

Our value this month is:

Respect



Reminders

Please make sure your child is wearing the correct school uniform. Complete guidance can be found on the school website. If you have any questions regarding uniform, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Remember that we have plenty of pre-loved uniform in our Unicycle centre. If you'd like to access this service, please contact Mrs Browne or Mrs Tyrer via **Pastoral ClassDojo**.

Dates for your diary

- 3rd Nov- Back to school!
- 3rd Nov- Recycling Week
- 10th Nov- Anti-Bullying Odd Socks Day
- 10th -14th Nov Remembrance Week
- 2nd Dec Y2 Trip Runway Visitor Park



Catch that **sneeze**, don't let it roam,

Use your elbow, keep germs at home!

Yawn, cough or sneeze?

Don't let them fly,

Trap those germs, wave them goodbye!



This Week's Highlights

In **Nursery** we listened to the story "We're going on a leaf hunt", listened to Vivaldi's "Autumn" and learned about the season of Autumn as we explored our Forest School area. The children have also sorted the leaves that they collected by colour, size and shape.

In **Reception**, we have been learning about the celebration of Halloween. The children have carved pumpkins, created decorations, made a mask and learnt about how and why we celebrate Halloween. In maths, we looked at the part, part, whole diagram and learned how numbers make up other numbers. We ended the week with a Halloween Party!

In **Year 1** we have been taking on the role of the Big Bad Wolf and writing our letters to the villagers. In Maths we have been focussing on our addition and subtraction within 7. We have learned about some of the things we would see in London in Geography and we have been learning about the Hindu gods and how Hindu's use murtis to help them relate to their gods. We had our half term disco treat for those children whose behaviour has been good this half term.

In **Year 2** we have enjoyed tasting lots of different fruits to help us decide which flavours we want to include in our own healthy fruit smoothie. In the IT Suite we have been very busy typing up our comic strip adventure stories ready to publish and share with our families.

In **Year 3**, we have been writing a setting description about a spooky walk, adding and subtracting 3 digit numbers using games to consolidate our learning. After making our own dark dens, we concluded that opaque material kept out the most light!

In **Year 4**, we have been busy making delicious pizzas in DT. We have also finished writing our thrilling sequels to the story of The Tunnel by Anthony Browne. On Thursday afternoon, we were so pleased that all of our children were invited to take part in our end of half term disco treat.

In **Year 5** we have started to read the novel "Private Peaceful" in our English lessons and enjoyed doing a conscious alley activity where we thought about if we agreed or disagreed that Tommo was to blame for his Father's death. We also worked hard to show off our science knowledge in our science assessment all about forces, we really impressed our teachers with everything we remembered.

In **Year 6**, we have been writing diary entries all about being stranded in an extreme environment and fighting to survive, we've loved thinking about the challenges and dangers that we might face in the Amazon rainforest or the Arctic. We've also continued our learning on South America, looking at some individual countries and remembering some facts about them. We really enjoyed learning about samsara, moksha and karma in RE, and how Hindus believe in reincarnation.



This Week's Value Stars!!



Nursery: Olivia, Violet E, Oakley, Austin	Reception: Blake, Brooke, Myah, Olivia K
Year 1: Tilly P, Dollie B	Year 4: Tyler H, Varali T, Miruna B, Skyla L
Year 2: Aria H, Jacob B	Year 5: Morgann A, Jacob T
Year 3: Bailey-Rae B, George H	Year 6: Ozan K, Zoey P, Yousif A, Kimmy S

Weekly Winners

The top Reading Plus readers this week are:

Leaderboard

Top Classes - Total Avg. Reading Lessons (SR)

1. Y3NO (25/26)	19.9
2. Y5GW (25/26)	19.0
3. Y5EK (25/26)	17.9
4. Y3MC (25/26)	10.4

Well done boys!

17th October - 23 October 2025

All Boys Y3-6 43

All Girls Y3-6 18

Attendance

School Target:
96%

Nursery 94.9%	RKL 99.3%	RMC 87.3%
KS1 –	Y1PT 96.2%	Y1LA 98.9%
	Y2TE 99.3%	Y2LB 92.9%
LKS2 –	Y3MC 91.7%	Y3NO 97.9%
	Y4EH 97.7%	Y4MM 93.3%
UKS2 –	Y5EK 94.3%	Y5GW 96.3%
	Y6JM 94.8%	Y6KK 94.1%

(This week's winners are highlighted in yellow)



This Week's Learning at Home

Word of the Week:

Nursery – Autumn

Reception – Halloween

Year 1 – Murti

Year 2 – texture

Year 3 – frightening

Year 4 – hygiene

Year 5 – flashback

Year 6 – reincarnation



Ghost Tapping- What is it?

Has your phone, laptop or device suddenly begun to work on its own and press buttons? This is called ghost tapping and means a small trojan has infected your device and is taking over your screen to authorise payments, accessibility for further attacks, or change passwords and messages.

How?! - you might have received a text, email, or social media message saying something like:

“Your parcel is waiting for delivery. Click to track.”

“Your account needs verification. Log in now.”

“Download this app for faster access.”

If you clicked on the link, thinking the brand or company looked legitimate, it has been installed.



What do I do?! - Disconnect from Wi-Fi and mobile data right away. Back up your data, then run a full device reset or take your phone to a trusted technician.

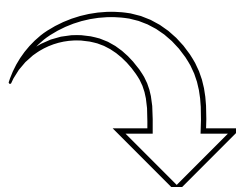
In the future:

- **Don't click links.** Go to the company website directly.
- Keep your phone operating system and apps updated.
- Only download from the Google Play Store, Windows, or Apple App Store.
- Enable Two-Factor Authentication (2FA) everywhere.
- Install a reputable security app.



Fortnite continues to reign supreme in the gaming world, drawing in millions of players with its bold graphics, fast-paced action and constant stream of new content. This guide looks at the latest developments in the game – such as themed updates, crossover characters and limited-edition cosmetics – and what they mean for young players and the adults who support them.

It also unpacks some of the key online safety risks associated with Fortnite. With in-game purchases, cross-platform communication and regular seasonal updates creating an 'always on' experience, it's vital that trusted adults understand how to help children and young people enjoy the game without being exposed to unnecessary risks.



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FORTNITE



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

Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.

