



# PARKLANDS BULLETIN

## Week 2

### 2nd June - 6th June 2025



#### Headteacher's Message

Dear parents and carers,

This week has been another busy week of GCSE exams for our Year 11 pupils. They still have two weeks of exams left, then they are free to get themselves ready for their well-earned Prom on the 10th of July.

Years 7 and 8 have received their Summer trackers this week, followed by their review meeting with their HALs. Overall, we are delighted with the progress made by our pupils this year, and there are some fantastic trackers across both year groups. We also held an assembly for Year 10 this week to support them in their preparation for mock exams and for their transition into Year 11 in September. As Year 11 are now on study leave, Year 10 are the oldest year group in school, and we are confident that they will conduct themselves accordingly and continue to be excellent role models for our younger pupils.

Next week we will be holding our 'Meet the Form Tutor' evenings for our incoming Year 7s and their families. These are always lovely evenings, and they really help to settle everyone's nerves before the start of the new school year in September. The times are:

Monday 9th 5.00-6.00pm - Asia  
Monday 9th 6.30-7.30pm - Australasia  
Tuesday 10th 5.00-6.00pm - South America  
Tuesday 10th 6.30-7.30pm - Africa  
Wednesday 11th 5.00-6.00pm - Europe

We are also holding our annual Sports Day on Friday next week, so we all have our fingers crossed that the weather stays dry!

Mrs. Batson  
Headteacher

# Key Dates

## June

- **Monday 9th June:** Meet the Tutor Evening for September 2025 starters - Asia House 5:00-6:00 and Australasia House 6:30-7:30
- **Tuesday 10th June:** Meet the Tutor Evening for September 2025 starters - South America House 5:00-6:00 and Africa House 6:30-7:30
- **Wednesday 11th June:** Meet the Tutor Evening for September 2025 starters - Europe House 5:00-6:00
- **Thursday 12th June:** Year 9 and 10 Behaviour for Learning reports home
- **Friday 13th June:** School Sports Day
- **Wednesday 18th June:** Chorley District Sports Day for selected athletes
- **Thursday 19th June:** Year 11 Leavers Assembly 9:30 and Year 10 Mock exams start
- **Tuesday 24th June:** Parent Forum 6pm
- **Thursday 26th June:** Year 10 Wigan and Leigh College Taster Day
- **Monday 30th June:** INSET Day (School closed to pupils)

## July

- **Wednesday 2nd July:** Year 6 Induction Day and Year 10 Runshaw College Taster Day
- **Thursday 3rd July:** KS3 Presentation Evening - Invite only
- **Wednesday 9th July:** Year 7 and 8 Behaviour for Learning reports home
- **Thursday 10th July:** Year 11 Prom
- **Monday 14th July:** Learning Challenge Week, Year 10 Work Experience
- **Thursday 17th July:** Charity Football Match - Staff vs Pupils at Westway 3:30pm kick off
- **Friday 18th July:** Learning Challenge Week Festival Day
- **Wednesday 23rd July:** Year 9 End of Key Stage report home
- **Thursday 24th July:** Summer Reward Trip
- **Friday 25th July:** Last Day of the School year 1pm Finish

# Whole School Messages

**Eid Mubarak!** from all at Parklands! We hope this is a blessed occasion for all celebrating.



## Polite reminder - Dropping items off at reception

Parent and carers are welcome to drop off forgotten items at reception, however please note that we are not able to notify pupils to let them know an item has arrived. Due to the high volume of PE kits and equipment we receive throughout the school day this is not possible. However, pupils are regularly informed and reminded that they can check at the office to see if an item has been dropped off and they can continue to do so throughout the day.

Please speak with your child to let them know that this is the protocol and therefore should they forget anything, they will know where to check.

## Secure

All pupils will take part in a Secure session in form on Monday. As June is Pride month, we will be helping pupils to understand what the current law of the UK is and how to develop their media literacy in regards to stories around this topic. As usual, all resources used in the session will be available to view via your child's Google Classroom after the session.

