



Euxton Primrose Hill

WEDNESDAY WEEKLY

23rd September 2026



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"Together We Will Make A Difference."

HEADTEACHER MESSAGE

It is hard to believe that we are already nearly halfway through Autumn Term 1! We are extremely proud of how well all of our children have settled into their new classes and routines, and it has been wonderful to see them embracing their learning with such enthusiasm.

Phonics

This term, we have introduced a new phonics scheme, and Mr Tooby has shared some further information about this below. One of the reasons we have made this change is to give our children an even richer and more varied diet of books, helping to develop their love of reading alongside their phonics knowledge and skills.

Handwriting

We have also introduced a new handwriting programme, "Kinetic Letters". This is a fantastic approach which develops handwriting through movement, helping children to build the physical skills they need to write fluently and confidently. It places particular emphasis on core strength, posture, gross and fine motor skills and correct letter formation. Developing these foundations helps children to become more comfortable and efficient writers, allowing them to focus on the content and ideas they want to communicate. We are really excited to see this develop across school.

Further information about both of these will be available on our website over the next couple of weeks.

OPAL play

Our lunchtimes are going from strength to strength with OPAL Play! The children are making fantastic use of the new opportunities and resources available to them, and it has been lovely to see their creativity and independence developing. This week, Mrs Rigby has been particularly creative, transforming a cable reel and umbrella into a fabulous patio set! The children have loved building a camp around it and relaxing on the camping chairs. It is wonderful to see them using their imaginations and creating their own play experiences.

Class trips

Yesterday, our Year 5 children enjoyed a fantastic trip to Houghton Tower, where they learned lots of new information and fascinating facts. They were an absolute credit to our school and to you as parents and carers, demonstrating our CARE values throughout the day. They really did make us Primrose Proud!

Our Year 4 children have their trips to Martin Mere tomorrow and Friday. We hope they have a fantastic time, learn lots and, of course, that the sunshine returns for them!

PTA Family New Year Quiz

We still have a few tickets remaining for our PTA Family New Year Quiz tomorrow evening. It promises to be a fun evening with lots of quiz rounds and a great opportunity to come together as a school community and start the new year with a bit of friendly competition!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It really does make such a difference to our school and to the experiences we are able to provide for our children.

Best wishes,
Mrs Claire Jones
Headteacher



Attendance & Absence

We strongly encourage good attendance to support your child's learning and progress.

• If your child is unwell, please contact the school office by 9:00am on each day of absence.

☎ 01257 276688

✉ office@primrosehill-euxton.lancs.sch.uk

• Be specific:

It's important to give a clear reason – for example:

✓ "Tonsillitis" or "Sickness and temperature"

✗ Not just "unwell" or "poorly".

This helps us meet safeguarding and health requirements



Communicating with Us

If you need to get in touch, please email the school office in the first instance:

✉ office@primrosehill-euxton.lancs.sch.uk

Your message will be passed on to the relevant member of staff.

We aim to respond as soon as we can, but please allow up to 48 hours for a reply during term time.

For urgent matters during the school day, please phone the school office directly on: 01257 276688



If You're Concerned About Something...

We want to work in partnership with you.

If you're ever worried or unhappy about a situation, please follow this order of contact, via the school office:

- **Class Teacher** – your first point of contact
- **Phase Leader** – if further support is needed:
EYFS & Year 1 - Mr Danny Tooby
Year 2 – Miss Amie Dobbs
Years 3/4 – Mr Lloyd Davies
Years 5/6 – Miss Molly Burns
- **Assistant Headteacher** – Miss Amie Dobbs
- **Deputy Headteacher** – Mrs Emma Swinburn
- Headteacher** – Mrs Claire Jones

We're here to help and will always do our best to resolve any concerns quickly and fairly.



Jewellery & Appearance

To keep everyone safe and focused on learning:

- **No jewellery** – including earrings (studs/spacers), rings, bracelets, necklaces, loom bands, or wristbands
- **No earrings or spacers** – these are a safety risk, especially during play and PE
- **No nail varnish or make-up** – children should come to school with natural nails and faces

Thank you for your support!

