

Monday Memo



Monday 21st September

Autumn Term

Issue #3

Thank you FOSPS

A huge thank you to our amazing PTA, FOSPS. Thank you for all your hard work, time and dedication in making our Autumn Fair yesterday such a wonderful event. From the planning and organising, to helping on the day, we truly appreciate everything you do to support our school and bring our community together. Thank you to all our families who were able to attend and support the event. 🍁

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to the recipients of last week's awards.

These children demonstrated exceptional effort and dedication, and their accomplishments reflect the positive culture we continue to build together enabling them to thrive and flourish.

	Star of the Week	Good Work	Thankful Thinker
Year 1	David H	Opal C & Briar K	Keana H
Year 2	Ava S	Elsie M & Alexander K	Ava S
Year 3	Julie P-C	Leonardo L & Isabelle S	Arya P
Year 4	Winter-Rose Z	Eddie O & Ted N	Lola H
Year 5	Charlotte R	Annie M	Hugo O
Year 6	All of year 6	Ayda E & Niamh McD	Jackson L



Attendance w/b 14/09

Reception: 100%

Year 1: 98%

Year 2: 100%

Year 3: 99%

Year 4: 98%

Year 5: 96%

Year 6: 98%

Whole School Overall: 98%

Target: 97%

House Points w/b 14/09



Parlick: 190 points



Longridge: 110 points

Pendle: 133 points

Bowland: 140 points



St. Pauls' Parish News & Events

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

Sunday Service 11:15am - 12:00pm

Worship Value



Our worship value this half term is 'Thankfulness'.

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

This term we will celebrate our 'Thankful Thinker'.



Diary Dates

Monday 28 th September Year 4 Library Visit	Friday 2 nd October Harvest Festival 9:30am in Church	
Wednesday 21 st October Reception Reading Evening 5:15pm	Friday 23 rd October End of term awards 09:05am	Friday 23 rd October Finish for half term 3:20pm Collection from school



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

DISCORD

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

(with a 17+ app rating on app stores)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

A CHANNEL FOR EVERYTHING

While Discord is strongly associated with video games, it also hosts communities for almost anything you can imagine, such as books, music, influencers, cooking and sport. Some large servers focus on popular games like Minecraft or Fortnite, but many are private, invite-only spaces where friends or communities with shared interests can chat across phones, computers, and gaming consoles.

REAL-LIFE DISTRACTION

Like many social platforms, Discord can become a real time-sink. Although it does not rely on endless scrolling in the same way as some apps, constant messages, group chats, and voice channels can keep young people engaged for long periods, especially in larger servers. As Discord is closely linked to gaming, it may also increase the time they spend playing games.

STRANGER DANGER

Users can choose to stay within private servers with only people they know, but joining public servers will most likely bring them into contact with strangers. Many users are just friendly enthusiasts, yet others could have harmful intentions, including grooming, extortion, or radicalisation. In these types of environments, anyone can claim to be another teenager, which can make it harder for young people to judge who is safe to talk to.

A HARASSMENT RISK

There is also a risk from people a young person already knows in the real world. Bullying in the real world can continue online, and Discord servers can make this feel more intimidating, especially if someone uses anonymous or multiple accounts to carry out threatening behaviours. Because Discord works across computers, phones, and gaming consoles, unwanted contact can follow young people into online spaces that should feel safe and private.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

This huge amount of choice can help young people "find their tribe", especially when they have niche interests. However, because users can create servers around almost any topic, younger users may still encounter unsuitable or distressing content. Even in spaces linked to child-friendly games, Discord cannot directly control every conversation, image, or video shared by other users.

A MONEY DRAIN

Discord is free to use, but users can still spend real-world money on it. This may include Discord "Nitro", a monthly subscription that unlocks customisation features and larger media uploads, or purchases through the "shop" for profile cosmetics and game-related items. Small purchases can add up quickly, especially if spending controls are not in place.

Advice for Parents & Educators

USE FAMILY CENTRE

Parents and carers should make use of Discord's 'Family Centre', which gives an overview of a younger user's activity while respecting their privacy. Messages are not shared, but adults can view an activity feed and receive weekly email summaries. Discord says this is designed to support conversations about online behaviour, rather than be about constant monitoring.

CHECK, TALK, REPORT

Review Discord's privacy settings together, including who can send them friend requests or private messages. Use this as a chance to talk to them about strangers, privacy, and personal information, making sure young people know to question suspicious behaviour, such as requests to keep conversations secret. Show them how to block and report these kinds of users and reassure them that asking for help will not get them into trouble.

MANAGE TIME ONLINE

Agree clear expectations around when and how Discord can be used, especially during homework, bedtime, and family time. Encourage young people to turn off unnecessary notifications and leave servers that feel overwhelming. If Discord is mainly used alongside gaming, discuss healthy limits for both activities so that schoolwork, sleep, and offline friendships are not affected.

REVIEW SPENDING CONTROLS

Talk openly about paid features such as Discord Nitro, profile cosmetics, and in-game purchases. Make sure the young people in your care understand that digital items still cost real money. Check payment settings on the device they use, avoid storing card details where possible, and consider adding approval requirements for purchases, particularly for younger or more impulsive users.

Meet Our Expert

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