## Year 11

We are delighted to inform you that the **Parklands Yearbook 2025** is now available to order. It is available on SCOPAY for a cost of £22.00. Orders can be placed up to Friday 20th June and the yearbooks will be available for collection on results day on Thursday 21st August.

The class of 2025 had a very different experience to the year groups that went before them, ending primary school and starting high school during the pandemic. They didn't experience the usual conventions that take place to mark the milestones of ending junior school or starting at Parklands. We hope the Parklands Yearbook will go some way to providing you with special memories and a long lasting keepsake from the end of another milestone in life - the end of 5 years at Parklands.

# Whole School Messages

## Y9 and Y11 same day detentions

Please be aware that if your child should receive a **BfL 1 or 0** they will be required to serve a same day detention after school from 3pm until 3.30pm. We hope this sanction may lead to an improved focus and better behaviour in lessons.

We will endeavour to notify you by text message should your child need to attend the detention however please be aware this may not always be possible depending on the time of day. For example, if your child receives a 1 or 0 during their P5 lesson we may not be able to notify you ahead of picking your child up at the end of the day. You can also monitor your child's BFL on the EduLink app under the 'Attendance' section.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

## Polite reminder - Uniform and Standards

A big thank you to those pupils and parents who are supporting us to uphold our uniform standards. However, we still have a minority of our pupils who are still not getting it right. Please see below some of the areas which are causing us the most issues;

Pupils' hair colour should be of a natural colour - blue and pink are not natural!

Socks should be black or navy and should not be sports socks.

False nails/nail varnish of any description are not permitted.

Makeup is not allowed nor are false eyelashes. Year 11s may wear discreet makeup.

The only jewellery that is permitted is a watch. All other jewellery will be confiscated until the end of the week.

School will be the final arbiter with regards to uniform and standards. Should any pupil continue to disregard our school policy then further sanctions will be applied.



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## Perfect 3s

Excellent Behaviour for Learning goes hand in hand with achievement. It is an excellent indicator of how your child is performing in lessons. Who's had the Perfect 3 since we've been back?

Year 7: 46 pupils to date  
Year 8: 50 pupils to date  
Year 9: 37 pupils to date  
Year 10: 47 students to date  
All: 180 students

### How many had the perfect 3 in the previous week?

Year 7: 156 pupils  
Year 8: 149 pupils  
Year 9: 136 pupils  
Year 10: 166 students  
All: 607 students

Please congratulate your child if they have the Perfect 3. All BfL scores can be seen in the Edulink app.

### How many pupils have a BfL score of 2.99 - 3?

Year 7: 140 pupils  
Year 8: 114 pupils  
Year 9: 93 pupils  
Year 10: 124 students  
All: 471 students

**Students**, please click the link to see what clubs, trips and activities are happening in school [Parklands Bulletin](#)

**Weekly Learning Support Board** - please click [here](#)

 <b>Learning Support Board</b> Week Commencing <b>9th June 2025</b>	<p>"The most certain way to succeed is always to try one more time."</p> <p>Thomas Edison</p>	 <b>Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Local Offer in Lancashire</b>
<b>Have You Heard the News?</b> <small>Welcome back after the half-term break. Of course, we've already had a busy week of GCSE exams. Biology is this morning, followed by PE this afternoon. Maths Paper 3 is on Wednesday morning. Geography, Further Maths and Music Tech are on Thursday and the week ends with Chemistry. Learning Support will be out of the office and in most of these exams but you catch up with us before 8:50am.</small> <a href="mailto:Learningsupport@parklandsacademy.co.uk">Learningsupport@parklandsacademy.co.uk</a>	<b>Joke of the Week</b>  Last night my phone disappeared from under my pillow. I think it was the Bluetooth fairy.	 <p>Don't focus on how you'll fail... <b>Focus on how you'll win!</b></p>
  <p>What is the name of this Caribbean island?</p> <p><small>Last night's answer: Barbados</small></p>	 <p><b>Follow us on Instagram:</b> <b><a href="#">p_h_s_learningssupport</a></b></p>	<b>Useful Links</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ ADDitude Magazine</li><li>■ Autism Eye</li><li>■ Autism Parenting Magazine</li><li>■ British Dyslexia Association</li><li>■ The Communication Trust</li><li>■ FIND Newsletter</li><li>■ GOV.UK Covid-19 Information</li><li>■ Headspace (Meditation &amp; Sleep)</li><li>■ KOOTH Mental Health Support</li><li>■ Local Offer</li><li>■ NHS Urgent Mental Health Helpline</li><li>■ Witherslack Group</li></ul>

