



Banwell Primary School Newsletter

Term 3 2024



A message from Mrs Pocock

What a great term 3 it has been! I can hardly believe that we are almost at the halfway point of the year. The children have worked incredibly hard over recent weeks and amaze us every day with their learning. We hope you have enjoyed seeing snippets of what they have been up to on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/BanwellSchool>

Please could I ask that all families check their children's school uniforms & shoes next week. Our uniform expectations are clearly set out on our website: <https://www.banwellprimary.co.uk/web/uniform/2989> Please note that PE kits & trainers should be on worn on PE days only.

As we get ready to start a new term there are some staffing updates to share with everyone. I am delighted to inform you that Miss Natalee Elmer will be joining the Banwell team as a Learning Support Assistant from term 4. She will be job sharing with Mrs Hannah Wynn who has recently returned to us after her maternity leave.

Whilst we are welcoming a new member to the team, we will also be saying a very fond farewell to one of our longest standing Teaching Assistants on 27th February. Mrs Nikki Hackeson will be taking early retirement after being at Banwell for 16 years. We are all going to miss her but know she is going to enjoy more time with her family. I am sure you will join me in wishing her well. Mr Fuller and Mrs Gardiner will be covering Mrs Hackeson's hours until the end of the school year.

As always, we are extremely grateful for the ongoing support of our families and look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 19th February.

Free schools meals

There are two schemes for free school meals:

- universal infant free school meals for all children in reception year, year 1 and year 2 – you don't need to apply as they're automatically given at the school
- free school meals for people on qualifying benefits – you'll need to apply for these

If you claim qualifying benefits and your child is entitled to universal infant school meals, you should still apply for free school meals so:

- you will be entitled to half price school trips
- the school can receive funding for the free school meals

Further information can be found [here](#)

Please note that if you are already in receipt of income related free school meals, please do not reapply as you may lose your entitlement.

The holidays, activities and food programme (HAF) is an initiative run by the government to provide sessions during school holidays for children who are in receipt of income related free school meals. Each session runs for a minimum of 4 hours and children will be provided with a meal at no cost to parents. Further detailed information can be found [here](#).

LOOK OUT FOR.....

Swimming lessons are due to start after half term. Further details will follow in the next couple of weeks.

Save the date!

TERM 3 & 4

12 Feb to 16 Feb —
Half Term

19th Feb—Rec & Y6—
National Measurement
Programme

20 Feb —Y6 Knife
Crime & Gangs Talk

23rd February

Bikeability (year4)

7 March —Dance Club
Festival

8 March —Choir
Rehearsal

8 March—World Book
Day

12th March 4pm –
6.30pm Parents
Evening

13th March 3.30pm -
5.30pm Parents
Evening

15 March —Inset Day

Save the date!

28th March 9:15am
Outstanding Certificate
Assembly

TERM 5 & 6

13th – 16th May KS2
SATs week

20th – 22nd May Y6
Camp

7th June 9.15am
Sports Day

Contact us:

Email: office@banwell.extendlearning.org

Tel: 01934 822 498



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Breakfast and After-school Club



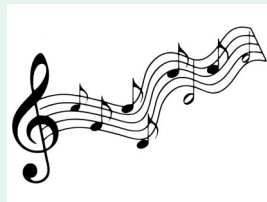
Breakfast Club from 7.45am &
Afternoon Session 3.20pm to
4.20pm ~ £5.00

After School Sessions 4.20pm
to 6pm ~ £10.50



Booking and payment
for these clubs can be
found on ParentPay.

Please call the office or
click [here](#) if you would
like any further details.



Musician of the Year 2024

This competition will be taking place
in March. Children can either sing
acapella, accompanied or play a
musical instrument. Further details
will be sent out at the beginning of
term 4.



**Don't forget to check
out your child's class
page on our website
where you will find lots of
useful information.**

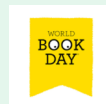
3rd July Class / Y6
Leavers photos

10th July Y6 Production
to school & parents

11th July Y6 Production
to parents

19th July 9.15am
Outstanding
Certificates Assembly

23rd July 9.15am
Leavers Assembly



We will be celebrating
World Book Day on
Friday 8th March.
More details to follow.

