



MONDAY MEMO

23rd September 2024



A huge congratulations to our Stars of the Week and Good Workers for last week.

	Star of the Week	Good Work
Reception	Florence L	Elsie M & Samuel B
Year 1	Jax C	Iris L & Emma T
Year 2	Grace D	Wren C-C & Eddie O
Year 3	Isaac J	Freya B & Ernie O'S
Year 4	Nell D	Rose W & Jackson L
Year 5	Brooke I	Jessie-M M & Esme K
Year 6	George L	Edith McD & Alyssa W

Diary Dates

Thursday 26th September
Year 5/6 boys football

Friday 27th September
Year 1 Reading breakfast 09:05am

w/b 30th September
Black History month

Thursday 3rd October
Year 5/6 boys football
National Poetry Day

Friday 4th October
Harvest Festival 09:30am non perishables
to be brought in on this date for children to
take to church

Sunday 6th October
Choir singing in Church for Harvest Festival
11:00-12:00

Thursday 17th October
End of term awards 09:05am
Reception Reading Evening 5:00pm

Friday 18th October
School closes for half term 3:20pm

Weekly Worship

Every Thursday 9:05am
Everyone welcome

Medications / Nut Free School

As a reminder, we do not accept non-prescription medications in school.
This includes throat relief lozenges, which are a choking hazard.

We are also a nut free school as there are several members of our community who are highly allergic. This includes hazelnut spread (Nutella) and peanut butter.



Attendance

w/b 16/09/2024

Reception 100%

Year 1 99%

Year 2 100%

Year 3 100%

Year 4 99%

Year 5 98%

Year 6 98%

Whole School Overall 99%

Target 97%

House Points

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

w/b 16/09/24 results are:

Pendle: 204

Bowland: 215

Longridge: 209

Parlick: 198

Gardening Volunteers



We are looking for volunteers to help us maintain our Prayer Garden, located at the front of school. Please inform the School Office if you are able to help in any way, biscuits and brews are ready for all our gardeners!

Worship Values

Our worship value this half term is





Parish News & Events

Coffee mornings Tuesdays 10:00am-12:00pm

Sung Eucharist for all the family, followed by tea and coffee Sundays 11:00am-12:00pm

Said Mass Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00-10:30am

At the National College, our online parenting guides empower and engage parents, carers and educators with the knowledge and practical skills to be able to make meaningful 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 FINAL FANTASY XIV

AGE RESTRICTION
PEGI
16

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

The video game Final Fantasy XIV launched in 2010, and, despite being critically panned, it saw an overhaul that has made it one of the biggest success stories in gaming. Its huge world, epic story and versatile combat system have continued to draw in new players, but there's a lot that trusted adults need to be aware of – not least the cost of paying monthly to play.

ALWAYS ONLINE

Final Fantasy XIV is an MMORPG, which stands for Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game. Much like World of Warcraft, players create a character in a chosen class and level up by completing quests to gain power and items. The game requires a constant internet connection, whether you're playing on PC, Mac, PlayStation or Xbox, and there's no option to play offline.

REGULAR EXPANSIONS

As with similar titles in the genre, players can purchase expansions to unlock additional content for the game. Those without the expansions will be locked out of certain new quests and activities, meaning that young people who play regularly will potentially have the next release earmarked on their calendar, ready to buy it as soon as possible.

IN-GAME PURCHASES & SUBSCRIPTION FEE

Users need to pay £8.99 per month to play Final Fantasy XIV, but there is a free trial. If someone stops paying, they'll lose access to their character (although they'll be able to pick up the payments again and resume where they left off). If a player forgets to cancel their payments, however, those subscription fees will continue rolling on automatically.

FREE TRIAL

VOICE & TEXT CHAT

Final Fantasy XIV lets players send chat messages in-game or speak to each other over voice chat. On the one hand, that provides plenty of choice for how those enjoying the game can interact with their fellow fans. On the other hand, however, it's easier than in many games to receive unprompted messages from a stranger, with whom you constantly share your play space.