# Whole School Messages

## PE Update week beginning 2nd June 2025

A great start to the summer term with glorious weather too! Remember to check out the new summer extra curricular timetable which includes athletics, rounders, cricket, flag football and tennis! Lessons outside will continue unless it is unsafe to do so. Remember, there is no need to sign up just look at the extra curricular timetable, choose an activity, bring a kit and attend!

**Tag Rugby Festival** A group of our year 7 and 8 pupils were selected to attend a tag rugby festival run by Wigan Warriors at Holy Cross. It was a great event and everyone involved had lots of fun!



**Y7 & 8 Cricket** at Holy Cross against St Michael's, Bishop Rawstone, Southlands and Holy Cross. Great attitudes shown by the team but unfortunately the results didn't go their way. Well done.

**Rounders** Great participation from our pupils at rounders! We are working hard with our feilding, batting and tactical awareness! Friendly matches are coming up to get us ready for the tournaments.



Have a great weekend!



# Whole School Messages

## KS3 Religious Studies

Welcome back! This week, we are continuing with our exciting topics in Religious Studies. Here's a quick overview of what each year group is learning, along with some questions you can discuss at home to support their understanding.

### Year 7 - **Wealth and Poverty**

- What is the Parable of the Good Samaritan about?
- What does "Love your neighbour as yourself" mean in today's world?
- Why do Christians feel they should help people in need?



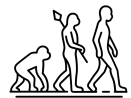
### Year 8 – **Life After Death**

- How do Buddhist funerals differ in Theravada and Mahayana traditions?
- What do these rituals tell us about Buddhist beliefs?
- Why might these practices be important for Buddhists today?



### Year 9 – **Religion and Life**

- What are Christian and Muslim beliefs about how human life began?
- How does the theory of evolution compare with religious beliefs?
- Do you think science and religion can agree on how humans came to be?



## SKI TRIP

- 5 full days with ski instruction
- Ski hire
- Boot hire
- All meals provided including breakfast on the outbound and inbound journey
- Full area ski lift pass
- Apres ski programme including bowling, pizza, ice cream & disco
- Trip hoody
- Helmet hire
- Comprehensive winter sports insurance.

**Open to years 7-9**

**The next trip will not go until 2029 so don't miss out!**

**13th February 2027**

**7 days**

**Total cost: £1590**

**Deposit: £100**



**Deposit Payments Via ScoPay**  
**Email Miss Marr more information.**

[gmarr@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:gmarr@parklandsacademy.co.uk)

**Letters available from the pavilion office.**



# Barcelona Football and Netball Tour



Saturday 23rd May – Friday 29th May 2026



The total cost of this trip is £850.

Key highlights of the visit include the following:

- 2 professional coaching sessions for netball and football
- Festival matches against other schools in both sports
- Visit to Las Ramblas.
- Evening Beach visits
- Bowling on one of the evenings is included in the price.
- Sightseeing in Barcelona including the Viewpoint.
- Breakfast and Tea - Lunch is TBC. We are awaiting information from Hotel.
- Waterpark Excursion on the final day.
- 2 x Tour tops including 1 x training top for matches/training.



