Allanson Street News

27th November 2026

Our value this month is:

Integrity



Dates for your diary

- 3rd Dec- Christmas Fayre

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**.





What have we been doing this week?

Nursery- In Nursery we listened to the story "Not a stick", we then used our 'imagination' to pretend that our sticks were a variety of things. The children particularly liked pretending to fish with a fishing rod, using the stick as a magic wand and pretending that it was a rocket. We learned about repeating patterns and used a variety of fruit and vegetables to print a face in the style of Giuseppe Arcimboldo.

Reception- This week we have been learning about how we can keep ourselves healthy. We talked about how we can keep healthy by eating healthy foods, washing and brushing our teeth and why this is all important. We talked about how during celebrations we have treats. In maths we have been learning about parts and wholes. We made healthy fruit kebabs to show our understanding.

Year 1- This week we have started look at instructions in English and how important it is to put them in the correct order. In maths we have been using rulers to measure and draw lines and other objects. We watched a performance about bullying from Altru Drama and talked about what we can do to change bullying. In PSHE we learned about the 999 services and what to do in an emergency, please work with your child on knowing their address, in case they need to ring an emergency service.

Year 2- This week we have been learning all about the Wright brothers in History. We explored the key events that led to their historic first flight and used our timeline skills to put these important moments in the correct order. In Design and Technology, the children developed their food preparation skills by learning how to safely use a knife with the bridge hold and claw grip techniques. They practised cutting a variety of fruits and vegetables in preparation for making their own delicious smoothies.

Year 3- This week we have been consolidating our learning on multiplication and division working on problems solving using money. In English, we have finished off writing our narrative about a grumpy ghost and a girl. We have enjoyed investigating how surfaces can create friction and slow an object down, we used toy cars to explore in Science. In PHSE, we used our knowledge to look at risks and considered what we should do to stay safe.

Year 4- This week we have enjoyed reading our lovely new English text 'The Barnabus Project' and thinking about how the projects were feeling during different parts of the story. In Maths we have focused on finding the perimeter of different shapes and in Science, we have learned about the function of a switch in a circuit. In Geography we have been learning about land borders and other physical features of Spain.

Year 5- This week, we have been introduced to a new text in English called 'The New Girl'. We have focused on how characters' emotions can change across a narrative as we begin to plan a letter from the point of view of the new girl. In Maths, we have started to look at equivalent fractions of unit and non-unit fractions. In History, we have discussed how Ancient Greece was made up of many different city-states, called 'poleis', which often feuded and battled for supremacy.

Year 6- This week we were so lucky to have a braille workshop with Ms Browne who taught us the history of braille and how to read the braille alphabet. We are so proud of every member of Year 6, as they have all worked their socks off in their maths assessments too!

This Week's Value Stars!!

Nursery: Austin, Talia	**Reception**: Parker, Christian, Gracie, Myli
Year 1: Esmae W, Olivia K, Elsie, Teddy K	**Year 4:** Oliver, Joseph,
Year 2: Bobby, Lilian, Leo, Bill	**Year 5:** Molly, Jessica, Amelia, Sophia
Year 3: Fatima, Katheryn	**Year 6:** Aisla-Rose, Ryley

Weekly Winners

The top Reading Plus readers this year, so far, are:

1. Y3NO (26/27)
2. Y3MC (26/27)
3. Y6KK (26/27)
4. Y5GW (26/27)



Abdulazim

Mathswhizz

Most used:

1st	Y6KK
2nd	Y6EB
3rd	Y1LA
4th	Y2TE





Attendance

School Target: 96%

KS1 –
Nursery 83.6%
RKL 97.7% RLB 92%
Y1PT 92.2% Y1LA 97.1%
Y2TE 96.1% Y2NC 94.8%

LKS2 –
Y3MC 92% Y3NO 93.2%
Y4EH 93.7% Y4MM 93.5%

UKS2 –
Y5RG 93.7% Y5GW 90.4%
Y6EB 91.4% Y6KK 91%

(This week's winners are highlighted in yellow)



This Week's Learning at Home

Word of the OlWeek:

Nursery – imagination
Reception – healthy
Year 1 – centimetres
Year 2 – immerse
Year 3 – investigate
Year 4 – current
Year 5 – naively
Year 6 – braille

Few video games have generated as much excitement as **Grand Theft Auto VI**. Set in the fictional state of Leonida, this highly anticipated crime adventure follows two criminals navigating a dangerous underworld. However, with graphic violence, sexual content, drug and alcohol use, and mature social commentary, **GTA VI is firmly intended for adults** – despite its potential appeal to younger audiences.

