



# SCHOOL NEWS

**Our Motto:**  
Believe & Achieve

**Our Mission Statement:**  
Through Jesus we love, learn and grow

## Prayer

Father God, we turn our thoughts to the 80th anniversary of D-Day and of the soldiers who fought over those fearful days. We give thanks for their bravery and the difference it has made to our lives today, that we live in freedom. We pray that people all over the world learn lessons from the past and work for peace today and in the future. We pray especially for those who are affected by the wars in Ukraine and Palestine.

In Jesus name we pray,  
Amen

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'I can do all things through  
Christ who strengthens me.'

Phil 4:13

## Lancashire Library Service Book Bus

This week our Little Explorers (and representatives from all the other classes) enjoyed a visit to the Lancashire Library Service Book Bus. We were able to choose a vast array of books, which will be available for all the children to read over the coming months. We can't wait to get reading!



## Sports Day

Both Infant and Junior Sports Days went off without a hitch today and a wonderful time was had by all. Thank you to all of you who came to offer your support.

We will put together a special supplement of photos for next week's newsletter. Watch this space!



## Staffing updates

Maternity Leave—we bid a very fond, temporary farewell to Mrs Jennings today as she finished school to commence her maternity leave. We will all miss her but wish her all the best as she prepares to welcome Baby Jennings number two into the world. Good Luck, Mrs Jennings!



Reception Class—we will be welcoming parents of our new starters for Reception Class 2024 into school on Thursday 13th June. However, they will not be greeted by Mrs Barden, as is customary, but by our newly-appointed Reception Class teacher—Miss Ryan. Miss Ryan has a number of years experience as an Early Years teacher and will prove a great asset to our staff team. She will be joined by Mrs Speck, whom some of you already know through her work with the current Reception Class.

Please don't worry, though! Mrs Barden is not leaving us but is one of a number of staff who are changing their role in September—more information to follow in the near future.



Mrs Bannister—sadly, Mrs Bannister is still unwell and will not be returning to school before the Autumn Term. Please be assured that Y2 are in very good hands with Mr Preston and Mrs Aldrey, though. The latter will also be taking responsibility for writing Y2 reports.

As before, if you have any SEN issues, please address them to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Obviously, we all wish Mrs Bannister well and hope she'll be back with us very soon.

## Upcoming Dates

Monday 10th June	All Day	Phonics Screening Y1
Monday 10th June	1.30pm	Y4 Swimming
Monday 10th June	7.30-8.30pm	Installation of new Rector (St Mary's Church)
Tuesday 11th June	All Day	Phonics Screening Y1
Tuesday 11th June	9.10am	Open the Book
Tuesday 11th June	All Day	Choir at Lancashire Sings (Chorley Town Hall)
Tuesday 11th June	4.00-5.30pm	Hi 5 Netball Tournament ( Here at school)
Wednesday 12th June	All Day	Phonics Screening Y1
Wednesday 12th June	All Day	YN/YR/Y1 Smithills Farm Visit
Thursday 13th June	6.00-7.00pm	Reception New Starters Open Evening
Friday 14th June	9.10am	Y4 Worship (Please join us)
Friday 14th June	3.20pm	PTFA Freeze Friday

## Letters Home

Y6—Hi 5 Netball Tournament Letter

Nursery/Y1—Olive Green Art Project Letter

## Sports and Social Clubs

Monday	Guitar Lessons KS2	Lunchtimes
Tuesday	Brilliant Book Awards	Lunchtimes
Tuesday	Summer Games Club EYFS & KS1	3.20-4.20pm
Wednesday	Rounders Club	3.20-4.15pm
Wednesday	<b>No</b> KS2 Choir	Resuming in the Autumn
Thursday	Summer Games Club KS2	3.20-4.20pm
Friday	Fencing Club	8.00am
Friday	Brass Club	3.20-4.15pm



# FREEZE

# FRIDAY!

**COME AND COOL DOWN  
WITH A TASTY TREAT!**

**ICE LOLLIES WILL BE FOR  
SALE IN THE PLAYGROUND  
AFTER SCHOOL ON:**

**14TH JUNE**

**21ST JUNE**

**28TH JUNE**

**£1 EACH**



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about PALWORLD



## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

In Palworld, players head out into an environment where they must craft items and survive alongside creatures called 'Pals'. In this sense, it's similar to Minecraft: fight monsters while maintaining a base. Palworld has sold more than six million copies and often has over two million people playing online simultaneously.