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## Turkmenistan

### Country of the week



Capital - Ashgabat  
Population - 7,057,841  
Main religion - Islam  
Leader - Serdar Berdimuhamedow  
Official language - Turkmen  
Land mass - 491,210km<sup>2</sup>  
Currency - Manat

Turkmenistan is a landlocked country in Central Asia bordered by Kazakhstan to the northwest, Uzbekistan to the north, east and northeast, Afghanistan to the southeast, Iran to the south and southwest and the Caspian Sea to the west. Ashgabat is the capital and largest city. It is one of the six independent Turkic states. With a population over 7 million, Turkmenistan is the 35th most-populous country in Asia and has the lowest population of the Central Asian republics while being one of the most sparsely populated nations on the Asian continent.





### PROM - Incentive (half termly)

- BfL average 2.95 and over - 1 point
- Attendance 94% and over - 1 point
- No social strikes - 1 point
- No lates - 1 point
- A suspension will clear all points for the half term.

From today until exams finish.

You will need **18 points** to be eligible for prom.

There will be opportunities for you to gain extra points by attending revision sessions, Easter School and using Class Chart points.

Extra points available for 100% attendance and perfect '3' BfL.

## Wanted: Food Business Owners

The Peru Crew are putting together a community recipe book and would like you to donate a recipe. If you want to be involved, please scan the QR Code opposite and donate £10 to our justgiving page. In return for this, you will get a double page spread in the book featuring your recipe, a photo, and an advert for your business. We are hoping to distribute our book throughout our school community, around Chorley and beyond. If you want to get involved or need more information please contact me on [ajohnston@parklandsacademy.co.uk](mailto:ajohnston@parklandsacademy.co.uk)



# Peru Crew Sponsored Walk

Join the Peru Crew on Sat 28th June for a walk on a local route with woods, water and a small hill.

**£5 PER PERSON, PLEASE PAY ON  
SCOPAY. FOR MORE INFO, SEE MR  
JOHNSTON IN THE LIBRARY**



**Are you interested in working in healthcare or medicine?**

**Do you want to know more about careers in the NHS?**

***(spoiler alert - there are more than 350!!)***

**If so - why not sign up to the NHS 'School to Work' work experience programme, held at the LIFE Centre at Chorley Hospital.**

It's an informal look at various careers, with talks and demos by health professionals from all different areas: eye specialists, radiographers, pathologists, pharmacists and much more. You will get a tour of the hospital and get to work in the simulated wards, plus take part in lots of interactive tasks and activities. You even get a certificate at the end!

You can't do clinical work experience in Year 10, so this is the next best thing if you are an aspiring medic.

**See Miss Berry for more info ....**

**Collect an application form  
today from the Top Office**



**Limited to TEN places, so  
don't delay - apply today!**



- Considering a career in the Armed Forces or Police?
- Interested in working as part of a team to solve problems?
- Fancy an outdoor-based, hands-on challenge for Work Experience week?
- If so, why not take part in the MPCT WEX Challenge Week?

You will learn new skills, find out about careers in the armed and uniformed services, be challenged - but ultimately, have a great time.



# MPCT™



Step 1: Complete an application form (available from the Top Office)

Step 2: Meet with Staff Tasker for an insight into what to expect

Step 3: Confirmation of places and full itinerary provided

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Two great options for anyone who has not yet managed to secure a work experience placement: MPCT or NHS. Both are limited to TEN places and are always really popular, so if you are interested, see Miss Berry as soon as possible and collect an application form.





## DECIDER LIFE SKILLS FOR PARENTS



### ABOUT THIS EVENT...

JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING ONLINE EVENT DESIGNED EXCLUSIVELY FOR PARENTS! THE DECIDER LIFE SKILLS FOR PARENTS WORKSHOP AIMS TO EQUIP YOU WITH ESSENTIAL SKILLS TO SUPPORT CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE RECOGNISE THEIR OWN THOUGHTS, FEELINGS AND BEHAVIOURS, ENABLING THEM TO MONITOR AND MANAGE THEIR OWN EMOTIONS AND MENTAL HEALTH.