Even without playing GTA VI, children may encounter its adult themes through gameplay clips, livestreams and online discussions. Our #WakeUpWednesday guide explores the potential risks, including inappropriate content, interactions with strangers on other platforms and in-game spending. It also offers practical advice on parental controls, communication restrictions and starting open conversations to help keep young people safe.



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. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about GRAND THEFT AUTO VI

Grand Theft Auto 6 (also stylised as GTA VI) has been one of the most highly anticipated games of this generation, following GTA V, one of the best-selling video games of all time. Set in the fictional state of Leonida, including Vice City, it follows criminal partners Jason and Lucia as they become embroiled in a wider conspiracy. Although GTA VI is intended for adult audiences, its enormous popularity means that younger people may still encounter gameplay footage online or express an interest in playing it.

AGE RESTRICTION PEGI 18

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EXTREMELY VIOLENT CONTENT

GTA VI is rated PEGI 18 for a reason. Players may encounter weapons like guns, knives and explosives, with violence portrayed in highly realistic ways. As in previous GTA games, players may also encounter violence involving vehicles and other characters. The game is categorically not for younger audiences, with blood, gore, and intense violence clearly identified in its official content

SENSITIVE SOCIETAL TOPICS

Like other games in the Grand Theft Auto franchise, GTA VI uses satire to explore aspects of society and contemporary culture. Its exaggerated characters and situations are fictional and may be intended to challenge or mock particular attitudes rather than endorse them. Younger viewers, however, may struggle to recognise this context and could misunderstand jokes, stereotypes, or social commentary without guidance from a trusted adult.

TALKING TO STRANGERS ONLINE

GTA Online, the multiplayer experience associated with GTA V, allows players to communicate with others online. GTA VI has been announced as a single-player experience at launch, so the same in-game chat risks should not yet be assumed. Children may still discuss the game through other online platforms potentially encountering strangers, inappropriate language and adult themes.

DRUG AND ALCOHOL USE

Throughout GTA VI's storyline, drugs and alcohol form part of the game's criminal world. The official content rating identifies the use of both, while Rockstar's character descriptions reference drug runners and dealers. Earlier titles also showed substance use affecting how characters see and move around the world. Younger viewers may struggle to understand these portrayals in the context of a fictional crime story, particularly without guidance from a trusted adult.

NUDITY AND SEX

Relationships and sexual themes feature in GTA VI, while previous GTA titles have allowed players to visit strip clubs and solicit sex workers. It should also be recognised that GTA VI's graphics aim to be realistic, meaning depictions of nudity and sexual content may be explicit. Official ratings confirm nudity and strong sexual content, although details of specific scenes should not be assumed from earlier games.

OPTIONAL IN-GAME PURCHASES

As with its predecessor, GTA VI includes optional in-game purchases that use real-world money. While these purchases are not necessary to play the game, the appeal of additional content may encourage some players to spend more. Younger players may not fully appreciate the cost or how quickly small payments add up.

Advice for Parents & Educators

PARENTAL CONTROLS

Parental controls can block age-restricted games, but they won't remove GTA VI's adult themes from elsewhere online. On PS5, go to Settings > Family and Parental Controls > Family Management, select the child and choose your restrictions. On Xbox Series X|S, use Settings > Account > Family settings, or the Xbox Family Settings app, to manage age restrictions and screen time.

LIMIT ACCESS TO BANK DETAILS

Limiting access to banking details helps prevent accidental or unauthorised purchases. Avoid storing payment details on a child's account and require approval before spending. On PS5, parents and carers can set a monthly spending limit through Family Management. On Xbox Series X|S, the Ask to Buy feature can request adult approval for purchases, helping children and young people understand their real-world cost.

COMMUNICATION RESTRICTIONS

On PS5 and Xbox Series X|S, parental controls can restrict voice chat, messages, friend requests, and communication with other players. Parents and carers can limit interactions to approved friends or prevent communication altogether, depending on the available settings. These restrictions are especially helpful for reducing children's exposure to strangers, inappropriate language and adult themes through console chats or other multiplayer games.

MAKE THIS A CONVERSATION

Even if a child is not playing GTA VI, they may still watch gameplay clips, livestreams or trailers shared by friends and content creators. It's important to talk openly with children about why GTA VI has an adult age rating and discuss its violence, crime, strong language, sexual themes, satirical lens, and other mature content. Ask what interests them about the game and what they already know. Talk about the difference between fictional behaviour and real-world consequences.

Meet Our Expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 12+ years as a journalist, editor and social media expert. He's travelled the world playing video games and working with publishers and developers to fine tune their audience messaging. When he's not gaming, he can be found watching horror and sci-fi movies, TV series, listening to music or deciding which world marathon to plod around.



#WakeUpWednesday®

The National College®

See full reference list on our website

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into. Current as of the date of release: 19.11.2026