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Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a busy week at the academy with many of our children participating in the Blackpool Youth Games. They took part in activities such as netball, athletics, football, cricket, swimming and basketball. Our pupils represented the academy well and showcased our values throughout the games; the dedication, teamwork, and sportsmanship they demonstrated were truly commendable. The children also had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We believe that participation in such events not only helps develop physical abilities but also nurtures important life skills such as resilience, perseverance, and the ability to work collaboratively. We appreciate the efforts of our pupils and the support provided by their families, as both contribute to their success.

We are proud of our pupils' achievements at the Blackpool Youth Games and their excellent representation of our academy, we look forward to seeing further achievements and celebrating their successes in the future.

To help you plan and support your child's attendance, we are providing you with the holiday dates for the upcoming years until 2025-2026 (see information further below). By having this information in advance, we hope it will enable you to make necessary arrangements and help your child maintain positive attendance throughout their academic journey.

Have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all next week.

Mrs Boothroyd and the Hawes Side Team

Relationships

Respect

Resilience

Reflection

Responsibility



Join us for a brew and a chat!

**Hawes Side
Academy
Community
Cafe**

**Thursday
6th July 2023**

at 2.30pm



Bikes and Scooters – Lost Property

We are sad to share that we have had two cycles and a scooter taken from our playground this week.

As you will expect this is very distressing for those involved and we are disappointed that this has happened within our community.

Whilst the cycle sheds are available for storage during the school day, we cannot guarantee the security of what is stored as the site is open to the public during drop off and pick up times. The site is also unmonitored overnight.

Whilst the issue has been reported to police, we ask that all cycles/scooters are:

- named or are uniquely identifiable
- locked up whilst on site
- taken home every day

We do appreciate that sometimes mix-ups occur. If you do take the wrong cycle/scooter home, please do let the academy know as soon as possible.

Thank you for your understanding.

Term Dates

The term dates for 2024- 2025 and 2025-2026 are now published. You can view these on our academy website by [clicking here](#). Alternatively, follow the links below:

Term Dates 24/25

Term Dates 25/26

Out of School Provision

Do you want to request a place at Breakfast Club and/or After School Club for the next academic year? Or does your child already attend? You need to book on the days and sessions you require by using the following link:

[Request session Out of School Clubs](#)

This needs to be completed by **WEDNESDAY 5th July**. If you have any queries, you can get in touch with Mrs Scholes in the office or why not [visit our website](#)



Farewell Year 6

Trip: Year 6 are off to Fairhaven Lake for a fun half day of fully led activities including kayaking and orienteering. Cost of the trip is £30 payable on ParentPay. Lake Trip dates are: 6S 27th June, 6H 29th June and 6A 12th July. We ask that you send your child in non-uniform/clothes you don't mind getting wet and dirty.

Leavers Party: A fun get together as a year group with disco, party food and fun photo opportunities. This is a free event taking place Friday 14th July, 6pm until 8pm Hawes Side Academy Hall (it is a non-uniform event).

Leavers Breakfast: Final breakfast on the final morning at Hawes Side. Year 6 gather in the hall for a farewell breakfast on Friday 21st July at 9am.

Class Leavers Service: Parents/carers are welcome (limited to two per child) to share in the year 6's memories and their time at Hawes Side. Dates are:

6S Monday 17th July 9.00am

6H Wednesday 19th July at 9.00am

6A Thursday 20th July 2.30pm.

One last wave goodbye: On the final day, Friday 21st July 2023, we invite you to join us on the KS2 playground at 2pm to wave and cheer our Year 6 leavers as they leave Hawes Side for the last time.



Foundation Sports
Day

7th July at 2.15pm

Foundation End of Year
Showcase

14th July at 2.30pm



Dates for your Diary

Non-uniform Day – Friday 21st July 2023

School closes for Summer Holidays – Friday 21st July 2023

Foundation, Yrs 1 & 2 @ 2:00pm

Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6 @ 2:05pm

Performing Arts at Hawes Side Academy

Music in our academy

Behind the scenes of musical theatre rehearsals.

Class 5A have been working hard rehearsing 'Wicked' in their musical theatre lessons. They are preparing their spellbinding performance for parents at the end of this term.

Staff Playlist

"Foo Fighters - Times Like these is my favourite song. The lyrics were very relevant during lockdown."

