



SHOBNALL PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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"Most people are nice when you finally see them."

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy week here at Shobnall Primary & Nursery School, not only with us opening our doors for our Open Evening, but also because of the vast amount of work that the children have been immersed in!

The turnout for our Open Evening on Wednesday was tremendous and I would like to express a huge thank you to all our parents and families who spent time coming in to school to view the excellent work produced by each class. If you weren't able to attend, please view the posts on our school X (Twitter) page as the work that was on display in our 'Museum of Wonder' was fabulous! Every year, we feel that it is important to open our doors to parents and the wider community to enable everyone to have the opportunity of seeing our school setting, the work completed by the children and have chance to meet the staff. I am sure that for those who attended, you found it informative, engaging and a worthwhile experience.



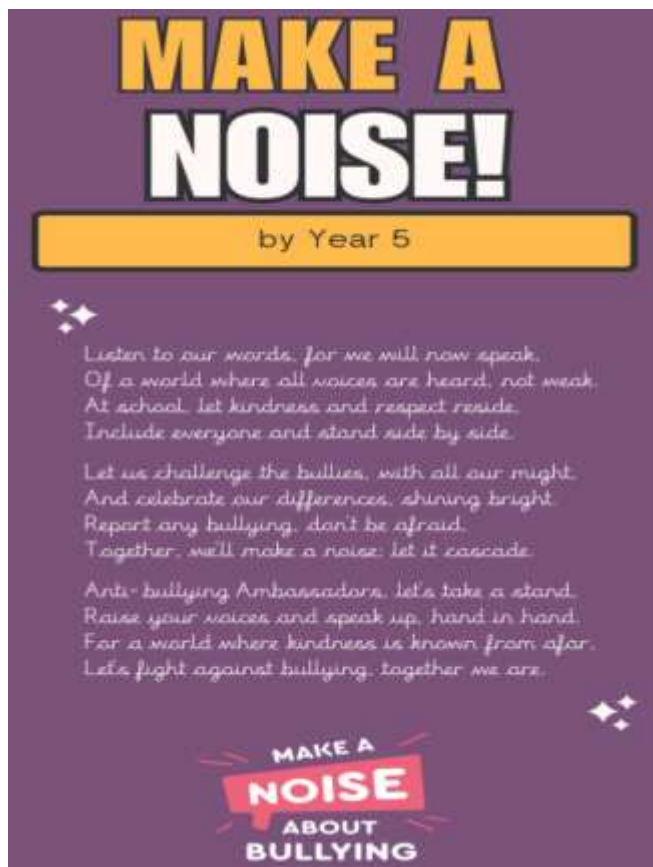
We also had the pleasure of meeting and talking to many potential new parents looking to apply for places in our Nursery and Reception classes next year. The easiest way for parents to apply is online. Further information can be found on the [Staffordshire County Council website](https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk). The closing date is **15 January 2024**. Please ask at the school office if you would like a copy of the letter informing parents about the process.

Today is also Children in Need and we have had a 'spotty' non-uniform day to support this event! Thank you to everyone who has donated! We raised a total of **£152.34** and if anyone still wishes to donate, there is a box outside the school office.

We hope that you have a great weekend and, as always, we look forward to seeing you again on Monday! Enjoy!

Anti-Bullying Week

As you will be aware, this week has been Anti-Bullying Week and the theme has been 'Make a Noise', encouraging children to speak out about bullying. It is coordinated by the Anti-Bullying Alliance, which is based at leading children's charity the National Children's Bureau. Our school has been promoting this message in abundance this week through our curriculum and the children have been involved in a series of reflective and essential activities. You can read more about what has been going on in classes, that started off with Odd Socks Day on Monday, in this week's 'Shobnall Showcase'. Thank you to all the children and staff for supporting this event!



Shobnall PFA Christmas Market – Friday 1 December 2023, 3.30 – 5.30pm

The PFA met this week to discuss the organisation of this year's Christmas Market. Please note that this event will start at 3.30pm and will finish at 5.30pm. A separate letter was issued yesterday outlining the plans and requests in more detail. As a reminder:

- 🌲 The PFA will be running a 'street food' stall at the Christmas Market. If you are able to donate any cakes or Asian food, the PFA would be very grateful if this could be labelled with ingredients to support those with allergies. Also, if possible, please could you indicate if it is suitable for vegetarians or not? They ask that these are donated on the morning of the Market, so that all food products are as fresh as possible and will ensure that any containers are returned to you the following week via your child. Also, you are more than welcome to bring your own containers along to the event should you wish to have a 'takeaway' option!



