



Monday Memo Newsletter

10th February 2025



Toast Money

From Summer Term w/b 22nd April, we will be moving to a cashless system for toast. As with all other payments, this will be made available on School Money for the half term.

Unlike dinners and club bookings, the payments will close once the term starts so the kitchen can be given the register of those children having toast.



Diary Dates

Tuesday 11th February
Key Stage 2 Cross Country
Safer Internet Day

Friday 14th February
School closes 3:20pm from school

Spring 2 Term
Return Monday 24th February



Instagram Page

Please scan the QR code to find our page!



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Attendance

w/b 03/02/25

Reception 94%

Year 1 97%

Year 2 96%



Year 3 100%



Year 4 99%

Year 5 96%

Year 6 98%

Whole School Overall 97%

Target 97%

House Points

The winning team at the end of each half term wins a reward afternoon.

w/b 03/02/25 results are:

Pendle: 211

Bowland: 192

Longridge: 206

Parlick: 201

Worship Values

Our worship value this half term is Community.

In the weekly Celebration Assembly, we will celebrate 1 pupil from each class who has shown the term's value.

This term we will celebrate our 'Community Champion'.



Parish News & Events

Warm Space (coffee and bacon butties) Tuesdays 09:00am-11:30am

Supported by members of our Children's Chaplain from 10:00-10:30am



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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SCAMS AND FAKE NEWS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

"Fake news" refers to falsified or misleading material presented as a legitimate account of events. It's often used by malicious actors online to push an agenda, or even by criminals as a way of making scams more persuasive. Scammers can trick us into handing over personal information, security details and even our hard-earned cash.

"CLICKBAIT" PHISHING SCAMS

A message arrives saying "Have you seen this video of yourself?" or you might be sent an attention-grabbing headline about a celebrity that's been shared on social media. This kind of "bait" is produced by scammers to drive us to click on an unsafe link, where malware could be downloaded to our devices. These scams rely on our curiosity and our "need-to-know" instinct.

SALES, DEALS & DISCOUNTS

Some scams appear as adverts, offering a chance to buy something – such as designer products, expensive gadgets or tickets to a popular show – at a reduced price. Such plays often include a time limit or countdown, urging us to hurry so we don't miss out on the deal. This pressure encourages us to input personal details or payment information before pausing to check if it's legitimate.

YOU'RE A WINNER!

This kind of scam involves fake giveaways, opportunities or freebies. It could be a message saying we've won a prize draw or competition. Or it could be a gift, free trial, bonus credit, and suchlike. It might claim that a package or refund is waiting. All these techniques are used to prompt us to share our personal information, thinking that there's something to be gained by doing so.

FALSE FRIENDSHIPS

Scammers often pretend to be someone they're not to gain their victims' trust. They might attempt to convince any children they connect with that they're a child of similar age with shared interests. Warning signs include a high volume of messages (often with an intense tone), secrecy, inappropriate levels of intimacy, guilt tripping, emotional manipulation, threats or blackmail.

PANIC MODE

To trigger a sense of panic, scammers may claim that a child's account has been hacked, or a virus has been installed on their device, or any number of other scary scenarios. They may claim to be able to fix the problem or offer a solution – if the child hands over control of the device or sensitive information. Similar scams involve impersonating a friend or relative, claiming that they're in trouble and need help.

FAKE CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS

Impersonating influential people online is a common tactic for scammers, who can use technology to create fake photos, audio and even videos that look authentic. These can be used to convince us, for example, to buy products, sign up for so-called "business opportunities" or invest in cryptocurrency schemes – all of which are fake or otherwise malicious. Many scams also involve the impersonation of popular companies' social media accounts, as well as those of individuals.

Advice for Parents & Educators

STAY INFORMED

Stay up to date with the latest information and best practice on cyber-security. See what scam stories are reported in the news and make note of what tactics were used. Keep up with young people's digital lives: talk about what they're doing online and use properly endorsed resources to learn what risks certain sites and apps pose to their younger users.

ENCOURAGE HEALTHY SCEPTICISM

Most scams rely on emotional or psychological manipulation, tapping into our human instincts – whether that's to keep ourselves safe, help others, find answers, make friends, avoid looking out or to secure something we really want. Encourage children to recognise that pressure to act and to always consult with an adult – especially if what's on offer sounds too good to be true.

TALK TOGETHER

Chat often and openly with young people about fake news, online scams and how they both work. Encourage them to talk to you about anything they're unsure of or worried about online. If a child claims to have been scammed, don't pass judgement. Blaming the victim may deter young people from asking you for help. Remember: adults are scammed just as often, if not more.

BE PROACTIVE

Children increasingly use digital devices for education, socialising, shopping and play. Don't wait for a problem to arise before you discuss the risk of scams, false information and fake news. Highlight what to look out for and clearly communicate under what circumstances the child ought to speak to an adult. Finally, ensure that they're aware of the support services that are available to them (such as Childline).

Meet Our Expert

Dr Holly Powell-Jones is the founder of Online Media Law UK and a leading expert in digital safety, media law and young people. Her PhD investigates children's understandings of risk online. She works with schools, businesses, and universities to provide award-winning education on the criminal, legal and ethical considerations for the digital age. Visit OnlineMediaLaw.co.uk for more.



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Active Camps



Venues:

Dance - Northbrook Primary Academy
Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th February

Scooters & Bikes - Cuerden Church School
Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th February

Multi-Sports - Kingsfold Primary School
Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th February
Scooters & Bikes
Weds 19th and Thurs 20th February

Cost per day: £14.00

Cost per block: £25.00 (2 days)

For booking Visit:

southribble.gov.uk/activecamps

Drop off 8.30am - 9am

Pick up 4.30pm - 5pm

Bursary places are available



Dodgeball,
dance, scooting,
cycling, glow sport,
soft axe throwing,
archery and much
more!



All staff
enhanced DBS
cleared, also
safeguarding
and first aid
trained



With highly
qualified sports
coaches and
teachers



All children
provided with a
healthy lunch