



Churchfield C.E. Primary Academy

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Friday 7th November 2025

Next Week

Dates of future events are at the end of the letter

Monday	Anti-Bullying Week Odd Socks Day	
Tuesday	Swimming for Year 4 and Year 5 Year 6 representing Churchfield at Armistice Day Commemorations in town	
Wednesday	Individual and sibling group photographs Young Voices Choir - lunchtime with Miss Hall	
Thursday	9am Reception parents phonics session TT RockStars Club for Year 4, 5 and 6 - lunchtime with Mr. Ansell	
Friday	Early Years Nursery Rhyme Dress-up day Celebration Assembly for invited parents 3pm	

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back after the half-term break. I hope everyone had a good week off. It has been a pleasure to see the focus and effort from the children this week.

Words of the Week

Caterpillars	bonfire		
Butterflies	United Kingdom	senses	subtract
Dragonflies	Bonfire	material	addition
Squirrels	United Kingdom	reflect	compliment
Robins	continent	appliance	rounding
Kingfishers			multiplication
Stags	Non-renewable energy	space age	divisor

INSET Day - Monday 23rd February 2026

We have now set our last INSET day of the year for Monday 23rd February 2026. School will be closed on that day, meaning children will return from the half-term break on Tuesday 24th February. There is another INSET day already set for Friday 19th June 2026.

Anti-Bullying Week Odd Socks Day



Next week is Anti-bullying week and we will be using lots of the resources from the Anti-bullying Alliance with the children during the week.

We will also be joining in with Odd Socks Day on Monday - it's easy to take part. Just wear normal school uniform but with odd socks! No need for any donations, it's all about raising awareness.

If you have anything you would like to discuss further, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours Faithfully

Mr G Lloyd
Head of School

Value of the Month: **Service**

Jesus said that he 'came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.' Serving God means serving others. It also means that we cannot serve other masters as well - such as money. However, the Christian message is equally clear that service is not all about restrictions. It is precisely in a life of service that we become most truly free.

Mark 10:45

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Upcoming dates

Monday 17 th November	Scholastic Book Fair Week
Friday 28 th November	Christmas Hamper non-uniform day
Wednesday 3 rd December	Panto at Rose Theatre
Thursday 4 th December	Christmas Discos
Tuesday 9 th December	Early Years Nativity Performance
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 17 th December	KS1 Christmas Performance
Thursday 18 th December	Carol Service at St Augustine's
Friday 19 th December	Break up for Christmas holiday
Monday 5 th January 2026	Children return to school



CHRISTMAS HAMPERs

This year we are hosting a non uniform day in return for Christmas themed donations for us to create Christmas Hampers.

Friday 28th November 2025

Hampers will then be raffled off - text reminder to follow once tickets are available.

Christmas chocolates, sweets, biscuits, nuts, socks, drinks, bath bombs, books, toys, gifts, colouring books, mugs and gift sets etc.

(If you are donating alcohol please bring straight to the school office or hand to teachers)

Christmas

DISCO!



THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2025

Nursery, Reception & Y1 - 3.30pm - 4.15pm
Year 2 to Y6 - 4.30pm - 5.30pm

Tickets are £2 each and includes a drink
and snack.

Please purchase your ticket from the
school office in cash.

Many Thanks



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Places are limited



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about FORTNITE



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With over 650 million registered users, Fortnite remains one of the most played and discussed online games globally. Known for its vibrant graphics, fast-paced gameplay, and cultural crossovers with everything from music artists to superhero franchises, the game continues to capture the attention of young people. This guide outlines the risks trusted adults need to know about, including game updates, and offers practical safety tips to help address them.

ALWAYS ONLINE

There's no single-player, offline mode in Fortnite; it can only be played online. Internet access can sometimes be an issue when you're out and about, both in terms of connectivity and using up data. You may find that dedicated, young Fortnite players are often less enthusiastic about family time or trips away – such as days out and holidays – than you might expect.

IN-GAME COSTS

Fortnite is free to download and play, but it does offer various additional purchases – limited-time cosmetic 'skins', music tracks, LEGO items, and battle passes. Children can feel pressured to spend money on V-Bucks – the in-game currency – to avoid missing out, particularly as exclusive items rotate frequently. Some items may not return to the store for years, while Battle Pass rewards are often "gone when they're gone".

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

There's no avoiding that Fortnite is about shooting other players to eliminate them from the contest. That said, there's no blood or gore. The violence is rendered in a cartoonish style, and there are frequent comical touches to lighten the mood, such as mini-games and emotes. Guns and other weapons often look and behave realistically, so discretion is advised. Past seasons have introduced characters and references from mature franchises like *The Witcher* and *Halo*.

CROSSPLAY AND PARTY CHAT

Fortnite is popular with many gamers of various ages. Crossplay allows friends to play with each other, regardless of whether they're on an Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo Switch or PC, while the Party Chat feature allows them to talk to each other during the game. This can put youngsters at risk of exposure to strangers, inappropriate language, and cyberbullying.

FREQUENT UPDATES

Seasonal releases introduce new map changes, gameplay mechanics, and cosmetics. Ongoing updates can increase screen time and potential for obsession as children try to unlock rewards before the season ends. These regular renewals help to hold players' interest, but also give young gamers plenty of reasons to keep coming back. Seasons often change thematically.

POP CULTURE REFERENCES

Part of Fortnite's appeal is its ongoing crossovers with other popular franchises, ranging from films and TV shows like *Power Rangers* and *Avatar: The Last Airbender*, to comic book characters including *Batman*. Other collaborations with series, artists, and influencers may expose children to music, language, or ideas that are more suitable for older audiences.

Advice for Parents & Educators

DISCUSS SAFE SOCIAL INTERACTION

Talk with children about who they're playing with online. Coordinate play time with the child's friends for socialisation and safety in numbers. Encourage them to avoid private voice chats with strangers and remind them not to share personal information. Use real-life examples to explain potential risks, and remind them that if they see something concerning, they should tell a trusted adult.

ENJOY FORTNITE TOGETHER

Fortnite also offers split-screen gameplay, meaning that two people can play simultaneously on the same console or computer. This can be a good option for siblings or for when a child's friends visit, but it also offers an opportunity for parents to do something fun with their child, while making sure they're playing the game safely. Who knows? You might even teach them a thing or two!

SET SPENDING LIMITS

Fortnite's rotating store is a not-so-subtle mechanism for coaxing players into buying sought-after items before they disappear for weeks or months. This could lead to surprise transactions on bank cards if children are tempted into an impulse purchase. Parents could consider getting a prepaid card for the child or ensuring that purchases require adult authorisation. This can be done through parental settings on a console or account settings in the Epic Games app on PC.

BE WARY OF SCAMS

The immense popularity of Fortnite with younger audiences – that are generally more trusting – means there's no shortage of scammers looking to fraudulently obtain passwords and other personal data through techniques like phishing. As the developers point out on many of Fortnite's loading screens, they never ask for a player's account password outside of the game. Make sure any young player knows this.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is an experienced freelance writer and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for seven years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.