Mrs Black - Year 2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fyoeJr6ZcPM>



Our values song

This half term our children will be learning the song 'Try Everything' to celebrate our value of resilience. Click the link below to practise at home.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jpgV3dzYOgk>



Music in our community



FANTASTIC FOR FAMILIES

The Smeds And The Smoo

On a far-off planet, Smeds and Smooos can't be friends. So when a young Smed and Smoo fall in love and zoom off into space together, how will their families get them back?

11 Jul - 13 Jul

Tickets from £16.50

Save this performance

Next 19d 19h 58m
Curtain Up 26s

Book Tickets →

Blackpool Youth Games 2023



Pupil First Name	Class	Value Recognised	Values Certificate Comment
Elijah	FS	Responsibility	For being responsible and respectful during phonics, joining in and using active listening.
Harrison	1H	Resilience	For using his internal resources to break down CVC words before writing them. It's great to see your writing develop.
Tom	1S	Resilience	Tom has been resilient in his writing. Instead of giving up, he has worked hard to use the phonics that he knows to write his words. Well done, Tom!
Jakob	1A	Relationships	Jakob always demonstrates good relationships with his friends in class and is always ready to help others, especially his team members, when they are unsure and encourages others to have a go!
Freddie	2H	Resilience	Freddie has shown resilience in when writing in history. He practised forming his letters clearly to improve his presentation skills.
Oliver	2S	Responsibility	For getting straight on with his work and offering support to his team members if needed.
Summer	2A	Relationships	For offering to help a year 1 friend to carry something to help them.
Theo	3H	Respect	Theo is always very respectful to pupils and teachers. He takes care of the members on his team, and he always keeps his table tidy. He consistently makes good choices, and he sets a great example to everyone.
Isio	3S	Respect	Isio is always showing respect by being the first person ready to learn every single day, she always concentrates and gets her work done. She has been respectful towards me as her new teacher.
Sofia	3A	Relationships	Sofia has developed some lovely relationships with the children in her class and these are flourishing. It is great to see Sofia playing games with her peers on the playground. Keep up the good work Sofia.
Keegan	4H	Reflection	For taking his time to ensure writing is clearly presented.
Ethan	4S	Respect	Ethan has taken part in assemblies this week, to help the whole school celebrate The Dragon Boat Festival - to support our modern language curriculum in Mandarin. Ethan has shown great respect for the culture and did amazingly well showcasing this to the whole school. Well done, Ethan!
Lidia	4A	All values	For always following the school values and always being ready to learn
Jessi	5H	Respect	For always being kind, caring and able to put a smile on Mr Dawson's face by being helpful around the classroom.
Jacob	5S	Resilience	Well done Jacob for fantastic resilience during the life saving swim session. Both the swim teacher and Mrs Beckett were very impressed with your water treading and how well you kept your head and neck at the correct angle above water.
Kent	5A	Resilience	For trying hard within maths and our decimal topic. Keep up the hard work Kent.
Finley	6H	Reflection	For reflecting on previous learning and applying learnt skills to his current work. In Maths, Finley has applied his skills to solve multi step statistic problems.
Riley	6S	Responsibility	For taken responsibility with his own learning and using strategies to improve his work wherever possible. Riley has been working hard to improve in all areas of his work and should be proud of what he is doing.
Junior	6A	Relationship	For having such a mature, caring and understanding attitude towards others. Junior, I am so proud of how hard you are working to build positive and healthy relationships, not only with your friends and peers, but with lots of different staff members in school too. Thank you for being amazing!

Hot, Hot Chocolate

The children chosen this week to have 'Hot Chocolate' are: 6H, Mollie 6S, Jack 6A, Harris 5H, Jorgie 5S, 5A, Madison 4H, Charlie 4S, Nathan 4A, Merida 3H, Alfie C 3S, Maia 3A, Freddie 2H, Maddison 2S, Teegan 2A, Scarlett 1H, Tom 1S, Millie 1A, Mickey FS

It is noted: This guide focuses on one of many games which are free to play and should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about FORTNITE

CHAPTER 4

AGE RESTRICTION
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Fortnite may be something of a veteran in gaming terms (having launched back in 2017), but it remains massively popular – with more than 250 million people playing online every month. That's partially due to the competitive nature of its player-vs-player combat, its pop culture crossovers and its constantly shifting map. Significant updates are rolled out with each new version of the game – known as 'chapters' – and within these sit shorter 'seasons' which bring more subtle changes. The latest iteration, Chapter 4 Season 2, adds a cyberpunk-themed city and anime-style areas, for example, along with new weapons and characters.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

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), so you may find that dedicated young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about trips away of a certain length – such as days out and holidays – than you might have expected.