KS2 lunch time choir

And

Production of **Joseph and
the Amazing Technicolour
Dreamcoat**

There are still spaces
remaining if your child
would like to join the
lunchtime choir. The choir
will be taking part in an
upcoming production of
**Joseph and the Amazing
Technicolour Dreamcoat** in
association with St.
Andrew's Church. An
email was sent to KS2
parents on the 12th
January but please contact
the office if you would like
any further information.



**Our afterschool dance club
will be taking part in the
North Somerset Schools
Dance Festival on
Thursday 7th March at The
Playhouse, Weston.
Tickets are now on sale via**

**the Playhouse website . Click [here](#) for further
details.**



We are sad to have to say
that following a recent tree
survey, we have been
advised that a few of the
trees at the front of the
school need to be removed
due to them being affected
by ash dieback. As it is a matter of Health
and Safety, the trees will be removed as soon
as possible. We are hoping to use some of
the wood bark in our KS1 area and will be
looking at ways to mitigate the impact of the
loss of these trees. We will keep you
updated.



The Uniform Exchange is
a new initiative that has
launched to continue
supporting parents in
North Somerset and
Somerset. They have
created a monitored
Facebook group titled
"The Uniform Exchange
(Somerset & North
Somerset)" accessible at
this link:

[www.facebook.com/
groups/
theuniormexchange](https://www.facebook.com/groups/theuniormexchange)



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Volunteer Crossing Guard

Banwell Parish Council would like to hear your views on the new zebra crossing patrol.

If you're on Facebook you can comment on their post or give them a call on 01934 820442 or email clerk@banwellparishcouncil



Bikeability for year 4 will be taking place on Friday 23rd February. If you haven't yet done so, please can you return the signed form to the office as soon as possible.

School Dinners

The Spring/Summer menu is now on ParentPay.

Behaviour in the playground

The vast majority of our children play safely and sensibly together during their time outside in the playground. They play familiar games as well as invent their own and our Y6 playleaders lead activities for the younger children.

Unfortunately, we have noticed that a small minority of children are playing quite rough games in the playground at the moment though. Some of these games appear to involve wrestling type moves. Children deliberately hurting each other will not be tolerated as we want our school to be a safe and happy place for everyone. Please could I therefore ask that all parents / carers speak to their children about this over the February break and closely monitor what children are accessing online or on the TV. Please reinforce the message that they must tell an adult straight away if anyone tries to hurt them or play games that are too rough, rather than retaliate physically. We have spoken to the children about this in school and are speaking to the parents/carers of the children who are displaying these unacceptable behaviours.

Thank you for your cooperation and support with this matter.

Perform Their Socks Off 2024

Cricket class are taking part in Perform Their Socks Off at The Playhouse, Weston on the 26th April. Tickets go on sale on 1st March and can be purchased via The Playhouse website. Further details will be sent out nearer the time.

Place2Be's
**CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK**

5-11
FEB
2024

[https://
www.childrensmen
talhealthweek.org.
uk/](https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/)



PTA EVENTS



End of Term Disco
Tuesday 19th March

Friends of Banwell School are always on the look out for parents to join the group. If you can help out at any of the events please do get in touch with them.

We wouldn't be able to have these lovely events without your help.

**Friends of Banwell
School PTA**

Contact -
[FriendsOfBanwell@gmail
.com](mailto:FriendsOfBanwell@gmail.com)

Have a happy half term

LUNCHTIME

TRADITIONAL

Week 1

Spring/Summer
2024:
19/2, 11/3, 1/4,
22/4, 13/5, 3/6,
24/6, 15/7

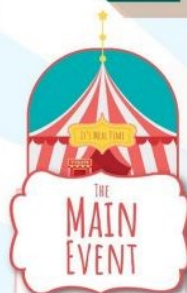
MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



