

DUKE STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL

16TH MAY 2025

HEADLINES



READING PERCENTAGES

ACORN: 80%

ROSE: 29%

TULIP: 40%

ACER: 40%

SPRUCE: 41%

REDWOOD: 52%

MAPLE 63%

BEECH: 100%

ROWAN: 100%

POPLAR: 70%

SYCAMORE 60%

CHESTNUT: 29%

Has your class percentage higher or lower from than

Well done to all our Year 6 children this week for showing great resilience and determination when sitting their SATs papers.

Year 5 children had a great day out at the science festival held at UCLan in Preston. The children took part in xxxxxxxxxx. A big thank you goes to Mr McGuinness for organising this event and to all the staff who accompanied the children.

Year 5 children will be presenting their assembly on Tuesday morning. Parents of Y5 children in Sycamore and Poplar classes are invited to attend this event.

A reminder that our Sports Enrichment Day will be taking place on Wednesday next week. Parents are invited to the school field to watch the children spend part of their day competing in our annual sports day. KS2 classes will be competing in the morning and EYFS/KS1 in the afternoon. The rest of the day will continue to have a sports theme with the children completing a range of activities back over on the playground and in classrooms. Can we please ask that parents apply suncream before the start of the school day as a lot of time will be spent outdoors.

The classes in KS1 will be visiting Chorley library throughout the week next week. The children are looking forward to exploring the library and hearing stories while they are there.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

ACORN: 94.5%

ROSE: 90.0%

TULIP: 95.0%

ACER: 93.7%

REDWOOD: 94.3%

SPRUCE: 97.6%

MAPLE: 96.3%

BEECH: 94.3%

ROWAN: 94.7%

POPLAR: 93.8%

SYCAMORE: 96.0%

CHESTNUT: 97.9%

OVERALL: 95.0

Is your class attendance higher or lower than last week??

Half Term Break

A reminder that we break up for half term on Friday 23rd May and return to school on Thursday 5th June.



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

Class Attendance

96% + =



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 Winner for 60 Reads

KS1

Harper (Rose)

Olivia (Acorn)

Luke (Acorn)

Noah (Acorn)

Ezgi (Redwood)

KS2

Kenny (Maple)

Joshua (Maple)

Finley (Rowan)

Charlie (Rowan)

Thomas (Rowan)

Thomas (Poplar)

Safeguarding/Outreach

Chorley Council have information on a wide range of local support organisations on many topics such as health and wellbeing, employment skills, volunteering, cost of living, migrant and refugee support.

Go to: <https://chorley.gov.uk/communities> for more information

Award Winners

CLASS	MATHS	ENGLISH	ICARE
Acorn	Bella-Mae	Caleb	Isaac
Rose	Heaven Grace	Hunter	Amani May
Tulip	Frankie	Harlie	Paisley
Acer	Cleo	Zoe	Azaan
Spruce	Callum	Mia	Penny-Rae
Redwood	Lexi	Isaac	Omar
Maple	Lucas	Amelia	Zac
Beech	Mikey	Jordan	Eleanor
Rowan	Mila	Toby A	Nia
Poplar	James	Oliver	George
Sycamore	Marwaan	Grace T	Dylan
Chestnut	All of year 6 for	their hard work	doing SAT's

KS1 Numbots Highest Coin Earners



1st: Mahirah from Spruce

2nd: Ibrahim from Redwood

3rd: Amal from Rose

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



1st: Zeynep from Rowan

2nd: Yasin from Chestnut

3rd: Ali from Chestnut

CLASS	OVERALL ACTIVE MINUTES
Spruce	3925
Acer	272
Redwood	320
Maple	189
Beech	180
Rowan	221
Poplar	75
Sycamore	250
Chestnut	162

Photo Gallery (see X for more pictures)



Some of KS2 enjoyed a virtual author event.

EYFS have been learning about Spiders!!



We've been learning about Spiders * this week in EYFS!



PIC-COLLAGE



Year 5 enjoying their trip to Uclan



Rowan testing multiplication ready for times tables checks

Online 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 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. 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

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DIARY DATES

Tuesday, 20th May, 9.10 am: Year 5 Assembly

READING CAFÉ DATES

Thursday, 22nd May: Acer

Thursday, 12th June: Redwood

Thursday, 19th June: Spruce

Thursday 26th June: Maple/Rowan

Thursday 3rd July: Beech/Poplar

Thursday 10th July: Sycamore/Chestnut

Acorn class TBC

TERM DATES

Summer Term 2025

Half-term Mon 26th May to Wed 4th June 2025 (inclusive)

Return after half-term break Thursday 5th June 2025

Term ends Fri 18th July 2025
