

DUKE STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL

18TH OCTOBER 2024



Head Lines

READING PERCENTAGES

- ACORN: 80%
- ACER: 72%
- SPRUCE: 79%
- REDWOOD: 50%
- MAPLE 57%
- BEECH: 92%
- ROWAN: 53%
- POPLAR: 85%
- SYCAMORE 63%
- CHESTNUT: 42%



We have had a lovely final week of the half term filled with celebrations. Following the appointment of our new house captains, **Gloucester house** had a celebratory lunch on Wednesday as the house that had earned the most house points this half term. Congratulations to all of Gloucester for collecting 10553 house points this half term.

The 'Duke Street Pizza Delivery Service' was out in corridors on Thursday afternoon delivering pizza to the classes with the highest overall attendance this half term. Congratulations go to Spruce and Maple classes who enjoyed this half term's pizza parties.

We finished off the half term today with another fabulous enrichment day organised by Mrs Haddon and Mr Hibbert. The theme of the day was 'Be Bothered' and focused on our aspirations for the future.

We wish Mrs Reay well as she starts her maternity leave after half term. Mr Reay will be teaching in Redwood class on Mondays. Miss Lowe will remain teaching in Acorn class.

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

- ACORN: 94.5%
- ROSE: 89.4%
- TULIP: 93.9%
- ACER: 93.3%
- REDWOOD: 96.1%
- SPRUCE: 97.2%
- MAPLE: 94.7%
- BEECH: 97.4%
- ROWAN: 97.8%
- POPLAR: 94.6%
- SYCAMORE: 95.7%
- CHESTNUT: 95.7%
- OVERALL: 95.3%**
- School Target: 96%**

Early Bird Maths

Mrs Ridley has been awarding Early Bird maths prizes to the children who have completed their first bookmarks. Excellent work!



TTRS

We have had lots of new TTRS badges being awarded this week too! Well done to all our Rock Stars, Legends and Heroes!



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; <https://dukestreet-pri.lancs.sch.uk/about-us/sen/send-policy>

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/>

Outreach Information

Check out Chorley Inspire Youth Zone free weekend activities for families. Also see their SEN provision if you have children with additional needs.

<https://www.inspireyouthzone.org/>

Upcoming Reading Café Dates

Maple: Thursday, 7th November

Beech & Rowan: Thursday, 14th November

Poplar: Thursday, 28th November

Sycamore & Chestnut: Thursday 5th December



General Reminders

School Times



Reception Children: 8.45 am to 3.05 pm
Yr1 to Yr 6 Children: 8.55 am to 3.15 pm.

Please ensure your child is on time so that they do not miss Early Bird Maths and incur a late mark.

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.

Contacting the Outreach Team

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

Dogs in School



Dogs including puppies either on a lead or being carried are not allowed on the school premises including the playground and inside the fencing.

Mobile Phones



We have noticed an increased number of expensive mobile phones being brought into school, mainly by Year 6 pupils. If it is essential for your child to bring in a phone you will need to send a note on the first day of every half term, or on the first day of bringing it during the term, so that we know that you know your child has a phone with them. Your child must switch their phone off and take it to Mrs Nicholls in the School Office on arrival at school.

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.

X (Formally Twitter)

Follow us at @DukeStPrimary to see updates on what the children are doing in school



Smoking/Vaping Please do not smoke or vape on the school premises.



Award Winners

CLASS	MATHS	ENGLISH	ICARE
Acorn	Bella M	Isaac	Rida
Rose	Layla	Elijah	Mason
Tulip	Darcie	Bobby	Kai
Acer	Faith	Jenson	Azaan
Spruce	Husna	Penny	Mia
Redwood	Jasmine	Omar	James
Maple	Kenny	Emily	Lucas
Beech	Iqra	Abdi	Annabelle B
Rowan	Grace	Jackson	Heidi
Poplar	Eva	Mia Rose	Jessica
Sycamore	George	Archie	Emeli
Chestnut	David	Grace	Football Team

KS1 Numbots Highest Coin Earners



1st: Aydan from Acer

2nd: Olivia from Spruce

3rd: Anthony-James from Spruce

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



1st: Yasin from Chestnut

2nd: Ali from Chestnut

3rd: Zeynep from Rowan

CLASS

OVERALL ACTIVE MINUTES

Spruce	557
Acer	496
Redwood	287
Maple	332
Beech	406
Rowan	414
Poplar	313
Sycamore	292
Chestnut	340

Asda Cash Pot Total

£ 565



Photo Gallery (see X for more pictures)

Y6 Football Team News

We are incredibly proud of our Y6 boys football team who have shown great skill, courage and determination over the last half term competing in a tournament against 30 local schools. They made it through to the finals last night and came away with bronze medals for third place. Well done to each and everyone of you for all your hard work and achievements over many weeks. Mr Allen is so proud of your sportsmanship and dedication. Wear your medals with pride!



