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# Hapton's Weekly News

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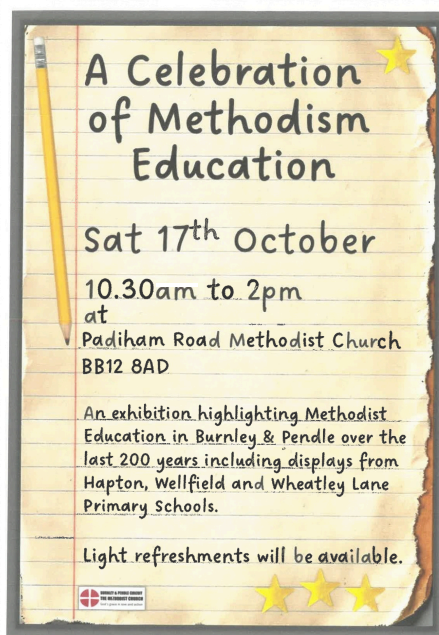
Our Christian Value this half term:

**Thankfulness**

Thankfulness helps us to see the good things in each day. We encourage our children to be thankful for their families, friends, learning, and the many blessings God gives us. Through class worship, lessons, and play, we learn to say "thank you", show kindness, and appreciate others. By living out this value, our children help make our school a happy, caring, and respectful place for everyone.

### Dates for the diary!

- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October- Year 4 swimming.
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October- Celebration Assembly!
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - Friday 30<sup>th</sup>- HALF TERM!



**From Tuesday, 3rd November 2026 Burnley Music Centre will be offering drum lessons with Joanne Woodhouse between 4pm and 8pm on Tuesday evenings during term time.**

**Should any students be interested please [victoria.fletcher@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:victoria.fletcher@lancashire.gov.uk) and she will get back to you.**



### School Photographs!

On Wednesday 18th November, Tempest Photography will be coming into school to take the children's photographs.



Parents who would like their children to have photographs taken with siblings who do not attend Hapton should bring all children to the school office at 8.15am. All other children will have their photographs taken individually and with their siblings in school, once they have been registered.

These photographs make wonderful presents!

| <div>  <h2>Achievements!</h2> </div> |          |          |             |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|-------------|
|                                                                                                                       | Star     | Star     | Value       |
| Class 1                                                                                                               | Isabelle | Hunter   | Elijah F    |
| Class 2                                                                                                               | Eddie    | Elijah A | Ava         |
| Class 3                                                                                                               | Theo     | Aimee    | Luke        |
| Class 4                                                                                                               | Austin   | Milly    | Harper-Rose |

**Attendance winners- Class 1, well done!! 🏆**

### Parent Information

| <u>Menu</u>                                                                   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| School dinners for week commencing 19th October are:                          |
| <b>Monday-</b> Chicken Pitta Pockets, Pasta & Tomato Sauce or Jacket Potato   |
| <b>Tuesday-</b> Fishcakes, Cheese Whirl or Jacket Potato                      |
| <b>Wednesday-</b> Honey Roast Gammon, Tomato & Mascarpone Pasta or Sandwiches |
| <b>Thursday-</b> Chicken Curry, Summer Picnic or Jacket Potato                |
| <b>Friday-</b> Hot Dog, Pizza or Sandwiches.                                  |

AGE RESTRICTION  
**18+**

What parents need to know about

# GRAND THEFT AUTO (GTA)

**grand theft auto**

Grand Theft Auto is an action-adventure video game series where players control criminals and wreak havoc in order to complete missions and progress through the game. During the early stages of the game, it solely focuses on completing missions to go up a level. However, as the game grew more popular the makers of GTA decided to introduce a narrative to each edition of the game. The aim of this was to increase user engagement, making gamers believe that they weren't just playing as the character, but they became the character. Grand Theft Auto is accessible on a number of devices including: PlayStation and Xbox, desktop computers, PSP, Nintendo DS, and Mobile.



## Top Tips for Parents

### THE RISK-PLAYING WITH STRANGERS

When buying GTA V you automatically have access to Grand Theft Auto Online, a version of the game that allows players to play online. They can play alone, invite players to a game, or be involved in public 'sessions' where people will be picked at random to play. When you first load into a game you are automatically placed into an open lobby, meaning you play with random people. The 'social club' is GTA's very own social platform where users can bet money, share in-game photographs (which users can like and comment on), and even message other users directly.

#### What parents can do

To prevent your child playing with strangers on the game, you can change the settings to ensure they only play with their approved friends list. Upon signing up to the 'social club', it automatically sets a player's visibility settings to 'everyone', meaning their name and profile information is made public. Parents can alter this by changing the visibility settings to 'only me'.

