



HEADLINES

We are excited to introduce our new **Home Enrichment Tasks!** Your child should have come home with their task sheet this week. There are six fun activities for every child to complete before the end of Autumn 2. These tasks are linked with our classroom learning and help enrich your child's understanding. We'd love to see what you get up to so please share your photographs with your child's teacher on ClassDojo so we can celebrate all the super family learning happening at home!

A certificate will be awarded to every child who completes all six tasks.

We have had two 'Attendance Pizza Parties' this week for the classes in KS1 and KS2 with the highest attendance this half term. Well done to Tulip class and Chestnut class who were top of the leaderboards. We've seen some really pleasing attendance from most children since the start of the term and thank all parents for their continued support with this.

We had another celebration on Thursday lunchtime celebrating this half term's house points. Congratulations go to the children in Gloucester house. They were treated to a special lunchtime for having the highest number of house points this half term. The leaderboards were very close though with all four houses having over 1000 house points. Well done to everyone for all your hard work and efforts. I wonder who will be top of the leaderboard next half term?

A big thank you goes to Miss Partington who organised today's enrichment day. The children have been into different classrooms around school throughout the day learning about all the different qualities that make our school, Chorley and the UK to best communities they can be celebrating our British Values.

READING PERCENTAGES

ACORN: 82% ←
ROSE: 78% ↑
TULIP: 78% ↔
ACER: 78% ↔
SPRUCE: 81% ↑
REDWOOD: 100% ↑
MAPLE: 78% ↑
BEECH: 86% ↑
ROWAN: 79% ↑
POPLAR: 96% ↑
SYCAMORE: 88% ↓
CHESTNUT: 78% ↓

Is your class percentage higher or lower from

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

ACORN: 90.0% ↓
ROSE: 93.3% ↓
TULIP: 93.5% ↓
ACER: 97.4% ↑
REDWOOD: 97.4% ↓
SPRUCE: 96.3% ↓
MAPLE: 88.3% ↓
BEECH: 94.7% ↑
ROWAN: 96.4% ↑
POPLAR: 88.9% ↓
SYCAMORE: 90.4% ↓
CHESTNUT: 98.2% ↑
OVERALL: 94.1% ↓

School Target: 96%

Is your class attendance higher or lower than last week?

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



Autumn Home Enrichment Tasks

Upper Key Stage 2

When you complete an activity send a photograph on ClassDojo to share with the class

 Create your own story inspired by The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe. This could be a sequel or a prequel, or you could design your own magical land with heroes and villains. You could write this down, record yourself telling the story or draw a cartoon strip. This links with our English learning.	 Go for a walk and spot as many different animals as you can. How are the animals adapted to their habitat? Can you categorise the animals you found? This links with our science learning.	 Help to cook a healthy meal Help your grown up to prepare a healthy meal. Maybe you could help to wash or chop some ingredients. Use scales or measuring jug to measure ingredients. This links with our design technology learning.
 Look at food labels and find out where your food comes from. Does the label tell you where this food is from? What's the longest distance one of your foods has traveled to reach you? Look at google maps to see where these countries are. This links with our geography learning.	 Go for a walk in Astley Park and look at the war memorial. Look at the names on the war memorial. Can you see anyone wearing poppies? Can you see poppies displayed anywhere else? Why do we celebrate remembrance day at this time of year? This links with remembrance day .	 Enjoy watching fireworks or a bonfire How can we stay safe around fires? How can we stay safe around fireworks? Do you know the story of Guy Fawkes and his gunpowder plot? This links with our visit from the fire brigade.

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

Class Attendance

96% + = .





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Award Winners

CLASS	MATHS	ENGLISH	ICARE
Rose	Marina	Kenzo	ROSE CLASS
Tulip	Maryan	Myla	TULIP CLASS
Acer	Hugo	Hunter	Memphys
Spruce	Benjamin	Juvaniya	Jenson
Redwood	Arlo	Ella	Tommy
Acorn	Caleb	Olivia	Indiei
Maple	Lexi	Nevaeh	Darcy
Beech	Izabell	Emily	Angel
Rowan	Sara	Anthony	Penny
Poplar	Mia	Charlie	Parker
Sycamore	Lydia	Charles H	Layla N
Chestnut	Marwan	Henry	Isla

CLASS	Active Minutes
Redwood	733
Acer	656
Spruce	589
Rowan	489
Sycamore	435
Poplar	365
Maple	330
Chestnut	314
Beech	275

KS1 Numbots Highest Coin Earners

1st: Paisley B in Acer

2nd: Benjamin in Spruce



3rd: Lincoln in Redwood

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

1st: Nia in Sycamore

2nd: Logan in Beech



3rd: Nathan in Beech

DIARY DATES

Monday 17th November 9am - YR1 Phonics Workshop for parents

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

Please note: School re-opens on Monday, 3rd November.

SAFEGUARDING/OUTREACH



Halloween Safety Messages for Kids

- "Be seen on Halloween! Add reflective tape or glow sticks to your costume."
- "Choose costumes that fit well—no tripping over capes or dragging hems!"
- "Always stay with an adult or trusted group—never go out alone."
 - "Stick to well-lit streets and familiar neighbourhoods."
- "Only visit homes with lights on and never go inside a stranger's house."

Have a fabulous Halloween 🍬

Rachel Von-kaenel

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 FORTNITE

AGE RESTRICTION
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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, LEGO 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 comical 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 authorisation. 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 IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



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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/>

Christmas Market/Fair

☀ **Christmas Fair Toy Sale – Donations Needed!** ☀

Our Christmas Fair is fast approaching, taking place on **Saturday 6th December**, and we need your help to make it a success!

We are asking for donations of **good quality toys** – these can be new, nearly new, or unwanted items that your children have grown out of. It's the perfect chance to have a pre-Christmas clear out while supporting a wonderful cause. Please note: **we cannot accept video games, CDs, DVDs or tapes.**

All proceeds from the Toy Sale will go directly to the **Shine Project**, helping us raise much-needed funds for the school.

📦 **When to bring items:** Donations can be brought into school **after the half term break.**

Every toy you donate will help us create a fun, festive stall and raise valuable funds. Thank you for your generosity and support – together we can make this year's Christmas Fair truly magical!

Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets will be available from Mrs Nicholls in the school office, £1 for a strip of 5. There are some fabulous prizes to be won!! Keep up to date with prizes on offer on dojos and parentmail.

