



Monday Memo Newsletter

Monday 3rd March 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.

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Diary Dates

Tuesday 4th March

Reception Class Trip

Thursday 6th March

World Book Day

Friday 7th March

Year 5 Reading Breakfast
09:05am

Wednesday 12th March

Reception and Year 6 Heights
and Weights

Thursday 13th March

Year 5 Worship 09:05am
Year 5 and Year 6 Swimming
Gala

Let's Go Sing at Blackpool
Winter Gardens

Tuesday 25th March

Key Stage 2 Dance
Competition

Monday 31st March

Autism Awareness Week

Tuesday 1st April

Parents' Evening
3:30-6:30pm

Wednesday 2nd April

Parents' Evening
3:30-6:30pm
Year 1 class
worship

Monday 7th April

End of term awards

Wednesday 9th April

School Closes for Easter Half
Term 2:00pm from Church

Eco-Warriors

Today, we shared the exciting news with the children that we will be launching an Eco-Warrior club at school. From local litter-picking walks, to applying for the Eco-Schools Merit Award, we will be electing at least 1 pupil from each year group.

Please see Class Dojo for more information.

Attendance

w/b 24/02/25

Reception 97%

Year 1 99%

Year 2 97%

Year 3 99%

Year 4 99%

Year 5 99%

Year 6 97%

Whole School Overall 98%

Target 97%

House Points

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

w/b 24/02/25 results are:

Pendle: 188

Bowland: 148

Longridge: 158

Parlick: 126

Worship Values

Our worship value this half term is Hope.

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

This term we will celebrate our 'Hope Hero'



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



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 MARVEL RIVALS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Marvel Rivals launched in December 2024 and amassed a player count of nearly 150,000 in mere weeks. This player versus player (PvP) shooter packs in a host of recognisable comic-book characters, pitting two teams of six against each other. Despite the game's cartoonish nature, there are several potential risks for parents and educators to be aware of.

AGE RESTRICTION
PEGI 12

ESRB advise nobody under the age of 13 should play

IN-GAME CHAT

Voice chat allows players to speak to teammates and opponents within the game, but in a competitive environment, some conversations can become unpleasant. Text chat is equally prominent among those playing on PC and will be shown on the side of the screen. Moderation on chats is relatively lax, so it's important to recognise that potentially inappropriate messages could arrive at any time.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

While Marvel Rivals is free, there is an in-game store, selling character skins from recognisable movies and comic-book titles. Each season also includes a £10 Battle Pass (much like those seen in Fortnite and Call of Duty), offering a series of exclusive cosmetic items. These passes don't expire – but they can't be purchased once the next season rolls around, creating a fear of missing out.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With such a huge player base, it's impossible to predict whom your child will be teaming up with or playing against. They're virtually certain to run into strangers through voice and text chat, for starters. Most of these people will just be ordinary gamers enjoying the action, but there is the risk of some users behaving inappropriately with younger players – either intentionally, or because they don't realise that they're speaking to a child.

VIOLENT CONTENT

There's no gore in Marvel Rivals, and the violence depicted is comparatively cartoonish – but the playable characters available vary between more traditional superheroes and supervillains, and figures like Black Widow and The Punisher, who use more realistic firearms. Given the game's nature as a shooter, this may make some parents and carers uncomfortable as some players will be firing these weapons at each other.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The game includes some innuendoes and mature themes in the dialogue, which could expose youngsters to content unsuitable for their age, detracting from a safe and family-friendly gaming experience. As we mentioned previously, the content of the in-game chat could also be age-inappropriate, ranging from swearing to mature themes to potentially harmful content.

FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

The inclusion of iconic characters might make Marvel Rivals appear more approachable than other games in the genre, with recognisable heroes and villains like Spider-Man and Venom. This could lead to more interest from younger players, increasing the likelihood of children playing the game without properly understanding the risks.

Advice for Parents & Educators

FOLLOW ESRB RATINGS

The ESRB rating for Marvel Rivals says the game shouldn't be played by anyone under 13. Most children of that age will be able to appreciate the moral compass of the roster of characters (people can play as Hela, the Goddess of Death, for example), while also ensuring that the violence, however cartoonish, won't overwhelm them.



FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

The game's inclusion of fan-favourite characters like Iron Man and the Hulk, plus its increasing popularity, means that younger Marvel fans will likely be eager to see what the fuss is about. Since it's free, consider playing Marvel Rivals yourself to gauge how you feel about a child playing it. Alternatively, you could let them play against the game's AI in Practice Mode, until they're old enough to compete online.



MONITOR OR TURN OFF CHAT

Voice and text chat can both be adjusted within the in-game settings. If you're particularly concerned about exposing children and young people to them, however, you can disable both forms of chat in the game's settings. If a child wants to play alongside friends, remind them that they can use their console's party chat feature or host a call on a third-party service like Discord.



DISCONNECT PAYMENT OPTIONS

Parents should ensure that no payment options – such as debit cards – are linked to the game, to prevent unauthorised purchases and charges. Children can be tempted by enticing in-game offers without fully understanding the costs. Removing payment methods avoids impulsive in-game spending and instils a sense of financial awareness, teaching young people to be careful with their money.



Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Games Editor at the Daily Star and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five 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. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, he has been published on sites including iGEM, TechRadar and plenty more.



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Calling all go-getters.

Are you ready to try something new?

scouts.org.uk/join

#SkillsForLife

Did you know 1st Farington Scout Group has been inspiring young minds for over 50 years? We're proud to celebrate this incredible milestone, but we need your help to ensure the adventure continues for future generations! Scouting is about fun, friendship, and new experiences—from building dens and campfires to learning teamwork and life skills. It's a chance for boys and girls to grow their confidence, explore the outdoors, and make memories that last a lifetime. We're actively welcoming new members from all age groups to join our local scouting family. Whether your child dreams of trying new activities, making friends, or just having a great time outside of school, 1st Farington Scout Group is the perfect place to start! Come and be part of our history keep the spirit of scouting alive in our community for another 50 years!

When

1st Farington Scout Group meet every Monday and Wednesday

Beavers (6-8yrs) meet Wednesday - 18:15 to 19:15

Cubs (8-10½yrs) meet Monday - 18:30 to 19:45

Scouts (10½-14yrs) meet Monday - 19:45 to 21:15

Where

St Paul's Church Hall, Church Lane, Farington Moss, PR26 6RD

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