Beef Burger
& Hand Cut
Potato Wedges

Margherita
Pizza
Slice

Roast Chicken,
Stuffing,
Roast Potatoes
& Gravy

Homemade Pork
Sausage Roll with
New Potatoes &
Tomato Sauce

Golden Fish
Fingers or
Salmon Fingers
& Chips



MEAT-FREE
MAGIC
Vegetarian Dish

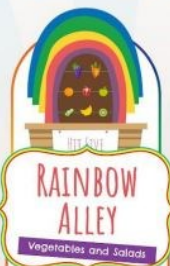
Homemade
Veggie Burger &
Hand Cut Potato
Wedges

Veggie Pepper
& Mushroom
Pizza Slice

Cauliflower &
Broccoli Cheddar
Bake with Roast
Potatoes

Wholegrain
Summer
Vegetable Paella

Homemade
Cheesy Leek
Sausage & Chips



RAINBOW
ALLEY
Vegetables and Salads

Sweetcorn

Coleslaw
&
Salad

Carrots
&
Peas

Green
Beans

Baked
Beans



BIG
TOPPING
Filled Jackets

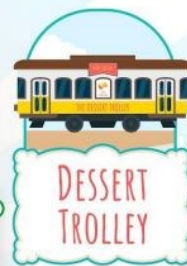
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Cheese

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with Cheese or
Chicken Mayo

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DESSERT
TROLLEY

Fresh Melon
& Pineapple
Sticks

Strawberry
Frozen
Yoghurt

Tutti Frutti
Jelly Pots

Carrot
Peeling Cake

Marble
Cookies

SALAD, BREAD,
YOGHURT AND
FRUIT.

APPEARING DAILY



AVAILABLE
EVERY DAY

Topped Pasta
Hot Pasta
topped with
Homemade
Tomato Sauce
& Cheese

T1

LUNCHTIME

TRADITIONAL

Week 2

Spring/Summer
2024:
26/2, 18/3, 8/4,
29/4, 20/5, 10/6,
1/7, 22/7

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



British Pork
Hot Dog &
Hand Cut
Potato Wedges

Margherita
Pizza
Slice

Roast Gammon,
Roast Potatoes
& Gravy

Baked Mac
& Cheese

Golden
Fishcake
&
Chips



MEAT-FREE
MAGIC
Vegetarian Dish

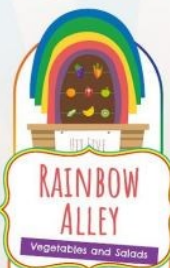
Veggie Sausage &
Cheese Hot Dog
& Hand Cut
Potato Wedges

Pineapple
Topped
Pizza Slice

Cheese & Onion
Filo Pie
with
Roast Potatoes

Veggie Whole
Grain Pasta
Bolognese

Cheesy
Bean
Wrap



RAINBOW
ALLEY
Vegetables and Salads

Sweetcorn

Potato Salad
&
Garden Salad

Carrots
&
Peas

Broccoli

Baked
Beans



BIG
TOPPING
Filled Jackets

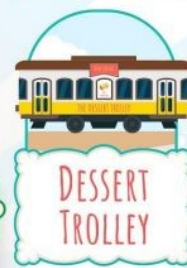
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DESSERT
TROLLEY

Classic Apple
Crumble &
Custard

Orange Jelly
& Clementine
Slices

Vanilla Ice
Cream

Old School
Cake &
Sprinkles

Maple Oat
Cookies

SALAD, BREAD,
YOGHURT AND
FRUIT.

APPEARING DAILY



AVAILABLE
EVERY DAY

Topped Pasta
Hot Pasta
topped with
Homemade
Tomato Sauce
& Cheese

T1

Spring/Summer
2024:
4/3, 25/3, 15/4,
6/5, 27/5, 17/6,
8/7, 29/7

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



Bangers, Mash
& Beans

Cheese & Tomato
Pitta Pizza with
Wholemeal Rice
Salad

Roast Pork,
Roast Potatoes
& Gravy

Creamy Chicken &
Sweetcorn Pie with
New Potatoes

Golden Fish
Fingers
& Chips



Veggie Bangers,
Mash
& Beans

Cheesy BBQ Pizza
Pinwheel Swirl with
Wholemeal Rice Salad

Root Vegetable
Bean Stew &
Roast Potatoes

Cheese & Potato
Pie with
New Potatoes

Veggie Finger
&
Chips



Baked
Beans

Carrot
Sticks

Steamed
Mixed
Greens

Summer
Vegetables

Baked
Beans



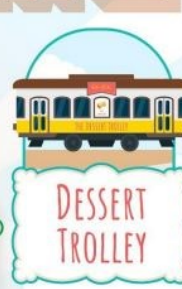
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Chicken Mayo

