

# DUKE STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL

20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025

## HEADLINES



### READING PERCENTAGES

ACORN: 94%	↑
ROSE: 38%	↑
TULIP: 50%	↑
ACER: 54%	↑
SPRUCE: 50%	↑
REDWOOD: 61%	↑
MAPLE: 64%	↑
BEECH: 91%	↓
ROWAN: 56%	↓
POPLAR: 52%	↑
SYCAMORE: 100%	↑
CHESTNUT: 100%	↑

Is your class percentage higher or lower from last week?

Our Year 6 children and staff were very excited to be heading off to PGL this morning. They will be engaging in a range of activities designed to take them out of their comfort zones and challenge them. I'm sure they will return with a great sense of achievement. A big thank you goes to Miss Partington, Mr Mellor-Clark, Mr Stephens and Emma who are accompanying the children.

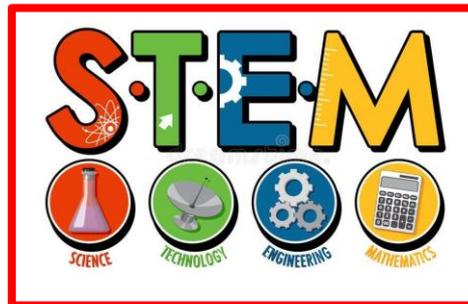
We have a fun week ahead of us next week. We will be coming off our usual timetable of lessons to embrace the world of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). We have a set of themed days filled with activities that we hope will develop the children's resilience, perseverance, problem solving skills and team work. To promote the world of work in the STEM industry, we will also be joined by STEM Ambassadors who will be working with the children in KS2 during the week. We really appreciate their time and expertise.

Following our week of STEM, the Year 6 children will also be visiting LUSoM (Lancaster University School of Mathematics) in Preston on Monday 30th June, where they will complete further work in the STEM subjects. A reminder for Year 6 parents to return their permission forms if they haven't already done so.

### WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

ACORN: 85.5%	↑
ROSE: 93.5%	↓
TULIP: 89.4%	↓
ACER: 95.9%	↓
REDWOOD: 92.0%	↑
SPRUCE: 86.9%	↓
MAPLE: 93.8%	↑
BEECH: 97.2%	↑
ROWAN: 95.3%	↑
POPLAR: 95.4%	↑
SYCAMORE: 92.6%	↑
CHESTNUT: 96.2%	↑
<b>OVERALL: 93.1%</b>	↑

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% + =



## 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/>

## Safeguarding/Outreach

This is a message for those parents who claim free school meals and receive the HAF vouchers. These should be received on Monday via email, so please keep a look out for them.

### *Machine of Dreams Winner for 60 Reads*

#### KS1

Ciara (Redwood)

Bella (Acorn)

Anthony-James (Spruce)

#### KS2

Michael (Poplar)

Izabell (Rowan)

Jessica (Rowan)

Mya (Beech)

Jordan (Beech)

Harry (Beech)

Charlie (Sycamore)

Grace (Sycamore)

Noah (Chestnut)

Yasin (Chestnut)

David (Chestnut)+

# Award Winners

CLASS	MATHS	ENGLISH	ICARE
Acorn	Austin	Luke	Matthew
Rose	Heaven	Jasmine	Muhammed
Tulip	Paisley	Frankie	Selbi
Acer	Naomi	Elizabeth	Zayaan
Spruce	Eren	Alice	Charlie
Redwood	Oscar	Ezgi	Harrison
Maple	Riley	Miraal	Lucas
Beech	Parker	Zac	Tiarna
Rowan	Toby A	Jonathan	Jess
Poplar	Karim	Jaylen	Nicole
Sycamore	Henry	Dylan	Shai
Chestnut	Yasin	Oliver	Sofiya

## KS1 Numbots Highest Coin Earners



1<sup>st</sup>: Mahira in Spruce

2<sup>nd</sup>: Paisley in Tulip

3<sup>rd</sup>: Lucas in Spruce

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



1<sup>st</sup>: Ali from Chestnut

2<sup>nd</sup>: Yasin for Chestnut

3<sup>rd</sup>: Zeynep from Rowan

CLASS	OVERALL ACTIVE MINUTES
Spruce	169
Acer	226
Redwood	215
Maple	102
Beech	90
Rowan	130
Poplar	90
Sycamore	85
Chestnut	155



# Photo Gallery (see X for more pictures)



Some reading café pics from this week



Year 6 on their way to their PGL adventure weekend! They will have loads of fun doing the activities!!!

Spruce class had a special origami lesson with Mrs Ridley



Rowan class enjoying iMotion on the iPads



# News!!

## New School Website

We are pleased to inform you that the school website has been updated. Our new look website is now available for you to use. A massive thank you goes to Mrs Ainsworth for all her hard work helping to get this up and running.

**GOLD Again!** We are delighted to announce that Duke Street Primary School have achieved the **School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2024/25 academic year.** The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. Our sporting achievements this year include: Boys Football, Girls Football, Mixed Netball, Sports hall Athletics, Sports Enrichment Day, Dodgeball, Table Tennis, Darts. With a total of 80 young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. A particular thank you goes to Mr Allen for his continued hard work and dedication to increasing sporting opportunities for our children.



