



DUKE STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL

10TH OCTOBER 2025

HEADLINES



READING PERCENTAGES

ACORN: 45% ↓
 ROSE: 48%
 TULIP: 60%
 ACER: 72% ↑
 SPRUCE: 81% ↑
 REDWOOD: 98% ↑
 MAPLE: 72% ↑
 BEECH: 76% ↔
 ROWAN: 64% ↓
 POPLAR: 85% ↓
 SYCAMORE: 82% ↓
 CHESTNUT: 77% ↓

Is your class percentage
higher or lower from

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



What a wonderful sight we have had in the hall this week of all the food donations received for our Harvest Assembly on Wednesday. Thank you for your generosity. The food has been given to Chorley Help the Homeless, who will distribute the items to people in need within our local community. Please see the letter of thanks received from them for your kind donations (see below).

We are very proud of our Girls Football team who completed their last match against another local school earlier in the week. The girls have played in 8 matches, winning 6 and drawing 2 overall. Mr Allen says their play has been outstanding. In addition to this, the girls have now got through to the finals which will be held next week. They will be one of the top 8 schools competing. Good luck girls!

We are really pleased to see that this week's school attendance is 96.3% taking us over our 96% target! This is really pleasing news. Thank you for all your work as parents in supporting punctuality and attendance for your children. It really does make a big difference to your child's chance of success.



WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

ACORN: 95.5% ↑
 ROSE: 98.6% ↑
 TULIP: 98.5% ↓
 ACER: 96.3% ↑
 REDWOOD: 99.1% ↔
 SPRUCE: 97.7% ↑
 MAPLE: 95.7% ↑
 BEECH: 94.0% ↑
 ROWAN: 97.0% ↑
 POPLAR: 94.3% ↓
 SYCAMORE: 98.2% ↑
 CHESTNUT: 92.8% ↓
OVERALL: 96.3% ↑

School Target: 96%

Is your class
attendance higher or
lower than last week?

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

Class Attendance

96% + = . 





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Thursday 9th October 2025

To everyone at Duke St Primary School,

Chorley Help the Homeless would like to say a very big 'Thank You!' for the wonderful donation of food from your Harvest Festival service this year. It's such a big collection of food! Thank you so much for supporting our food bank again this year – we're so grateful for the kindness and generosity of everyone who helped to raise this collection.

Your harvest donation will help to keep the shelves stocked at our Food Bank drop-in centre. We are helping people who struggle with the cost of living, families who have problems being able to provide for their children, and a number of people who are street homeless in Chorley.

Once again, on behalf of the charity and the vulnerable and homeless people of Chorley, thank you very much.

Very best regards,

Gavin Clayton
Administration

Chorley Help the Homeless

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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/>

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 winners were:

KS1 and KS2: Old Town Road by Lil Naz

Award Winners/Achievements

CLASS	MATHS	ENGLISH	ICARE
Rose	Safa	Sophia	Andre
Tulip	Joella	Remie	Aria-Grace
Acer	Bobby	Brooklyn	Hunter
Spruce	Lottie	Hunter	Royal
Redwood	Charlie	Faith	Darcy
Acorn	Indie	Lucas W	Harry-George
Maple	Gracie-Mae	Lottie-Rose	Layla
Beech	Kosi	Grace	Zac
Rowan	Isabelle	Mouneer	Mia
Poplar	Jordan	Riley	Eleanor
Sycamore	Daisie	Enna	Jessica
Chestnut	Michael	Martha	Elliot

CLASS	Active Minutes
Redwood	528
Acer	421
Spruce	374
Rowan	332
Sycamore	325
Chestnut	279
Poplar	265
Maple	238
Beech	200

KS1 Numbots Highest Coin Earners

1st: Aydan M in Roodwood

2nd: Carter Mc in Spruce



3rd: Juvaniya in Spruce

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

1st: Nia in Sycamore

2nd: Kosi in Beech



3rd: Nathan in Beech

SAFEGUARDING/OUTREACH

ON-LINE SAFETY

Topic: Talking About Online Friends

Children will make friends online through games or apps, but it is important they understand that not everyone is who they say they are.

Please remind your child to:

- Only chat or play with people they know in real life.
- Never share personal details like their name, school or where they live.
- Tell an adult if someone they don't know tries to talk to them online.

Keeping conversations open and calm helps children to feel confident coming to you if something doesn't feel right.