- 🌲 If you have any unwanted items for the bric-a-brac stall (i.e., toys, books, games etc.) that are in good condition, the PFA are happy to accept these donations in school from now.
- 🌲 The choir will be performing in the hall at around 4.15pm! We look forward to hearing their singing, which will get everyone in the festive mood! They will be singing songs that they have been practising for the JTMAT Christmas Concert. There will be no Young Voices Choir Club on this night.
- 🌲 On the day itself, the children (and staff) are allowed to come to school in non-uniform! Christmas jumpers are permitted! The charge for this is for pupils in EYFS and Key Stage 1 to bring in a chocolate item (value of at least 50p) and pupils in Key Stage 2 to bring a bottle!
- 🌲 Santa has confirmed his attendance! Tickets are available from Monday 20 November to Friday 1 December inclusive in front of the entrance to the key stage 2 playground before and after school, priced at £2.50. Included with the price this year is a selection box and you are more than welcome to take your own photos of your child/ren with Santa.
- 🌲 If anyone would, or knows of anyone who would, like to hire a table at a charge of £10 for their own stall, please let the school office know and we can pass on details to the PFA.
- 🌲 If anyone is able to, or has any links with local businesses who may be able to, donate a raffle prize, please let the school office know and we can pass on details to the PFA.



The PFA would like to thank you in advance for your support with all their requests and for your attendance at the Market! We are looking forward to feeling festive once again!



Parking...Again!

On Thursday morning there was an accident involving one of our parents and a cyclist along Reservoir Road. Please could we urge our parents and carers once again to drive and park **safely**, **considerately**, and **legally** around our school.

We always ask for parents to consider walking to school in the first instance, but if this is not possible, please consider parking further away from the

school and walking the last five or 10 minutes. We are very fortunate in that The Albion are happy for our parents to park their vehicles in their car park so as to ease congestion around the school! We appreciate that their usual car park is not available currently, but they have expressed that you are more than welcome to use their temporary car park which can be accessed via the new housing development directly opposite the school. Please utilise their facilities.

If any of you have concerns or issues regarding parking in our school vicinity, these can be reported directly to Staffordshire County Council [here](#). Thank you for your thoughtfulness.



Online Safety Tips

Smart TVs have become more affordable in recent years, making them readily available to most consumers. These more advanced systems offer numerous features beyond those of a normal television set – chiefly, the ability to access the internet and interface with popular streaming services without the need for a set-top box or other intermediary device.

This increased functionality, however, also brings additional threats to privacy, security and more – as you'd perhaps expect from any device capable of going online.

As TV is such a cornerstone of our home lives, these dangers can be uniquely difficult to manage. Our guide breaks down the major risks, with tips on helping children to enjoy TV ... stress free.

Attendance

Please read the [NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?' guidance](#) which has further information if you are unsure whether to send your child to school or not.

We are always happy to advise in line with this guidance, so if you are still in doubt, please contact the school office if your child develops any symptoms and we can discuss this further with you.

Please note that children can come to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This includes general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose, or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above.

Let's keep working together to ensure attendance is as good as it can be!

Remember, **every pupil, every day!** Thank you for your support.



Try an Air Fryer

If you want to cut down on your energy usage, consider getting an air fryer for cooking meals. Air fryers use a lot less energy than a big oven to run and is a lot quicker. As well as cutting down your energy consumption, you could also save money on your gas and electricity bills. Need some inspiration? [Check out these air fryer recipes you can try.](#)

FREE Uniform!

Please don't forget that we have free uniform available! There is a box situated outside the school office for any parents who have items they wish to donate. Please could we ask that these are cleaned and in good condition before placing in the box! Amy Roobottom continues sorting and collating this. As previously stated, if you wish to contact Amy to ask what is available that you might be in need of, please contact the school office via shb-office@shb.itmat.co.uk and we will ensure this is forwarded to her.



