



# Adlington St Paul's CE Primary School

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## Upcoming Events

### Monday 9th / Tuesday 10th October

Y6 Bike Ability Lessons

### Wednesday 11th October

Pearl of Africa Children's Choir concert in school £1 or £2 to purchase African crafts

### Friday 13th October

Harvest Donations

Wear something green or blue to celebrate World Mental Health

### Tuesday 17th October

Flu Vaccine in school

Parents Evening

### Thursday 19th October

Y4 trip to Martin Mere

School Disco KS1 315-4pm

(KS1 can come to school in their disco clothes)

KS2 415-515pm

£1 entry plus refreshments and disco fun (all items 50p or £1)

(Thanks to the PTFA)

### Friday 20th October

INSET—school closes for half term

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# School Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, our children and staff looked incredible on Friday for our Times Tables Rock Star day.

The children had a great day and took part in a variety of maths based activities and time on TTRS (times tables rock stars) Thank you for supporting this and the effort that was made.

A reminder that our Harvest family service is in church on Sunday 15th October, all families are welcome at the service at 10.30am. On Friday 13th October, we would be very grateful for any donations of tinned or dried food. These can be passed on to your child's class teacher in the morning and will be taken over to the church.

Please can we ask all children to bring a suitable coat to school each day. The weather is very changeable, we move between the two buildings at lunch time and we aim to get the children out in the fresh air as much as we can.

As a school, we know that circumstances change or events happen in our families lives. Please remember that we are always here to offer support and guidance. Please do not hesitate to get in touch via phone 01257 480276 or email [bursar@adlingtonstpauls.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@adlingtonstpauls.lancs.sch.uk) if you need any advice or support or wish to pass on any up to date information that would be of benefit so we can further support your child in school.

Thank you as always, for your continued support and understanding.

Mrs J Burger  
Headteacher

### Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS)

All children in KS2 (year 3,4,5, and 6) have been issued with a log in to Times Tables Rock Stars. We would encourage all children to spend at least 5 minutes each day on TTRS. This has been proven to have a significant impact on your child's times table knowledge and in turn their maths learning.

In Year 4, children take part in a statutory multiplication check, whereby they need to answer questions at speed. Times Table Rock Stars prepares them to do this.

In Year 6, children take part in statutory maths assessments (SAT's), where they have 3 different maths papers; a strong knowledge of times tables and corresponding division facts is essential.

As parents and carers, we would be very grateful if you could set aside at least 5 minutes each day for your child to practice their times tables on TTRS.

Key stage 2 children also take part in weekly times table tests, TTRS is a great, fun and engaging way for them to practice for these too.

Class teachers will be able to see how often your child has been on, how quick they are able to answer the questions but also, which times table questions they are finding difficult and can therefore support them further in school.

## Attendance

Reception	95.4%
Year 1	95.7%
Year 2	89.5%
Year 3	91.2%
Year 4	98.5%
Year 5	97.1%
Year 6	93.6%
Whole School	94.7%

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## ADLINGTON ST PAUL'S HOLIDAYS 2023-2024

Term		Holiday Dates
Autumn Term 2023	<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>
	<b>Half term</b>	<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023</b>
	<b>Term Ends</b>	<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023</b>
Spring Term 2024	<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>
	<b>Term begins</b>	<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024</b>
	<b>Half term</b>	<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024</b>
<b>Term ends</b>	<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>	
Summer Term 2024	<b>Easter Holidays</b>	<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b>
	<b>Term begins</b>	<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b>
	<b>Bank holiday</b>	<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b>
	<b>Half term</b>	<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024</b>
	<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024</b>
	<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2024</b>
<b>Term ends</b>	<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024</b>	

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Term		Holiday Dates
Autumn Term 2024	<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>Monday 2nd September 2024</b>
	<b>Term begins</b>	<b>Tuesday 3rd September 2024</b>
	<b>Half term</b>	<b>Monday 21st to Friday 25th October 2024</b>
<b>Term Ends</b>	<b>Friday 20th December 2024</b>	
Spring Term 2025	<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>Monday 6th January 2025</b>
	<b>Term begins</b>	<b>Tuesday 7th January 2025</b>
	<b>Half term</b>	<b>Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2025</b>
<b>Term ends</b>	<b>Friday 11th April 2025</b>	
Summer Term 2025	<b>Easter Holidays</b>	<b>Monday 14th to Monday 21st April 2025</b>
	<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>Tuesday 22nd April 2025</b>
	<b>Term begins</b>	<b>Wednesday 23rd April 2025</b>
	<b>Bank holiday</b>	<b>Monday 5th May 2025</b>
	<b>Half term</b>	<b>Monday 26th May to Wednesday 4th June 2025</b>
	<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>Thursday 5th June 2025</b>
<b>Inset Day</b>	<b>Friday 6th June 2025</b>	
<b>Term ends</b>	<b>Friday 18th July 2025</b>	

## Useful Numbers

NHS Dentist Helpline -0300 311 2233	Mind matters - 01772 773437
Community Midwives -01257 245193	Children's Social Care 0300 123 6720
Health Visitors- 0300 247 0040	Food Bank Chorley- 01257 260050
Royal Preston Hospital - 01772 716565	Woman's Centre Chorley- 01257 265342
Chorley Hospital -01257 261222	Childline 0800 1111
Police Non-Emergency - 101	National Domestic Abuse Helpline
Medical Advice - 111	0808 2000 247
Need an NHS Dentist- 01772 325100	

## 2024/2025 Admissions

Online applications are now open for the 2024/2025 Reception intake.

