



TTRS News

We have been delighted to see so many KS2 children turning their TTRS heatmaps green this week for knowing all their times tables. We now have new 'Gone Green' badges in school which are getting awarded to all children who achieve this, alongside the bronze, silver and gold 'Rock Status' badges. A huge well done to all these children and to the many more who are making good progress towards achieving theirs. All your practice is certainly leading to success.

As we enter December next week, we have a number of events on the school calendar that will be taking place in the run up to Christmas. Please make a note in your diaries of any events that involve your children (see diary dates below).

Our first event is our Christmas Markets and Fair on Saturday 6th December between 11am and 3pm. This will be taking place in the playground and school hall. All families are welcome.

Following this, on Monday 8th December, the reception children will be invited to have breakfast with Santa (a separate letter has been sent regarding this).

Please see the rest of the dates further on the newsletter which outlines Christmas family events and the children's Christmas parties.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

ACORN: 75%	↑
ROSE: 66%	↑
TULIP: 66%	←
ACER: 77%	↓
SPRUCE: 50%	↓
REDWOOD: 95%	↑
MAPLE: 70%	←
BEECH: 72%	↓
ROWAN: 64%	↑
POPLAR: 73%	↓
SYCAMORE: 75%	↓
CHESTNUT: 85%	↓
OVERALL: 90.8%	↓
School Target: 96%	
Is your class attendance higher or lower than last week?	

READING PERCENTAGES

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Please scan the QR code below for quick access to our website



We would love to see every class rolling the Classopoly dice next week!

Class Attendance

96% + =



Award Winners

CLASS	MATHS	ENGLISH	ICARE
Rose	Samuel	Dexter	Miyah
Tulip	Murise	Zain	Nailah
Acer	Isla	Grayson	Heaven
Spruce	Mason	Royal	Aihan
Redwood	Harry	Jaxon	Faith
Acorn	Bella	Jadon	William
Maple	Nevaeh	James	Oscar
Beech	Joshua	Alfie	Phoebe
Rowan	Ciara	Ezgi	Riley
Poplar	Annabelle B	Mya	Harrison
Sycamore	Finley	Harry H	Lydia d
Chestnut	Nichole	James	Alfie

CLASS	Active Minutes
Acer	375
Redwood	340
Spruce	328
Rowan	295
Poplar	240
Sycamore	215
Chestnut	187
Maple	180
Beech	130

KS1 Numbots Highest Coin Earners

1st: Aihan in Spruce

2nd: Faith R in Spruce



3rd: Bobby W in Spruce

KS2 T.T.R.S. Highest Coin Earners

1st: Logan in Beech

2nd: Emily P in Beech



3rd: Nia in Sycamore

SAFEGUARDING/OUTREACH

The festive period can be a difficult time for some people. The Chorley Church community are offering food and company on Christmas Day. **Don't spend Christmas Day hungry or alone!**

We're offering a FREE full Christmas dinner this year.

Join us in person at Saint George's Church Hall, Chorley 1:00 PM

Or enjoy FREE delivery across Chorley & South Ribble

Let's make this Christmas special together! ❤️

 booking form at this link <https://forms.office.com/r/ZyvtQRhBfd>

We have 2 donated artificial Christmas Trees, contact Outreach (239950 option 3) if you would like one.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) information

For parents/carers of children with SEND or concerned regarding a possible need you can access all relevant information on the following link on our school website;

You can also contact the school office if you wish to make contact with Mr Reay (SENDCo) and an appointment can be made at a convenient time. Additionally the Local Authority have lots of useful information on the following links;

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/>

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/getting-help/send-newsletter/>

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/things-to-do/break-time/>

MACHINE OF DREAMS

KS1

Kai in Acer

Olivia in Acorn

Lucas in Acorn

Callum in Redwood

Archie in Redwood

KS2

Joud in Poplar

Zeynep in Beech

Nia in Sycamore

Dominic in Poplar

Olivia in Rowan

ON-LINE SAFETY

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

(Certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Online videos are often associated with apps such as YouTube, but among teens, TikTok is king. The app provides a potentially addictive, never-ending stream of short clips tailored to users' interests based on their viewing habits. Around half of British children use TikTok, and while most content is benign, Ofcom considers it the app where young people are "most likely to encounter a potential harm".

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

TikTok's Following Feed shows videos from known creators, while the default For You Feed serves endless clips based on viewing history. Most are harmless, but unsuitable content can still appear, and watching for long enough signals interest to the algorithm. Although TikTok bans illegal or inappropriate uploads, the volume of posts means some slip through, increasing the chance that children encounter age-inappropriate material before it is detected or removed.

