

HEADLINES



READING PERCENTAGES

- ACORN: 56% ↓
 - ROSE: 57% ↑
 - TULIP: 72% ↓
 - ACER: 54% ↓
 - SPRUCE: 20% ↓
 - REDWOOD: 83% ↓
 - MAPLE: 39% ↓
 - BEECH: 73% ↓
 - ROWAN: 37% ↓
 - POPLAR: 62% ↑
 - SYCAMORE: 46% ↓
 - CHESTNUT: 60% ↓
- Is your class reading percentage higher or lower than last week?



It is with great sadness that we share the passing of former headteacher, Mr Oakes. Mr Oakes was headteacher at Duke Street from 1980 to 2001.

I know he will be remembered fondly by some of our longstanding families. His contribution to our school will not be forgotten, and our thoughts are with his family and loved ones at this difficult time.

A huge thank you goes to Mr Allen who managed to complete our KS1 sports day this week. We were very grateful for the loan of some gazebos from Chorley market too which gave the children some much needed shade.

Congratulations go to Gloucester house who were our winning team and to C .J. for being awarded the Daniel Nicholls trophy for most valuable participant.

Thank you to all the parents who came along to support the children.

You will no doubt have seen the arrival of the swimming pool this week. Lessons will be starting from Monday. Please see the information circulated by Mr Allen regarding KS2 lesson times.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

- ACORN: 91.2% ↓
- ROSE: 90.5% ↓
- TULIP: 97.5% ↓
- ACER: 94.2% ↑
- REDWOOD: 96.6% ↑
- SPRUCE: 94.6% ↓
- MAPLE: 94.9% ↓
- BEECH: 94.7% ↓
- ROWAN: 94.2% ↑
- POPLAR: 95.6% ↑
- SYCAMORE: 94.4% ↑
- CHESTNUT: 95.3% ↓
- OVERALL: 94.7%** ↑
- School Target: 96%**

Is your class attendance higher or lower than last week?

Transition Day will be taking place on Thursday.

If in a school year, your child is late every day by...	Your child would have lost approximately...	or they would have missed approximately...
5 MINUTES	3.5 DAYS FROM SCHOOL	20 LESSONS
10 MINUTES	7 DAYS FROM SCHOOL	41 LESSONS
15 MINUTES	10 DAYS FROM SCHOOL	55 LESSONS
20 MINUTES	14.5 DAYS FROM SCHOOL	82 LESSONS
30 MINUTES	22 DAYS FROM SCHOOL	123 LESSONS

Being in school is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. Please encourage punctuality to maintain school attendance.
Remember Absence = Lost Opportunity

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

Class Attendance 96% + =

If your child's attendance during the school year...	Your child would have lost approximately...	or they would have missed approximately...
WAS 95%	9 DAYS IN SCHOOL	50 LESSONS
WAS 90%	19 DAYS IN SCHOOL	100 LESSONS
WAS 85%	29 DAYS IN SCHOOL	150 LESSONS
WAS 80%	38 DAYS IN SCHOOL	200 LESSONS
WAS 75%	48 DAYS IN SCHOOL	250 LESSONS

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Make sure your child doesn't miss out!

Award Winners

CLASS	MATHS	ENGLISH	ICARE
Rose	<i>Safa</i>	<i>Sophia</i>	<i>Marnie</i>
Tulip	<i>Isaac</i>	<i>Harriet</i>	<i>Freya N</i>
Acer	<i>Paisley</i>	<i>Kai</i>	<i>Frankie</i>
Spruce	<i>Zayaan</i>	<i>Naomi N</i>	<i>Mason</i>
Redwood	<i>Tommy</i>	<i>Wren</i>	<i>Faith</i>
Acorn	<i>C.J.</i>	<i>Nihal</i>	<i>Rida</i>
Maple	<i>Archie</i>	<i>Maya</i>	<i>Lexi</i>
Beech	<i>Lucas</i>	<i>Mikey</i>	<i>Daisy</i>
Rowan	<i>Olivia P</i>	<i>Mila</i>	<i>Olivia O</i>
Poplar	<i>Zac</i>	<i>Hajra</i>	<i>Annabelle W</i>
Sycamore	<i>Harry H</i>	<i>Freya</i>	<i>Annabelle G</i>
Chestnut	<i>Whole Class</i>	<i>Karim</i>	<i>Sonny</i>

CLASS	Active Minutes
Acer	490
Redwood	370
Maple	255
Spruce	204
Chestnut	190
Rowan	190
Poplar	145
Beech	140
Sycamore	130

KS1 Numbots Highest Coin Earners

Harry in Redwood

Reggie in Redwood

Wren in Redwood



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

Zeynep in Beech

Anthony in Beech

Xander in Beech



MACHINE OF DREAMS

K.S.1

Bella in Acorn

Farhaan in Acorn

K.S.2

Hajra in Poplar

Matilda in Poplar

Olivia in Rowan

Ibrahim in Rowan

DIARY DATES

Whole School Transition Day:

Please note that there has been a change of date to our transition day for next year's classes. This will now take place on **Thursday 2nd July**.

Reading Cafés

Due to the change of date of transition day, the **Year 5 reading café session will have to be postponed**. We apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Pools for Schools

A reminder that the swimming sessions begin next week, please refer to letters that have been previously sent home for your child's session.