Contacting the Outreach Team

If you wish to speak to Emma, Rachel or Natalie please ring 239950, option 3.

Outreach/Safeguarding

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 EA SPORTS FC 26

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WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

AN ANNUAL RELEASE SCHEDULE

As was the case with the last two EA Sports FC games and the FIFA series before it, the franchise rolls out once a year with updated squads and new features. This can make it expensive to keep up with, particularly when so many dedicated players are keen to get their hands on the latest edition.

VOICE CHAT

Voice chat can be enabled across all platforms, meaning young people can speak to anyone they play with or against. While it can be switched off, some children will no doubt want to speak to their friends while they play. This also means they may encounter strangers much older than them, which can expose them to inappropriate language or behaviours.

IN-GAME PURCHASES THROUGH ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is the big draw for EA Sports FC, letting players spend real money on packs that they can open to build a squad of the world's best players. They're not always easy to obtain, and new, improved versions of players will be regularly added as limited-time offerings. Young people could feel pressured into spending money and experience fear of missing out.

SCAMMERS IN ULTIMATE TEAM

Ultimate Team is managed by EA itself, but that hasn't stopped scammers from looking to dupe players out of money and in-game coins. Some scammers sell their accounts, which is a violation of EA's terms of service, while others will 'sell' coins - something the developer is still working to crack down on. Some try to gain access to others' accounts, potentially giving them access to payment information.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

While EA Sports FC is potentially addictive, thanks to its fast-paced gameplay and mirroring of the real-world skill and glamour of football, Ultimate Team's focus on limited-time rewards and the lottery of winning packs can make it feel closer to gambling than gaming, which may lead to addiction and impulsive spending of money.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PREPARE FOR ANOTHER GAME IN A YEAR

The annual-release cadence aligns with the return of the school year, and can be a great way to incentivise good behaviour at the start of term. If children are applying themselves and preparing for a new year of school, or were particularly well behaved in the summer, EA Sports FC 26 could make a great reward.

LIMIT SPENDING

If you're worried about children accidentally spending real money in Ultimate Team, whether in game or on the EA Sports FC companion app, don't link a payment card to their account. Reclaiming funds can be a mountain to climb, and the dopamine hit of opening flashy packs with slick animations means one purchase can lead to another very quickly. It's also worth adding a prepaid card if you'd prefer them to make their own choices with their budget.

MONITOR VOICE CHAT

As in-game chat is open, be sure to adjust the settings in EA Sports FC 26 to lock it down. If children want to chat with their friends while they play, consider setting up a safe space for them to call, to allow them to play without fear of outsiders.

BE VIGILANT

As with last year, there are ways to keep scammers at bay. Ensure passwords are locked down, and consider using a password manager application to keep them secure. EA will never contact players through the game itself, so be vigilant with incoming messages, and block and report suspected spam. EA will contact players by email if needed, but they will never ask for usernames or passwords. Players should also avoid buying in-game currency from unofficial websites - doing so can lead to accounts being banned and could cost players money in the process.

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 IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/ea-sports-fc-26>

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Diary Dates

Thursday, 16th October: Redwood Reading Café

Thursday, 23rd October: Acorn Reading Café

Friday, 24th October: Enrichment Day

(More information will follow regarding above if appropriate)

Friday, 24th October: School closes (at the usual time) for half term

SAVE THE DATE!!



The poster is framed with a red and green diagonal striped border. On the left, a dark green rectangular area contains the text 'Christmas Fair & Market at' in white serif font, followed by the Duke Street Primary School crest (a white rose on a green background) and the text 'Meet Santa!' in white serif font. Two cartoon children, a boy in a Santa hat and a girl with reindeer antlers, are shown holding the crest. To the right of the green area, the text 'Saturday 6th December' is written in a large, red, handwritten-style font, followed by '11:00am - 3:00pm' in the same style. Below this, the text 'Raising funds for Children's mental health within school.' is written in a smaller, black, handwritten-style font. At the bottom right, the text 'Entertainment • Food • Drink • Stalls' and 'Free Entry • Free Parking' is written in a black, handwritten-style font. In the top right corner, there is a small illustration of a gift box with a red ribbon and the text 'SANTA'S TOY FACTORY' and 'EXPRESS DELIVERY'.

Christmas Fair & Market at

Saturday 6th December

11:00am - 3:00pm

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