BODY IMAGE AND DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Ofcom reports that most online harms for girls involve body image, while boys more often see dangerous stunts. Both types appear frequently on TikTok and spread quickly through its engagement-driven algorithm. Harmful challenges have included the "blackout" trend, where users held their breath until passing out. Families filed lawsuits after children died linked to the trend, showing how extreme or risky content can rapidly reach young people and negatively influence them.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but children can still spend money. TikTok coins, costing £9.99 to £224.99, let users buy gifts for creators. TikTok Shop adds risk by allowing purchases from influencers or companies, sometimes leading to poor-quality items driven by persuasive marketing. A Canadian investigation found TikTok collected personal data from many children for targeting and advertising despite age limits, meaning young users may lose control over their personal information.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Between 1.6 and 1.9 billion people use TikTok, meaning there's a high risk of unwanted attention from strangers. Accounts created by over-18s (or young people using a fake date of birth) are set to public view by default. This means that not only is someone's profile visible to everyone else on the app, it also suggests their videos to others and allows anyone to download or comment on them.

MISINFORMATION AND RADICALISATION

TikTok's short videos may appear lighthearted, but they can expose young people to harmful ideas. Misinformation is common, and Ofcom reports that nearly one third of 12-15-year-olds use TikTok as a news source, increasing the chance of seeing racist, misogynistic, extremist or conspiracy material. Even brief clips can influence impressionable users and shape their worldview, making discussions about critical thinking, propaganda and online influence especially important for parents and educators.

ADDICTIVE DESIGN

TikTok's fast-paced stream of eye-catching videos can be potentially addictive for young users. In 2024, UK children spent an average of 127 minutes per day on the platform, double the time recorded in 2020. Excessive use can disrupt sleep, increase irritability, and distract from healthier activities. Constantly skipping between short clips may also affect attention span, making it harder to focus on longer tasks such as homework or reading.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account to their child's in order to manage settings remotely. Parents can then turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content), set screen time limits, make accounts private and manage whether their child can send messages – and if they can, to whom. Children cannot alter these settings without parental approval.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If a child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's good practice to discuss the potential risks. Ensure they don't share any identifying personal information or respond to dangerous trends, and that they know to talk to a trusted adult if they're worried by interactions on the app. With more teens using TikTok for news, it's important to talk about misinformation and propaganda.

BLOCK IN-APP SPENDING

Parents can restrict in-app purchases on iPhone and Android devices to prevent accidental or impulsive TikTok spending. Young people can easily spend large amounts on TikTok coins or low-quality products promoted through TikTok Shop. If a disappointing purchase occurs, turn it into a discussion about influencer marketing and how online promotions can be misleading.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that a child is spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as is failing to complete homework or skipping meals. Remember, the parental controls are there for a reason, and it's never too late to introduce limits.

Meet Our Expert

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Reading Rocks

Please find below a link to copy and paste which will take you to a free classroom advent calendar from Reading Rocks

<https://wherereadingrocks.com/christmas-reading-advent-2025/>

As part of music this year, each class will be listening to different songs during the week and then will select their favourite during Good News Assembly every Friday

This week's winner was:

Never Gonna Give You Up by Rick Astley



Christmas Market/Fair – Saturday, 6th December, 11.00 am to 3.00 pm

Our Christmas Market/Fair is fast approaching, we are working hard behind the scenes to make this a magical day of festive fun at Duke Street Primary School, on Friday 6th December, from 11am to 3pm.

There'll be lots of amazing Christmas stalls, the wonderful choir from Inspire will perform and even live music from our very own ex pupil Amber Moore.

Highlights include:

- Exciting raffle prizes – win an iPad, TV, and more
 - Bottle and chocolate tombola
 - Visit to Father Christmas
 - Family photo booth
 - Food and refreshments
- Face painting and lots more festive fun

Please note: Most stalls will be cash only, so don't forget to bring some change.

Bring your family and friends to kick off the holiday season in style – it's an event not to be missed!

We can't wait to celebrate Christmas with our school community.

DIARY DATES

Monday 17th November - YR1 Phonics Workshop for parents

Wednesday 19th November – Parents Consultation

Thursday 20th November – Reading Café – Sycamore and Chestnut

Wednesday 26th November 9am - EYFS Reading and Phonics Workshop for parents



Saturday 6th December, 11 am to 3.00 pm – Christmas Fair/Market

Monday 8th December – Yr 3 Xmas event (pm)

Tuesday 9th December, Yr 4 Xmas event (pm)

Wednesday 10th December, Yr 5 Xmas event (pm)

(Further details about these nearer the time)

Monday 15th December – Yr 3 and 4 Christmas Party (am)

Monday 15th December – Reception and Yr 6 Buddies, Songs around the Xmas Tree (pm)

Tuesday 16th December – Yr 5 and Yr 6 Christmas Party (pm)

Wednesday 17th December – Reception Christmas Party (am)

Wednesday, 17th December – Yr 1 and Yr 2 Christmas Play (pm)

Thursday 18th December – Yr 1 and Yr 2 Christmas Play (am)

Thursday 18th December – “Rick Whittington” Theatre Show (pm)

Friday 19th December – Yr 1 and Yr 2 Christmas Party (am)

SCHOOL CLOSING ON FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER AT 2.15 PM.