SUCKLEY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

'HAPPY, ASPIRATIONAL AND READY FOR LIFE'



This week at Suckley School

Happy Friday!

It's hard to believe we're already in the final week of November and December is just around the corner—this term has flown by! Although this is one of the busiest times of the school year, as I am sure I have mentioned before, it's also one of my favourites. There's something truly magical about the sense of awe and wonder December brings to our children, along with sheer excitement and I always look forward to it.

This week, I've started to hear the first hints of Christmas songs drifting through the corridors, along with the cries from staff of 'We'll never do it, there's only two weeks till we perform!'. Staff who suddenly have to become producers and find their inner acting skills whilst spending their evenings converting tea towels, tinsel, and fabric into the wonderful costumes we see at the nativity. Staff who are also teaching the curriculum throughout the day, completing the end-of-term assessments and supporting the children with their increased emotional and social needs during this festive period. I want to say thank you to all staff during this busy time for making it so special for the children and to reassure them it will always be 'alright on the night!'

Also, thank you to you, the parents and carers, for supporting us during this time, where you are often bombarded with an increased level of communication from us regarding items that need to be bought in, activities that are happening and changes to the timetable, thank you. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself or the school office.

We are starting to look at club offers for next term. We have been given access to a range of 'Coding' resources and were wondering if any parents or carers would be interested in running a coding club after school next term, or indeed any type of club. If so, please do get in touch.

With kind regards,
Helen Field

Suckley School Vision

To celebrate the unique and individual needs of all of our pupils by delivering an inspiring, rich, inclusive, broad and balanced curriculum which enables children to achieve their full potential, without limits.

'Happy, Aspirational and Ready for Life'

Photos of The Week

To support the children's vocabulary and in order for them to keep abreast of current affairs, both locally and nationally, we have a "Let's Talk About It" assembly every Monday. Each week we have different pictures and questions to initiate conversations with, and between, the children. We would like to continue this 'talking' theme by asking you to discuss activities the children have done in school each week. Here are some photos to help prompt the conversations:









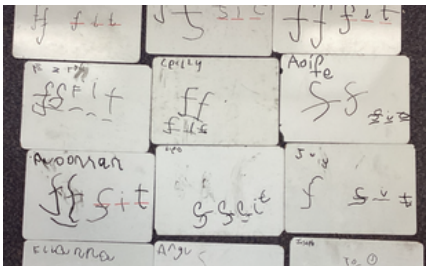


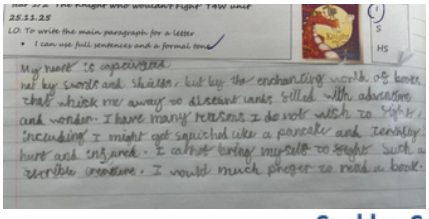
















Suckley School Vision

To celebrate the unique and individual needs of all of our pupils by delivering an inspiring, rich, inclusive, broad and balanced curriculum which enables children to achieve their full potential, without limits.

'Happy, Aspirational and Ready for Life'

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

1st December	Photo order deadline
5th December	Choir Club performing at the Bromyard Christmas tree festival
5th December	YR 5 - Dyson Perrins Food Workshop -please give consent

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

8th December	Rags 2 Riches donations open at The Hop Shed
8th December	Nativity - 2 pm
9th December	Nativity- 4:30 pm
11th December	Rags 2 Riches collection day
11th December	Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Dinner & Santa visiting
12th December	Lark Atkin-Davies- England Rugby player, visiting the school
12th December	Santa Dash
16th December	KS2 Christmas Service 5:30 pm
19th December	Pantomime! School closes at 2 pm - please give consent

Head Teachers Awards



WRENS CLASS
Jay Adams

WOODPECKERS CLASS
Oliver Lewis

ROBINS CLASS
Aayan Hussain

EAGLES CLASS
Seth O'Neill

Suckley School Vision

To celebrate the unique and individual needs of all of our pupils by delivering an inspiring, rich, inclusive, broad and balanced curriculum which enables children to achieve their full potential, without limits.

'Happy, Aspirational and Ready for Life'

CONTACT US: 01886 884283 / SECRETARY@SUCKLEY.WORCS.SCH.UK
AND OFFICE@SUCKLEY.WORCS.SCH.UK

All children at Suckley School have made a decoration for our Christmas tree, which will be displayed at the Christmas Tree Festival. Our Choir club will also be performing from 4:15 pm, so come along for a festive night.