THIS EVENT WILL BE A PACKED INTERACTIVE SESSION LED BY EXPERIENCED PRIMARY MENTAL HEALTH PRACTITIONERS WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT WITH OTHER PARENTS, SHARE EXPERIENCES, AND ASK QUESTIONS. YOU WILL LEARN ABOUT 'THE FIZZ', HOW THE BODY RESPONDS TO WORRY AND STRESS, AND HOW TO INCORPORATE AND IMPLEMENT EACH OF THE 12 DECIDER LIFE SKILLS INTO EVERYDAY LIFE. RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW FOR THE DECIDER LIFE SKILLS EVENT AND EMBARK ON A TRANSFORMATIVE JOURNEY TOWARDS INCREASED MINDFULNESS, LESS STRESS AND MORE EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.



ALL SESSIONS TAKE PLACE ON  
MS TEAMS ON THE FOLLOWING  
TUESDAYS FROM 4-5PM

- 15 APR 2025
- 19 AUG 2025
- 27 MAY 2025
- 30 SEPT 2025
- 8 JUL 2025
- 11 NOV 2025



PLEASE SCAN FOR  
MORE INFORMATION

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TO BOOK A PLACE PLEASE SEND YOUR  
PREFERRED DATE, NAME AND EMAIL  
ADDRESS TO THE INBOX BELOW

[pmhw.mytime@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:pmhw.mytime@barnardos.org.uk)



# ONE STOP SHoP

A monthly drop-in where  
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advice & support with :

Housing

Emotional Health &

Wellbeing

Finances

Home Safety

Relationships

Foodbanks... & more

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Chorley  
PR7 1BS

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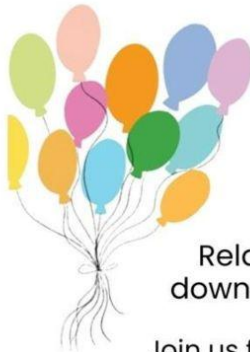
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INSPIRE  
CHORLEY  
YOUTH ZONE



## POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS STRONGER FAMILIES



**JOIN US TO TALK ALL THINGS  
POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS**

Relationships are a journey filled with ups and downs, and disagreements are a natural part of it.

Join us for our 4 week course that aims to empower you as parents to understand conflict and see how to resolve issues with constructive communication.

### **Duke St Family Hub**

**Duke Street  
Chorley  
PR7 3DU**

### **Highfield Family Hub**

**Wright Street  
PR6 0SL  
Tel: 01257 516 316**



**Contact your local  
Family Hub for  
more information  
or to book onto the  
course**







## Activity programme June - July 2025

### Activities for deaf\* children & young people

*\*Deaf includes all levels of hearing loss (mild/moderate/severe/profound) including unilateral deafness (affecting only one ear) and temporary deafness such as glue ear.*

**Sunday 15th June**

**CIRCUS STARR**

**4.00pm Performance**

**Blackpool Sixth Form College, Blackpool Old Road, Blackpool, FY3 9LR**

Tickets to this event are strictly limited and will be distributed on a first come, first served basis so please make sure you will be able to attend prior to booking on the event. All ages.

**Sunday 22nd June**

**HOTHERSALL LODGE**

**9.30am – 4.00pm**

**Hotherall Lodge, Hotherall, Longridge, PR3 2XB**

There will be a wide variety of activities. Please ensure children are suitably dressed and that you bring a towel and change of clothing. There are no catering facilities so you will need to bring a pack lunch and drinks and snacks. Please ensure you arrive on time so as not to delay the start of the activities. As this is an all day expensive event there will be a charge of **£5.00 per child**, please make payment to our bank account quoting your surname as reference and I will then confirm you are booked on. Age 5 and over.