Hot Lunch Options – 20 to 24 November 2023

W/c 23.10.23, 20.11.23, 11.12.23, 15.1.24

WEEK 2	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main dish	Margherita pizza with baked potato wedges	Spaghetti Bolognese	Roast turkey with potato of the day & gravy	Pork meatballs with wholemeal pasta	Crispy battered fish & chunky chips
Vegetarian Main dish	Vegetarian burger with chips	Vegetarian bolognese	Quorn™ fillet with roast potatoes & gravy	Vegetarian meatballs with pasta	Cheese pinwheels with diced potatoes
Accompaniments	Corn on the cob & broccoli Salad bar	Peas & cauliflower Salad bar	Carrots & green beans Salad bar	Cauliflower & broccoli Salad bar	Peas & baked beans Salad bar
Desserts	Fresh fruit & whip	Lemon biscuit	Chocolate & orange muffins	Fruit sponge & custard	Ice cream
Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
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SHOBNALL SHOWCASE!

Let's have a sneaky peek as to what has been going on in our classrooms this week...

Nursery

Our adventures in nursery this week...

We have had another busy, fun-filled week in nursery! Our week started with Odd Socks Day to kick start celebrating Anti-Bullying Week and we had lots of fun creating patterns to design a pair of odd socks.

We listened to a range of stories that promoted kindness and discussed ways of how to be kind. The children listened carefully to the instructions and made their Elmer friendship biscuits to give to their friend. We thought about what makes Elmer special and unique and talked about what makes us unique and special.

We have also been busy learning all about Diwali. We have had lots of fun exploring Diwali activities, making divas, and designing our own Rangoli patterns!

Reception

This week started off very oddly when we all arrived in school on Monday in odd socks, a great way to start our anti-bullying adventure.





We managed to stay still long enough to have a whole group photograph, although Mrs Lukman almost didn't make it! We then went on to discuss the purpose of Odd Socks Day and joined in with the song, 'Make Some Noise,' by Andy and the Odd Socks.

After sharing the story of Elmer and the Big Bird by David McKee we talked about the different ways we can help ourselves and others if we spot unkind behaviour. We then used cardboard tubes and foil to make our own microphones so we could practice making some noise!

As part of our wonderful theme, 'The Museum of Wonder', and linked to our adventures learning about different homes, we decided to create a giant igloo! Throughout the week we each added milk bottles and Miss Alexander and Mrs Martin went on a milk bottle mission as we needed quite a few! Although we didn't finish for Wednesday, we are now extremely happy to report that our reception class igloo is complete! Thank you so much for all the milk bottles!!!!

On Friday we had a Pudsey Bear adventure as we learnt all about the importance of Children in Need and completed lots of activities.

To end our anti-bullying adventure, we created a whole class poem by thinking about different words we had learnt over the week. When we had finished, we couldn't wait to share it and what better way than to sing it into our own microphones!

Year 1

Year 1 have had a superb week. In English, we have been looking at our lives ready to start writing our own recount. The children have enjoyed learning what is the same and different about themselves. In Maths, we have been learning to subtract numbers. The children have found this concept tricky but have all worked super hard and become very resilient learners. Mrs Sadya has taught Geography this week and the children have been learning about the countries that make up the UK. They had to use different atlases and globes in order to label them as well as creating some tissue paper flags. We have also been focussing on anti-bullying week, we have worn our odds socks, learned about what it means to stand up to bullying, talked about what makes us special as well as, with the help from Miss Ikhlq, created a class poem about bullying. Well done Year 1!

Year 2

Year 2 have had a great week this week! We have been learning about diary entries in English, which also links with our history where we are learning about The Great Fire of London. We have been using a great example to find the key features and have been learning about new vocabulary we could add to our own diary entry. In maths this week the children have been exploring adding and subtracting across a 10. They have used lots of concrete resources to support their learning. The children have engaged well with 'Anti-Bullying week' and have thought about what makes us special, unique and different. As a class we have created a poem about how we are all different and this will be displayed throughout the school. Well done, Year 2!

Year 3

This week Year 3 have started to rehearse their Christmas class production, which we are very excited about! In maths they have been solving word problems using bar models to support them. In English they have been planning their own reports to start writing next week. For Anti-Bullying Week they have been

looking at the School Charter and have had some very mature discussions around this as well as writing a poem all about speaking out! Well done for a fabulous week!

