



Adlington St Paul's CE Primary School

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October 9th 2023

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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

'Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart'. Colossians 3

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 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

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%

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.



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ADLINGTON ST PAUL'S HOLIDAYS 2023-2024

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

ADLINGTON ST PAUL'S HOLIDAYS 2024-2025

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

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 - 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

Thursday 19th October 2023 at 10.30am

Thursday 21st November 2023 at 10.30am

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

AMONG US

A multiplayer '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 50 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 revolves around danger, disguise and deception - and there are certain pitfalls to be aware of when playing some of the real-life risks that parents and carers of young Among Us players need to be aware of.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SENSITIVE PREMISE

In Among Us, up to three players are secretly assigned the role of 'Impostor'. Impostors are tasked with sabotaging the ship and eliminating the crew. While the game is designed to be fun, the premise of the game can be sensitive for some children, particularly those who are anxious or have experienced trauma. The game's on-screen action revolves around danger, disguise and deception - and there are certain pitfalls to be aware of when playing some of the real-life risks that parents and carers of young Among Us players need to be aware of.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

The on-screen death of characters may be fundamental to the gameplay of Among Us, but the majority of the game's action is designed to be fun and engaging. However, it is worth noting that the game's premise can be sensitive for some children, particularly those who are anxious or have experienced trauma. The game's on-screen action revolves around danger, disguise and deception - and there are certain pitfalls to be aware of when playing some of the real-life risks that parents and carers of young Among Us players need to be aware of.

CHAT BETWEEN PLAYERS

With up to 15 people participating in each game session, a large number of players may be interacting with each other. This can be a positive experience, but it can also be a negative one. The game's on-screen action revolves around danger, disguise and deception - and there are certain pitfalls to be aware of when playing some of the real-life risks that parents and carers of young Among Us players need to be aware of.

GOING OFF PLATFORM

While Among Us provides basic on-screen controls, many players prefer to use external devices such as keyboards and mice. This can be a positive experience, but it can also be a negative one. The game's on-screen action revolves around danger, disguise and deception - and there are certain pitfalls to be aware of when playing some of the real-life risks that parents and carers of young Among Us players need to be aware of.

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 the game is its 'in-game purchases' system, which allows players to buy various items such as skins, hats, and tools. While these purchases are optional, they can be a source of financial pressure for some children. The game's on-screen action revolves around danger, disguise and deception - and there are certain pitfalls to be aware of when playing some of the real-life risks that parents and carers of young Among Us players need to be aware of.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONSIDER SOFTER ALTERNATIVES

Although Among Us is a popular game with young gamers, it's possible that some children might find the game's premise or the social deduction aspect of the game challenging. Consider softer alternatives such as board games or role-playing games that are more focused on teamwork and communication.

CHAT ABOUT CHATTING

You might feel it's prudent to talk to your child about the risks associated with voice chat while playing. However, it's important to remember that the game's on-screen action revolves around danger, disguise and deception - and there are certain pitfalls to be aware of when playing some of the real-life risks that parents and carers of young Among Us players need to be aware of.

DISCUSS DISCORD

In general, Discord is an excellent app for keeping online communities together because of its use of voice chat. However, it's important to remember that the game's on-screen action revolves around danger, disguise and deception - and there are certain pitfalls to be aware of when playing some of the real-life risks that parents and carers of young Among Us players need to be aware of.

AMONG US, AMONG FRIENDS

When your child and their friends get together, they can enjoy a private game of Among Us by themselves. However, it's important to remember that the game's on-screen action revolves around danger, disguise and deception - and there are certain pitfalls to be aware of when playing some of the real-life risks that parents and carers of young Among Us players need to be aware of.

STOP SURPRISE SPENDING

If you're concerned about the possibility of your child making an unexpected purchase on Among Us, you could consider using a prepaid card with a set limit. However, it's important to remember that the game's on-screen action revolves around danger, disguise and deception - and there are certain pitfalls to be aware of when playing some of the real-life risks that parents and carers of young Among Us players need to be aware of.

Meet Our Expert

Meet our expert, a former teacher and parent, who shares her experience of helping her child navigate the world of Among Us. She offers practical advice on how to keep your child safe while playing the game.

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