

Weekly Newsletter

24th October 2025



Message from Miss Mirza

As we reach the end of our first half term of the academic year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the many achievements across the school. From academic progress and personal milestones to sporting accolades, everyone in our school community has something to be proud of. Our children have made a fantastic start to the year, especially our Reception pupils who have settled in brilliantly.

Thank you to all the parents who attended Parents' Evening last night. It was very well attended and really strengthened the partnership between home and school, helping us to provide the best possible education for your children.

It was wonderful to see so many children dressed up today for our end-of-term fancy dress celebration. The teachers had a tough time choosing the 'best dressed'—everyone looked fantastic!

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed and ready, on Monday 3rd November 2025.

Miss Mirza

Dates for your Diary 2025/26

Autumn 1/2 Term

27th October - 31st October

Year 4 Stingrays Parent Workshop

Monday 10th November

Odd Socks Day

Monday 10th November

Anti-Bullying Parents Workshop

Wednesday 12th November

Christmas Holiday

22nd December - 2nd January

Spring 1/2 Term

16th February - 20th February

Easter Holidays

30th March - 10th April

May Day

4th May

Summer 1/2 Term & Inset

25th May—5th June

Summer Holidays

Tuesday 21st July

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OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY

School closes on Friday 24th October 2025

School reopens Monday 3rd November 2025

This Week

98.6% Bears

98.4% Stingrays

97.7% Kingfishers

So far this year

Moons 97.7%

Stingrays 97.5%

Kingfishers 96.9%

Primary / High School Applications:

REMINDER applications need to be completed online at

www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

High School Application Closing date

Monday 31st October 2025

Primary School Application closing date:

15th January 2026

After Half Term we will be selling poppies and poppy merchandise in school.

Poppies will be 50p,

Bracelets £1,

Reflectors £1,

Snap Bands £1.50

and stickers 20p.

If your child would like one of these, please send the correct change to class, thank you.

We will not be able to give change. They will be sold until stocks

Run out.

Leave in Term Time

Important message for all parents. We are unable to authorise parents taking children out of school for family holidays—this includes going abroad to see family. Such leave may risk Lancashire County Council issuing a fixed penalty notice or taking legal action. Leave over 15 days or multiple periods of leave in a three year period may result in immediate legal action with no option to be issued with a fixed penalty notice

Should a fixed penalty notice be issued, each parent will be fined £160 (per child).

If the fine is not paid, legal action may be taken.

If legal action is taken, you may be required to attend Court and this could result in a fine for each parent of up to £1000 per child and a Criminal Record

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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.



Deepdale Community Primary School

School Uniform



Navy blue school cardigan



Grey trousers or skirt



Pale blue t-shirt



Grey or black socks or tights



Plain black trainers or shoes



Black or navy head scarf



Deepdale Community Primary School

P.E. Kit



Royal blue t-shirt



Navy jogging bottoms or leggings



Plain black trainers or pumps

NO jewellery to be worn during PE sessions

Come to school wearing your odd socks!
Monday 10th November 2025



Family Design an Anti-Bullying Poster Competition!



**Entries to be in school by 9am on
Wednesday 12th November**

Anti-Bullying Parent Workshop

Come and join our Learning Mentor Team,
on **Wednesday 12th November at 9am**

Learn about our anti bullying policy and how we can work together to prevent bullying.

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OR NOT.**



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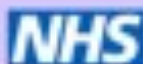


**SEARCH NHS SCHOOL
ILLNESS GUIDANCE.**

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Lancashire Positive Minds Parent/Carer Support Group

Supporting a child, whatever age, with Neurodiverse and Mental Health difficulties and needs can be really challenging, isolating, emotionally, physically and mentally exhausting.
You are not alone!

Join our parent-led support group and connect with other parents and carers in similar situations, and receive peer support in a confidential, safe environment. Get advice, guidance, practical tips, and enjoy listening to guest speakers, all while having a cup of tea or coffee.

Difficulties may include Anxiety, Obsessions and Compulsions, Depression, Self Harm, Eating Disorders, Psychosis, Suicidal Thoughts, Autism, Low Mood, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Borderline Personality Disorders, Self Esteem and confidence issues and many more.

Leyland Group meet - First Monday of the month from 6.30 – 8.30pm
Preston Group Meet - Third Monday of the month from 6.30 – 8.30pm
Chorley Group – Second Thursday of the month from 6.30 – 8.30pm
Contact the below number or email for further details.

