

# Weekly Newsletter

16th May 2025



## Message from Miss Mirza

Well how else could I start this week than by congratulating our fantastic Year Six children for their outstanding effort with their SATs test this week. The resilience, determination and maturity that our children have demonstrated this week has been phenomenal and we are all proud of each and every one of you.

Also, as always, sport has been a heavy feature of our life here at DCPS. Years 1—6 are diligently preparing for Sports Days next week. Our Nursery children had a wonderful Sports Day yesterday—thank you Mrs Usher for all your preparations! Also, today., Mr Mac an Mr Catlow took 14 cricketers to Old Trafford for a competition. We look forward to finding out how they got on.

Make sure you take note of our annual summer fair! This is taking place on Tuesday 8th July. 2025,. We hope as many parents as possible can attend. If you, or anyone you know, would like to run a stall, please contact Mrs Sagir in the office.

*Miss Mirza*

## Dates for your Diary

### Sports Day Year 1

Monday 19th May 2025 - 9.30am -11.30am

### Sports Day Year 2

Monday 19th May 2025 - 1.00pm - 3.00pm

### Sports Day Year 3

Tuesday 20th May 2025 - 9.30am -11.30am

### Sports Day Year 4

Tuesday 20th May 2025 - 1.00pm –3.00pm

### Sports Day Year 5

Wednesday 21st May 2025 - 9.30am –11.30am

### Sports Day Year 6

Wednesday 21st May 2025 - 1.00pm –3.00pm

### Close for Half Term

Friday 23rd May 3.15pm (we open again at 8:45pm on Monday 9th June).

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## MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY

School closes at 3.15 pm on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025** for the half term holidays.

**Inset Days – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June till Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

We hope all our families have a wonderful holiday and return on

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

refreshed and ready for another exciting half term.

## Sun Cream/ Water Bottle



As the temperatures are rising please make sure that your child comes to school wearing appropriate clothing and sun-cream. Staff are not permitted to apply sun-cream to children so please do this before bringing them to school.

In addition, please ensure that your child brings a bottle of water with their name clearly printed on to keep them hydrated!



## So Far This Year

1<sup>st</sup>— Stingrays 95.5%  
2<sup>nd</sup>— Oaks 95.3%  
3<sup>rd</sup>— Dolphins 94.2%

## This Week

1<sup>st</sup>— Ladybirds 99.6%  
2<sup>nd</sup>—Stars/ Rockets 98.8%  
3<sup>rd</sup>— Butterflies 98.7%

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

## Leave in Term Time

Please remember that school are unable to authorise holidays or any other leave during term time. The law requires children to be at school as much as possible. Please try to ensure that any visits abroad are made during the school holidays, being absent from school during term time may result in Lancashire County Council issuing fines or initiating prosecutions.

Well done to all the children in Year 6 for completing their SATs tests this week.




A big thank you to our parents for their hard work and support in preparing the children for these important exams.






# BREAK TIME MAY ACTIVITIES

## MULTIPLE LOCATIONS!

 Burnley, Hyndburn,  
Preston, Ormskirk &  
Chorley

 10am - 3pm

**May 27 - 30, 2025**

This program is for Break Time  
Members aged 5-16 with SEND.  
'Scan the QR code to book'

### WHAT YOU EXPECT

- ✓ Fun and friendship session
- ✓ Includes a variety of sporting activities
- ✓ Arts and crafts available
- ✓ Sensory equipment provided

Join us for a fun and friendly session!  
Enjoy a mix of sports, arts and crafts,  
and explore sensory equipment!  
Staffing ratio 1:4.



**HAVE  
FUN!!!**



**SCAN ME**



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MINECRAFT



## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Still the best-selling game of all time, Minecraft is a bastion of creativity and community, with hundreds of millions of players building and crafting in its almost endless world. The popularity of Minecraft among gamers of all ages means it's important to remain informed about the game, including how to play it safely and whether it's suitable for the children in your care. That's why we've created this guide explaining the risks associated with Minecraft and how to ensure a purely enjoyable gaming experience.