Tel: 01257 276688 (8:15am-3:45pm)

Email: office@primrosehill-euxton.lancs.sch.uk

Out of school Club, please contact Sarah Collison 07548 944202 or s.collison@primrosehill-euxton.lancs.sch.uk



NEW PHONICS SCHEME

As part of this change, there has also been an update to our home reading books to ensure they closely match the phonics sounds being taught in school. While we continue to build and restock our new book collection, children will still bring home a reading book each week, alongside access to online reading books. Together, these resources will support children's reading practice at home and help nurture a lifelong love of reading.

SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

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Ash - **Ivy O'K and Panagiotis K**
 Cedar - **Darcie C and Charles W**
 Elm - **Noah M and Holly K**
 Maple - **Mila S and Sam G**
 Pendle - **Jakson CL and Willow N**
 Rivington - **Sophie H and Olivia HC**
 Ben Nevis - **Noah L and Frankie R**
 Snowdon - **Aspen J and Beau C**
 Olympus - **Theo L and Skylar MG**
 Mont Blanc - **Daisy W and Jenson H**
 K2 - **George H and Olivia G**
 Everest - **Violet P and James L**



Y6 MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING - FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2026

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Everyone is welcome! Parents, grandparents, friends and family are all very welcome to come along, enjoy some delicious cakes and support a wonderful cause.

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES - FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2026

EYFS – France - **Blue, White and Red**
 Y1 – Greece - **Blue and White**
 Y2 – Italy - **Green, White and Red**
 Y3 – Scotland - **Blue and White**
 Y4 – Spain - **Red and Yellow**
 Y5 – Germany - **Black, Red and Yellow**
 Y6 – Italy - **Green, White and Red**
 Burrow – Spain- **Red and Yellow**



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HARVEST FESTIVAL - TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2026

On **Tuesday 6th October at 9.15am**, Y3 will be performing their Harvest Assembly. As part of our school harvest celebrations, we are asking for your generosity in donating food to be shared with the School Council's chosen charities.

We are asking for donations such as: **tins, packets, cereal, tea, coffee, rice, pasta etc.** Please ensure these "cupboard essentials" are as non-perishable as possible with a long shelf life. All donations can be dropped at the office or with either of the Y3 classes. Please donate before **Friday 2nd October** as they will be displayed as part of the assembly. We thank you in advance for your kindness.

Y3 parents are welcome to come and watch the Harvest Assembly. Please note that attendance will be limited to **two parents per child**.

SOCK WHITEBOARD ERASERS

Just a reminder that all pupils can bring in a sock to use as a whiteboard eraser.

Clean, old socks work really well—simply wear the sock over your hand like a glove and use it to wipe the board.

Thank you!



UNSAFE PARKING

We continue to receive numerous complaints from local residents regarding illegal parking around our school. Despite our **repeated pleas** for responsible parking, the situation remains concerning.

Please remember to park responsibly, ensuring the safety of our children and the community. **Your co-operation is crucial in maintaining a safe environment for everyone.**

Please do also log any irresponsible parking with Lancashire County Council on their website under their roads, parking & travel page. <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/parking/report-a-parking-problem/>



HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Please see below the details of the upcoming High School Open Evenings, including the dates and times, for your information.

We hope you find this helpful.

High School Open Days	
St Michaels	Thursday 10th September 5.30pm-8pm
Parklands	Thursday 01st October 5pm-8.00pm
Southlands	Thursday 17th September 4pm-7pm
Albany Academy	Thursday 24th September 5pm-8pm
Holy Cross	Thursday 08th October 4.30pm-7pm
Leyland St Mary's	Wednesday 23rd September 4.30pm-7.30pm
Wellfield Academy	Thursday 17th September 4.30pm-7.30pm
Wordan Academy	Thursday 24th September 4pm-7pm
Balshaws	Thursday 01st October 5.30pm-8.30pm

£1 IN A BOX



£1 in a box is open to all parents with ParentPay and all staff. For each £1 paid you will be allocated a number ie: £1 equals one number, £5 equals five numbers.