## MATURE CONTENT



While Palworld may look cute and cuddly, the game does have its more mature moments. For example, if you try to catch a Pal and don't succeed, the game displays a mild swear word. There are also minor references to inhumane acts like slavery when getting your Pals to perform certain tasks for you. While the presentation is intended to be humorous, this could still be seen as being in poor taste.

## VIOLENCE



Palworld has been referred to as "Pokémon with guns" and with good reason. As the game progresses, Pals can be given firearms, explosives and other weapons, allowing them to fight by the player's side. There are several moments where cute animals use these guns to kill other Pals or fight against bosses. The violence is cartoonish and bloodless, but it's present.

## SUGGESTIVE WRITING



Some of the Pals' descriptions – found in the game menu – can be very suggestive and adult in nature. The game makes a joke of balancing on the line between age-appropriate and mature content: playing on the contrast between the two while never being outright explicit. While it's possible that younger players won't notice this content, it's just as conceivable that they will.

## ONLINE PLAY



Palworld can be played with other people online. On Xbox, players can only play with people on their friends list. On PC, however, up to 32 players can share in the same game, playing in a large online world, and these players may not necessarily be known to the host beforehand. It can be quite complicated to set up these servers. However, it can be quite complicated to set up these servers (online worlds) and they cost money to keep active.

## DIFFICULTY



Despite its endearing visuals, Palworld is actually an extremely difficult game in places: defeating bosses, catching Pals and exploring the environment can all be very tricky. It takes a lot of skill – or working together with a friend – to be successful, which could be off-putting or even aggravating to a player expecting something more like Minecraft or Pokémon.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### WATCH GAMEPLAY



Watching gameplay and reviews for Palworld on sites like YouTube is the best available means of gathering information on it, second only to playing it for yourself. Currently, there are plenty of videos showing this game off to the internet at large, along with detailed breakdowns of what can be found or done within it.

### LEND A HAND



By learning the basics of the game – Pal catching, battling, crafting items and building up a base – you can help to lower the difficulty for younger players. This, in turn, decreases the likelihood that such players will need to look online for tips and tricks, where they could quite easily stumble across more violent and mature content associated with the game.

### SET CONTENT LIMITS



As Palworld is available on Xbox Game Pass, it's easy for players to access it. Any player subscribed to this service can simply find the title on Game Pass and hit the download button. If a child or young person isn't allowed to play Palworld, the best way to prevent them downloading it regardless is to enable age limits on their account. Setting the limit below 12 will not allow users to install Palworld.

### PLAY TOGETHER

By playing Palworld yourself, you'll have the best chance of catching any content that you don't think is suitable for children, as well as getting an idea of how violence is presented in the game. The conflict is cartoonish in nature – until players and Pals unlock the ability to use guns, at which point it can become more intense. It's likely best for you to give it a look and form your own opinion.



### PLACE BOUNDARIES

Limit options when it comes to online play. For players on PC, they'll still be able to cooperate with friends through the game's multiplayer option, much like Xbox users. Just because they have the option to run a dedicated server that's open to anyone doesn't mean they need to take it. The risks of interacting with strangers can be significantly lowered or even eliminated entirely by playing on servers which are restricted to friends only.



## Meet Our Expert

Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon, Lloyd Coombes has worked in the games media industry for five years. He's played every Tekken title since the series began and, as a parent, also values the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.