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Cheese or both



Vanilla
Shortbread

Cinnamon
Apple
Cupcake

Strawberry
Jelly

Jammy
Crumble
Bar

Sweet
Potato
Brownie





Hello,

We are the PTA, a Parent Teacher Association, called Friends of Banwell Primary School. It is our role to bring together parents, teachers and children to help raise funds for the school and strengthen the school community. Our fund raising goes towards things for the children that the school budget does not cover to help to make the school a better place for the children to learn.

We're a new team this academic year, with 4 parent members on the committee who plan and organise events:



Rebecca Robinson
Chair



Laura Baron
Vice Chair



Claire Spencer
Treasurer



Rebecca Summers
Social Media guru

Our events wouldn't be possible without the support of the 'Friends of Friends Group' who are on hand to help as and when they can with events throughout the year.

The 'Friends of Friends' group works as a Whatsapp group, so will be aware of events in the planning phases and can offer support with elements such as sourcing supplies, selling tuck, help to set up, an extra pair of eyes on activities etc. Support in numbers are vital to ensure events can actually go ahead.

If you'd like to join the 'Friends of Friends' Whatsapp group, please email us at friendsofbanwell@gmail.com and provide your name and mobile number to add you to the group. We very much appreciate the help!

Thank you,

The PTA Team





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YOUTH MUSIC FESTIVAL 2024

UP TO AGE 18

ANY MUSICAL STYLE

GROUPS OF 2 OR MORE MUSICIANS

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**APRIL
27th/ 28th**

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2024	Thursday
February	1, 15, 29
March	14, 28
April	11, 25

H – public holiday = vehicle off road

M – maintenance = vehicle off road

Stops at:

Banwell	Car park	2:40 – 4:30pm
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Please note that stops and timings may be subject to change during the currency of this timetable.

Occasionally bad weather or breakdown may cause the service to be delayed or withdrawn. If you think you have been affected, please call 01275 888 864 or email mobile.library@n-somerset.gov.uk

For more information about mobile library services please visit www.n-somerset.gov.uk/libraries.



Beginner String Group @Warmley

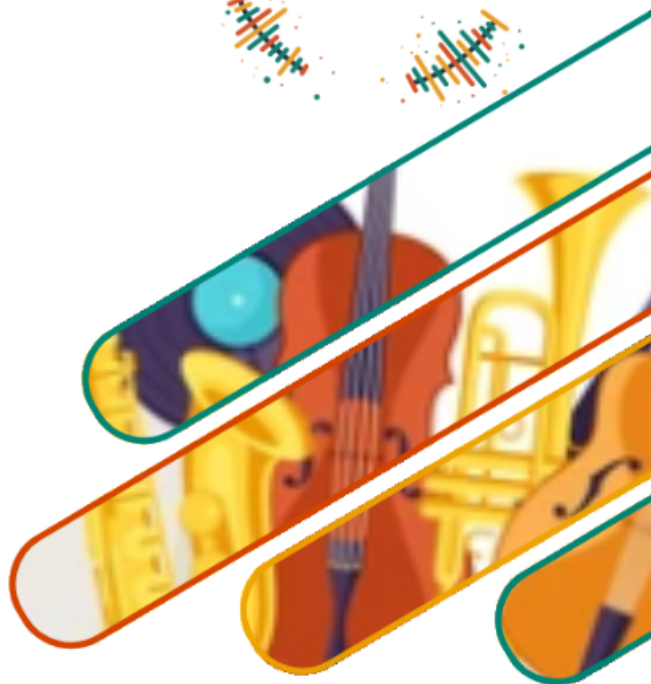
Come and learn violin, viola, cello or
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Who: Complete Beginners