The draw will take place on **Monday 7th December 2026** and the winners will be announced in the Wednesday Weekly on the **9th December 2026**. Half the money raised goes to the PTA and the other half is split 60/40.

Good Luck!

PTA NEW YEAR QUIZ - THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Join us for our New Year Quiz! Tickets are now on sale through ParentPay, but spaces are limited, so don't wait! 🕒

Please remember that everyone attending needs a ticket, including children. Doors open at **5.45pm** with the quiz starting at **6.30pm**. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

🎫 Ticket sales close at **2pm on Thursday 24th**, so make sure you get yours before then!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We can't wait to see you there!

Rebecca Perkins - PTA Chair

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AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

It has been lovely welcoming so many new children to School Club this year. They have settled in really well and are already enjoying the wide range of activities on offer, as well as having the freedom to explore and enjoy our free-flowing outdoor play.

As the weather can be unpredictable, please ensure that your child brings a coat with them each day. Please also make sure that their coat is clearly labelled with their name.

Just a little reminder that fees should always be paid in advance. If you pay via TFC or childcare vouchers, please be aware that these payments will only be applied to ParentPay the following month. Therefore, if you use TFC or childcare vouchers, you will need to ensure that your ParentPay account is paid in advance to cover the current month's fees.

We look forward to another lovely week filled with fun, play and learning at School Club!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

One Way System

Just a reminder that the one-way system involves travelling down Primrose Hill Road, passing school on your left hand side and exiting left or right via Cedar Avenue and operates between the hours of 8.25am – 9.00am and 2.50pm – 3.20pm. By adopting this route, two exit points are available off the estate.

Please could you also refrain from parking on any yellow lines. They are there for everyone's safety.



SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO PENALTY NOTICE CHARGES

The DfE have recently announced national charges to penalty notices issued for unauthorised absences in term time, these came into effect on the 19th August 2024.

- Penalty notices issued for the offence after the 19th of August 2024 will be charged at the new rate of £160.00 however if paid in 21-days this reduces to £80.00.
- Any second penalty notice to the same parent for the same child in a rolling 3-year period will be issued at the rate of £160.00 to be paid within 28-days with no option for a discount.
- Penalty notice threshold is 10-sessions equivalent to 5-days of unauthorised absence in a rolling 10-school week period.
- Maximum of 2-penalty notices may be issued for the same child within a rolling 3-years period, so at the 3rd or subsequent offence another course of action will need to be considered such as a prosecution or one of the other attendance legal interventions.

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Pupil Achievements and Celebrations

YEAR 6

Everest - Martha R
K2 - Jamie H

EYFS

Beech - Lyla B
Oak - Amelia T

House Point Winners

YEAR 5

Mont Blanc - Daniel H
Olympus - Harley W

YEAR 1

Ash - Daphne J
Cedar - Elsie W

KS1
Yellow

KS2
Green

**Super
Pupils**

YEAR 4

Ben Nevis - Elsie-Mae PB
Snowdon - Edie C

YEAR 2

Maple - Florence S
Elm - Albie P

YEAR 3

Pendle - Ayda M
Rivington - April T

Birthday Books

Thank you to the following pupil for donating their favourite book to celebrate their birthday this term:

Thomas B in Beech - 'Go Creatures'

Reminders And To Do



We are a **NUT FREE** school. Please **do not** bring any snacks into school which contain nuts, including Nutella, Reese or Kinder Bueno products.

School Notices

All School

Pantomime visits now on ParentPay - Cut off for consent Friday 27th November 2026.

Y5 Class Notices

Y5 Hothersall Lodge - To secure your child's place on the Year 5 Hothersall Lodge trip, the deposit needs to be paid by 25th September 2026.

Y6 Class Notices

Y6 Boreatton Park - 2nd payment due 25th September 2026.

