



Compassion Friendship Respect Forgiveness Trust Thankfulness

Keep your roots deep in Jesus Christ the Lord, build your lives on him
and always be thankful. Colossians 2:7

November 2025

Welcome back to a new half term, we hope you all had an enjoyable and restful October half term break.

Remembrance – This year we are supporting the poppy appeal, and we have a number of poppies and other items such as snap bands, keyrings, bracelets and reflectors available for children to buy, a donation of 50p per poppy and £1 for other items is suggested but any donations are gratefully received.

These will be on sale every morning at 8:50am as the children come into school for the remainder of this week.

School Photographs - Individual and family photo's will be taken THIS Friday, 7th November. Please send children to school photo ready. If your child normally has PE on a Friday please send them in with their school jumper/cardigan on and shorts/PE bottoms and trainers.

Library Books - There a quite a few Library books that need renewing/returning, If you think you have a Library book at home please bring it into school so we can return it.

Speaking to School - As always if you have any questions or queries, please don't hesitate to contact us here at school via phone, email or class dojo.

School Uniform – We have lots of preloved school jumpers & cardigans available at school. All items are in excellent condition.

Parent Pay – all charges on parent pay are completely up to date, please log on and make a payment.

Jolly Jars – We have today sent each child home with a Jolly Jar, please return them to school ASAP. If you would like another jar please speak to Mrs Hill in the Office.

Forthcoming Church Services

Sunday 9th November - Remembrance Sunday at 10:45am
Sunday 23rd November - Gift Service at 9:30am
Sunday 14th December - Carol Service at 9:30am

Miss Leyland would love it if some of our children would like to take part in these services. Please let Miss Leyland know if you are attending and your child would like to help.

Christmas Fair – FRIDAY 5th December 3:15pm until 5:30pm.
We can't wait to see what stalls the Friends have planned.

Dates for the diary: - (new items in red)

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| 7 th November | School Photograph Day |
| 14 th November | Non-Uniform Day – Tombola Prize |
| 18 th November | Friends Meeting – 7:30pm at 2 School Lane, Inskip |
| 20 th November | Flu Vaccinations taking place in school |
| 21 st November | Library Van Visit |
| 28 th November | Non-Uniform Day – Tombola Prize |
| 5 th December | Christmas Fair – 3:15pm until 5:30pm |
| 12 th December | Library Van Visit |
| 16 th December | Whole School Pantomime Trip |
| 18 th December | Christmas Dinner Day |
| 19 th December | School Closes for Christmas Holidays (1:15pm) |
| 22 nd December to 2 nd January | Christmas Holidays – School Closed |
| 5 th January 2026 | School Reopens |

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FORTNITE

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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

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