Year 4

Year 4 have had another really busy week. In maths, the children have been identifying the area of a shape and have been drawing different shapes dependent on the area that the question is asking for. In English, the children have created an advert for a Roman road and have been identifying the features of an advert and even managed to watch a few popular adverts from over the years! We also had another wonderful session down at Forest School this week. We started off by cleaning out the pond and all the children were super excited to help clear away all of the leaves to see the vast array of wildlife that calls the pond its home! Following on with our Roman theme that was started last week, the children have been creating Roman coins using clay. Knowledge that we learnt in maths with Roman numerals was used to create an imprint in clay. Another positive week Year 4, well done!



Year 5

For Anti-Bullying Week this week, Year 5 have been learning about 'Make a Noise' against bullying. In PSHE the children delved into what it means to 'Make a Noise' – they decided it meant to not stand quietly if they saw someone being bullied, but instead tell an adult and support those in need. As part of a whole school display, Year 5 wrote down what makes them special. This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to share with the rest of the class some things about themselves that others might not have known. Some of the things that the children felt made them special were that they; could read the Qur'an; speak multiple languages; go to Mosque; play for Leicester Cricket Club; play for Burton Albion FC; have Autism; have Dyslexia; are amazing at baking and so much more. We truly have a class

of very special and unique children. As part of the Anti-Bullying Alliance campaign, the Year 5 children also came up with a fantastic poem that encompasses all of our school's 'Anti-Bullying Charter' key messages. This can be found on Twitter. Keep up the great work Year 5.



Year 6

This week we have been looking at multi-step fraction problems in maths and have remained resilient as there have been some challenging questions. As part of our learning for Anti-Bullying Week we have all signed the Shobnall Anti-Bullying Charter. This means that we all adhere to the 10 principles of preventing and responding to bullying. As the theme for anti-bullying is all about making a noise and speaking up, we then created a poem to raise awareness and help children feel comfortable enough to speak out if they have any problems. We started our new topic in English this week, looking at a diary recount of Alessandro Volta, which links with our electricity topic

in Science. In music, we have been creating our own song lyrics and thinking carefully about the hooks to our songs. At the end of the week, we continued with our book, Hana's Suitcase, and found out about where Hana and George were both sent to when they became separated.

Head Teacher's Awards

Reception	Fatima A	Millie G
Year 1	Aadam A	Savannah N
Year 2	Saifullah M	Obeydullah H
Year 3	Isaac P	Amara I
Year 4	Oliver M	Inam U
Year 5	Faryal S	Dexter J
Year	Charlotte K	Amina H

Lunchtime Star Awards

Reception	Hamza I
Year 1	Oscar M
Year 2	Isla G
Year 3	Layla N
Year 4	Hadi K
Year 5	Nell T
Year 6	Charlotte K

Attendance

This week's Attendance Champions are **Year 5!** Well done! Here are the latest figures...

Reception	96.1%	Target
Year 1	95.0%	97%
Year 2	96.2%	
Year 3	95.3%	
Year 4	96.1%	Overall (to date)
Year 5	97.7%	96.1%
Year 6	95.7%	
Overall	96.0%	

Team Points

Team Points	Claymills	Rosliston	Sinai	Trent
Points (Week Ending 17.11.23)	104	92	99	119
Position	2nd – 3 points	4th – 1 point	3rd – 2 points	1st – 4 points
Running Total	6	5	3	6

Reading Corner

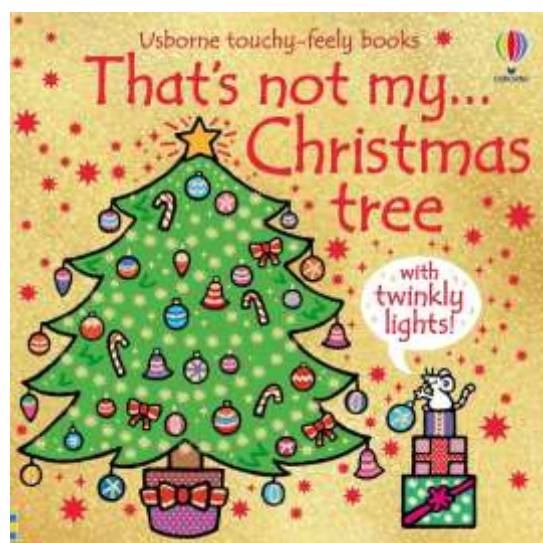
This week's recommended read is for children aged 3+...