VIOLENCE

While Final Fantasy XIV has a fairly light tone throughout some of its quests, many involve killing enemies and sometimes even wild animals. The violence isn't especially strong – more comparable to a cartoon or anime style – but the act alone may make some children feel uncomfortable, if they're not yet able to separate fictional harm from the real kind.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

As with World of Warcraft, there's an element of addiction to Final Fantasy XIV. The gameplay loop can be quite engrossing, as minutes turn into hours and hours into days while playing alone or with friends. This can potentially lead to missing real-life events, a lack of interest in any activities not related to the game and procrastination around responsibilities like schoolwork.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MANAGE PLAYTIME

Playtime limits are a great way to counter the addictive qualities of games like Final Fantasy XIV. They allow you discuss why it's still important to enjoy things outside of gaming while still letting a child enjoy playing online with their friends when it makes sense to do so. It's all well and good to have fun with a game, so long as they're able to step away and reconnect with the real world.

MAKE USE OF THE FREE TRIAL

The Final Fantasy XIV free trial is a generous one, with no limits on how long someone can play until their character hits level 70. That's easily dozens of hours for a child to go through the game, complete quests, and see if they enjoy it before purchasing expansions or subscribing to a membership. They may well move on to something else before you need to spend so much as a penny.

PLAY TOGETHER

The free trial makes it extremely easy to jump into Final Fantasy XIV and play alongside a child, provided they're old enough. Not only does that help you ensure that settings are adjusted for their privacy and safety, but it may also end up becoming a bonding experience for you both and any other family members that want to try it out.

REMEMBER, IT'S A PEGI 16

Despite its often-relaxing nature, Final Fantasy XIV carries a PEGI 16 rating for violence and drugs (although the latter is due to a character smoking a pipe on occasion). There's minimal blood, but characters can attack enemies (and other players) with weapons and spells. Take a look at some gameplay videos to see if the content is appropriate for a younger player.

Meet Our Expert

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SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY SOUTH

Do you have a child starting
primary school in September 2025
and living in Lancashire?

Closing date: 15 January 2025

You **must** apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery. Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website, or get a copy from them.

Apply for a school place now by scanning
the QR code or visit lancashire.gov.uk/schools



If travel cost is an important factor in your school preference,
please check the guidance on our website, or call **01772 532109**.

**HAVE
YOUR SAY**

*Between 1 October and 31 January schools are consulting with
you to make sure admission arrangements meet future needs.
To find out more please visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/schoolplaces
and click 'school admission policies'.*

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SCHOOL ADMISSIONS SECONDARY SOUTH

**Do you have a child starting
secondary school in September 2025
and living in Lancashire?**

Closing date: 31 October 2024

You **must** apply even if a brother or sister is already at the school. Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website, or get a copy from them.

Apply for a school place now by scanning
the QR code or visit [lancashire.gov.uk/schools](https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools)



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EMBEDDING AIR QUALITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION INTO CORE CURRICULUM LEARNING

Your school has signed up to the education resource www.cleanaircrew.co.uk, an interactive website to educate and engage children on the issue of air quality in a safe, fun environment.

There is no intention to scare and although the impacts of air pollution are potentially severe, our aim is to raise awareness in the hope of mitigating against future problems.

We are inviting parents to sign up for full access to the main site as some schools use the resource for homework activities but also because, beyond the core curriculum activities, it is our hope that the resource provides a fun platform to nurture wider engagement within families and communities on this important issue.

Your school's unique code to enter when signing up for home learning access is:

SRFMSTP

Please ensure you select the parent option when completing the form.

Once access is approved you will receive a verification email - **your username will be the email you registered upon signing up and the password will be the unique code mentioned above.** Please check your spam folder as on occasion the verification email may be sent there. Any problems, please get in touch.

We do not share your details with anyone else and they are only collected for the purpose of setting up your account. We may on occasion contact you about site updates and other supporting initiatives you might be interested in. You are free to opt out of these communications at any time. Please refer to our privacy policy on the website for more information.

Thanks for playing a part in making the air cleaner for our children and communities and we hope you enjoy exploring the resource with your young learner.

Please note: Due to Microsoft removing support for Internet Explorer, and to ensure the site remains secure and fully functional, the resource will not work on this outdated browser. It will work on all others, including Edge, Firefox and Chrome and tablet OS. Also, due to the many interactive elements including in the resource it will not function at full capacity on mobile phones.

Go to the website and click sign up



Once on the sign up page click this link



Enter your school's unique code and your details



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