Where: Warmley Music Centre at SBL

When: Saturdays 9.30-10.30am

Cost: £38 per double term plus
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Free for pupil premium



To book a space:

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For more information: 01454 863147 | music@wema.org.uk

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SMARTPHONE SAFETY TIPS

for young people

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You may have been lucky enough to have unwrapped a smartphone at Christmas, or you might be eagerly anticipating getting a new one at some point during this year. Whether it'll be your first ever phone or an upgrade on your old model, it's always useful to have a refresher about how to set it up and adjust the settings to keep yourself – and your valuable personal info – safe and secure. We've collected some expert tips to help you enjoy your smartphone in the healthiest way possible.

NEVER SHARE YOUR PASSCODE

Alongside face or fingerprint recognition, your passcode is crucial to unlocking your phone and accessing your apps and personal information. You shouldn't give it out, even to close friends – after all, you wouldn't hand them a key to your house and let them go in for a nosy around! If a friend wants to use your phone, ask them why and make sure you can see what they're doing with it.

RESPECT PARENTAL CONTROLS

If you're allowed to have a smartphone, it's because your parents or carers feel that you're mature and responsible enough to use it safely. They might set controls and boundaries on your device – not to spoil your fun but to help you avoid hazards like too much screen time or costly in-app purchases. Following these rules means you can enjoy using your phone while respecting their wishes.

TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT

Whether it's to listen to music, play games, create content or chat with friends, using a smartphone should be fun. If you're ever feeling anxious, worried or scared about going on your phone, then something isn't right. It's important not to ignore these feelings; instead, talk to a trusted adult about what's happening and how it's making you feel.

STAY ALERT

Two words: look up. It might sound obvious, but it's so easy to get immersed in what we're looking at or listening to on our phones that we can become unaware of our surroundings – or who might be around us. People often walk with their head down, focusing on their phone, and forget to check for obstacles in their path, cars or other pedestrians coming towards them, which is clearly dangerous.

DEVELOP HEALTHY HABITS

Phones offer a vast amount of content and the chance to chat with friends whenever we feel like it, which can make it difficult to take time away from the screen. If that's something you struggle with, you could try setting time limits on certain apps. Putting our phones down for a while gives us more time to interact with others or do something physical that helps keep us fit and healthy.

IGNORE UNKNOWN NUMBERS

There are some scammers who might call or text asking you to share personal data or to click on a link and provide your details. Some may claim to be from a genuine company, but trustworthy businesses don't spontaneously call or message to ask for your information. It's safest to ignore calls or texts from unknown numbers, and never give your personal details out over the phone.

ONLY USE AGE-APPROPRIATE APPS

Before downloading a new app or game, check what age rating it has. Don't feel pressured into getting a particular game or app just because your friends are using it. If it's intended for older people, there's a definite risk that it could include content (which is violent or frightening, for instance) or language which isn't suitable and may leave you feeling upset or disturbed.

REMOVE TEMPTATION

A good night's sleep is so important for concentration, mood and overall health. Unwinding properly before going to bed – which means not staring at a screen late at night – can often improve sleep quality. Put your phone on charge overnight, but not in your room. This means you'll have a lot less temptation to check any notifications, reply to messages or get caught up scrolling on social media.

THINK ABOUT OTHERS

Watching videos, listening to music or calling someone can all help to pass the time while we're on the bus, waiting in a queue or walking down the street. It's important to remain mindful of other people, though: they might not want to hear your tunes or your conversation. Likewise, if you're calling from a public place then don't forget that anyone could overhear something personal about you.

SWITCH OFF GEOLOCATION

In your phone's settings, you'll be able to disable geolocation for individual apps and photos: this means that people online (including strangers) can't see information about where you are when you share or post a pic. On the subject of images, it's also important to ask permission before taking or sharing a photo of someone – and don't share embarrassing images of your friends with others.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing Internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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Top Tips for SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROLS ON NEW DEVICES

In children's eagerness to start enjoying new digital gadgets immediately, it can be easy to overlook setting up the type of parental controls that can help to protect them online. If you don't sort those out from the very start, it can be an uphill battle – technologically and psychologically – to impose such controls later. Here's our rundown of what to look for when setting up the various internet-enabled devices that might be lurking under the tree at this time of year.