### WARNING!

Due to the nature of the game and the age restrictions, GTA includes content that is inappropriate for anyone under the age of 18, including sex, nudity, violence, profane language, and substance abuse. These are the main components that make up the game - you have to do certain things and witness certain things in order to move on in the game. Exposing your child to this type of content could affect their morals and understanding of right and wrong. Additionally, your child could become desensitised to similar situations, reinforcing the fact they they would find it hard to differentiate between right/wrong and good/bad.

### THE RISK-ONLINE HACKERS

Hackers can make money by helping users cheat in the game. They can do a number of inappropriate things, including killing people, stealing weapons, spawning money into the game, and even raping other characters. Spawning money tends to be a gamer's most popular choice, being able to buy \$100,000,000,000 (of in-game currency) for as little as five US dollars.

#### What parents can do

Actively monitor your child's online activity. These websites are very easy to find, meaning children and young people can easily navigate their way to these websites and pay for hackers. Not only is this an illegal activity, but you have the risk of giving your personal information to someone who may misuse it.

### THE RISK - ADDICTION

Addiction is a risk with any game. Game developers use persuasive design techniques to force users to invest their time, and often money, in a game. Within GTA, your character is able to progress through the game for completing missions within a certain time frame, encouraging children to keep returning to the game. Gaming addiction is now a recognised health condition and the side effects are concerning, including sleep deprivation, decreased attention span and erratic emotional behaviour.

#### What parents can do

There are a number of things you can do if you are concerned about your child's screen time, including setting time limits within the home, especially during meal times and before bedtime. Talk to your child and ask why they are spending so much time on the game, and encourage healthy alternatives such as outdoor activities and spending quality time with friends and family.

### THE RISK - LIVE CHAT

When playing GTA online, players have the option to use a microphone to broadcast their voice live to other players involved in the 'session'. These live voice chats are not moderated, meaning anything could be said, including inappropriate language, as well as verbal forms of bullying.

#### What parents can do

Talk openly with your child about not giving away personal information. Also remind them that conversations can be recorded, which could damage their online reputation. Depending on the device/platform, there will be ways to mute conversations. Make yourself aware of the device's/platform's individual settings and ensure that your child knows how to block and report.

### THE RISK - MICROTRANSACTIONS

By completing missions and partaking in certain activities you earn in-game currency. This allows you to buy things such as prostitutes, vehicles, weapons, ammo, new outfits, cars, apartments and more. However, the items that are available to buy often have a high price that require a lot of game time, meaning the items are pretty unrealistic to buy.

#### What parents can do

If you do not want your child to make payments, ensure your card is not associated with their account. If you are happy for your child to make payments in the game, but want to limit spending, we suggest purchasing a pre-paid gift card for your child. These can be purchased in specific amounts which will allow you to limit how much your child spends and removes the need for a credit or debit card to be used with their account.

#### SOURCES:

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**National  
Online  
Safety**

Our spare uniform shop is open to everyone — please feel free to take what you need, whenever you need it. We would also be very grateful for any donations of good-quality uniform to help support other families.



You will also find our food bank at the top of the stairs in the entrance. This is here for all families — please don't hesitate to use it. As a school, we believe in sharing and supporting each other, and there is absolutely no shame in reaching out. Families are welcome to choose up to 6 items each week, or speak to us at the hatch if you need anything more. Brown bags are available to take items home, and if these can be reused, we would really appreciate it.



Thank you for being such a supportive and caring community. 🧡

A magical festive afternoon for all the family at Burnley Mechanics Theatre!

We're delighted to share details of a fantastic Family Festive Fun Day taking place at Burnley Mechanics Theatre this Christmas.

Join Burnley Pantomime Society and A Princess to Your Door on Saturday 19th December for an unforgettable afternoon of festive fun at Burnley Mechanics Theatre.



#### 🌟 EVENT DETAILS

 **Date:** Saturday 19th December 📍 **Venue:** Burnley Mechanics Theatre 🎫 **Tickets:** Adults £30 | Children £18

For more information and to book tickets, please visit:  
[burnleymechanics.co.uk](http://burnleymechanics.co.uk)

We'd love for you to share this event with the families at your school and invite them to join us for an afternoon filled with festive entertainment, laughter, music and Christmas magic.

Book early to avoid disappointment - we can't wait to celebrate with you!

We hope you have a lovely weekend, see you all next week!

"I will lift up my eyes to the hills, where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth." Psalm 121 v 1-2