

# Newsletter No. 6

## Monday 14th October 2024

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Please note that this Leisure Centre timetable is for the week beginning Monday 14th October and continuing for a few weeks.

Whitworth LEISURE CENTRE Fit For The Community		Weekly Timetable						
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
GymStudio	Gym open 9am - 9pm	Gym open 9am - 9pm	Gym open 9am - 9pm	Gym open 9am - 9pm	Gym open 9am - 9pm	Gym open 9pm - 5pm	Gym open 10am - 3pm	
	Peggy's Pilates 7:30pm - 8:30pm	Rachael's Pilates 6pm - 7pm	Rachael's Pilates 6pm - 7pm	Peggy's Pilates 9:30am - 10:30am				
		Rachael's Pilates 7pm - 8pm	Rachael's Pilates 7pm - 8pm					

Studio space available to rent.  
Email all enquiries -  
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Well done to Years 5 & 6 on their Bikeability training! We were really proud to have one of the instructors report that our Year 6 children were the best behaved group she has taught in years. Keep it up Year 6 and you'll have the best possible year!

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Pool	General swim (+1 lane) 10am - 1pm	General swim (+1 lane) 10am - 12:30pm	General swim (+1 lane) 10am - 7pm	General swim (+1 lane) 10am - 7pm	Aqua Tai Chi 9am - 10am	General swim (+1 lane) 9am - 12pm	General swim (+1 lane) 10am - 12pm
	School swimming	School swimming			General swim (+1 lane) 10am - 12:30pm	Family fun session 12pm-2pm	
	General swim (+1 lane) 3:30pm - 7pm	General swim (+1 lane) 2:30pm - 6:30pm	Adult only swim (+3 lanes) 7pm - 9pm	Adult only swim (+3 lanes) 7pm - 9pm	School swimming	General swim (+1 lane) 2pm - 7pm	Bookable party slot • 2pm • 3pm • 4pm
	Adult only swim (+3 lanes) 7pm - 9pm	Swimming Club			Adult only swim (+3 lanes) 7pm - 9pm	Bookable party slot • 2pm • 3pm • 4pm	

**Pool safety ratios**

- Under 5s - 1 adult to 1 child
- Ages 5 - 8 years - 1 adult to 2 children
- Age 8 to 15 years - No adult supervision providing the child is a competent swimmer.
- Age 16+ no supervision required.

**Floating soundbaths**  
Every 2 months  
Message the page for information



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In the forest last week, Red Class played the blind caterpillar game. Pink Class had a go at making a fire together.



We will be selling poppies for the Royal British Legion from Monday 28th October which is the first Monday back after half term.

Poppies and stickers will be sold for a suggested donation of 50p and the other items will be sold for a suggested donation of £1.



# STAR PUPILS

- ★ Nursery: Eve A.
- ★ Green Class: Ava O.
- ★ Pink Class: Molly G.
- ★ White Class: Aria C.
- ★ Red Class: Louie H.
- ★ Yellow Class: Bella R.
- ★ Orange Class : Leo G.
- ★ Lime Class: Erin H.
- ★ Turquoise Class: Sophia B.
- ★ Gold Class: Felicity R.
- ★ Purple Class: Eydi T.

# HOUSE POINTS

Ash: 316

Oak: 290

Hazel: 323

**Willow: 349**

Well done

to the Willow Team who are this week's winners!

# ATTENDANCE

We aim for at least 97% attendance each week; here are the attendance figures for last week:

	Yellow Class:	97%
Green Class:	95.4%	Orange Class: 98.9%
Pink Class:	98.3%	Lime Class: 100%
White Class:	93.8%	Turquoise Class: 97.1%
Red Class:	97.3%	Gold Class: 97.9%
	Purple Class:	95.2%

**Our overall school attendance figure for week ending**

**Friday 4th October 2024 is 96.1%**

# FRIENDSHIP AND KINDNESS AWARD



**Billy P.**

For being a kind and patient friend. It really means a lot  
Billy – well done!





# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about IN-GAME CHAT

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Video games are continuing to grow in popularity – including, of course, among children and young people – and the emergence of gaming communities has been accelerated by the inclusion of chat functionality across many different titles. While in-game chat isn't inherently a bad thing, it can create some concerns about online safety and the people that children might be interacting with.

## DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHAT

There are a number of ways that gamers commonly chat with one another online. As the name would suggest, in-game chat happens within the game itself. There's also party chat, a group voice conversation that console users can have with anyone on the same platform. This tends to be more commonly used by players who already know each other. Finally, many gamers – especially on PC – will chat via a third-party app such as Discord.

## CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Whether it's text- or voice-based, in-game chat is frequently open to all players to use. Many games default to making it an opt-in function, but some don't, meaning a child could start seeing messages within the game from people they're playing with, regardless of whether they know those individuals or not. While most strangers won't necessarily have ill intent, there are some who may behave inappropriately when chatting to a child – intentionally or otherwise.