### SCARY ELEMENTS

While Minecraft can be seen as a kind of 'digital LEGO', certain game modes include creatures accompanied by eerie sound effects. These can be a bit too frightening for some younger players, potentially leading to distressing in-game combat and other encounters – although the combat is quite basic and free from any real depiction of violence.

### GRIEFING

Some players in Minecraft take pleasure in deliberately damaging or destroying another person's creations. This behaviour, known as 'griefing', is a form of bullying – it intentionally ruins someone else's experience by erasing hours of their work and forcing them to start over. Many public servers regard griefing as a serious offence and often ban those who engage in it.

### ADDICTIVENESS

Minecraft's focus on creativity means that, as with any creative endeavour, it can be easy to get carried away. If your child is finding it difficult to manage their time because they're drawn in by Minecraft's gameplay loop of resource gathering and building elaborate projects, it could have a knock-on effect on their social interactions and schoolwork.

### PUBLIC SERVERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

With public servers being so easily accessible in Minecraft, it's highly likely that children will end up chatting with strangers through the in-game text chat. Some servers even place an emphasis on social interaction, actively encouraging communication between players. While there's nothing inherently wrong with this, it does carry certain risks. In addition to the concerns around speaking with strangers online, players who host their own servers may have their IP addresses exposed, posing a further security concern.

### ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

Minecraft is available as a free trial on a variety of devices; however, the full game requires a one-off purchase, which is typically around £15. After that, players have the option to buy additional cosmetic upgrades or subscribe to Minecraft Realms. Realms is an entirely optional subscription service that allows users to run their own private server to play with friends. Without proper supervision, younger players may end up making unintended or excessive purchases.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Selecting Creative or Peaceful mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is far lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of enemies and creatures attacking you or damaging your building.

### HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for children to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given its address and password. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – ban anyone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft. Hosting a private server, however, will cost a monthly fee.

### TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone will make contact with a stranger online. Talking to children about online safety, therefore, is essential – as is having a plan for dealing with any hostile or difficult people. It's important that a child knows never to tell a stranger about themselves online and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

### RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

Much of Minecraft's early stages can be an exercise in frustration for players who don't know where to start. Thankfully, there's a wealth of material online and in video format to help you learn the basics. Just be mindful that some of this content may not be appropriate for children, so you should consider watching it yourself first.

### PLAY MINECRAFT WITH YOUR CHILD

As a creative building tool, Minecraft makes it great fun for children to team up and construct vast buildings accompanied by imaginative landscapes, much like working with LEGO or model kits. Playing in a game mode that includes enemies can encourage critical thinking and teamwork; however, you should consider which game mode is appropriate for the child in your care.

### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Gaming Editor at the Daily Star, and has worked in games media for more than 6 years. A long-time gaming enthusiast, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety for children of all ages.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College



A photograph of a male teacher with short dark hair, wearing a light blue button-down shirt, leaning over a desk. He is looking at a computer monitor. Two young students are sitting at the desk. The student on the left is a boy with curly hair, wearing a white shirt, looking at the monitor. The student on the right is a girl with dark hair, wearing a red sweater over a white collared shirt, looking at the monitor. The background is a classroom with blue walls and some papers pinned to them.

**SCHOOL DAYS ARE  
PACKED WITH  
MOMENTS OF...**

**CURIOSITY, WONDER  
AND CONNECTION.**

**SEARCH 'ATTENDANCE'  
ON THE EDUCATION HUB**

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**



HM Government



# We're happy to help you...



Please let us know if you would like the text on our letters/forms enlarged or if you would benefit from our letters being printed on a particular background. We are also happy to read letters out loud to you if it would help.

## *Behaviour at Deepdale*

### *School Uniform*

*School uniforms promote a sense of community, equality and focus on learning by reducing distractions related to clothing and peer pressure. They also enhance school safety and can simplify daily routines for pupils and families.*

*At Deepdale Community Primary School, uniform is compulsory. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform.*



Navy Cardigan



Pale Blue Polo Shirt



Grey Trousers



Grey Skirt or Dress



Grey Socks or Tights



Black Shoes





# DEEPDALE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Reception  
Visits*



DO YOU HAVE  
A CHILD  
STARTING  
PRIMARY  
SCHOOL IN  
2025?



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OUR SCHOOL

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