Dates for the Diary 2026-2027



September 2026

- 23rd EYFS Stay & Play - 3.15pm-3.45pm
- 23rd Y6 SATS Meeting for Parents - 4.00pm-4.30pm
- 24th Y4 Ben Nevis Martin Mere Trip
- 24th PTA New Year Quiz - 6pm
- 25th Y4 Snowdon Martin Mere Trip
- 25th Y6 MacMillan Coffee Morning - 9.00am-11.00am
- 29th School Council Meeting - 3.10pm-4.00pm *

October 2026

- 2nd European Day of Languages
- 6th Y3 Harvest Festival - 9.15am
- 7-13th Book Fair
- 9th World Mental Health Day
- 12th Parents Evening
- 14th Open Day - 9.15am-10.15am
- 16th Primrose Buds Autumn Forest School - 9.00-10.15am
- 21st EYFS & Y1 Halloween Disco - in school
- 21st Y2 & Y3 PTA Halloween Disco - 5.30pm-6.30pm
- 21st Y4, Y5 & Y6 - PTA Halloween Disco - 6.45pm-7.45pm
- 22nd PTA - Non Uniform Day
- 22nd End of Autumn Term 1
- 23rd INSET DAY
- 26th-30th AUTUMN HALF TERM HOLIDAY

November 2026

- 2nd Return to School for Autumn Term 2
- 3rd School Council Meeting - 3.10pm-4.00pm *
- 16th Odd Socks Day
- 19th Open Day - 1.45pm-2.45pm
- 20th Non Uniform Day - Children in Need
- 20th Primrose Buds - 9.00am-10.15am
- 25th Y6 Liverpool World Museum Trip
- 27th PTA-Non Uniform Day-Chocolate/Bottle donation

December 2026

- 1st School Council Meeting - 3.10pm-4.00pm *
- 2nd Autumn Rocksteady Concert - 9.30am & 2.15pm
- 3rd PTA Christmas Shopping Night
- 4th PTA - Reindeer Run
- 4th Primrose Buds - Reindeer Dash 9.00am-10.15am
- 9th EYFS, Y1 & Y2 Pantomime - Jack & the Beanstalk
- 10th Christmas Jumper Day
- 11th ROCK KIDS!
- 14th KS2 Panto - Octagon Theatre - Cinderella
- 16th Report Cards
- 17th Y5&Y6 Carol Concert - in school 9am & 2pm **
- 18th Final day of Autumn Term 2-MERRY CHRISTMAS!

January 2027

- 4th Start of Spring Term 1
- 5th School Council Meeting - 3.10pm-4.00pm *
- 7th Open Day - 9.15am-10.15am
- 29th Primrose Buds - 9.00am-10.15am

February 2027

- 2nd School Council Meeting - 3.10pm-4.00pm (only KS2 & Y6 Sports Councillors needed) *
- 9th Safer Internet Day
- 11th Y1, Y2 & Y3-PTA Valentines Disco - 5.30pm-6.30pm
- 11th Y4, Y5 & Y6-PTA Valentines Disco - 6.45pm-7.45pm
- 12th PTA - Non Uniform Day
- 12th End of Spring Term 1
- 15-19th SPRING HALF TERM HOLIDAY
- 22nd Start of Spring Term 2
- 22nd World Thinking Day, Rainbows, Brownies, Cubs, Scouts can wear their uniform
- 25th Houses of Parliament Trip, London *
- 26th Primrose Buds - 9.00am-10.15am

March 2027

- 2nd School Council Meeting - 3.10pm-4.00pm *
- 3rd Y1 Lowry Visit (in school)
- 5th World Book Day
- 9th Y3 Deva Roman Museum Visit *
- 15th Parents Evening
- 18th Y2 Helmsore Mill Visit
- 19th PTA Non Uniform Day - Chocolate donation
- 19th Primrose Buds - 9.00am-10.15am
- 24th Spring Rocksteady Concert - 9.30am & 3.15pm
- 24th Report Cards
- 24th PTA Bunnies Bingo - 6pm
- 25th Easter Bonnet Day
- 25th PTA - Non Uniform Day
- 25th End of Spring Term 2 - HAPPY EASTER!