Email: Lancashirepositiveminds@gmail.com

Telephone— 07824 042908/07713 337182

Instagram: [Lancashire Positive Minds](#)

Twitter: [Lancashirepositiveminds@lancashireminds](#)

www.Lancashirepositiveminds.co.uk

Facebook Closed Group: Lancashire Positive Minds

*All Facebook requestors will receive a message in messenger prior to approval, please check your spam messages. This is a safe, confidential space purely for Parents and Carers.



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**We meet at Ribbleton Family Hub, Ribbleton Hall Drive, Preston,
PR2 6EE
on the Third Monday of the month from 6.30 – 8.30pm
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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FORTNITE

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 650 million registered users, Fortnite remains one of the most played and discussed online games globally. Known for its vibrant graphics, fast-paced gameplay, and cultural crossovers with everything from music artists to superhero franchises, the game continues to capture the attention of young people. This guide outlines the risks trusted adults need to know about, including game updates, and offers practical safety tips to help address them.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player, offline mode in Fortnite; it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about, both in terms of connectivity and using up data. You may find that dedicated, young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about family time or trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – limited-time cosmetic 'skins', music tracks, 1500 items, and battle passes. Children can feel pressured to spend money on V-Bucks – the in-game currency – to avoid missing out, particularly as exclusive items rotate frequently. Some items may not return to the store for years, while battle pass rewards are often 'gone when they're gone'.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

There's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comic touches to lighten the mood, such as mini-games and emotes. Guns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, so discretion is advised. Past seasons have introduced characters and references from mature franchises like The Witcher and Halo.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. Crossplay allows friends to play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC, while the Party Chat feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can put youngsters at risk of exposure to strangers, inappropriate language, and cyberbullying.

FREQUENT UPDATES

Seasonal releases introduce new map changes, gameplay mechanics, and cosmetics. Ongoing updates can increase screen time and potential for obsession as children try to unlock rewards before the season ends. These regular renewals help to hold players' interest, but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back. Seasons often change thematically.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from films and TV shows like Power Rangers and Avatar: The Last Airbender, to comic book characters including Batman. Other collaborations with series, artists, and influencers may expose children to music, language, or ideas that are more suitable for older audiences.

Advice for Parents & Educators

DISCUSS SAFE SOCIAL INTERACTION

Talk with children about who they're playing with online. Coordinate play time with the child's friends for socialisation and safety in numbers. Encourage them to avoid private voice chats with strangers and remind them not to share personal information. Use real-life examples to explain potential risks, and remind them that if they see something concerning, they should tell a trusted adult.

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authentication. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents to do something fun with their child, while making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game. Make sure any young player knows this.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including iRM, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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The National College

ONE STOP SHOP

Monthly Drop In - Families can access free this is open to everyone advice & support No appointments needed just turn up!

The Barnardo's MyTime to Thrive Service offers short-term therapy for children and young people struggling with their mental health and wellbeing.

We support ages 5-18 and up to the age of 25 for those with additional needs.

Pathway Navigator-ASD Autism Pathway Navigator

Learn about the School Age Autism pathway processes, ask for advice about referrals and other mechanisms of support. Receive signposting support from someone with lived experience of a child/ young person with autism.

ADHD North West Learn ADHD Northwest is committed to providing a free, unique support service to empower and improve the wellbeing of individuals and families affected by an attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and associated conditions.

Talking Therapies

We are a psychological therapy service offering a range of free talking therapies to people aged 16 and over in Lancashire and 18 and over in South Cumbria.

Talking Therapies offer a range of brief psychological interventions to support people's differing emotional needs (such as generalised anxiety, panic, depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), this includes online, telephone and face-to-face treatment and therapy options.

Work well Coach—Through the WorkWell project we can help you take positive steps forward.

School Nurse - Bed wetting Sleep Hygiene & More

Compass bloom YP Mental Health support

Housing - Preston City Council - Gateway

Citizen Advice

Benefit Advice - DWP

Debt Advice/Support

Employment advice - DWP

Home safety - Lancs Fire & Rescue

Free Funded Nursery Places

Runshaw College Apprenticeships

Lancashire Women Support for ladies

Domestic Abuse Support

Community Education Sexual Health

Youth Worker EmPower – Contextual Safeguarding Team

Front Door, Assessment & Adolescent Services

Lancashire County Council

Parenting Worker EmPower – Contextual Safeguarding Team

Front Door, Assessment & Adolescent Services

Lancashire County Council

Private
meeting rooms
available

No need to
book,
just turn up

Last
Tuesday of
the month

2pm - 4pm

26.08.2025

30.09.2025

28.10.2025

25.11.2025

27.01.2026

24.02.2026