Thank you for making our Coffee Morning special

Whether you joined us for the cause, the chatter or the tasty treats, your generosity helped raise a fabulous

£198.48

to help support people living with cancer.

Place your QR code sticker here.

Simply scan this QR code with your phone to donate to your host's Coffee Morning.

It's easy, quick and secure.

Thank you.

Registered with FUNDRAISING REGULATOR

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (261017), Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (604). Also operating in Northern Ireland. MAC19198_THANK YOU POSTER

Online Safety Newsletter December 2025

AI Chatbots and companions

A simple search of "AI Chat" within the App store highlights the number of AI apps already available, many are rated as 18+ so it is important to speak to our children about them and the risks associated with them. Examples of AI chatbots that your child may have heard of are Character.AI (18+) and My AI from Snapchat (13+).

What are the risks?

- Over reliance on AI companions, for example they may replace 'real life' friendships or over reliance on using them for homework or problem solving.
- Exposure to inappropriate content.
- Privacy/data risks.
- Misinformation as not all information shared is correct and can be biased.

How can I protect my child?

- Check age ratings of any apps or websites that your child accesses.
- Discuss the risks of AI chatbots with them and have open conversations about why they may be using them.
- Set up appropriate parental controls on their devices/ broadband.
- Chat to your child regularly and ensure your child knows that they should talk to you or another trusted adult if anything concerns them.

Further information

https://www.esafety.gov.au/newsroom/blogs/ai-chatbots-and-companions-risks-to-children-and-young-people

New Technology



As some children may be receiving new technology or related games at Christmas, here is a quick reminder of the importance of setting up appropriate parental controls.

Games/Consoles

- Check age ratings: look at the PEGI rating of any new games. *Remember, PEGI rates the gameplay so whilst it is important to review age ratings, you must also check to see if it has any communication elements.*
- If a game does allow your child to communicate with others, then adjust or disable the settings as appropriate to your child.
- On the device itself, set up applicable controls such as restricting spending limits. Follow the links below to find out how to set up Parental Controls for popular devices here:

Xbox: https://www.xbox.com/en-GB/family-hub
PS5: https://www.playstation.com/en-gb/support/account/ps5-parental-controls-spending-limits/
Nintendo Switch: https://www.nintendo.com/en-gb/Hardware/Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls/Nintendo-Switch-2-Nintendo-Switch-Parental-Controls-2873385.html

Tablets/Smart phones

Set up parental controls on the device to prevent purchases, restrict content viewed and adjust privacy settings. Furthermore, remember to check any apps your child requests to check that they are suitable for their age. Follow the links below to find out more:
iPhones/iPad: https://support.apple.com/en-gb/105121
Android Device: https://support.google.com/googleplay/answer/1075738

Further information

https://www.internetmatters.org/parental- controls/

The Safety-First Smartphone

The Other phone is a new smartphone, which includes "SafetyMode" software. The software automatically blocks nudity, profanity, and bullying language in real time. You can find out more here: https://otherphone.co.uk/.

Smart Phone Free Childhood also list some alternatives that you could consider here: https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/alternatives.

Please note, that the inclusion of these models does not constitute an endorsement or recommendation. While these devices may provide a 'safer' alternative to traditional smartphones, there are still potential risks associated with children using any type of phone.

Roblox

Following a recent ITV investigation*, which found extremist content on Roblox, we thought we would provide a reminder of what you need to be aware of. Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games. Players can either create games or play games that other users have created. It is free to download (however subscription options and in game/app purchases are available) and can be played across numerous devices. **A lot of the content is user generated, which means 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 and set up appropriate parental controls. **PEGI rate Roblox with a Parental Guidance label, this is because it is considered a platform with a huge level of user generated content.**

What should I be aware of?

Game content – as mentioned, users create games so the content/themes may not be appropriate for your child. Roblox label content based on the type of content rather than by age. The labels are Minimal, Mild, Moderate and Restricted.

Chat Facility - Players can chat with each other (users under the age of 13 need parent permission to access certain chat features though). You can turn communication off completely or add restrictions, such as only able to communicate with friends.

Virtual Currency - Players can buy Robux (their virtual currency) to buy in-game upgrades or accessories.

How do I report abuse and block users?

This article outlines the different reporting facilities: https://en.help.roblox.com/hc/en- us/articles/203312410- How-to-Report-Rule-Violations

What else can I do?

Chat to your child regularly about what they are doing online and remind your child that if anything is worrying them, then they should talk to you or another trusted adult.