Maple and Spruce class enjoying Pizza for winning the Half Term Attendance Award!



Enrichment Day Fun..



Sycamore loved their Frisbee Cup challenge!

Film Ratings

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 HORROR FILMS & AGE RATINGS

The 'on-demand' availability of streaming platforms in many homes creates extra possibilities for young viewers to be exposed to age-inappropriate content. Material which features horror or violence can cause anxiety and nightmares for children, especially since it can be hard for young ones to grasp that what they're watching isn't real.

CLASSIFICATION BREAKDOWN

The British Board of Film Classification has the following age ratings:

U: Suitable for all ages

PG: For children aged 8 and above; this content shouldn't unsettle them

12A: Children under the age of 12 should not watch without an adult; this content potentially features bad language, nudity or sexual references

15: Suitable only for 15-year-olds and above

18: Exclusively for an adult audience, with potentially explicit themes of violence, nudity or sex

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

STREAMING IS EVERYWHERE

Modern mobile devices make it very easy for children to watch streamed films without the need for a TV. The availability of inappropriate content has risen significantly on streaming platforms, almost all of which host 18-rated content. If not restricted by parental controls, this could be viewed by children who aren't quite ready for such adult themes, concepts and imagery.

FACT VS. FICTION

Many children have no trouble separating fact from fiction. However, with modern day technology making pretend violence and horror look ever more realistic, it's becoming harder for youngsters to tell the difference. For instance, consider remakes of older films, where dated special effects (making it easy to discern that something wasn't real) have been replaced by far more convincing monsters and gore.

PEER PRESSURE

Friends encouraging each other to watch the latest film featuring violence or horror can lead to children consuming content that they're not ready for. As 18+ content is available on many streaming platforms, youngsters can watch these together – potentially without their parents' or carers' knowledge.

CHILDREN SCARE DIFFERENTLY

It can be difficult to decide what content is appropriate for children. What's fine for one child could be extremely frightening for another. As many children admit to not sharing or discussing the content they watch with their parents, encouraging an open dialogue around the kind of media that young people consume can help avoid exposing them to any inappropriate content.

PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACTS

Horror prides itself on its ability to startle or induce genuine fear in the viewer – so it's no surprise that this genre isn't usually intended for children. A natural side-effect of this is that 'jump scares' or a creepy, suspenseful atmosphere can have lasting effects on younger minds. The resulting anxiety can impact a child's sleeping patterns or eating habits.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH THE FILM FIRST

If you're concerned that a film might be unsuitable for children (whether it's their first dive into the horror genre or a step up in age classification), then take a look for yourself. There's no better way to judge whether this content is something you'd deem appropriate for a child – and if a parent, for example, has actually seen the film (or at least a portion of it), they can construct a far more credible case if they decide it's inappropriate.

REMEMBER – IT'S NOT REAL

Emphasise to children that the content they're viewing is entirely fictional and has no chance of affecting them in real life. If a child is upset after watching a film, try to understand what exactly has unsettled them; this can help you approach the topic in a healthy and informative manner, to dispel any fears or anxieties they may have.

DISCUSS THE CONTENT OF FILMS

If a child has seen a film that you think may have exposed them to potentially uncomfortable themes and ideas, don't shy away from talking about it, and answer any questions they may have. This is especially important if they watched the film without an adult present. Ask them to summarise the story for you, as this will give you an understanding of what they've learned from watching it.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Most streaming platforms have the option to put age ranges on children's accounts. This means that films and shows that are inappropriate for children won't be advertised while they're browsing and won't even appear if a child specifically searches for them. This can be changed any time at parents' discretion, but it's wise to protect these settings with a password, so a child can't alter anything on their own.

Meet Our Expert

John Insley is an assistant principal at a secondary school. He has been involved with e-safety in schools for over 10 years, writing policies and supporting various schools in developing their e-safety provision. John has introduced a range of strategies at multiple schools aimed at helping parents to better support their child in the ever-changing digital world.



#WakeUpWednesday

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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/horror-films-and-age-ratings>



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TERM DATES

Half-term Mon 21st to Fri 25th Oct 2024 (inclusive)

Term ends Fri 20th December 2024

Spring Term 2025

Term starts Mon 6th January 2025

Half-term Mon 17th to Fri 21st Feb 2025 (inclusive)

Term ends Fri 4th April 2025

Summer Term 2025

Term starts Tue 22nd April 2025

Bank holiday Mon 5th May 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

Diary Dates

Wednesday 6th November: Parents Consultations, 2pm to 6pm

Monday 9th December: Breakfast with Santa

Monday 9th December: Y3 Christmas Bingo, 2.15 pm

Tuesday 10th December: Y4 Christmas Crafts, 2.15 pm

Wednesday 11th December: Yr 5 Christmas Decorations, 2.15 pm

Thursday 12th December: Christmas Dinner

Friday 13th December: Enrichment Day