**Sunday 13th July**

**FARMER PARRS**

**10.00am – 5.00pm**

**Farmer Parr's Animal World, Rossall Lane, Fleetwood, FY7 8JP**

There are a variety of activities that take place throughout the day so this event is flexible as regards timing and you can arrive and leave as you please. However, it would be nice for everyone to meet up for a picnic, so please bring a picnic lunch. There are lots of picnic tables and a play barn to use if the weather isn't good. I propose we meet up for lunch at 12.30pm just outside the Play Barn. All ages.

Sign Hi Say Hi! – Fylde, Wyre & Blackpool Deaf Children's Society for any child who is deaf or has a hearing loss, their siblings and families

**Activities**  
**£1.00 per child**  
*(unless otherwise stated)*  
**Under 5's are free**

To book on to the activities please contact  
07437 335 655 or email  
[signhisayhi@ndcsgroup.org.uk](mailto:signhisayhi@ndcsgroup.org.uk)

#### ABOUT US

Sign Hi Say Hi! is a charity for local families with children and young people (0-25 years) who are deaf or have a hearing loss, run by parents, carers and grandparents. Sign Hi Say Hi! is affiliated to the National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS).

We run regular activity sessions for deaf/hearing loss children/young people, their families, siblings (under 19), parents, and carers. All deaf and young people are welcome whether they choose to communicate by speech/BSL/sign supported English etc.

opportunity to be together. Parents / carers can have a coffee and have the opportunity to socialise together. Many children or young people find they are the only deaf child or young person in their school and at Sign Hi Say Hi! they are with other young deaf children/young people. We also offer new parents whose children have just been identified as deaf informal parent to parent support.

Activity sessions are held term time – most events are held Tuesday evenings 6.00pm to 8.00pm or Sunday afternoons – we try and vary where we meet up and have a range of activities to appeal to different ages. If you want

#### MEMBERSHIP

We receive no local or government funding and rely on attracting grants and donations to run the activity sessions so we have to charge for membership (£5.00 per family a year). The charge for activity sessions is normally £1.00 per child unless otherwise stated.

#### CHILD PROTECTION

Sign Hi Says Hi! takes Child Protection very seriously and has Child Protection Policies and Procedures in place. We also have a designated Child Protection Officer.

# JOIN US



## Together at Royal Cross

## KS2



*Save  
THE  
Date*

A KS2 event for deaf children on Wednesday  
16th July @ 10:00 - 11:30

All parents, QToD, TA's and other professionals are invited to bring along any deaf children in KS2 to take part in our fun activities. This will be a chance for them to meet other deaf peers in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

All are welcome.

Please ring the office or email to let us know if you would like to attend.

### Drinks Available



01772 729705

[bursar@royalcross.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@royalcross.lancs.sch.uk)





**Free Monthly Meet ups across Lancashire for Deaf children 0-16yrs and their families, first Sunday of every month. We also offer Free Family Sign courses, a Free Deaf Youth Group and private Facebook/Whatsapp groups for local peer support. Please contact our team for free membership details 🙌**

[central.lancs.dcs@outlook.com](mailto:central.lancs.dcs@outlook.com)



## DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING FOOTBALL SESSIONS

Football sessions in a fun, safe and inclusive environment for Children and Young People (male/female) aged from 4 years plus.

Older members also have opportunities to enrol on FA Referee and Coaching Courses and become future role models.

Coaches are FA Enhanced DBS Cleared and have qualifications in First Aid and Safeguarding, with additional qualifications in Deaf Awareness and BSL.

Training is 6-7pm on Fridays at Lostock Hall Community Primary School, PR5 5AS (Withy Grove 3G Sports Hub October - April).