Further information

https://parentzone.org.uk/article/roblox

[*Source: https://www.itv.com/news/2025-11-14/mosque-attacks-and-far-right-skins-roblox-teens-exposed-to-extremist-content]

Signal Private Messenger

Signal is rated as 13+ on the App store. It is a messaging app, where users can text, send voice messages and photos plus participate in group chats and calls. There are no parental controls currently available. As with all messaging apps, the risks can include bullying and viewing inappropriate content. Find out more here: https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/chat-apps/

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into. Current as of the date released 01.12.25. The inclusion of any links does not imply any affiliation with or endorsement of the linked websites, documents, or videos, nor are we claiming any ownership or copyright in the content of the linked materials.

Discord

Discord is a social networking app originally designed for gamers but is now used by lots of different people to **chat to each other online**. The minimum age to access Discord is 13. The App store rates it as 17+.

Discord is made up of servers, which are spaces for groups to chat, upload files and share images etc. Anybody can set up a server, and they can either be public or private. Users can video call and send direct messages to other individuals or groups. Children who play online games such as Fortnite may use Discord to chat whilst playing the game (**rather than using the game's own chat facility**). In-app purchases are available through Discord's subscription service called Nitro.

How can I make it safer?

Discord have created a Family Centre, which provides further information about what Discord is, as well as information about different safety settings available: https://discord.com/safety- family-center

As always, we would encourage you to chat to your child to see why they use Discord and ensure that they know how to block users and what to do if they see any inappropriate content. It is important to be aware that Discord does include video/voice calling which cannot be filtered. **Discord is used by an array of users and therefore adult content can be found on Discord as well as inappropriate language.** Discord have produced this article, which answers frequent questions: https://discord.com/safety/360044149591-answering-parents-and-educators-top-questions

Would you like to read this newsletter in a different language? You can use the translate tool on our web version: https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/december-2025-primary/



Little Daydreams

ROLEPLAY CAFE

The Farm Shop
Holt Fleet road, Ombersley
WR9 0HG

@LITTLE_DAYDREAMS_ROLEPLAY_CAFE



****Join Us for an Unforgettable play date on a Double-Decker Bus!****

We're excited to invite you on board to experience the bus, we also have a mini outdoor village.

Also on site and bookable separately is the Little Forest Retreat For a Welly on play day !
With an eco-classroom, available for both play and B2B possibilities.

We can't wait to share this enchanting experience with you!

Book online in advance.

Coffee shop on-site!

Little Daydreams
ROLEPLAY CAFE





easyfundraising

Give Back ~~Black~~ Friday

Help us to raise free funds as you shop this Black Friday

Every bargain you buy is a donation for

Friends of Suckley School

Scan the QR code to make a difference every time you shop online visit **www.easyfundraising.org.uk**

Download on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play

1. Visit **www.easyfundraising.org.uk**
2. Sign up and search for us
3. Your favourite retailers donate to us whenever you shop with them

---

Get free donations from thousands of retailers including:

Boots ebay M&S GROUPON Argos Etsy

JOHN LEWIS currys H&M asos very

In collaboration with Suckley School's

Christmas Performances

The Suckley School Friends Association will be serving refreshments at all performances. Come along & enjoy a mulled wine or a mince pie in support of our continued fundraising for the school & children!

We will be serving from:

Monday 8/12 - 1.15pm

Tuesday 9/12 - 3.45pm

Tuesday 16/12 - 4.45pm

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE ALSO TAKING PLACE AT ALL SSFA EVENTS!





Raise funds by collecting reusable clothes

RAGS 2 RICHES

Schools Clubs Groups



Our school is raising money by collecting reusable clothes.

Please help us by donating your unwanted reusable clothes and accessories.
Donated items become affordable clothing and accessories.

WE ACCEPT CLEAN, GOOD QUALITY, DRY, REUSABLE CLOTHING

- ✔ Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing
- ✔ Jewellery and Accessories
- ✔ Paired Shoes and Footwear
- ✔ Belts and Handbags

A full list of reusable items is listed on our website
www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk



WE DO NOT ACCEPT

POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED CLOTHES.
PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS, BOOKS CDs OR ANY UNIFORM

Please use the clothing bag provided.
You can also use any additional bag if required.

Collection Date:

Thursday 11th December

Please remember - NO UNIFORM

SCHOOL GAMES



SCHOOL GAMES NATIONAL SANTA DASH



Friday 12th December

#SchoolGamesSantaDash