Online applications can be found at [www.lancashire.gov.uk](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk) - apply for a school place.

Please contact the school office to arrange a mutually convenient time to tour St Paul's.

Tours are available on the following days:  
**Mondays** - from 3.30pm  
**Tuesdays** - from 3.30pm  
**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2023** at 10.30am  
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023** at 10.30am  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023** at 10.30am

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## What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

# AMONG US

A multi-player 'social deduction' game set in outer space. Among Us enjoyed a surge in popularity in 2020, and has since maintained a dedicated fan-base (globally around 10 million regular players each month) thanks to its unique nature, simple premise and ease of access across numerous platforms. The game's on-screen action involves on and off-camera dialogue and there are certain parallels to be drawn with some of the real-life risks that parents and carers of young Among Us players need to be aware of.

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**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

**SENSITIVE PREMISE**  
 In Among Us, up to three players can secretly kill the others. In real life, children may be exposed to sensitive content through the game's chat functions. While the concept's not too removed from traditional games like Wolf, Murder or TV shows such as The Cuckoo's Nest, some parents may feel uncomfortable about their child playing a game where deception and killing are prominent.

**VIRTUAL VIOLENCE**  
 The on-screen death of characters may be fundamental to the gameplay of Among Us, but the majority of the conversations depicting this are deliberately cartoonish and only appear very rarely. However, if a child believes in a real life scenario, it is a risk of age rating of 7 - meaning that some parents (especially those who heavily stylised they may be) could still upset some younger players.

**CHAT BETWEEN PLAYERS**  
 With up to 10 people participating in real time, a large number of Among Us players are likely to interact with fellow players who they may not know. This dialogue through the in-game chat can include anything from harmless banter to real life contact with people (including adults) who they don't know in real life.

**GOING OFF PLATFORM**  
 While Among Us provides basic services such as voice chat, many players prefer to use external services such as Discord. A notable feature of these services is that they often have more powerful chat functions. These are likely to be used by children to communicate with strangers to message them, or to create a potential route for children to have inappropriate contact - or for strangers to message them, or to create a potential route for children to have inappropriate contact - or for strangers to message them, or to create a potential route for children to have inappropriate contact.

**IN-GAME PURCHASES**  
 Among Us is free to download on mobile devices, and costs less than £5 to obtain on console and PC. A notable feature of these services is that they often have more powerful chat functions. These are likely to be used by children to communicate with strangers to message them, or to create a potential route for children to have inappropriate contact - or for strangers to message them, or to create a potential route for children to have inappropriate contact.

**Advice for Parents & Carers**

**CONSIDER SOFTER ALTERNATIVES**  
 Although Among Us is hugely popular with young gamers, it's possible that some children might find the murder theme unsettling. If a parent or carer is concerned about their child playing a similar social deduction game, there are alternatives available. On both PC and console, there are several games available that offer a similar social deduction experience, but without the murder theme. For instance, and there are several alternatives available. On both PC and console, there are several games available that offer a similar social deduction experience, but without the murder theme.

**CHAT ABOUT CHATTING**  
 If you're concerned about the possibility of your child being contacted by strangers, you could consider using a prepaid card with a set limit. Likewise, you could consider using a prepaid card with a set limit. Likewise, you could consider using a prepaid card with a set limit.

**DISCUSS DISCORD**  
 In general, Discord is an excellent app for keeping online communities together because of its use of dedicated channels for voice chat, and its comprehensive control over who can join - and who can't. If you're concerned about your child being contacted by strangers, you could consider using a prepaid card with a set limit. Likewise, you could consider using a prepaid card with a set limit.

**AMONG US, AMONG FRIENDS**  
 When your child and their friends get together, they can enjoy a private game of Among Us by choosing to 'socialise' rather than 'play'. This prevents any random online users from joining the game. If you're concerned about your child being contacted by strangers, you could consider using a prepaid card with a set limit. Likewise, you could consider using a prepaid card with a set limit.

**STOP SURPRISE SPENDING**  
 If you're concerned about the possibility of your child making an unauthorised purchase on Among Us, you could consider using a prepaid card with a set limit. Likewise, you could consider using a prepaid card with a set limit.

**Meet Our Expert**  
 Meet our expert, a former child of gaming and expert on the risks of online gaming. He has worked in the gaming industry for over 10 years and has written the book 'Gaming: A Parent's Guide to the World of Online Gaming'. He has also written the book 'Gaming: A Parent's Guide to the World of Online Gaming'.

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