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To enrol or for further information, please contact Imelda: [imeldasankson@gmail.com](mailto:imeldasankson@gmail.com)



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**EVERY THURSDAY 6PM & FRIDAY 11AM**

**Deafway Sports Centre**

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Preston, PR1 5BB

**Deaf Community Pickleball**



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](https://nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EMOJIS

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

An emoji like 👍 (thumbs up emoji) might seem friendly to adults, but teens often interpret it as sarcastic or passive-aggressive. These differing interpretations can create confusion or unintended tension in cross-generational conversations.

#### SHIELDING BULLYING OR PEER PRESSURE

When embedded in emojis, mean-spirited jokes or exclusionary language can fly under the radar. Terms like 'mid' or 'delulu' may seem harmless, but they can be used to undermine peers in subtle ways.

#### RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Emoji meanings can change overnight. A person standing emoji (🧑) once signified awkwardness but might now be repurposed for something entirely different. This ever-changing lexicon can leave adults in the dark and young people vulnerable to misunderstanding or misuse.

#### MASKING DISTRESS OR HARM

Some emojis are used to discreetly signal troubling behaviours. For instance, 🍂 (falling leaves emoji) or 💊 (pill emoji) might suggest drug use, while 🌵 (wilted flower emoji) could hint at emotional struggles. Such usage can obscure serious issues, making them harder for trusted adults to detect.

#### NORMALISING RISKY BEHAVIOURS

Emojis can make harmful actions seem light-hearted or fashionable. Strings like 🔥🍷 (fire + 'woozy' face + wine emoji) may appear humorous but can reference partying, intoxication or dangerous challenges, which might otherwise raise red flags.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

#### LEARN THE LINGO

Stay updated with emoji trends and definitions using resources like [emojipedia.org](https://emojipedia.org) or Urban Dictionary. Knowing current meanings builds confidence when engaging with young people and helps spot potential concerns early.

#### CREATE SAFE SPACES FOR DISCUSSION

Encourage casual chats about emojis, online slang, memes, or social media trends. Showing interest without judgement reassures young people that they can talk about their digital world openly and safely.

#### ASK, DON'T ASSUME

Approach unfamiliar emojis with curiosity rather than suspicion. A light-hearted "What does 🧑 (juice box emoji) mean these days?" can open conversation and show that you respect their knowledge.

#### PRIORITISE TRUST OVER SURVEILLANCE

While parental controls and monitoring tools can be useful, emotional safety matters most. Be someone children and young people feel they can come to – not just someone who's watching them.

### EMOJI CHEAT SHEET – The following slang terms and emojis are some common examples – please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list.

#### COMMON EMOJIS:

🤡 (Clown face) Foolishness or clowning around	🙄 (Pleading face) Over-affectionate or 'simping'
🧊 (Cold face) Cool, stylish or ruthless	👁️ (Eyes) Watching drama unfold
🔥 (Hot face) Intense attraction or excitement	🐐 (Goat) Greatest of all time (G.O.A.T.)
🧱 (Mail) Stone-faced, unbothered	👉 (Nails) Confidence, sassiness, or indifference
👑 (Crown) 'Slaying', as in doing great	🚩 (Triangular flag) Red flag; a warning sign about someone's behaviour

#### POTENTIALLY CONCERNING EMOJIS

🍌 (Ear of corn) Slang for pornography (avoids censorship algorithms)	🌵 (Wilted flower) Often used to convey emotional struggle or sadness
❄️ (Snowflake, snowman, snow cloud) Can symbolise cocaine	🐍 (Snake) Can represent betrayal or being 'two-faced'
🗝️ (Key, lying face) Related to cocaine use	💧 (Water pistol) Sometimes used to reference violence or self-harm
🍃 (Falling leaves, herb, maple leaf) Can symbolise cannabis	⚠️ (Warning) Used to emphasise drama, threats or emotional turmoil
💊 (Pill) May reference drug use or prescription misuse	🍜 (Steaming bowl) Refers to nudes ('noods' is an abbreviation of noodles)

#### Meet Our Expert

Keith Broni is a globally renowned emoji expert and the Editor in Chief of [emojipedia.org](https://emojipedia.org), the world's number one emoji resource. He has an MSc in Business Psychology from University College London and an MBA from Quantic School of Business and Technology.