## DANGER OF GROOMING

It's been reported that some young gamers have encountered older players online who pretend to be a lower age to manipulate children, sending gifts in exchange for chatting and sending photos. Just as on any messaging platform, it's good to advise young people to avoid speaking to strangers; emphasize that they shouldn't accept gifts from anyone online that they don't know.

## BULLYING AND ABUSE

While some in-game chat can turn toxic because of how a match plays out, others turn that way because of people who engage in trolling – in essence, behaving in an offensive and abusive way simply to cause pain or get a rise out of whoever they're talking to. These 'trolls' often lean on racial slurs, anti-LGBT sentiment and other hateful rhetoric; they normally feel most confident preying on younger, more impressionable gamers.

## POTENTIAL FOR PRIVATE CHAT

If a player would like a re-match with a stranger after meeting them in the game, they can send a friend request, or use the party chat together in the future. For the most part, this is harmless – but it might lead to messages being exchanged in private. This could then escalate to the sharing of private information, and potentially attempts to manipulate or scam younger players.

## COMPETITIVE ATMOSPHERE

Certain games are very competitive, and players can sometimes get upset if they feel a teammate is underperforming, an opponent won unfairly, or they're just a bad loser. This can lead to unpleasant messages that stray away from playful 'trash talk' and wander into the territory of bullying. Some players have been known to get incredibly abusive in situations like this, and the impact of this on a young gamer's emotional wellbeing could be severe.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### LOCK-DOWN IN-GAME CHAT

In-game chat can often be disabled in the game's settings, this allows children to play without risk of contact from strangers – but it will need to be done in each individual game. Text chat appears in the corner of the screen in many titles, so it's normally easy to take a quick glance and see what's being said. With voice chat, explain to children what behaviour is inappropriate, so they can spot the dangers themselves.

### REPORT POTENTIAL OFFENDERS

Most games offer a robust means of reporting other players, so you can flag an account as potentially harmful. This normally leads to the account not being matched with yours in the future and, if that person's conduct breaks any of the game's rules, they may be banned from playing entirely. This is done within the game itself, so each title has a slightly different process, but these tend to be designed for simplicity.

### CONSIDER OTHER CHAT OPTIONS

If a child wants to play with people they know, consider using party chat or a third-party service like Discord. This allows everyone involved to chat on a private server and even enjoy each other's company while playing different games. It's also far more secure, as anyone looking to join will need to request and be granted access – normally by whoever is hosting the chat.

### COMMUNICATION IS KEY

Make sure children understand the differences between being competitive and being abusive. Talk about what constitutes unusual or inappropriate behaviour from strangers online. Be clear that if anything ever concerns or worries them, they should tell a trusted adult as soon as possible. Empower children to identify the risks of in-game chat for themselves and reassure them they won't get in trouble for seeking help if anything goes wrong.

### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Editor in Chief of GGRecon and has been working in the games media industry for five years. He's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his work has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.

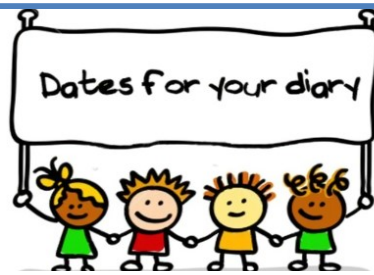


#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page 46, [nationalcollege.com/guides/in-game-chat](https://nationalcollege.com/guides/in-game-chat)





Please remember to visit our website for long term dates. Thank you.

**Monday 14th October:** Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Workshop– 2:30pm & 5pm.

**Tuesday 15th October:** Red Class Parents' assembly– 9am.

**Tuesday 15th October:** School photographer in-individual & sibling photographs.

**Thursday 17th October:** Non-uniform day.

**Thursday 17th October:** School discos– Reception-Year 3 disco– 3:45-5pm.

Years 4-6 disco– 5:15-6pm.

**Friday 18th October:** Last day of Autumn Term 1.

**Monday 28th October:** Autumn Term 2 begins.

**Monday 28th October:** Pumpkin Competition closing date.

**Tuesday 29th October:** Gold Class library & geography trip (9am).

**Tuesday 29th October:** Purple Class library & geography trip (1:30pm).

**Thursday 31st October:** Reception open morning.

**Thursday 31st October:** Turquoise Class library & geography trip (1:30pm).

**Friday 1st November:** Flu immunisations-Nursery to Year 6.

**Friday 1st November:** Purple Class swimming lessons begin.

**Monday 4th November:** Parents evening– 3:45– 6:15pm.

**Thursday 7th November:** Parents evening– 3:45-6:15pm.

# School Holiday/Term Dates 2024-25



September 2024							October 2024							November 2024							December 2024						
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	<b>Training days (children do not attend school)</b>
	<b>Holidays</b>