IN-GAME COSTS
Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – cosmetic skins, rare weapons and so on – which don't really impact on gameplay, but can cost quite a significant amount. These items are bought with game's currency, 'V-Bucks' – which can be earned through playing, but are also often purchased from the game's store for real-world money.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES
Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from movies and TV shows like The Walking Dead to comic book characters including Batman to other games such as Street Fighter. This means you could find your child asking questions about the creature from Alien or who Geralt from The Witcher is a little sooner than you'd possibly anticipated.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT
Fortnite is played with vast numbers of gamers – of various ages. Crossplay lets friends play with and against each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation or PC – while party chat allows them to communicate during the game. This chat feature can also, therefore, put youngsters at risk of hearing inappropriate language from older players in the heat of virtual combat.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE
At its core, there's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them. That said, there's no blood or gore: the violence is generally rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood (fishing mini-games, for example). The machine guns, shotguns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, however, so discretion is advised.

FREQUENT UPDATES
The game's developers release content in 'seasons' that usually run for around ten weeks. Each fresh update sees items added to the in-game store, changes to the environment's map and a different overarching theme (such as 'medieval', 'pirate' or 'party'). These regular renewals help to hold players' interest – but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep returning to their screens.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MATCH GAMING TIMES
Younger players tend to want to play Fortnite alongside their friends. With this in mind, it could be worth speaking to the parents and carers of your child's social group and trying to coordinate their gaming around certain hours of the day. Safety in numbers is obviously a factor here, but it will also help your child feel that they're getting adequate opportunity to socialise with their friends online.

SET SPENDING LIMITS
Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into splashing out on those sought-after items before they disappear again for weeks. This could potentially lead to surprise outlays on your card if your child is tempted into an impulse purchase. You could consider setting up a prepaid card for them to use – or ensuring that any online purchases require adult authorisation.

USE UPDATES AS REWARDS
Fortnite's seasonal updates are free – but each also brings the option of a 'battle pass', unlocking exclusive rewards for playing the game and completing set challenges. The passes cost around £8 (and are available as part of larger bundles) and can be an effective reward to young Fortnite fans for good behaviour or academic performance, or as an incentive for chores like tidying their room.

BE WARY OF SCAMS
The immense popularity of Fortnite with more trusting younger audiences means that 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 your child knows this.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER
Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously via the same TV or computer. That's ideal for siblings or when your child's friends visit – but it also offers you an opportunity to spend time doing something fun with your child, while also being able to make sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows, you might even teach them a thing or two!

Meet Our Expert
David Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and experts site theGamer.com and has worked in the gaming media for over four years. Among other things, he's been present and therefore aware of the safety of the game, writing many guides about Fortnite and other games. His articles have been published on a number of sites including BBC and TechRadar.

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Term Dates 2023-2024

Autumn Term	
School opens	Tuesday 5 th September 2023
Inset Days	Monday 2 nd October 2023
School closes for half term	Friday 20 th October 2023 (normal finish time)
School reopens	Monday 30 th October 2023
School closes for Christmas	Friday 22 nd December 2023 (2pm close for FS, Y1 & Y2 and 2.05pm for Y3 – Y6)
Spring Term	
School reopens	Monday 8 th January 2024
School closes for half term	Friday 9 th February 2024
School reopens	Tuesday 20 th February 2024
School closes for Easter	Thursday 28 th March 2024 (2pm close for FS, Y1 & Y2 and 2.05pm for Y3 – Y6)
Summer Term	
School reopens	Monday 15 th April 2024
May Day Bank Holiday Monday	Closed for one day, Monday 6 th May 2024
School closes for half term	Friday 24 th May 2024
School reopens	Monday 3 rd June 2024
School closes for summer	Friday 19 th July 2024 (2pm close for FS, Y1 & Y2 and 2.05pm for Y3 – Y6)