April 2027

- 12th Start of Summer Term 1
- 12th Y5 Bikeability
- 13th Y5 Bikeability
- 15th Y5 Bikeability
- 16th Y5 Bikeability
- 23rd Primrose Buds - 9.00am-10.15am
- 29th Y4 Ben Nevis - Cuerden Valley Trip
- 30th Y4 Snowdon - Cuerden Valley Trip

*New date added

**Information or date amended

Dates for the Diary 2026-2027



May 2027

- 3rd May Bank Holiday
- 4th School Council Meeting - 3.10pm-4.00pm *
- 4th EYFS 2027 New Starters Parents Evening-6.15pm-7.00pm
- 10-13th Y6 SATS Week
- 20th PTA May Fair - 6.00pm-8.00pm
- 27th Sports Day
- 28th PTA - Non Uniform Day
- 28th End of Summer Term 1
- 31st May Bank Holiday

June 2027

- 7th INSET DAY
- 8th INSET DAY
- 9th Start of Summer Term 2
- 15th School Council Meeting - 3.10pm-4.00pm *
- 14-16th Y5 Hothersall Lodge Residential
- 16th Y6 Enterprise Day
- 17th Sports Day (reserve date)
- 22nd Y1 Bring Yer Wellies Trip
- 23rd Y1 Bring Yer Wellies Trip
- 23rd Y2 & Y6 Childsafe - 10.30am
- 24th Y2 Bee Centre Visit
- 25-28th Y6 Boreatton Park Residential
- 28th EYFS 2027 Pupil Visits - 9.00am-11.15am
- 29th EYFS 2027 Pupil Visits - 9.00am-11.15am
- 30th EYFS 2027 Pupil Visits - 9.00am-11.15am

July 2027

- 1st Y4 Ben Nevis Sleepover
- 2nd Primrose Buds - 9.00am-10.15am
- 2nd Y4 Ben Nevis Tea Dance - 10.00am
- 6th School Council Meeting - 3.10pm-4.00pm *
- 7th Y6 Leavers Performance - 6.00pm
- 8th Y4 Snowdon Sleepover
- 9th Y4 Snowdon Tea Dance - 10.00am
- 12th Meet the Teacher - 3.15pm
- 12th EYFS to Y1 Parents Transition Meeting - 6.00pm
- 14th Summer Rocksteady Concert - 9.15am & 2.15pm
- 16th End of Year Report Cards
- 19th Y6 Leavers Assembly - 2.00pm
- 20th Y6 Flower Bowl Trip
- 20th Final day of Summer Term - HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
- 21st INSET DAY

We would also encourage you to visit the school website and explore the NEWS & EVENTS section, where you can subscribe to the school calendar. It's a simple and convenient way to keep up with everything happening across the school and make sure you don't miss any important dates, activities or special events. We look forward to sharing lots of exciting moments with you throughout the year.

Primrose Hill Clubs 2026 – 2027

Autumn w/c 28th Sept 2026 - w/c 9th Nov 2026
Spring w/c 4th Jan 2027 - w/c 8th Feb 2027
Summer w/c 19th April 2027 - w/c 24th May 2027

Name of Club	Run by	Day	Finish	Collect From
Yoga Y1&2	Miss Blackwell	Tuesday	3.45pm	Ash
Crafty Club Y1&2	Mrs Hacking / Mrs Joteiko	Tuesday	4pm	Office
Art Club Y4,5,6	Mrs Bullock	Tuesday	4pm	Snowdon
Eco club (Y2-Y6)	Miss McKinley / Mrs Rigby	Tuesday	4.30pm	Office
Games Club Y3&4	Mrs Murphy	Tuesday	4pm	Pendle
Yakkerty Yak Club	Mrs Yeoman	Wednesday	4pm	Office
Choir Y5&6	Mrs Swinburn / Miss Burns	Every Wednesday 14.10.26 – 23.02.27 March	4pm	K2
Book Club Y6	Mrs Brockie	Every Thursday (01.10.26 – 23.02.27)	4pm	Everest
Singing & Signing Y1&2	Miss Pearson	Thursday	3.45pm	Elm
Construction Club Y1	Mr Tooby	Thursday	3.45pm	Office
OPAL Play Club	Mrs Jones / Miss Dobbs	Thursday	4pm	Office