IPHONE

If your child's lucky enough to be getting their own iPhone, parental controls can help avoid issues like screen addiction and unsuitable content. Go into the settings and scroll down to 'Screen Time'. From here you can customise important settings including time limits on using the device, communication restrictions and content blockers. You can also lock your changes behind a passcode.

ANDROID

With Android devices, Google's Family Link app is your friend. You'll need a Google account – and a separate one for your child, which you should use when first setting up the device. Then, in Family Link on your own device, select 'Add Child' and enter their account details. This lets you specify limits on daily usage, restrict certain apps, block particular content and more.

PLAYSTATION

You can prep for a PlayStation before it's even unwrapped. At my.account.sony.com, create an account, then go to Account Management > Family Management > Add Family Member to set up your child's account, which you'll use to sign in on the console. You can restrict the age ratings of the games they can play and who they can talk to. On the PS5, you can make exceptions for any games you think are acceptable despite their high age rating.

IPAD

iPad parental controls are identical to those on iPhones. However, if you've got a shared family iPad and want to ensure your children aren't seeing anything age-inappropriate after you hand them the device, there's a feature called Guided Access (under Settings > Accessibility > Guided Access). With this switched on, young ones can only use the app that's currently open.

XBOX

The Xbox Family Settings app helps you manage which games your child can play (and when). You'll need to set up the console with your own account and then add a child profile. Make sure your account's password protected, so your child can't alter your choices later. You'll be walked through the functions at setup, but you can also reach them manually via Settings > Account > Family Settings.

NINTENDO SWITCH

Download the Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app on your phone, and you'll be shown how to link it to the console. Once that's done, you can limit how long your child can play each day, decide what age ratings are permitted and more. You'll also get weekly updates on how often they've used the device. These controls are accessible through the console itself, but the app is usually easier.

WINDOWS 11 PCS

On Windows 11, account management is key. Set up the device with your own account as the admin. Then go to Settings > Accounts > Family and Other Users and create your child's account (if you've already done this on a previous PC, just log in with those details). Microsoft Family Safety (either the app or the site) then lets you control screen time, what content children can view and more.

CHROMEBOOKS

Chromebooks' parental controls are managed via the Family Link app. Unlike an Android device, however, you need to set up the Chromebook with your own account first, then add your child's. Go to Settings > People > Add Person and input your child's Google account details (or create a new account). Your child can then log in, and you can monitor what they're up to via Family Link.

MACS

Like iPhones, parental controls for Macs are managed via the Screen Time settings. Again, the crux here is to set yourself up as the administrator before adding any child accounts. In the settings, look for Users & Groups to create your child's account, then – while on their profile – use the screen time options to place any boundaries around apps, usage and who your child can communicate with (and vice versa).

SMART TVS

Smart TVs typically have their own individual parental controls. One of the most popular brands is Samsung – and on their TVs, you can control the content available to your child. In the Settings menu, under 'Broadcasting', you can lock channels and restrict content by its age rating. Even this isn't foolproof, however: some apps (like YouTube) might still let children access unsuitable material.

Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins is a technology journalist and editor with more than 20 years' experience of working for titles such as the Sunday Times, Which?, PC Pro and Computeractive. He's appeared regularly as a tech pundit on television and radio, including on BBC Newsnight, Radio 5 Live and the ITV News at Ten. He has two children and writes regularly on the subject of internet safety.



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MINECRAFT CLUB

Inspiring the next generation of coders and makers



For more information and to register:
codingbug.co.uk/coding-in-minecraft/

Coding in Minecraft

This is fun monthly club where children learn how to make mini-games, automate builds, and change gameplay behaviour in Minecraft with code.

Suitable for children aged 8 – 12.

WHERE

Yatton Library
BS49 4HJ

WHEN

Saturday 24th February 2024
From 9:45am - 12:45pm

codingbug.co.uk

Email: info@codingbug.co.uk or call 07909226520



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