



PARK ROAD

COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



23 October
2026

WEEKLY UPDATE



Next Week back in School at a Glance

Monday 2	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4	Thursday 5	Friday 6
* Lunch Menu Week 1 * Reception class photograph for Warrington Guardian * NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS * 3.30 – 7.00 pm – Parents' Evening (appointments only)	* 3.15-4.15pm Rec/Y1/Y2/Y3 Performing Arts * 3.15-4.15pm Y4-6 Choir * 3.15 - 4.15pm Y3/Y4 Forest School	* NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS * 3.30 – 5.00 pm – Parents' Evening (appointments only)	* 3.15 - 4.15pm R/1/2/3 Football * 3.15 - 4.15pm KS2 Musical Theatre * 3.15 – 4.15 pm Y5/6 Forest School	* Y5 Warrington Museum Trip

Unique Individuals Learning Together

Mrs. Quigley's weekly message

What a fantastic end to the half term and what a successful start to the year it has been!

Our children have settled brilliantly into their new classes, and it has been wonderful to see our Reception children growing in confidence every day. I would also like to congratulate our pupil leaders, who have already made a big impact through projects such as the new trim trail plans, Community Café, Harvest Assembly/food bank collection, and European Sports Day. I know our Eco Team and HPL Team have exciting plans for next half term too.

I am delighted to welcome back Mrs Anderson-Mills from maternity leave. Over the coming weeks, she will be getting to know Year 5 and returning to her role as SENCO, working closely with children, families and staff. I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to Mrs Elstob, who has gone above and beyond while covering the SENCO role. Her commitment has ensured continuity of provision and care throughout the year, and we are incredibly grateful for the difference she has made to our school community.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest collection. WA5 Good Neighbours were overwhelmed by your generosity and asked me to pass on their heartfelt thanks. Your donations will make a real difference to local families.

A reminder that Parents' Evening takes place during the first week back (except for Year 1), with entry via the KS2 gate and school hall. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Finally, please remember that the school gates close at 8:45 am. After this time, children must enter through the office and be signed in. From 8:55 am, children will be marked as late as learning will already have begun. Thank you for your continued support.

Have a wonderful half-term break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 2 November at 8:35 am.

Mrs Quigley

The Picture News topic for next week is ...

How can emojis help us to communicate?

Things to talk about at home:

- * Can you and somebody at home tell a short story using only pictures?
- * Do you both think the same emojis mean the same thing?
- * If your family could create a new emoji, what would it show?
- * Talk about some of the other ways we might communicate without words.

Well done to the following children chosen this week:

Reception	Miran K
Year 1	Riley R
Year 2	Evie L
Year 3	Freddie McA
Year 4	Emily S
Year 5	Ava K
Year 6	Isla H

Parent Governor Vacancy

A letter with a Nomination form was uploaded to Seesaw yesterday with a closing date for nominations of Monday 9 November, 12.00 pm. Criteria for nominees are on the form. If you are interested in becoming a Governor and would like further information, then please see our Governor section of the website.

<https://www.parkroadprimary.co.uk/our-school/governors>

If you would like a hard copy of the letter and nomination form, please let the office know and we will send a copy home with your child.

All About Family Magazine Link

Please find below a link for the Autumn North West All About Family digital magazine. The magazine features information about, children's books, family legal advice, as well as exclusive content from NSPCC, St John Ambulance, plus more

www.allabout-family.co.uk/north-west-magazine/

Harvest Donations – WA5 Good Neighbours

A huge Thank you to everyone for this year's donations to our Harvest collection. Christine, Graham and Andy from WA5 Good Neighbours have been today to collect all of the items and were absolutely blown away with your generosity.

The donations have been taken back to their main centre, ready to be packed into food parcels. Once again, thank you so much, your generosity is much appreciated.



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

DISCORD

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

(with a T+ 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.

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.

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.

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.

Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for the likes of Wired, Techradar, Tom's Guide, The Evening Standard, and The New Statesman.



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OCTOBER TECH CLUB

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9am or 11am - 3pm

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Questions? Email us- bolton@computerexplorers.co.uk

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<https://www.transpenninetrail.org.uk/childrens-page/>