Sports Clubs Autumn Term 1 – Collection from School Office

Name of Club	Run by	Day	Finish	Dates
Boys Basketball Y5&6	Miss Ahmed	Tuesday	4.30pm	08.09.26 - 20.10.26
Dodgeball Y5&6	Miss Ahmed	Wednesday	4.30pm	09.09.26 - 21.10.26
Girls Basketball Y5&6	Miss Ahmed	Thursday	4.30pm	10.09.26 - 22.10.26
Y2 Football Club	Miss Ahmed	Friday	4pm	11.09.26 - 16.10.26

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Primary School

"Together we will make a difference."

OPEN DAYS

Monday 21st September 2026

Morning - 9:15am - 10:15am



Wednesday 14th October 2026

Morning - 9:15am - 10:15am



Thursday 19th November 2026

Afternoon - 1:45pm - 2:45pm



Thursday 7th January 2027

Morning - 9:15am - 10:15am

**To book a place please call: 01257 276688
or scan the QR code**



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"Pupils flourish at this warm and welcoming school."

"Pupils' behaviour across the school is exemplary. Pupils are polite, caring and thoughtful."

"The school is highly ambitious for all pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)."

Ofsted - July 2024



**EUXTON
PRIMROSE HILL**

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Primrose Buds

Free play and stay sessions for children aged 4 and under

Autumn session dates

Drinks

Songs

Toys

Stories

Friends

Friday 18th September 2026

Friday 16th October 2026

Friday 20th November 2026

Friday 4th December 2026

9am - 10.15am in the upper hall


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To book please call: 01257 276688
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SIP & SHOP

Sunday 4th October 2026, 12pm-5pm

Join us once again, for a memorable afternoon at the luxurious 'Waterfront Southport Hotel'. Indulge in an exquisite afternoon tea and shop 'til you drop with a variety of shopping stalls... All funds raised will help Rainbow Hub to brighten lives

PLUS:

Drink on arrival

Event MC & Live Entertainment with Hayley Murray Music

Fallen Angelz are back again with their fun fashion show

Event kindly supported by:

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Ticket cost: £36 per person

Venue: Waterfront Southport Hotel, Marine Lake, Promenade,
Southport, Merseyside, PR9 0DZ

For more information, and to book, please contact:

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DO YOU IMAGINE A BIG FUTURE FOR YOUR CHILD?



At Little Voices we'll help them:

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- grow their **CONFIDENCE**
- boost their **MENTAL WELLBEING & RESILIENCE**
- discover & nurture their **TALENT**



Whether they love taking centre stage or need a bit of encouragement to come out of their shell, our LAMDA - based singing and drama classes will help your child be the best that they can be.

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- Small class sizes – the **focused attention** your child deserves
- Groups organised by friendships, age, & ability – your child will **feel comfortable**
- We alternate between singing & drama each week – they'll enjoy the **benefits of both**
- An encouraging, supportive environment – you'll **watch them thrive**
- Yearly LAMDA exams that build communication skills – **We make exams fun!**

Book your **FREE trial** today – we can't wait to see you!

For more information
and to book, please contact:

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DRAMA & SINGING LESSONS OF DISTINCTION



THIS IS HUTTON.

*Open Evening
1st October 2026
5:30 - 8 pm*

Head's talks at 5:45, 6:45 and 7:45

DISCOVER WHAT MAKES HUTTON HUTTON.

PARKLANDS HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN EVENING 2026

Thursday 1st October
5:15pm - 8pm



**PARKLANDS
HIGH SCHOOL**
LEARN | RESPECT | ASPIRE | ACHIEVE

We warmly invite you to join us for our annual Open Evening. This is a wonderful opportunity to explore our school, meet our dedicated staff, and experience what makes Parklands such a vibrant and supportive community.