Outreach/Safeguarding

Upcoming Home start Sweet Chilli Parenting
Workshop

Parenting Courses for Summer

Mornings- 9:30am to 12:30pm - starting Monday 21st
July 2025 for 5

weeks, these are over the summer holidays and are
ideal for

parents who work term time - Chorley Office PR7 2SL

If you would like to attend, please call the office on

01257 241636 for more details .

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On Line Safety

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one platform of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.



The Switch is a hybrid console released by popular video game company Nintendo in 2017. It's classed as a hybrid because it's designed to be played both at home on a television, like traditional consoles (think a PlayStation or an Xbox) or out and about like a portable console, such as a GameBoy. It uses two detachable and wireless 'Joy-Con' controllers on either side of the console's screen, which can be used by one or two players. The Switch can be played on the internet with the purchase of Nintendo Switch Online, in the living room together or on the go during long journeys, but bear in mind it needs to be charged just like anything else!



NINTENDO SWITCH ONLINE

Nintendo Switch Online is a paid service that allows the console to be played (you guessed it) online, by linking to other Switch consoles around the world. It can be purchased through the Nintendo eShop for a single account on the device, or with a family membership plan which covers 2 accounts. The purchase options come in three tiers; 1 month, 3 months and 12 months but be aware these auto-renew unless you specify otherwise.

ONLINE DANGERS

While online, your children will be able to play with and chat to people on compatible games, which will mostly be good-natured fun, but could potentially expose them to vulgar language, indecent images or worse. There are options to limit this though, which are detailed below. It's worth remembering that many games can be played offline, so while it's not essential to get Nintendo Switch Online, it is certainly something to consider.

NINTENDO eSHOP

The Nintendo eShop is where games can be purchased over the internet and downloaded directly onto the device. If you choose to enter your bank details (or PayPal account) onto the Switch, you can save them for easy access later on. Do note however that these can be viewed by anybody with access to the console, unless you specify otherwise. A child might accidentally purchase a game or item from the shop if these details are left improperly protected, which could leave you with a nasty surprise.

NINTENDO'S VIDEO GAME SELECTION

Nintendo as a company offers some of the most entertaining and safe video games on the market. Games featuring characters like Super Mario, Donkey Kong and Yoshi are always a safe bet for a child-friendly experience. It's always prudent to check each game before you buy it (especially if the game hasn't been made by Nintendo) but as a rule of thumb, anything official containing well-known names like these will be great for your children, giving you peace of mind while they enjoy them.

PORTABLE GAMING

Being able to take the Switch anywhere is a huge bonus when travelling. What's more is that almost every game can be enjoyed without the need to 'dock' the console with a television. Battery life on the Switch varies depending on what it's being used for but typically it will last around 3 or 4 hours before needing to be recharged. When the time comes, any USB-C charger will be able to do the job, but it's best and quickest to return it to the dock, which requires a normal plug socket.



Top Tips For Parents



PARENTAL CONTROLS

Nintendo released a free downloadable app that can be used in tandem with the Switch called Nintendo Switch Parental Controls. Once you've got the app on your mobile device, it's a simple process to pair your two devices, giving you a suite of options to help make sure your child is having fun in a safe and structured environment curated by you.

ONLINE RESTRICTIONS

Another major inclusion in the app is the ability to block your child from seeing anything to do with age restricted games. There's also an extremely helpful feature that restricts access to games that have free communication features between strangers on the internet. This includes things like private messages and unsolicited images. Should you be concerned that strangers might be using the games to talk to your child, a simple press of a button will disallow any access they might have.

PLAY WITH YOUR CHILD

One of the wonderful things about the Switch is that there are an abundance of great games you and your child can enjoy together, and even with the whole family. Nintendo has a long history of making and supporting fun, family friendly games like Mario Kart and Mario Party, both of which can be played with two or more players using the Joy-Con controllers.

NINTENDO ESHOP SETTINGS

In the Nintendo eShop you can set up a password to help stop your child or somebody else from accessing any sensitive information, such as bank account details. The options here include entering a password to access the eShop to begin with, when any saved credit card information access is attempted, or when PayPal is accessed. Choosing which areas are password protected helps ensure you're deciding what level of access is given on the device. For example, if you're happy to have your child browse the shop for games they might want, you can allow access to the eShop but introduce the password before a purchase is made ensuring no mishaps occur.

LIMITING PLAY TIME

By linking the app with the Nintendo Switch, you can set time limits and reminders when you think enough time has been spent playing. It also lets you see if a game is still being played and gives you the option to automatically put the console into sleep mode if the message is ignored. This should only be used as a last resort though as it could cause some friction between you!

SET PLAY TIMES

Another handy feature is the ability to set different playtimes for days of the week, allowing you to tailor play time around you and your child's schedules. This is great for setting boundaries and encouraging gaming as part of a healthy routine. It will also help your child organise with their friends when they can all be online.

SEE PLAY HISTORY

The Nintendo Switch Parental Controls app can also send a report telling you how much time your child spends playing each game. This is a great way to spot their favourite or most played games and might be a nice way for you to find out more about a title before talking to your child about it. It could also help identify any possible issues around playtime before they arise.

Meet our expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 5 years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGBible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



<https://www.nintendo.com/switch/system/>, <https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Support/Parents/Safety/Keeping-your-child-safe/How-does-Nintendo-keep-your-child-safe-888083.html>, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PLdWHOW9zqc>, <https://www.nintendo.co.uk/Nintendo-Switch/Nintendo-Switch-Online/Nintendo-Switch-Online-1183143.html>

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