The National College



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](https://nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about OFCOM MEDIA REPORT 2025

Every year, Ofcom releases its Children and Parents: Media Use and Attitudes Report, offering fresh insights into how young people are using digital platforms. The 2025 edition highlights key safeguarding concerns as children's engagement with social media, gaming, and live streaming continues to grow. This guide pulls out the top statistics from the report, focussing on the main areas of concern for parents and educators.

### ONLINE LIVES

Children are engaging with social media and online content at increasing rates:

**37%**  
3-5s

now have access to social media platforms; however, only a small proportion use it independently of parents.

**79%**  
3-17s

have a social media profile, with 16% including a public photo.

**66%**  
3-17s

watch livestreamed videos regularly, with 16% of them streaming their own content.

**POST**

### PARENTAL CONCERNS

Parents are increasingly worried about online risks:

**70%**

fear their child may see age-inappropriate or sexual content.

**68%**

fear exposure to content that promotes self-harm.

**72%**

worry about their child distinguishing real from fake information.

**61%**

worry about exposure to extreme views.

**69%** are concerned about online bullying.

### ONLINE GAMING

Gaming remains popular but raises concerns:

**74%**

of children say they play with someone they know, while 32% report playing with strangers.

**62%**

of parents worry about their children talking to strangers while gaming.

**31%**

of children who game online chat with people they don't know.

### SCREEN TIME

Screen time is still a major challenge for parents:

**70%**

of parents of 13-17s say it's difficult to manage screen time.

**33%**

of 8-17s think their own screen time is too high.

**At 29% vs 24%**

boys were more likely than girls to disagree that their screen time is too high.

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### HARMFUL CONTENT & INTERACTIONS

A significant minority of children continue to have negative feelings about social media and messaging apps:

**Nearly four in ten 8-17s** believe that people are mean or unkind to each other online all or most of the time.

**Girls aged 8-17** are more likely than boys to say they have experienced someone being nasty or hurtful to them online (31%).

**One third of teenagers** agree that it's important that people can say what they want online, even if it offends someone.

### ONLINE SAFETY IN SCHOOLS

Positively, the vast majority of children reported learning about online safety at school:

**92%**

of children aged 8-17 recall at least one lesson on online safety and most report finding them useful.

The top three topics covered are:

**63%**

How to recognise harmful content.

**63%**

How to keep personal information safe.

**62%**

Being kind and respectful online.

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# HEED THE WARNINGS

**COLD WATER SHOCK HAS SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES**

**BE  
WATER  
AWARE**





# STOP & THINK!

IT'S MORE DANGEROUS THAN IT LOOKS

# BE WATER- AWARE



## Whole School Messages

### Water Safety

As the weather is warming up it is important to re-share water safety messages and Resources. The Child & Accident Prevention Trust highlight the importance of talking to children about the dangers of water, & have some great advice and resources:

<https://capt.org.uk/child-safety-advice/>

Drowning is silent, children should always be supervised in, on and around water. The Royal Life Saving Society have key messages on being in, on and around water, as well as promoting the Water Safety Code.





## **Parklands Preloved uniform**

Pass it on, don't throw away,  
A uniform's here to save the day!  
Keep it going, let it flow,  
Helping pupils as they grow.

Please send any preloved uniform into school  
to Mrs.K O'Reilly.

Thank you.

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about...



# Free school meals



If your child qualifies for free school meals,  
they will have a **free meal** every school day

It's easy to find out if you qualify –

### Lancashire

Website: <https://lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/free-school-meals/>

### Pupil Premium

Is **additional funding** for our school to  
ensure we can support pupils  
to **achieve their full potential**