# Reminders!

## Absence Reporting



To report your child's absence please ring school (239950) and select Option 1 to leave a message, clearly stating your child's name, class and reason for absence. Do not select Option 1 to speak to the Office staff as the mornings are very busy. The absence needs to be done on every morning of the absence unless it is a contagious condition, such as Chicken Pox when we are aware the child needs to be off for a certain period of time. A reminder that if children have Sickness and/or Diarrhoea, they must stay off school for 48 hours from the LAST symptom.

## Parking

We would really appreciate your co-operation to make arriving at school and leaving at the end of the day, as safe as possible. We are a large school, in a very built-up area, so we know that parking is a challenge. We ask for drivers to be considerate towards pedestrians. The double yellow lines and zig-zag lines are there to protect pedestrians. Parking in these parts of the road endangers the lives of children and adults alike. Parking slightly further away from school, towards the Pall Mall end of Duke Street, or indeed into Brindle Street, will help to keep our children safe and also help you to get more fitness steps in. Thank you in anticipation of your support in this matter.



# 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](https://nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE KIDS



### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

As its name suggests, YouTube Kids is a child-friendly version of Google's online video-sharing platform. Its colourful user interface is designed with young people in mind, and it offers a curated, family-friendly experience with features like age-based content settings and parental controls.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT BYPASSING FILTERS



YouTube Kids is less likely to show inappropriate material than YouTube, but there have been reports of the app showing age-inappropriate content to young viewers. One investigation found that YouTube Kids had shown videos that promote skin bleaching, weight loss, drug culture and firearms to children as young as two, as inappropriate content had bypassed the platform's algorithms and human moderators.

### SETTINGS CAN BE CIRCUMVENTED



YouTube Kids offers built-in parental controls, enabling you to set screen time limits and curate the content children are able to view; however, children are often more tech-savvy than we think. They can easily bypass or tweak these settings if they have access to the associated Google account password, thereby exposing themselves to age-inappropriate and potentially dangerous content.

### BE WARY OF ADVERTISING



Like Google's regular YouTube app, YouTube Kids features pervasive advertising before a video plays. While these adverts are designed to be family friendly and are subject to a strict review process, it's worth noting that YouTube Kids collects information around children's viewing to inform targeted content and advertisements.

### AI-GENERATED MISINFORMATION



There is also a risk of children accessing videos that contain disinformation and misinformation. A BBC investigation found that some YouTube channels are using artificial intelligence (AI) technology to create misleading 'scientific' videos that are recommended to children as educational content. These videos included conspiracy theories and ideas that lack scientific backing.

### DESIGNED TO BE ADDICTIVE



YouTube Kids is designed to be addictive. The platform's design features, such as the constant stream of new videos and the reward system of points or virtual stickers, can be very engaging and make it difficult for children to switch off. Research has shown that spending too much time using digital services such as YouTube can lead to screen addiction, affecting children's daily routines, studies, and even their social lives.

### DATA COLLECTION RISK



While there are limits on the data that YouTube can collect on children under 13, children can still inadvertently give away sensitive information when using YouTube Kids. The platform collects data on children's viewing habits, content searches and location, which YouTube and third-party advertisers can use.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### PARENTAL CONTROLS



YouTube Kids offers several settings that allow you to manage what content children can view. For example, you can choose what level of content you want them to access, such as 'Preschool' or 'Younger'. You can also turn off the search function, so that only those videos approved by the YouTube Kids team themselves will appear on a child's recommendations list.

### SET TIME LIMITS



The built-in parental controls let you keep a tab on how long children spend watching videos. You can set a timer that limits screen time and disables the YouTube Kids app once a specified length of time has been reached. It's also worth speaking to children about the dangers of spending too much time on YouTube, to ensure they remain focused on other, more important activities.

### CHECK WATCH HISTORY



YouTube Kids has made it easy for you to keep an eye on what the children in your care have been watching on the app. By clicking on the 'Recommended' icon at the top right of the home screen, you can see which videos they've been viewing, and how much of each. If a child watches YouTube Kids while signed into a Google account, you can check their history through Google's 'My Activity' page.

### WATCH TOGETHER



It's important that you try to make YouTube Kids a fun and positive experience for children. One way to do this is by introducing watching sessions, where you all gather around and share the most enjoyable videos that you have recently watched. This can be a great way of giving you both new things to talk about and of keeping an eye on what they're watching.

### Meet Our Expert



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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/youtube-kids-2025>

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## READING CAFÉ DATES

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June:** Maple/Rowan

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July:** Beech/Poplar

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July:** Sycamore/Chestnut

Acorn class TBC

## DIARY DATES

**W/B 23<sup>rd</sup> June:** Pools for Schools arrive in school

**Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> July (9.10 am):** KS2 (Yrs 3,4,5) End of Year Assembly

**Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> July (9.10 am):** Rec/Acorn End of Year Assembly

**Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> July:** Year 6 Production (2.00 pm & 6.00 pm)  
(Tickets now available from the school office)

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July (9.10 am):** Year 1 and Year 2 End of Year Assembly

**Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> July (9.10 am):** Year 6 Leavers Assembly

***School closes at 1.05 pm for Rec and 1.15 pm for the rest of school***