That's Not My Christmas Tree

by Fiona Watt

How do we know it's not our Christmas tree? Its trunk is too bumpy, its decorations are too sparkly, its presents are too shiny. But look, there's our Christmas tree on the last spread – its lights are so twinkly! And the lights do twinkle, just turn them on via a little switch on the back cover.

The bright pictures are designed to develop both sensory and language awareness in the very youngest children and they will derive huge satisfaction from turning the pages and touching the feely patches. There's a little white mouse hiding on every page, something else to spot and discover.



Diary Dates 2023-2024

Event	Date/Time
Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes	Wednesday 29 th November to Friday 1 st December 2023
PFA Christmas Market	Friday 1 st December 2023
Whole School Trip to Pantomime – Beauty and the Beast, Lichfield Garrick	Thursday 21 st December 2023, 10.00am
School Closes for Christmas	Friday 22 nd December 2023, 2.00pm
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 8 th January 2024
Year 6 Laches Wood Meeting for Parents	Wednesday 10 th January 2024, Year 6 Classroom
Young Voices 2023	Thursday 11 th January 2024
Year 6 Laches Wood	Monday 29 th January to Friday 2 nd February 2024
PFA Valentine's Disco	Thursday 8 th February 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infants: 3.45pm – 5.00pm • Juniors: 5.15pm – 6.30pm
School Closes for Half-Term	Friday 9 th February 2024
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 19 th February 2024
PFA Easter Bingo	Friday 15 th March 2024
Year 5 Trip to Hampton Court	Thursday 21 st March 2024
School Closes for Easter	Friday 22 nd March 2024, 2.00pm
INSET Day	Monday 8 th April 2024
School Reopens for Pupils	Tuesday 9 th April 2024
May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed	Monday 6 th May 2024
Key Stage 2 SATs Week	Monday 13 th May 2024 to Friday 17 th May 2024
School Closes for Half-Term	Thursday 23 rd May 2024
INSET Day	Friday 24 th May 2024
School Reopens for Pupils	Monday 3 rd June 2024
PFA Summer Fair	Friday 21 st June 2024
JTMAT INSET Day	Friday 5 th July 2024
School Closes for Summer	Friday 19 th July 2024, 2.00pm
INSET Day	Monday 22 nd July 2024

Autumn Term Diary Dates

Event	Date/Time
Year 5 Whitemoor Lakes	Wednesday 29 th November 2023 to Friday 1 st December 2023 inclusive
Year 6 Class Assembly	Thursday 30 th November 2023, 9.00am
PFA Christmas Market	Friday 1 st December 2023
Christingle	Monday 4 th December 2023
Choir Winter Wonderland Concert	Tuesday 5 th December 2023, Hill Street Church, Swadlincote, 7.00-8.00pm
EYFS Nativity	Wednesday 6 th December 2023, 9.15am
EYFS Nativity	Thursday 7 th December 2023, 9.15am
KS1 Nativity	Tuesday 12 th December 2023, 9.15am AND 2.15pm
Year 3 Cosy Christmas Celebration	Thursday 14 th December 2023, 9.15am
JTMAT Christmas Concert	Tuesday 19 th December 2023
Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 20 th December 2023
Whole School Trip to Pantomime – Beauty and the Beast, Lichfield Garrick	Thursday 21 st December 2023, 10.00am
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Mayor's Charity Carol Concert

Town Hall, Burton upon Trent

Sunday 10th December

2.00pm (until approx. 5pm)

**Sing-along to Carol Songs with
Pupils, Parents and Staff from**

**Thomas Russell, Outwoods, Shobnall,
Christ Church, Anglesey and
Fountains Primary Schools with
Tutbury Band**

**Raffle and refreshments will be
available, with all monies raised going
to the Mayor's two charities:-
MIND (Burton & District)
and
Friends2Friends**

FREE ENTRY

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about SMART TVs

Smart TVs connect to the internet without the need for a set-top box or streaming device, letting users access a range of features through the TV set itself: from on-demand content apps like BBC iPlayer to streaming services such as Netflix, as well connecting to smartphones and other wireless devices. Most new televisions are internet enabled – so whether you're thinking of upgrading your home viewing system or buying an additional TV for your child's room, it's now even more important to consider the online safety aspects.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

From Netflix to Disney+ to Prime Video, there is a plethora of streaming services available. While these services offer content catering for younger viewers, they also provide material for more mature audiences. If you don't have parental controls set up on your accounts, your child could find themselves being exposed to shows and movies with adult themes, strong language and violence.

