



# Using the filmit website

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## Introduction

### The website

The *filmit* website is a closed community site which allows you to:

- Share your films with the other *Open Futures* schools;
- watch films from other schools;
- leave comments on each other's films, sharing ideas and opinions;
- create passwords for parents and friends of the school to see your films.

### Logging In

To log in you will need one of your school's usernames and a password.

Depending on the access details you set there are three levels of access to the website.

### Teacher Admin

- You can see films and comments.
- You can edit & remove comments left by your school.
- You can choose which films and comments uploaded by your school are visible to the rest of the community.
- You can add comments to any film on the website.

### Class Edit

- You can see films and comments
- You can add comments to any film on the website

### Class View

- You can see films and comments

## The home page

### Main features

#### Film of the week

Selected by the *filmit* team to showcase interesting films.

#### Your recent activity

It's easy to see who has commented on your films and replied to your comments.

#### Recent films and comments listing

See the latest films and discussion as they appear.

#### Channel listings

Films grouped loosely by subject.

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### Film of the week

Light, camera...ACTION!!  
★★★★  
from St. John the Baptist School  
2 July at 14:47

Recent films

Leaving Petersgate  
★★★★

Read Comments (0)  
Leave a comment.

Welcome

As viewers respond to comments you've left on films you'll see them listed here.

Upload a film

search

Channels

- askit (45)
- cookit (52)
- Drama (34)
- growit (78)
- School Life (54)
- Using filmit (4)
- Uncategorised (18)

Participating Schools (55)

- Airedale Infant (0)
- Airedale Junior (0)
- Armathwaite School (6)

## Watching films

The films play using the Flash Player and with the most recent version, you can watch them full screen from any computer in your school.

### Comments & replies

It's easy to add comments to a film by clicking the Add Comments text. You can also leave replies to comments.

When logged in as a **Teacher Admin** you can edit the text of any comments left by your school. Just click on the text you want to edit. You can remove comments and replies from your school by clicking the red text **1**. You can give the films a rating by clicking on the stars under the film's description.

### Creating passwords to access films

When logged in as a **Teacher Admin** you can create a time limited password to allow access to a specific film. Print out the page or write down the details that appear after clicking 'Create Password' on the page **2**. With these details visitors can see and comment on only that film.

from St. John the Baptist School  
2 July at 14:47  
An enjoyable and fascinating film about the mysterious qualities of light. Made and edited by Esther and William (Year 3)  
Duration: 02:09

Click a star to give this film your own rating:  
☆☆☆☆  
1 2 3 4 5  
This film currently has 4 stars (6 votes in total)

**Comments**

Penelope Ingham School July 2 at 23:34  
Superb learning, also fun! This is fantastic piece of video. Very informative.  
Sarah and Francis Lemaux

Open Futures Team July 1 at 21:38  
A great film, with simple statements and clean cuts. As Angela said, lots of information but it never gets dull (sorry! another light reference). Was light something that you were looking at in class? How do

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from St. John the Baptist School  
2 July at 14:47

You have successfully created a username and password to allow others to access this film

- Visitors using this username and password will only be able to see this film.
- You can only share film from your own school.
- You can create as many usernames and passwords as you want, and each one is only valid for 1 week.
- Visitors will need to have the Flash Player 8 software installed to see the films.

This film can be accessed for 1 week by using the following information:

Website www.openfuturesfilm.it/info  
Username park1145538  
Password 1000000000  
Valid until 21 July 2007, 10:40 am

**Channels**

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## Uploading a film

If you are logged in as a **Teacher Admin** you can add films to the website by clicking on the upload a film link.

Video files from almost any camera and software can be uploaded to the site. The most commonly used formats are .wmv (for Windows), .mov (for Apple) and .avi. If you are using digiblue cameras make sure your videos are exported as .wmv files before you upload them.

### Dimensions

*filmit* can take any size of video but we'd suggest making sure that your files are between 320 and 720 pixels wide. Any smaller and the quality will be poor, any larger and it'll take a long time to upload.

### File size

*filmit* can take files of up to 250mb. There is no limit on movie length but we'd suggest keeping films short and to the point.

### Describing your film

Give your film a title and a description. These are used for searching so the more you say about what happens in your film the easier it will be for people to find. You don't need to write your school name in the title.

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**Upload a film**

- For instructions click here
- For a tutorial click here

Choose a film to upload...

Film Title

A description of your film

Add this film to a channel:

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# Teacher Admin

If you are logged in as a **Teacher Admin** you can select the 'your school' link.

You can control which films are visible to the whole *filmit* community. When a film is visible it is displayed with a green label, if hidden, the label is red.

If you hide a film then all associated comments are hidden too, but not deleted. You can also choose which channel your film appears in.

This page lists all your comments and replies. Click on the text you want to edit or remove and you will be taken to the film your comment is attached to. On that page you can edit the text as described in the **watching films** section.

[openfuturesfilmit.info/admin](http://openfuturesfilmit.info/admin)

The screenshot shows the 'Teacher Admin' interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'home', 'help', 'Your School', and 'log out'. Below that, the main content is divided into three columns. The left column, 'Your films (3)', lists three films: 'Leaving Petersgate', 'Lorem Ipsum Dolor sit Amet Consectetur Adipiscing', and 'Ash and Willow visit Worthing'. Each film entry includes a small thumbnail, a star rating, the channel name, and the upload date. The middle column, 'Your comments and replies (5)', shows comments for each film, including the number of comments and a snippet of the comment text. The right column contains an 'Upload a film' button, a search bar, a list of channels (askit, cookit, Drama, growit, School Life, Using Filmit, Uncategorized), and a list of participating schools (Airedale Infant, Airedale Junior).

# Help

You can use this page to ask questions, report problems and get advice. The help messages are displayed for everyone to read, incase somebody else has had the same problem. Responses from the *filmit* team will be posted here and also sent via email.

This page can also tell you if your web browser is capable of using the *filmit* site. If you find you're still having problems then please contact [help@openfuturesfilmit.info](mailto:help@openfuturesfilmit.info)

The screenshot shows the 'Help' page. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'home', 'help', 'Your School', and 'log out'. Below that, the main content is divided into three columns. The left column, 'Help', lists two help messages: '5 help messages' and 'Create a new help message'. Below this, there's a section titled 'Updating an iMac' with a detailed list of steps for updating the software. The middle column, 'Replies (1)', shows a reply from 'Ivan Petersgate School' with options to 'Edit this reply', 'Delete this reply', and 'Add a reply'. The right column contains an 'Upload a film' button, a search bar, a list of help topics (Updating an iMac, Installing the Flash Player on an iMac, Any comments?, I can't see any films, This is the new help system for filmit), and a list of booklets and software (Website user guide, Newsletter, Story board templates).