Headteacher's Speeches

The Headteacher will deliver speeches in the Main Hall at the following times:

- 5:30 PM
- 6:00 PM
- 6:30 PM

Guided School Tours

Throughout the evening, our Student Leaders will be on hand to take you and your family on a guided tour of the school facilities, share their personal experiences, and answer any questions about life at Parklands.

Whether you are exploring secondary options for next year or looking further ahead, we look forward to welcoming you.

Please contact srhodes@parklandsacademy.co.uk with any questions.



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about DISCORD

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

(with a 17+ app rating on app stores)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Launched in 2015, and with over 90 million daily active users, Discord has become one of the main ways gamers communicate – with text, voice, and video chat helping people connect around shared interests. For many young people, Discord can be a useful way to talk with friends, join communities, and explore hobbies. However, like any online platform built around communication, it also carries risks around strangers, inappropriate content, spending money, and time spent online. This guide looks at what parents and educators need to know.

A CHANNEL FOR EVERYTHING



While Discord is strongly associated with video games, it also hosts communities for almost anything you can imagine, such as books, music, influencers, cooking and sport. Some large servers focus on popular games like Minecraft or Fortnite, but many are private, invite-only spaces where friends or communities with shared interests can chat across phones, computers, and gaming consoles.

REAL-LIFE DISTRACTION



Like many social platforms, Discord can become a real time-sink. Although it does not rely on endless scrolling in the same way as some apps, constant messages, group chats, and voice channels can keep young people engaged for long periods, especially in larger servers. As Discord is closely linked to gaming, it may also increase the time they spend playing games.

STRANGER DANGER



Users can choose to stay within private servers with only people they know, but joining public servers will most likely bring them into contact with strangers. Many users are just friendly enthusiasts, yet others could have harmful intentions, including grooming, extortion, or radicalisation. In these types of environments, anyone can claim to be another teenager, which can make it harder for young people to judge who is safe to talk to.

A HARASSMENT RISK



There is also a risk from people a young person already knows in the real world. Bullying in the real world can continue online, and Discord servers can make this feel more intimidating, especially if someone uses anonymous or multiple accounts to carry out threatening behaviours. Because Discord works across computers, phones, and gaming consoles, unwanted contact can follow young people into online spaces that should feel safe and private.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT



This huge amount of choice can help young people “find their tribe”, especially when they have niche interests. However, because users can create servers around almost any topic, younger users may still encounter unsuitable or distressing content. Even in spaces linked to child-friendly games, Discord cannot directly control every conversation, image, or video shared by other users.

A MONEY DRAIN



Discord is free to use, but users can still spend real-world money on it. This may include Discord ‘Nitro’, a monthly subscription that unlocks customisation features and larger media uploads, or purchases through the ‘Shop’ for profile cosmetics and game-related items. Small purchases can add up quickly, especially if spending controls are not in place.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE FAMILY CENTRE



Parents and carers should make use of Discord’s ‘Family Centre’, which gives an overview of a younger user’s activity while respecting their privacy. Messages are not shared, but adults can view an activity feed and receive weekly email summaries. Discord says this is designed to support conversations about online behaviour, rather than be about constant monitoring.

MANAGE TIME ONLINE



Agree clear expectations around when and how Discord can be used, especially during homework, bedtime, and family time. Encourage young people to turn off unnecessary notifications and leave servers that feel overwhelming. If Discord is mainly used alongside gaming, discuss healthy limits for both activities so that schoolwork, sleep, and offline friendships are not affected.

CHECK, TALK, REPORT



Review Discord’s privacy settings together, including who can send them friend requests or private messages. Use this as a chance to talk to them about strangers, privacy, and personal information, making sure young people know to question suspicious behaviour, such as requests to keep conversations secret. Show them how to block and report these kinds of users and reassure them that asking for help will not get them into trouble.

REVIEW SPENDING CONTROLS



Talk openly about paid features such as Discord Nitro, profile cosmetics, and in-game purchases. Make sure the young people in your care understand that digital items still cost real money. Check payment settings on the device they use, avoid storing card details where possible, and consider adding approval requirements for purchases, particularly for younger or more impulsive users.

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