INCREASED SCREEN TIME

The array of content available through smart TVs could lead to your child spending excessive amounts of time in front of the screen. Not only can prolonged screen time distract from important activities such as schoolwork or exercise, but experts have also warned that endless hours in front of the box can lead to health problems including obesity, poor sleeping patterns and depression.

REMOTE-CONTROL RETAIL

Like many online devices, smart TVs facilitate digital purchases: buying a new app or the latest season of a favourite show, for example. If your child has access to a bank card and isn't restricted by spending controls on the system, they could run up a sizeable bill through a smart TV fairly quickly – especially if they're not quite old enough to fully appreciate the value of money.

UNCONVINCING SECURITY

As Internet of Things (IoT) devices, smart TVs can be uniquely vulnerable to attack. Experts warn that internet-enabled TVs tend not to support high-level security software, so you won't always be able to download strong antivirus programmes like you would on a phone or computer. Being targeted by hackers could be deeply upsetting for your child, as well as putting their personal data at risk.

A SILENT SPY?

Some smart TVs already collect data on users' viewing habits and then display targeted advertising based on that personal information – while there have also been reports of internet-enabled TVs (and the apps installed on them) being used to 'eavesdrop' on owners. In models with a built-in microphone (for voice activation), third parties could potentially listen in on someone's home life.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

Many smart TVs can be used for web browsing, social media and live streaming – all of which could allow unknown users to contact your child (or vice versa). If your child engages with these functions of the TV, a stranger could potentially discover their contact information and potentially then use it to obtain even more sensitive personal details, such as your home address.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MAKE IT A FAMILY THING

Family TV time is a great way to model the responsible enjoyment of technology – showing your child how to use the smart TV safely for when they're old enough to watch it independently. You could also take this opportunity to establish some healthy TV boundaries, such as time limits on their daily viewing or how to make sure they're only watching content that's appropriate for their age.

SET UP PARENTAL CONTROLS

It's likely that your smart TV has built-in parental controls, which not only let you filter out age-inappropriate shows, movies and games but can also restrict in-app purchasing, so your child can't accidentally spend money through the device. When you've enabled these safeguards, have an open conversation with your child about the reasons, helping them to understand the potential risks.

CREATE CHILD PROFILES

Much like with smartphones and tablets, apps can be downloaded onto smart TVs: from free content platforms such as BBC iPlayer to paid-for services like Prime Video. Most of these apps allow you to create a separate account for your child which has different settings to your own – suggesting more child-friendly material and reducing the possibility of them viewing explicit content.

CONSIDER THE LOCATION

If you're concerned about the online safety hazards that a smart TV might pose to your child, you could consider where in your home you put the device. The safest option would be to place the smart TV in a shared family space – so that an adult is usually nearby and able to supervise while your child's watching it – rather than in the relative privacy of a bedroom.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



National Online Safety

#WakeUpWednesday

Be Reflective

When it's dark outside, wear reflective clothing to be seen in car headlights.



Be Bright, Be Seen.

A photograph of a woman and a young child sitting at a wooden table. The woman, on the left, is wearing a white patterned sweater and is looking down at a map on the table. The child, on the right, is wearing a dark blue sweater and jeans, and is looking up at the woman. The background is a dark wooden wall.

Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

Do you struggle
with your child's
bedtime?

Will your child
not sleep in
their own bed?

WE CAN HELP

A white line-art icon of a telephone handset, positioned to the left of the phone number.

03303 530 541

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm
Monday & Wednesday 9am - 11am



**Around 50% of
children will have
a sleep issue at
some point***

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE?

In partnership with Furniture Village, The Sleep Charity has launched a brand new National Sleep Helpline to ensure that everyone has access to high quality, evidence-based advice.

HOW CAN THE NATIONAL SLEEP HELPLINE HELP YOU?

- Run by a team of specialist trained sleep advisors
- Offer you some practical strategies and recommend services that could help
- Ensuring you understand how sleep plays an important part in your child's mental health and wellbeing
- Listen without judgement and help you decide what next steps are right for you
- Empower you with sleep knowledge so you can understand why your child might not be sleeping well and how that can change

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