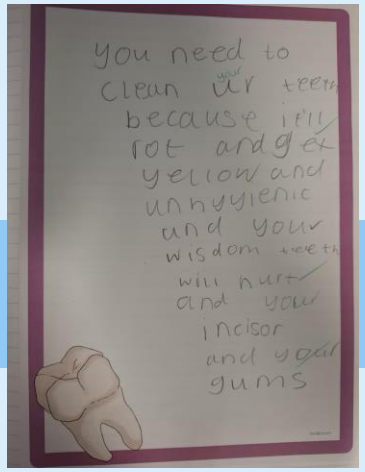
Saturn class have been learning about our teeth. We have identified different types of teeth, explored how to clean and care for them, and created posters about how to look after our teeth.
Here are some photos of our work. Next week, we will be completing a tooth decay experiment!













Save the date

Coffee Morning with parents and carers and Winter Festival



15th December 2026 from 12.00

Kindness Champion



This week we had 3 Kindness Champions, one for each class.

Well done to all of them!

Attendance

Well done to the 7 pupils that had 100% attendance this week.

Well done to those children that have come to school even if they have been feeling slightly under the weather

Unfortunately, we seen a decrease of attendance this week due to sickness.

Reminder: Reporting Pupil Absences

If your child is unable to attend school for any reason, please telephone or email the school by 9:00am on the day of their absence.

Our school number is 0207 794 3353

This is an important part of safeguarding procedures and helps us ensure that all children are safe and accounted for.

Safeguarding Corner
Keeping Our Children Safe
Online Gaming, Social Media & Stranger Awareness

Online Safety for Children

Let's help our children stay safe online!

Not everyone online is who they say they are.
Someone may not be a child, even if they say they are.

Keep personal information private.
Never share your address, school, phone number or photos.

Speak to a trusted adult.
If something online makes you feel uncomfortable, tell an adult.

Be kind and respectful.
Think before you click, and always treat others how you would like to be treated.

Parents and Carers: Did You Know?

Children can communicate with strangers through online games, social media and chat features, even when they appear to be playing safely at home.

Here are 5 ways to help keep your child safe:

1. Check the age requirements before allowing your child to use an app.
2. Review privacy settings and restrict who can contact your child.
3. Turn off or limit voice and text chat with strangers.
4. Remind children never to share personal information or photographs.
5. Encourage your child to tell a trusted adult if anything online makes them uncomfortable.

Did You Know? Minimum Ages for Popular Apps

TikTok	Snapchat	Instagram	Facebook	WhatsApp
13+	13+	13+	13+	13+ in the UK

YouTube
13+ for independent accounts; younger children can use supervised experiences

Roblox
No universal minimum age; parental controls apply

Fortnite
No universal minimum age; PEGI 12 applies

Minecraft
No universal minimum age; PEGI 7

Remember:
Being old enough to create an account does not automatically mean a platform is appropriate for every child.

Together, we can help keep our children safe online.