

Monday Memo



Monday 22nd June

Summer Term

Issue #34

Water Safety

Following recent tragic incidents involving water, this is an important reminder of how quickly situations can change. As the weather gets warmer, more children and young people are spending time around rivers, lakes and the coast, increasing the risk of harm.

Even on hot days, open water can be dangerously cold, and conditions are often unpredictable.

Children and young people may not always recognise these risks, so it's vital that key safety messages are shared.

Key water safety messages

- Stop and Think: Check for hidden hazards such as deep water, currents and cold temperatures ⚠️
- Stay Together: Never go into or near water alone; choose areas with lifeguards where possible 👫
- Call 999 in an emergency: Ask for the Coastguard at the coast, or Fire & Rescue if you are inland 📞
- Float – If you fall in, stay calm, float on your back and control your breathing 🌊



In an emergency:



Cold water shock Many recent incidents have involved cold water. Even strong swimmers can be affected. Sudden immersion can cause panic, loss of breathing control and reduced ability to swim.

If you fall into water:

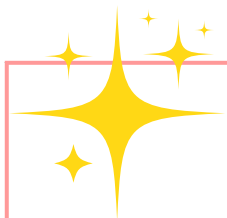
- Try to stay calm: The effects of cold water shock usually pass within the first minute
 - Float on your back to regain control of your breathing
 - Once calm, call for help or swim to safety if possible

A Life-saving skill: Float to Live Teaching children how to float could save a life:

- Tilt your head back with ears in the water
- Relax and breathe slowly
- Move hands and feet gently to stay afloat



Diary Dates



Monday 22nd June Whole class photographs	Wednesday 24th June Dance from the Heart Roadshow	Friday 26th June Year 1 Reading Breakfast 09:05am	Sunday 28th June FOSPS Colour Run
Thursday 2nd July Year 5 Class Worship Transition Day for all classes	Friday 3rd July Year 1 Trip	Saturday 5th July St. Paul's Church Summer Fayre (See poster below)	Tuesday 7th July Year 4 Class Trip SATs Results Key Stage 2 Production 6:00pm - 7:00pm
Wednesday 8th July Year 2 Class Trip Key Stage 2 Production 6:00pm - 7:00pm	Thursday 9th July Reception Class Worship 09:05am	Tuesday 14th July FOSPS Disco Key Stage 1 1:30pm Key Stage 2 2:15pm	
Thursday 16th July Whole School End of Term Awards 09:00am - 09:30am in school hall Year 6 Leaver's Awards 10:30am - 11:30am in school hall	Friday 17th July End of term service at St. Paul's Church 1:30pm - 2:00pm Collect from church		





St. Pauls' Parish News & Events

Tuesdays 09:00am—11:30am

Warm Space (coffee and bacon butties)

Attendance w/b 15/06

Reception: 99%

Year 1: 90%

Year 2: 97%

Year 3: 98%

Year 4: 88%

Year 5: 100%

Year 6: 97%

Whole School Overall: 96%

Target: 97%

House Points w/b 15/06

Parlick: 162

Longridge: 93



Pendle: 170



Bowland: 105

Worship Values

Our worship value this half term is 'Respect'.

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 'Respectful Rising Star'.





St. Paul's Farington Moss

Summer Fayre

Sunday 5th July

12.30pm – 2.00pm

Raffle - First Prize £100

Drawn at 1.30pm by

The Worshipful Mayor of South Ribble

Tombola Cake Stall Bric-a-Brac

Food & Drink Local Crafts

And much more...

Free Entry





Wild about the outdoors? So are we.

[Scouts.org.uk/join](https://scouts.org.uk/join)
#SkillsForLife

Squirrels.

The youngest branch of the Scouts' family tree. Where 4-6 year olds can join in too.

This is an age when minds are fizzing, when energy and curiosity levels are sky high, when little lives are full of wow and wonder.

Start your adventure today.

We hold our Squirrel meetings at our Scout group

**St Pauls, Church Hall, Church lane
Farington Moss**

We meet on Mondays 4.30pm to 5.30pm

**If you would like to know please come along
and speak to me on any Monday night**

If you would like your son / daughter to join us
and would like further details please contact me.

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YOUTUBE

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Almost anyone with an internet connection knows about YouTube. The Google-owned platform allows users to upload and share videos globally, making it a readily accessible resource with free content on almost any topic. However, with over 20 million videos uploaded each day, not all material is suitable for younger audiences.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed across multiple device types, even without an account. While some videos are marked as 'age restricted', this relies on uploader honesty and automated moderation, meaning children and young people may still encounter unsuitable content if these measures aren't taken.



TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

Popular trends and challenges can be entertaining and widely shared. While many are harmless, some can be risky or harmful if copied. For example, the 'salt and ice challenge' has caused injuries when imitated.



EXPOSURE TO EXTREME CONTENT

The platform's algorithm often promotes content that attracts high engagement, which can sometimes include videos containing extreme viewpoints, misinformation, or risky behaviour. As children and young people watch more of this content, similar videos are likely to be recommended by YouTube's algorithm, therefore reinforcing the exposure.



CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

YouTube includes social features such as comments and direct messaging. This means young users can interact with people they don't know, potentially exposing them to inappropriate language, cyberbullying, or unwanted contact. Young content creators may be especially vulnerable.



SUGGESTED CONTENT

YouTube recommends videos based on what a user has previously watched. While this can enhance the experience, it may also encourage binge-watching and excessive screen time, particularly when Autoplay is enabled. Without an account, users are shown trending videos, which are not always age appropriate.



SHORT-FORM CONTENT IMPACT

YouTube Shorts – short, fast-paced videos – are designed for continuous viewing. This style of content can be highly engaging but may also contribute to increased screen time and difficulties with maintaining focus over longer periods.



Advice for Parents & Educators

CONSIDER YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids can help reduce young users' exposure to unsuitable content by filtering videos into age groups, such as preschool, younger, and older children. However, as moderation is automated, it should be used alongside active supervision.



CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

If a child in your care uploads content, consider setting videos to Private or Unlisted so they are only shared with trusted viewers. Disabling comments can also help reduce unwanted interaction from strangers.



USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Google Family Link allows adults to filter content, monitor usage, and manage younger users' screen time. Supervised Accounts offer a gradual step up from YouTube Kids, enabling children to explore the platform with appropriate safeguards.



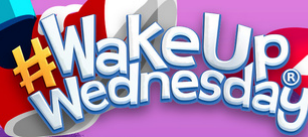
WATCH TOGETHER

Spending time watching YouTube with the children and young people in your care can help you understand what they enjoy and guide your conversations about content. Tools like Downtime in Family Link can also help limit unsupervised viewing.



Meet Our Expert

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